

SHENE, ANDREW

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SHENE, ANDREW, born in Mississippi, about 1836, of Scotch parents; his father died in Arkansas when he was one year old; his mother later married W. Fouhmar and they had three children, William, Robert and Eva; he came with the family to California when he was a boy; married Bartola Figueroa, daughter of Pablo and Gertudes C. Figueroa, at Pot Holes (Laguna) Yuma County, A.T., 1864; children, Mary and Alice (Mrs. Charles Connor); upon the death of their father George Martin was appointed as their guardian.

Listed, U. S. Census, July 19, 1860, at Fort Yuma, California, age 24, born in Mississippi, occupation - Miner, property valued at \$100; Territorial Census, April, 1864, at La Laguna, Yuma County, A.T., single, occupation - Laborer, resident in Arizona 1 day.

Was in partnership with Antonio Contreras in a freighting business between Yuma and Tucson when 10 mules, valued at \$2,000 were stolen from them by Apaches near Tucson on February 20, 1868; they also owned a large herd of cattle ranging on the Gila River between Gila City and Agua Caliente.

Accidentally killed near Sanford, (Adamsville), Pima County, A.T., November 22, 1871; buried, in the old Cemetery between Adamsville and Florence, A.T.; the following account of his death was printed in the Tucson Arizona Citizen of December 2, 1871:

Andrew Shene was on his way from Tucson to Yuma and stopped at a warehouse formerly owned by Hooper, Whiting & Co. to load his teams with barley. After the first team was loaded, and while moving the baggage from the second preparatory to loading, Mr. Shene and a Mexican got into it--Shene standing immediately behind the Mexican trying to pull a shot-gun out from under a wagon cover. The gun went off, the contents striking

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the deceased in the right side a little above the hip bone, inflicting a fatal wound and come near passing through the Mexican's leg. The accident occurred at 11 A.M. on the 21st, and Mr. Shene died the next morning at 5 o'clock.

His train will be sent on to Yuma in charge of James Cowen. Mr. Shene was an old resident of Arizona and an excellent man.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

U. S. Court of Claims - Indian Depredation Docket No. 6901
The Arizona Citizen, Tucson, August 12, 3:2 and December 2, 1871,
3:3 (obituary)
The Arizona Miner, Prescott, December 9, 1871, 2:3 (death notice)
Letter from Father Pablo Figueroa, Los Angeles.