

# JENKINS, HENRY

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Born at \_\_\_\_\_ New York \_\_\_\_\_, 18\_\_\_\_  
(About 1815)

Married \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, 18\_\_\_\_.

Children \_\_\_\_\_

Representative from the 3d District, Albany County, 79th Session, New York Legislature, January 1 to April 9, 1856; came to the Gadsden Purchase, 1859; listed, U. S. Census, 1860, at Sonoita Creek Settlement, near Fort Buchanan, age 45, born in New York, occupation - Merchant; went to New Mexico after the outbreak of the Civil War when the protection of Federal troops was withdrawn in the summer of 1861 but returned to Arizona in 1864; served as Postmaster at Tubac from December 14, 1865 to December 19, 1866.

Elected to the 3d Territorial Council from Pima County, 1866, but did not attend the session in Prescott; the membership list gives his age as 53, a farmer at Tubae; reelected to the Council in 1867 and took an active part in the Session of the 4th Legislature held in Prescott, September 4 to October 7, 1867, being Chairman of the Committees on Territorial Affairs and on Education and a member of the Committees on Finance, Corporation and Enrolled Bills; gave his age as 55, occupation, Lawyer at Tubae.

Was again elected from Pima County to the Territorial Council but when the 5th Legislature met in Tucson on November 10, he was in poor health and died there on November 20, 1868, which

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was announced by Alexander McKey, a Councilman from Pima County, who said in part:

"Hon. Henry Jenkins was a gentleman of the 'olden school'; so much so, in fact, he never could adapt himself fully to the latter day free and easy life of the West. Of an excellent education, and a careful early training, he never forgot those associations. Much in public life and ever popular, familiar with all public questions, and having a high sense of humor, as a pioneer he was hopeful and patient; as a legislator he was ever careful, judicious and upright; as a citizen, liberal, courteous and public spirited. Having frailties as all have, even they 'leaned to virtue's side'.

"He was a member of the Third, Fourth and Fifth Legislatures of Arizona. In his earlier years he had been a member of the New York Legislature, and was there considered the peer of the great statesmen of the Empire State. He leaves a family in Albany, New York, to mourn his loss."

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Pima county -- Henry Jenkins lives at Tubac and is postmaster there. He is not in attendance on the Legislature and we are without the advantage of his personal acquaintance. He is from New York, aged about 55, and came to Arizona in 1859 but returned to New Mexico where he was a member of the Legislature. His present residence in Arizona dates from 1864.

Third Legislature members, Ariz. Miner Oct.27, 1866  
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