

COSGROVE, FRANK

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COSGROVE, FRANK, born in Ireland, 1836; came to Arizona in the employ of the Great Overland Stage and Express Company when the southern mail route was reestablished because of the arrival of the California Column in 1862; listed, Territorial Census, April, 1864, at Tucson, A.T., age 29, born in Ireland, single, occupation, Blacksmith, resident in Arizona 18 months; moved that year to Maricopa Wells where he maintained a blacksmith and horseshoeing shop for 8 years; listed, U.S. Census, 1870, at that place, property valued at \$500; in 1872 he became the Post Blacksmith at Fort McDowell, A.T., but after a year of that duty he made his residence in Phoenix where he followed his occupation very successfully; died at Phoenix, Maricopa County, A.T., October 13, 1875, aged 39; buried in the original Town Cemetery but his remains were later removed to the City (now Pioneers) Cemetery; at the time of his death the Prescott Arizona Miner said of him:

He was well known throughout the Territory, and a more genial soul never dwelt within its borders. His sudden death from congestion of the lungs, has cast a gloom over our entire community, while it leaves a wife and five children in the black of all their affliction.

At Phoenix on February 21, 1875, he was married by M. J. Griffin, the Justice of the Peace, to his common law wife, Isabel Urias; their children were named Francis, Clara, Louise, Lucy and Victoria.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Farish, T.E., History of Arizona, Vol. 6, pp. 179, 192-193; Vol. 8, p. 127.

Probate Court of Maricopa County, A.T., Docket No. 23.

Records of Maricopa County - Book 1 of Marriages, p. 135.

The Arizona Miner, Prescott, October 22, 1875, p. 2, Col. 5, (obituary).

WANTED

1. Any references to him in the Tucson Arizonian or the Citizen.
2. After his death the family moved to Florence and there may be mention of them in the Florence newspapers.