

# PEEPLES, ABRAHAM HARLOW I

PEEPLES, ABRAHAM HARLOW, born in Guilford County, North Carolina, June 11, 1822; probably son of Abraham and Pricilla (Bruce) Peebles; married, Rebecca Jane Cavaness (1849-1939), daughter of Jerry and Kisiah (Huckaby) Cavaness, at Wickenburg, Arizona Territory, December 28, 1864; no children. 001

Went from North Carolina to Texas and was enrolled May 21, 1846, at Marshall, Harrison County, for six months service in the Mexican War; mustered in as Private, Captain Wilder's Company C, 2nd Regiment, Texas Mounted Volunteers, at Point Isabel, Texas, to date from June 25, 1846; participated in the Battle of Monterey, September 21 to 24, 1846; honorably discharged at Camp near Monterey, Mexico, October 2, 1846.

Followed Fremont to California in 1849 and engaged in mining on western slopes of the Sierra Nevadas; left Kern River, California, for Arizona with his partners, Joseph Green and Mathew Webber, 1863; at Yuma they were joined by Pauline Weaver, Henry Wickenburg, a stout negro called Ben, and three other Americans; left Yuma early in April traveling up the Colorado to the Bill Williams Fork; followed the course of that stream and thence eastward to Antelope Peak which he named because he killed three antelopes near it; discovered Rich Hill where three of them dug out \$1,800 worth of nuggets with their hunting knives in one day; located the Weaver Diggings and then went for supplies to Maricopa Wells; returned to the Weaver District with Jack Swilling and a number of others; for some time the party secured an average of 25 pounds of coarse gold nuggets each week.

PEEPLES, ABRAHAM HARLOW

In November, 1863, he was living in Peeples Valley, where he was engaged in mining and stock raising; on the night of November 10 Apaches broke down his corral and drove off the following stock which had been carefully herded by day and were fat and in good marketable condition:

5 black horses, worth \$70 apiece,-----	\$350.00
2 Pinto Horses, worth \$125 apiece,-----	250.00
3 bay mares, worth \$75 apiece,-----	225.00
4 gray horses, worth \$80 apiece,-----	320.00
7 saddle horses, worth \$70 apiece,-----	490.00
4 mules, worth \$150 apiece,-----	600.00
4 mares, worth \$60 apiece,-----	240.00

Total,----- \$2,475.00

Washington P. Blair and James S. Chase were there with him and at daylight the next morning they discovered the loss; the three of them later joined a party headed by King S. Woolsey and followed the trail of the Indians along which they found some of his animals killed and partly eaten; the trail led eastward across the Verde River and the Apaches were finally encountered at Bloody Tanks in the Pinal Mountains where about 25 of them were killed with the loss of one American, Cyrus Lennon.

On August 4, 1864, he was elected one of three Commissioners to dispose of lots in the newly created town of Aubrey on the Colorado River at the mouth of Bill Williams Fork; served as Member of the Board of Supervisors of Yavapai County, A. T., 1866-67; member Aztlan Lodge No. 177, F.&A.M., Prescott; 1874-82; listed, U. S. Census, August 26, 1870, at Wickenburg, Yavapai County, occupation, Saloon-keeper; was one of the organizers of the Salt River Farming Ditch Company at Phoenix, January 1, 1871;

listed Disturnell's Arizona Gazetteer, 1881, at Wickenburg, liquor saloon, feed yard, Postmaster and Notary Public; was Justice of the Peace at Wickenburg, 1877-79 and again in 1880-82; he was burned out in Wickenburg about 1883 and removed to Phoenix where he kept a well conducted saloon on Washington Street; died at Phoenix, Maricopa County, A. T., February 4, 1892, aged 69; buried, old City (Pioneers) Cemetery, Phoenix, Arizona.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

McClintock, J.H., Arizona, The Youngest State, Chicago, 1916, pp. 110-111, 183-186, 610.  
 Farish, T.E., History of Arizona, Phoenix, 1915-1918, Vol. 1, p. 297; Vol. 2, pp. 247-248; Vol. 4, pp. 46, 271; Vol. 6, pp. 90, 193.  
 Barnes, W. C., Arizona Place Names, Tucson, 1935, pp. 19, 324.  
 Disturnell, W. C. - Arizona Business Directory and Gazetteer, S.F., 1881, pp. 198, 224.  
 Mitchell, J.D. - Lost Mines of the Great Southwest, Mesa, 1933, pp. 25, 26, 29, 146.  
 Barney, J.M. - Abraham Harlow Peeples, Manuscript, 1943.  
 Fish, Joseph - History of Arizona, Manuscript, p. 399.  
 W.P.A. - Roster of Maricopa County Officials, 1941, and Yavapai County Officials, 1942.  
 W.P.A. Writers Project - Arizona, A State Guide, N.Y., 1940, p. 290.  
 W.P.A. - Inventory of Maricopa County Archives, 1940, p. 365.  
 U.S. Court of Claims - Indian Depredation Docket No. 6253.  
 Probate Court of Maricopa County - Docket No. 212.  
 Adjutant General of the Army - Military Service records.  
 U.S. Veterans Administration - Pension records, X.C. 2,660,410.  
 The Prescott Courier, August 3, 1888, 1:4; February 2, 1892, 4:1 (obituary).  
 The Arizona Sentinel, Yuma, November 29, 1879, 1:4; August 3, 1889, 3:2; January 30, 1892, 3:5 (obituary).  
 The Phoenix Herald, February 9, 4:1, July 8, 1880, 4:1; January 28, 3:3, January 29, 3:2, January 30, 1892, 3:1-3 (obituary).  
 The Arizona Gazette, Phoenix, January 29, 4:2, January 30, 1892, 4:2.  
 The Florence Tribune, April 27, 1901, 1:1.  
 The Arizona Republic, Phoenix, April 28, 1939, 6:3 (death of wife).