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Born at _____ Tennessee, _____, 18____.

Son of _____ and _____.

Married _____ at _____ on _____, 18____.

Children _____.

Listed, Territorial Census, April, 1864, 3d District (Yavapai County) age 45, occupation - Merchant, resident in Arizona 4 years, property valued at \$1,400; U. S. Census, 1870, at La Paz, Yuma County, A.T., age 44, occupation - Station-keeper, property valued at \$3,000.

D. S. Chamberlain, in his reminiscences of a journey across Arizona in 1871, stated:

My partner, a young French-Canadian, and I outfitted in Los Angeles, took two saddle animals and a pack mule, crossed the Mohave desert and got our first sight of the New Eldorado at Ehrenberg.

We were headed for Prescott. The first day out we rode to McMullen's ranch, a stage station. Old "Mac" was a squaw man. A short time before that he thought he had the jaundice so he went to Ehrenberg and bought some calomel, which he kept in an empty yeast powder can, and his squaw, thinking it was yeast powder, used it to make biscuits with. Old "Mac" couldn't eat them so she gave them to some of her Indian friends who were hanging around the ranch and they got salivated. They threatened to kill old "Mac" thinking he had poisoned them, but they all got over it.

It was a new thing for us to have to pay for water for our stock, but I told my partner that I did not think the owner of a well got very rich, even at \$1 a head for watering animals.

In a notice filed on January 1, 1871, his name appears as one of the organizers of the "Salt River Farming and Ditch Company"; the Prescott Arizona Miner of December 21, 1877, reported that:

James McMullen, who came to Prescott when it was a wilderness, arriving in town on the day that the first town lots were sold, and who, ever since, has worked hard and has done his part in developing the resources of the Territory, came to town last night from Ehrenberg with his teams which were loaded for Selkirk & Co.

An item in the Yuma Arizona Sentinel of March 2, 1878, reads:

Col. James McMullen, of Tyson's Wells, and Col. King S. Woolsey, of Phoenix, have been here this week.

The Phoenix Territorial Expositor of May 23, 1879, contained the following:

Mr. J. McMullen, "the oldest Arizonan of them all," is in town. He says that (because of the construction of the Southern Pacific railroad) nearly all the stations between Yuma and Maricopa have been abandoned. Still there is considerable travel on the road. Quite a number of people with baggage, furniture and all, are on the road, bound for Tucson. Mr. McMullen says the Meyer District, in the Papago country, and about 45 miles south of Gila Bend, is attracting considerable attention, and the prospect for a lively mining camp is good.

McMullen Valley in Northern Yuma and Maricopa Counties named for him.

Died at _____ on _____, _____.

Buried _____ Cemetery.

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