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Born at \_\_\_\_\_ New York, \_\_\_\_\_, 18\_\_ (about 1834).

Son of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Married, Lucy \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, 18\_\_,

who was born in New York about 1844.

Children, Leola (Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_), Ettie (Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_)

Ida (Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_) and Vernon, born in Arizona, 1869.

Moved with his family to Colorado about 1859 and came from there to Arizona early in 1864; listed, Territorial Census, 1864, 3d District (Yavapai County) age 30, born in New York, married, family in Colorado, occupation - Farmer, property valued at \$400; in an article printed in the Prescott Pick and Drill in May, 1899, A. F. Banta stated that Jenks "had the first government hay contract for Fort Whipple after that Fort was moved to its present location" (in March, 1864) and further stated:

Joseph W. Dougherty is having a windmill and tank put up on what is now called the "Old Fleury" property, on west side of Granite creek. The editor of the Pick and Drill was here when that house was built in 1864. The building was a most pretentious one--comparatively speaking--in those days, and was erected for Governor John N. Goodwin, Mr. Loren Jenks did the work by contract.

In this building resided Governor Goodwin R. C. McCormick, Henry W. Fleury, Chief Justice William F. Turner, Associate Justice Joseph P. Allyn, and last and perhaps least the writer, during the several times he was employed at sticking type on the Arizona Miner. "Dick" McCormick did the editorial work on the Miner, and the late John H. Marion, founder of the Prescott Morning Courier, occasionally sent in a communication from Bigbug, at which place he was then engaged in placer mining.

The Arizona Miner of March 9, 1864, reported that he had gone with Captain John H. Butcher of the Missouri Cavalry on a scout after

Indians; the next mention of him was on May 11, 1864, reporting his arrival at Fort Whipple:

Loren S. Jenks and George Cooler, reached this post on Monday evening, from the Lower Hassayampa. They reported active preparations there for working the placer mines on a large scale. A town has been laid out in lower Walnut Grove, and several buildings erected.

There was also a notice published on August 10, 1864, that he and Major E. B. Willis had dissolved partnership with George H. Vicroy in the "Pioneer Hydraulic Company"; that he returned to Colorado for his family is shown by what appeared in the Prescott Arizona Miner of October 8, 1867:

The Governor has received a letter by the Tucson mail, from L. S. Jenks, formerly of Prescott. He was to leave Albuquerque, September 20th, for Prescott with 20 men, embracing a party of ten men and five families from Texas and some men from Colorado. The company have about 600 head of stock. He stated that the surveying parties for the Atlantic and Pacific railroad had reached Albuquerque, and one would go down the Rio Grande, while the other would in ten days, start over the Whipple route via Prescott and Hardyville to California.

We may soon expect the arrival of Mr. Jenks and company, and of the Surveyors. They will be welcome. Mr. Jenks says if the news from Arizona was a little more favorable there would be an immigration of at least 2,000 persons from Colorado.

References to him or his family appeared in the Arizona Miner on the following dates:

November 7, 1868 - - Monday, last being the ninth anniversary of the birthday of Miss Ettie Jenks, the pretty little Miss, accompanied by her sister, paid us a visit and presented us with a nice lot of goodies, for which we return thanks.

February 27, 1896 - - Loren Jenks, Milton Hadley, Bob Williams, old citizens of Prescott, and five or six strangers, arrived in Prescott from Los Angeles, Cal., on the 19th inst. Messrs. Jenks and Hadley brought with them several young fruit trees, besides a lot of oranges, lemons, apples, etc., which were bought and greedily devoured by our citizens. The apples brought one dollar a pound in greenbacks.

August 7, 1869 - -During the past week, L. S. Jenks, Dan Kennison and Wm. McCloud have killed and brought to town, nearly twenty fat deer.

September 11, 1869 - - L. S. Jenks and Dan Kennison continue to keep the market well supplied with fat venison, which they sell for twenty-five cents a pound.

April 23, 1870 - - Chino Valley -- The virgin soil of this fine valley, is now being turned up by the plows of many settlers. E. A. Copeland has 30 acres plowed, L. S. Jenks about 70, Messrs. Simpson, Kenneson and others have also plowed several acres, and the good work continues. The grass in the valley is plenty and good.

November 19, 1870 - - Mrs. L. S. Jenks, and her four children, started Sunday last, on a visit to Los Angeles.

May 6, 1871 - - The meat of the bear which L. S. Jenks shot and killed in Bradshaw District one night recently, was brought to town Wednesday night. Mr. Bruin will never again go prowling about by moonlight alone.

March 9, 1872 - - L. S. Jenks arrived in town one day this week from the Tiger mine, which property he left in excellent condition. Supt. Riggs had a large force employed taking out ore for shipment, to San Francisco. Mr. Jenks thinks the owner of the Lorena, Benton and other rich mines in Tiger District, ought to ship their rich ores to San Francisco, and show monied men that there are many rich silver mines here beside the Tiger.

April 27, 1872 - - L. S. Jenks has taken a contract to sink a shaft on the Compton silver lode, on Turkey creek, below the Bully Bueno mill, with a suitable outfit for the work.

January 22, 1874 - - L. S. Jenks elected Marshal, Prescott, January 6, 1874. (Chronology of events of the past year).

He moved with his family to California and The Great Register of San Bernardino County shows him as a resident of Bellville and from 1880 to 1896 as a miner at Bear Valley; in 1898 his address was Seven Oaks near Redlands; the Prescott Courier of October 20, 1883, stated:

Return of an old Timer.---Loren S. Jenks, who came to Prescott early in 1864 from Colorado and remained here until 1874, has come back on a visit from San Bernardino, Cal. He expresses himself well pleased with the progress of town and county, during his long absence.

The following printed in the Arizona Miner of November 23, 1883, indicates that he was enjoying the visit:

One day last week we heard sounds of mirth and hilarity on the southern extension of Montezuma Street, and our reporter, who investigated the matter, found assembled in the office of Dan Hatz's Pioneer restaurant, a lot of old gray-bearded, bald headed pioneers, who were celebrating the twentieth anniversary of their first meeting in this vicinity.

Among those present were Julius Saunders, J. L. Miller, Loren S. Jenks, H. A. Bigelow, John Holmes, S. A. Smith, Dan Hatz, John Raible, J. R. Masterson, Tom Sheridan, P. Bross, C. Y. Shelton, Joe Kerr. The beverage most in vogue was milk punch, but in the course of an hour some of the bear stories that were told were of such a scalp raising character that the aforesaid reported fled in dismay. As we go to press we notice the milk wagon standing in front of the pioneer restaurant.

Died at Redlands, California, September 6, 1900, aged 66; buried in Hillside Cemetery; a report of his death in the Redlands Citrograph reads:

Capt. Loren S. Jenks, who died Thursday morning was an old resident of California and of San Bernardino County. He was a well known figure on the streets of Redlands, and a characteristic

mountaineer. His home near Seven Oaks was always open to the hunter, fisher, or way farer who passed that way.

## SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- The Prescott Courier, October 20, 1883, 4:1.  
 The Florence Tribune, May 6, 1899 (reprint from the Prescott Pick and Drill).  
 The Citrograph, Redlands, Calif., September 8, 1900, 6:4 (obituary).  
 The Arizona Citizen, Tucson, February 27, 1875, 1:4 (Indian depredation claim).  
 The Arizona Miner, Prescott, March 9, 3:2, May 11, 3:1 and August 10, 1864, 4:3; October 8, 1867, 1:3; November 7, 1868, 3:3; February 27, 3:1, August 7, 3:3, June 19, 3:2 and September 11, 1869; April 23, 3:1 and November 19, 1870, 3:3; May 6, 1871, 3:1; March 9, 3:3 and April 27, 1872, 2:3; January 22, 3:2 and March 5, 1875, 4:4; October 31, 1879, 2:1.

San Bernardino Great Register.

1876. (First registered) Age, 41; born, New York; Occupation, miner; residence, Bellville; registered, 8/21/75.

1879. Same as above.

1880. age, 46; born, New York; miner; residence, Bear Valley; registered, 7/7/80/

1882, 1884. ~~Not registered~~ Same as above.

1888, 1890. Not registered.

1892. age, 60; complexion, light; eyes, blue; hair, gray; miner; born, New York; residence, Bear Valley; P.O. Redlands; registered, 8/7/1892.

1894. Age 61; miner; born, new York; residence, Bear Valley; P.O. Pine Lake; registered 8/11/94.

1896. Same.

1898. Age 64; miner; born, N.Y.; residence, Precinct, Seven Oaks; P.O. Redlands; registered 6/23/98.

Not registered after 1898.