

ETCHELLS, CHARLES TANNER

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ETCHELLS, CHARLES, TANNER; born at Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan, June 8, 1837; probably a son of Peter Etchells who acquired farm land near Ypsilanti in 1834; married Solidad Borquez at Tucson, A.T., February 21, 1872; children, John C., Peter M. and Sadie (Mrs. _____)

Went to Aspinwall on the Atlantic side of the Isthmus of Panama with the intention of locating there but prevalence of cholera and yellow fever caused him to go on to California; came to the Cerro Colorado mine, Pima County, A.T., 1864; purchased the interest of John Burt in a blacksmith shop in Tucson in 1868 and was in partnership with John Sweeney in that business until 1873 when he became the sole owner; listed, U. S. Census, 1870, at Tucson, occupation, Blacksmith, property valued at \$2,500.

Was one of 6 Americans, 48 Mexican residents of Tucson and 92 Papago Indians who attacked an Apache rancheria in Aravaipa Canyon, near Camp Grant, on April 30, 1871, when 108 Indians were killed; member, Tucson Village Council, 1873, 1876-76, and of the Tucson City Council, 1880-81; Barter's Tucson City Directory, 1881, gives his residence as 308 North Main Street and has the following to say about his blacksmith and wagon making shop on the corner of Congress and Pearl Streets:

"Perhaps nowhere else in the United States are there such large blacksmith shops as herein Tucson. The one belonging to Mr. Etchells is at least 150 feet square. His present establishment was the pioneer business in this part of Arizona, it having been established by John Burt in 1856. He has in use three forges, a lathe and engine, and all appliances necessary for blacksmithing, wagon making or repairing mining machinery. Employment is given to eight men."

CHARLES TANNER BICHELLS

Member of the first Masonic Club in Arizona south of the Gila River, organized in Tucson, April 11, 1875; charter member, Tucson Lodge No. 4, F. & A.M., October 15, 1881; charter member, Society of Arizona Pioneers, Tucson, January 31, 1884.

Died at Tucson, A.T., August 23, 1900, aged 63;

buried _____ Cemetery.

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