

# GUYERICK (GIEGERICK), VALENTINE

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GUYERICK, (Giegerick) VALENTINE, born in Germany about 1833; came to Arizona in 1863; the Journal of the Walker Mining District shows that on October 20, 1863, he joined with John Laughlin and Robert W. Groom in locating 800 feet on the "Turkey Creek" lode located "on the southwest side of that creek about 3 miles below its head"; how this mining location happened to be made was afterwards told by Charles B. Genung in describing his experiences as a pioneer on the Hassayampa:

Laughlin and Valentine (Guyerick) came to our camp and told us of a strike that had been made in the mountains to the east. I took a pair of blankets, a little flour and coffee, and went the following morning with them. We went to (Timothy) Lamberson's ranch and Mrs. Lamberson told us that Lamberson and (William) Gross, the man who found the rich ore, had left that morning with burros, to pack in ore to work with an arrastra.

We took the fresh trail and just at night reached their camp near the new strike on Turkey Creek and the next morning there were several inches of snow. Lamberson and Gross returned early in the day but my party decided to stay one claymore, thinking it would clear up. But it did not clear until the third day. We had with us two pair of blankets and we made a shelter of pine boughs and built a big fire at our feet at the open end of the shelter. Our flour and coffee were out and we were forced to go home without accomplishing anything.

Laughlin lived on Groom Creek. He was a partner of R. W. Groom, while Valentine had a camp nearby on the same creek so we concluded to go to that place. We had a hard job wallowing through the snow but made it to the head of the Hassayampa and there we found some men who told us of the finding of the Vulture Mine.

Valentine then remarked that he would go down to the Hassayampa Sink, as we then called it, and "Talk Dutch" to Henry (Wickenburg) and get an interest, which he did.

Listed, Territorial Census, April 1864, 3d District (Yavapai County)

age 31, born in Germany, single, occupation - Miner, resident in Arizona 8 months; property valued at \$100; the records show that on May 9, 1864, he sold his interest in the "Turkey Creek" lode to Francis G. Gilliland for \$150; he must have been successful in obtaining from Henry Wickenburg, some kind of an

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interest in the Vulture Mine, because he is named as one of the defendants in a suit filed at La Paz in 1864 by William R. Murray and William Roberts representing Theodore Green Rusk of Tucson who claimed to have been with Henry Wickenburg when the Vulture Mine was discovered; Genung says that Guyerick was afterwards killed at the Nine Mile Water Hole near Tucson; his name does not appear in the 1870 census which would indicate that his death occurred prior to June 1 of that year.

Died at \_\_\_\_\_ Pima County, A.T., \_\_\_\_\_ 18\_\_\_\_

Buried \_\_\_\_\_ Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_.

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