

RUFF, THOMAS S SIMPSON

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Born at _____, _____, Ohio, _____, 1832.

Son of _____ and _____
(Born in Kentucky) (Born in Pennsylvania)

Married Rosa Acuna at _____,
on _____, 18____. (about 1886)

Children, James F., Thomas Stephen, Mary Grace (Mrs. Ralph Grijalva) and
Angelita (Mrs. Macario Lopez).

Came to Arizona in 1864 and was among the first settlers in the
Verde Valley in January, 1865, locating with them on East Clear Creek;
repeated depredations by the Apaches finally caused the settlement to
be abandoned and he returned to Prescott where he was listed in the
census of 1870 as a native of Ohio, age 38, occupation - Carpenter,
property valued at \$150; became a member of Aztlan Lodge No. 177,
F.&A.M. at Prescott in 1874.

His name appears in the 1876 Great Register of Yavapai County but
by 1880 had moved to the Salt River Valley where he was listed in the
Census as a Carpenter, age 48; the Phoenix Arizona Gazette made the
following report of his death:

Thomas S. Ruff, whose death Sunday in elsewhere
noted, was one of the oldest Hassayampers in this
Territory. He came to Arizona as long ago as 1863.
His business was that of carpenter and contractor.
When S.M. Lount put up the first machinery for
his ice works, Mr. Ruff acted as his engineer.
His wife preceded him only a few months to the
spirit world.

Died at Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona, August 19, 1894, aged 62.

Buried _____ Cemetery, _____.

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