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Born at _____ Alabama, _____ 18 ____ (about 1825).

Son of _____ and _____ (both natives of Georgia).

Married (1) Carrie M. Bowers (1842-69) at _____, California, on

_____ 18 ____ (about 1857); son, Edward H. who came to Globe,

A.T. in 1887 and was Superintendent of the United Globe Mines, 1891-1900;

married (2) Hattie J. Stehr at Skull Valley, May 11, 1873; daughter, Nina

(~~Mrs. _____~~) born in 1875, *and died in 1881, age 7 yrs. 2 mos. Oct. 10,*

Came to California in 1849 and to Arizona in 1865; member, Board of Supervisors of Yavapai County, 1866-67; member from Yavapai County, H. of R., 4th Territorial Legislature, at Prescott, September 4 to October 7, 1867; the following was printed in the Prescott Arizona Miner on September 19, 1868:

Fellow citizens of Yavapai, your ears for a moment, not for the purpose of cutting them off, but to yell into them the fact that E. J. Cook's Adobe Store is now filled with clothing, nice ladies' good, glass-ware, crockery and everything that can possibly be required to meet your wants, and "beauty" of the thing is, he avers (for Mr. Cook never swears; his salesman, Geo. Reed attends to that part of the business), that he is determined to sell good cheaper than any other trader in Prescott.

Call at the Adobe, see how neatly things are arranged by Mr. Reed, examine his goods and our word for it, you cannot resist the temptation of buying something from him - - he is such a nice pleasing gentleman, and so polite to the ladies and gentlemen.

A shorter item appeared in the Arizona Miner of December 18, 1869:

E. J. Cook has had built for himself, back of his adobe store, a neat, cozy little office and reading-room, that must have cost about \$700.

Listed, U. S. Census, 1870, at Prescott, A.T., age 45, born in Alabama, occupation - Merchant, property valued at \$5,000; his first term as Treasurer of Yavapai County, 1871-72, is referred to in the Arizona Miner of January 27, 1872:

E. J. Cook, Treasurer of this county, returned from Skull Valley

on Monday and has since been busy paying off county warrants and gazing at rich silver ore from the Tiger, in which he is a lucky shareholder.

His interest in the Tiger mine is shown by a previous article in the Arizona Miner of May 20, 1871, which reads:

Our rich Territory has, at last, gained a hearing from the wealthy men of the Pacific coast. The 5,000 pounds of average ore, from the discovery location of the Tiger lode, Bradshaw district, recently taken to San Francisco by E. J. Cook, has been tried and not found wanting in all that makes ore valuable, as the following letter will show:

San Francisco, California
May 8, 1871

W. French Esq:

Dear Sir -- I have had the ore crushed, sampled and assayed. Will sell it as per assay, as there is no way to work it here, except on a small scale. It is big! We have all we want. Messrs. Linn, Stuart and others leave here this week. Great crowds left Saturday. Tell Curry and Moreland to keep every foot, not to sell an inch. I will bring the right men down with me. Have no more news to write. The only thing I can say is that we are in the right boat this time. I feel good this morning, too good to write. When my nerves get a little quiet, will write more.

Your friend
E. J. Cook.

Was again elected County Treasurer and served for five continuous terms, 1877-86, the Arizona Miner spoke well of him in 1879 but became partisan just prior to the election in 1880:

July 11, 1879 -- County Treasurer E. J. Cook, one of the most efficient officers in this or any other territory, settled with the Board of Supervisors today, his money matters being square to the letter. So much for electing a good man to office, let him be Dem. or Repub.

October 1, 1880 -- E. J. Cook, who has held the office of County Treasurer for a period of four years at a salary of \$3,000 per annum, or a total of \$12,000, still has a hankering after the office, naturally too, and is the nominee of the Democratic party, who do not believe (?) in the third term system, for any easy, lucrative office.

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Member, Astlan Lodge No. 1, F. & A. M., Prescott, 1882-88. Died in
Los Angeles, California, January 8 1901.

Buried I.O.O.F. Cemetery Los Angeles

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Bowers and Brothers have just received a new and fine supply of provisions and assorted goods. The ir store is one of the largest and most attractive in Pres - cott. E. J. Cook has charge of their store in Prescott.

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