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MARR, JOSIAH $\frac{1}{2}$ (commonly called Joe), born at Wales, Lincoln County, Maine _____, 1838; son of Foxwell C. and Rhoda E. (Jordan) Marr, both natives of Maine; never married.

Came to Arizona in 1863 with his elder brother, Dennis J.; listed, Territorial Census, April 1864, at Mineral City, 2d District (afterwards Ehrenberg, Yuma County) age 27, single, born in Maine, occupation - Miner, resident in Arizona 6 months; U. S. Census 1870, at Williamson Valley, Yavapai County, A.T., age 33, born in Maine, occupation - Salesman; the Prescott Courier of October 22, 1883, stated that:

Joe Marr has quit store keeping and engaged in the stock business on the Verde. He has good crops and stock and is building a house on his cattle ranch. D. J. Marr, his brother, is in poor health.

On December 21, 1894, the Courier again mentioned him:

Joe Marr, of Middle Verde, called on the Courier yesterday. Mr. Marr is a pioneer Arizonan and was on the present site of Prescott when it was an undisturbed forest. The Courier building is one of the oldest in town and he put the first shingle roof on it. Like most Arizona pioneers, he is hale and hearty and looks at least 20 years younger than he really is.

When announcing his death the Courier stated:

This is sad news to hundreds of residents of this County, where deceased was well known and highly respected. Deceased, together with his brother, Dennis Marr, who has also passed to the great beyond, was for many years a resident of the Verde Valley, where the mention of Marr Brothers as business men was and is a symbol of honesty and capability.

He retired from business and went to live with his sister, Miss Belle F. Marr, in Portland, Maine, where he died on September 7, 1912, aged 74; buried Evergreen Cemetery; his estate was appraised

at \$18,000 consisting of real estate in Portland, Maine, \$6,000; cash in the Bank of Arizona at Prescott, \$4,000, and notes made by Babbitt Brothers of Flagstaff, \$8,000.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

The Great Register of Yavapai County, 1876-1906
Probate Court of Yavapai County - Docket No. 1042
The Prescott Courier, September 8, 4:1 and October 22, 1883, 3:1;
November 22, 1889, 3:1; December 21, 1894, 2:2; September
28, 1912, 5:2 (obituary).
The Arizona Miner, Prescott, July 2, 1870, 3:2; March 2, 1872, 3:2;
January 27, 1875, 4:1.
The Eastern Argus Portland Maine, September 9, 1912, 8:2 (Death
Notice).