

KNOTT, JOSEPH WILLIAM

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KNOTT, JOSEPH WILLIAM, born near Lebanon, Marion County, Kentucky, 1832; son of James and Jane Knott; according to the 1850 Census, his father was a farmer, born in Maryland about 1801; his mother then aged 47, was a native of Kentucky.

Learned the tanners trade at Covington, Kentucky; went to California as a young man to engage in mining; came to Arizona late in 1865 and was in the employ of William H. Hardy who operated a ferry across the Colorado River; moved to Prescott in 1869 as is shown by a statement printed in the Arizona Miner July 10, that year:

Joseph W. Knott, of Hardyville, Mohave county, arrived in Prescott a few days ago. He informs us that the weather was pretty warm when he left the river.

A notice in the Miner advised the public that he and John G. Dudley had leased the Montezuma Hotel in Prescott on July 31, 1869; listed, U. S. Census, 1870, at Prescott, age 39; occupation - Barkeeper; joined with eleven other organizers of the Salt River Ditch Company in filing a notice, on August 22, 1870, of intention to construct a canal to irrigate lands on the south side of the river opposite Phoenix; the following mention of him appeared in the Arizona Miner:

November 23, 1872 - - J. W. Knot, who recently engineered Grant's mail wagon to and from Wickenburg, informs us that men are so scarce in Kirkland Valley that the ladies have to go out and shuck corn.

March 23, 1873 - - Governor Safford, Wm. Coty, John H. Behan and Jos. W. Knott, started from this place to go to the Wallapai mining district Monday last.

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The following is quoted from newspaper obituaries:

Joe has held several places of honor and trust in this County, and always performed his duties faithfully. As a private citizen he was genial and kind to all, especially the children, with whom he has ever been a favorite. While in health it was his delight on all holiday occasions to contribute freely of his time and means for their amusement and pleasures, and at all times he was their special champion and friend. It is by the little ones that his death will be keenly felt.

About eighteen months since, while acting the part of a peacemaker, in falling he broke his leg, and his health has since rapidly failed.

Died at Prescott, Yavapai County, A. T., July 18, 1878, age 46; buried, _____ Cemetery, Prescott.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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