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Born at _____ Tennessee _____ 18__ (about 1832).

Son of _____ and _____

A son by his first marriage, Albert B. M. Poland, born about 1860, was living at Jacksonville, Calhoun County, Alabama in 1882, married (2) Merritt L. Britain at _____, California, August 7, 1880; daughter, Evelyn (Eveline) (Mrs. _____).

Listed, Territorial Census, April, 1864, 3rd District, (Yavapai County) age 32, born in Tennessee, married, occupation, Traveler, resident in Arizona 1 month, property valued at \$200; U. S. Census, July, 1870, at Prescott, A. T., age 36, occupation, Miner; the Prescott Arizona Miner for September 17, 1867, printed this statement:

At Walker's camp on Lynx Creek, D. R. Poland and Jackson McCrackin, two irrepressible Arizonians, are delving away down in the bowels of the earth, taking out ore from the "Post Oak" and "Deadwood No. 2," these two ledges have furnished and are still furnishing plenty of first-class rock. The Deadwood No. 2 has paid as high as \$48 to the ton in free gold. The Post Oak has also paid well. Messrs. Poland and McCrackin have erected an 18-foot overshot water-wheel, with which they drive their arrastras.

On November 23, 1872, the Arizona Miner said:

Mr. D. R. Poland and Mr. John Goodwin are preparing to prospect some of their mines and acquire Government title to them, which is sensible on their part, as, nowadays, no capitalist will touch a mine to which the owners have not a Government patent.

The Tucson Arizona Citizen of September 27, 1873, reported that he and Ed. Powers were attacked by Apaches in Big Bug Creek, and that his horse was killed; the following references to him appeared in the Prescott Arizona Enterprise:

January 16, 1878 - - - Messrs. D. R. Poland and J. A. Robinson, two of our best citizens and prospectors, arrived here yesterday from the Humbug Mining district. Poland, Roberts, Billy Gavin and others have sunk six shafts to a depth of 15 feet each, upon six lodes, and they are now sinking, with might and main, upon the Willow and Treasure Trove lodes, which are yielding very rich silver ore.

June 16, 1878 - - - D. R. Poland started for his mines, in Humbug district, this morning, with a small pack-train of supplies.

September 25, 1878 - - - Messrs. Roberts, Poland, Robinson and other miners of Big Bug, are preparing to spend the winter in Humbug district, where they have claims.

November 13, 1878 - - - D. R. Poland is here from the head of Big Bug, where he is interested in a paying mine. He and his partners are working their ore by arastra process. They hope, ere long, to make a good "clean-up"

November 27, 1878 - - - D. R. Poland of Roberts and Poland, arrived here yesterday with about \$500 in gold bullion, from his quartz mine near the head of Big Bug Creek.

The Arizona Miner of May 5, 1879, stated:

D. R. Poland, a faithful miner who came to Arizona in 1863, is in town to-day, looking rosy, festive and gay. He smiles like a man who has a good bonanza.

He was a member of Aztlan Lodge No. 177 (1), F. & A. M. at Prescott; listed there in the 1880 Census, age 49, occupation - Miner; died February 23, 1882, at a homestead which had located

that year on Ash Creek, Yavapai County, A. T., buried, Masonic Cemetery, Prescott; the mining camp of Poland, Poland Creek and the Poland tunnel were named for him; the Tucson Arizona Citizen of February 27, 1882, reprinted the following obituary from the Prescott Democrat:

D. R. Poland, one of the earliest settlers in Yavapai County, died at his ranch east of the Agua Fria, last evening. The cause of death was pneumonia, brought on by a cold, which he received in walking from Lynx Creek to Marr's ranch, during a heavy storm, in returning from his last visit to town.

Mr. Poland was long engaged in mining in this Country, and a few years ago made a sale of his property in Big Bug, when he visited California, married, returned to this Country and engaged in the cattle business.

He was a typical pioneer, warm-hearted, generous and genial. His old time pardswill drop a tear to his memory; he has crossed the divide between mortality and immortality to prospect amidst the green fields of the other side. Let us hope that he may strike a celestial bonanza that shall never peter out.

At the time of his death, the Arizona Miner, stated:

Mr. Poland was one of our oldest and most respected citizens who has always been held in high esteem by our people. He followed mining for several years and three summers ago sold property in Big Bug for a large sum. Subsequently he visited California, where he married a very superior lady, whom he leaves with one child to mourn his sudden and untimely taking away. Mr. Poland was about 50 years of age.

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