

DRACHMAN, PHILIP

DRACHMAN, PHILIP, born at Protrkow (Petrokov), about 75 miles Southeast of Warsaw, Russian Poland, July 4, 1833; son of Harris and Rebeca Drachman; married Rosa Katzenstein, a native of Germany, at New York City, April 6, 1868; children, Harry Arizona, (1869-1951) Moses, Albert, Emanuel, Rebecca (Mrs. Solomon Breslauer), Phyllis (Mrs. A. P. Bell), Minnie (Mrs. Phil Robertson), Myra, Lillie and Esther.

Came to the United States at age 16 ; passed through Tucson about 1854 en route to California where he was naturalized as an American citizen at San Bernardino, October 16, 1860, by Judge Benjamin Hayes; joined with other residents of San Bernardino in a letter dated August 1, 1861, to Major James H. Carleton in command of U. S. troops in Los Angeles urging that a Company of Soldiers be sent there to protect them from a band of Confederate sympathizers who were:

"intending to make a sudden foray upon the merchants of San Bernardino and after securing their plunder make good their escape across the Colorado on their way to the Confederate States of the South."

Established a store at La Paz on the Colorado River in 1863 where he was listed in the Territorial Census, April, 1864, as Merchant, resident in Arizona one year, property valued at \$5,000; on May 1, 1864, he made a gift of 25 pounds of coffee and 50 pounds of sugar as supplies for an expedition against the Apaches commanded by King S. Woolsey; moved from La Paz to Tucson in 1865 and entered into partnership with Isaac Goldberg to engage in merchandising and in contracting to carry U. S. mail; Member from Pima County, House of Representatives, 4th Territorial Legislature at Prescott, September 4 to October 7, 1867.

In order to fulfill an Army contract the partners sent 80 men to cut hay in the San Pedro Valley for delivery at Camp Grant; in March,

1870, their wagon train, loaded with supplies for the haying crew, was captured by about 60 Apache warriors; the attack was made a little after sunrise at Canada del Ora near the northern spur of the Catalina Mountains, while the men were at breakfast. Robert Morrow, an Army Paymaster, with an escort of 10 soldiers, who were camped about a mile away, joined in the fight with the teamsters, who had scattered into the brush.

Angel Ortiz, the Wagon-Master, was killed early in the day and buried there; by about 11 A. M. the Apaches finished looting the wagons and went away, having first driven off 12 yoke of oxen that were grazing in a flat about 250 yards from the Camp; the four wagons were loaded with supplies such as clothing, coffee, sugar, bacon, tobacco, shovels, scythes, axes and 10,000 pounds of barley, all of which was lost but the wagons were not destroyed; at that time, his brother, Samuel H., was employed by the firm as clerk and bookkeeper and later testified that they suffered a double loss, first of the stuff sent out from Tucson and then of the profit of \$5,000 that they expected to realize on the hay contract.

In 1872 his partnership with Isaac Goldberg was dissolved after which he joined with his brother Samuel H. in a mercantile business on the corner of Main and Congress Streets in Tucson; they later engaged in hauling freight by teams from Yuma to Tucson and contracted to deliver supplies to Army posts in Arizona; the Tucson Citizen reported on March 14, 1879, that "Drachman's train is in with 15,000 lbs. of flour from Hayden's (Tempe) and 7,000 lbs. of barley." The advent of the Southern Pacific Railroad in 1880 put an end to freighting.

The Tucson Arizona Citizen printed these items:

January 17, 1874 -- Village Council: -- At the annual election held on the 6th, J. H. Toole was elected mayor; Samuel Hughes and R. N. Leatherwood members of the Council for two years and P. Drachman member for one year, vice W. W. Williams resigned. R. N. Leatherwood and P. Drachman appeared and took their seats as members.

January 9, 1875 -- The annual village election in Tucson came off Tuesday (January 5, 1875) with the following result: . . . For councilmen C. T. Ketchels 190, P. Drachman 90, J. S. Mansfield 75, E. D. Wood 45, I. Goldberg 38 --- electing Ketchels and Drachman.

April 10, 1875 -- Mr. P. Drachman sold the lot on Main Street, which he recently purchased from the village authorities, to George Cooler for \$450. There seems to be a ready market for real estate in Tucson at advancing prices.

The following reference to him appeared in the Tucson Arizona

Star:

December 29, 1881 -- Phil Drachman has fitted up his new saloon in a costly manner. The counter is inlaid with rare pictures, and the whole place has an air of tone and elegance. It is named "Postoffice Exchange." Paul Jenicke, late of the Mint, presides behind the bar. The place will be opened to the public this afternoon. Location: the corner of Congress and Church Streets, near the printing office.

Established a hacking business in Tucson in 1884 of which military use was made according to the Arizona Star of May 25, 1886:

The Hostiles, -- . . . Capt. White's company, which left (Bert Lowell) Saturday at 4 p. m., rode out to Fuller's ranch (at the foot of the Santa Catalinas, near Tanque Verde) in carryalls, and from there they went on foot, traveling all night, notifying ranchers . . . (of the Indian outbreak).

On May 28 the Star reported:

The Indian Hunters. -- Phil Drachman returned with his carryall from Fuller's ranch about 12 o'clock. He brought Mrs. Auchenback and family back with him. He states they had not heard of the Indians there. Capt. White's forces were unloaded at Fuller's.

The Arizona Citizen printed this item on May 15, 1889:

Mr. Philip Drachman was out with a herdic load of children last night, giving them a moon-light ride. They were driven through the principal streets and their joyful songs and merriment evinced the fact that they were having a good time.

The Star of June 23, 1889, stated that:

"Phil Drachman has a new and elegant carry-all."

The following obituary was printed in the Tucson Citizen of November 16, 1889:

The death of Mr. Drachman has cast a gloom over the entire community, and many were the expressions of sorrow heard this morning, in the business houses and on the streets, when the sad news was announced. Especially feeling were the remarks of the old pioneers who had known the deceased in the early days of Arizona, when those who came to the Territory were bound together in friendship by hooks of steel for self protection.

He has resided here continuously and has ever been a faithful citizen, and outspoken friend of law and order in all occasions. He first engaged in the mercantile business and afterwards did an extensive freighting business between Tucson and Yuma. He later established a herdic line here, which he has maintained ever since.

He was a member of the A. O. U. W., Arizona Lodge No. 1, in this city and also a member of an ancient Jewish Society (B'nai B'rith) similar to the Masonic Fraternity. He was one of the oldest pioneers, whom the more recently arrived population of this Territory held in sacred reverence, and his death leaves one less, to recount the brave exploits and heroic deeds of those who were here in the 60's.

An editorial in the Arizona Star of November 10, said of him:

In the death of Mr. Philip Drachman, Tucson has lost one of its most respected citizens and the Territory of Arizona one of its most loyal pioneers. He came to Arizona twenty-five years ago, and had been at different times engaged in the mercantile, freighting and other business. During the past few years he has had a herdic coach line in this city.

It can with much truth be said that Philip Drachman will be missed from this community for he was a truly good and

exemplary citizen, active and outspoken on all matters of public concern as he never feared to defend the right as he saw it, no matter how unpopular it might be so to do. He has left to Arizona a family of boys and girls who will honor themselves by following the precepts of their father and proving themselves as good citizens as he.

John H. Marion reported his death in the Prescott Courier of November 22, 1889:

One by one the pioneers of Arizona, who faced danger in every form and suffered great privation, are passing beyond the silent river. Philip Brachman of Tucson, a pioneer of 1860, a true man in every respect, is the latest one of the old guard band of brothers who has joined "the innumerable throng." He left behind him a sorrowing wife and ten children, other relatives and hundreds of acquaintances, not only in Arizona but all over the Pacific coast.

Well had he served Arizona in and out of her Legislature, not as a talker but as a quiet, effective worker. Although his residence was over 200 miles from that of ours; although differences between the sections caused us, on many an occasion, to go against the home interests of our deceased friend, our having done so never for a moment interfered with the nobleness of his character, which swept away all petty earthly issues and made him our friend in life, aye, even in death.

Charter member, Society of Arizona Pioneers, Tucson, January 31, 1884; died of pneumonia at Tucson, Pima County, A. T., November 9, 1889, aged 56; buried Masonic plot, Evergreen Cemetery, Tucson.

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