

RUELAS, PLACIDO

RUELAS, PLACIDO, born at Tucson, Dona Ana County, New Mexico, _____, 1856; son of Francisco and Marcelina Ruelas; married Victoria Borquez, daughter of Juan and Encarnacion Borques, at Tucson, November 14, 1878; on that date George O. Hand wrote in his diary:

Placido Ruelas and Miss Victoria Borquis were married at H. S. Stevens' house. Being one of the invited guests I went to the church and thence to the house, where there was a big time - more fun than ever before in Arizona. Leatherwood and I were the last to leave - two o'clock in the morning.

His wife, who was born in Sonora in 1860, died in childbirth on March 27, 1882; their only child, Eliza, was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Hiram S. Stevens and married Carlos Velasco.

Listed with his parents at Tucson, U. S. Census 1860, age 4, Territorial Census, 1864, age 10, U. S. Census, 1870, age 14; his father, born in Tucson in 1835, owned a stock ranch near Point of Mountain, northwest of Tucson, and had real and personal property valued at \$10,000 in 1870; his brothers and sisters were Felix, Sotero, Felipa, (Mrs. _____), Francisca (Mrs. _____), Maria (Mrs. _____), Encarnacion (Mrs. _____), and Gregoria (Mrs. Filomino Santa Cruz).

Placido Ruelas was listed in the 1880 U. S. Census as a Grocer; in Disturnell's Arizona Gazetteer, 1881, as "groceries and liquors" on Myer Street and in Barter's Tucson City Directory that same year at 214 Myer Street; he was at one time employed in a General Merchandise store owned by E. N. Fish and in later life for many years by Steinfeld & Company.

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Original member, Society of Arizona Pioneers, Tucson, 1884;
died at Tucson, Pima County, Arizona, December 7, 1920, aged 64,
buried, Holy Hope Cemetery, Tucson.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- Disturnell, W.C. - Arizona Business Directory and Gazetteer, S.F., 1881, p. 194.
- Barter, G.W. - Tucson City Directory, S.F., 1881, p. 104, 214 Myer St.
- Hand, G.O. - Diary, November 14, 1878.
- Great Register of Pima County, 1880, No. 2443.
- Arizona Division of Vital Statistics, 1920. Death Certificate.