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Born at _____, New York, _____, 1820 .

Married, Mrs. Frances Wooden of Calhoun County, Michigan,
● t Antelope Valley, Yavapai County, A.T., June 17, 1879, from
whom he was divorced at Prescott on March 29, 1888, because
she "left the Territory for parts unknown" in 1880.

Came to Arizona in 1864 ; the Prescott Arizona Miner printed
the following items about him:

September 5, 1868 -- W. K. Ferris, of Wickenburg,
is going to California on business. He will re-
turn in about two months.

October 3, 1868 -- Mr. Ferris, of Wickenburg,
brought the mail from Wickenburg to Prescott last
week, and remained for several days. Mr. F. has
occupied the position of mail and stage agent at
Wickenburg for some time past with satisfaction
to his employer, Jas. Grant, and the public.

June 11, 1870 -- W. K. Ferris, who left this Ter-
ritory some time ago, and went to New Zealand on
a gold venture, has returned to his former home
at Wickenburg, satisfied that it is much easier
to get gold here than in New Zealand. Mr. Ferris
is a good man and it pleases us to know that he
is once again a citizen Or Arizona.

January 8, 1875 -- Mr. Ferris came in on Saturday
last with the mail on the new route from Wickenburg
via Walnut Grove, Bradshaw, Bully Bueno quartz mill
to Prescott. This is a weekly mail leaving Prescott
on Sunday mornings and leaving Wickenburg Thursdays.

January 18, 1878 -- Judge Ferris, who has the
contract for carrying the mail between Prescott
and Wickenburg via Bradshaw and Walnut Grove once
a week, and return, has made a trip each week for
three years and a half, up to the first day of
January, 1878, without missing a single trip.
Mr. Ferris has carried the mail without any
assistance, on horseback, traveling 200 miles
weekly for 172 consecutive weeks, which aggregates
the nice little distance of 34,400 miles. It can
truthfully be said of Mr. F. that he has been a
true and faithful servant.

January 17, 1879 -- W. K. Ferris, who for so many years well and faithfully carried the mail between Prescott and Wickenburg, and now an honest tiller of the soil, with headquarters at his ranch, Minnehaha Flat, came into the city yesterday and greeted his old friends with a pleasant smile and hearty shake of the paw. He informs us that the new saw mill at the Flat will soon be put into motion and the manufacture of lumber commenced in earnest.

June 20, 1879 (communication from Antelope valley) -- The good people of this Valley have been considerably excited for the past week, owing to the approaching nuptials of an old Hassayamper, Judge Ferris. The wedding took place last evening at the residence of Dr. Pierson, and was attended by the elite of the valley, and all seemed to enjoy themselves hugely; dancing and merry making were kept up until midnight, when ye goodly company, singly and en masse, congratulated the Judge and his estimable lady and dispersed. Later the bride and groom were surrounded by the "Valley Glee Club" which called forth the Judge, who with his accustomed liberality "set up" the wine, and the club gave three cheers and a tiger.

The Prescott Courier of June 22, 1886, stated:

W. K. Ferris, a pioneer of '64, has come to Prescott from his place in Bradshaw Mountains, 45 miles south of Prescott.

His name appears on the *Great Register* of Yavapai County in 1888 as a resident of Prescott, age 68.

Died at _____ on _____

Buried _____ Cemetery.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

District Court of Yavapai County - Docket 1543 (divorce).
Great Register of Yavapai County, 1876, 1882-88.

The Arizona Miner, Prescott, Sept. 5, 3:1, October 3, 3:2 and October 31, 1868, 3:1; June 11, 1870, 3:2; January 8, 1875, 4:1; January 18, 1878, 4:1; January 17, 3:2 and June 20, 1879, 3:4.

The Prescott Courier, June 22, 1886, 3:1.