

McKINNON, RODNEY, born at Alexandria, Glengarry County,
Canada West (Ontario) _____, 1830, son of
_____ and _____ McKinnon; joined the Walker
Party in Colorado and went to New Mexico in September, 1862; came
to Northern Arizona with the Party in the spring of 1863; listed,
Territorial Census, April, 1864, 3d District, age 34, single, born
in Canada, naturalized American citizen, resident in Arizona one
year, property valued at \$500; also listed in Sheriff's Census of
Yuma County at Arizona City, 1866; the Arizona Miner of Prescott,
on March 20, 1869, makes this mention of him;

Messrs. Davis & McKinnon, who came down from that snowy
region--head of Lynx Creek--Tuesday last, say Indians
visited the vacant cabins on the creek recently, but did not
molest anything. Graves and others, for G.C. Bean, of this
town, had commenced operations on the Tie-Tie lode.

Was a member of the prospecting party led by Calvin Jackson which
explored the country east of the Verde River in September, 1869, and
was employed at the Del Paso mill, near Crown King in October, 1872;
another reference to him in the Arizona Miner was on August 13, 1875;

Red McKinnon, of the War Eagle mine near Bradshaw, was
in town last week. Mr. George Jackson, of Walnut Grove, also
called upon us. Mr. McKinnon gives a good account of their
mine, which has paid steadily for arrastraing for several
years with no perceptible change in the character of the ore
or amount of pay. He thinks the Peck is a continuation of the
War Eagle lode, and though one is gold and the other silver,
his theory is that the War Eagle being near the top and the
Peck at the base of the mountain, the gold in his mine will
run out at a few hundred feet depth and silver take its place,
and when a level is reached as deep as the surface of the Peck
the mines will be identical.

His obituary in the Daily Arizona Miner of January 17, 1880,

reads;

Mr. McKinnon came to Prescott in 1865 and followed mining in different places in this county until the year 1872, when he formed a co-partnership with Judge John Goodwin, now of the Verde, in opening the War Eagle mine in the Bradshaw mountains. In 1876 they sold the property for \$15,000 and dissolved partnership when the deceased went to his home in Canada on a visit. He returned at the close of 1876, since which time he has been gradually sinking to his grave with consumption. Under the care of the Sisters of St. Joseph he received every wish and attention possible, but the Heavenly Messenger came last night and bore his soul away to that home beyond our view.

Died at Prescott, A.T., January 16, 1880, aged about 50;
buried, Catholic Cemetery, Prescott.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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Wanted
Additional references to him