

SAGE, CORNELIUS

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SAGE, CORNELIUS, born in Connecticut, about 1837; listed at both Olive City, 2d District, (On the Colorado River in what was afterwards Northern Yuma County) and in the 3d District (afterwards Yavapai County) age 27, unmarried, occupation, Miner, resident in Arizona one year; property valued at \$135; appointed Constable at Castle Dome by Governor Goodwin, September 30, 1864; again appointed by the Governor on December 15, as the first Sheriff of Yuma County and served at La Paz, then the County Seat, from January 1, 1865 until his death.

The Arizona Miner states that on "May 3, 1865, at Willow Springs, between Camp Date Creek and Kirkland Valley, Richard Bell, Cornelius Sage and Charles Cunningham fell victims to the savages." In 1884 Patrick Hamilton wrote that "about 10 miles below Skull valley the road passes for more than a mile through a rocky defile where, in 1864 (1865), two prospectors named Bell and Sage were killed by Indians - and hence named Bell's Canon."

Richard Bell was probably a newcomer but the name of Charles C. Cunningham appears in the Territorial Census taken in April, 1864, at the Selazar Mine, in what is now Northern Yuma County, age 36, born in Ohio, single, resident in Arizona two years, occupation, Miner.

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