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Born in Kentucky on the divide between the Green and Cumberland Rivers about 1830; probably a son of William O. and Nancy Wheat of Adair County, Kentucky; married by a Priest to Tomasa Montoga at Florence, A.T., January 17, 1874; adopted daughters, Louisa Cosgrove and Mary Turner (Mrs. Ignacio Garcia).

Came from California to the Gadsden Purchase to work for the Bueterfield Stage Line, 1859; listed, U. S. Census, 1860, at Tucson, age 30, born in Kentucky, occupation - Trader; Territorial Census, 1864, at Pima Villages, age 34, born in Kentucky, occupation - Clerk; appointed by Governor Goodwin on February 5, 1866, to be a member of the Board of Supervisors of Pima County; was in charge of a trading post for J. H. Toole at Maricopa Crossing on the Gila River Indian Reservation.

Settled on a farm near Florence in 1869, and the following year constructed a ditch to connect with the Holland Ditch for the irrigation of his land; listed, U. S. Census, 1870, at Florence, Pima County, A.T., age 40, occupation - Farmer, property valued at \$1,100; that same year he served as Constable at Florence; on April 15, 1874, he obtained a patent to a quarter section of land of which 64½ acres was platted as Wheat's Addition to the Town of Florence on April 26, 1876; a member of the Board of Supervisors of Pinal County, 1879-80; in a law suit with a neighbor involving a dispute over a water right he made an affidavit on June 3, 1886, from which the following is quoted:

Affiant further states that the defendant is not responsible and wholly unable and without the means to pay plaintiffs for the use of said water or any damages occasioned by his wrongful diversion thereof. What title property he has is exempt from execution and used as a residence or homestead of no great value. Plaintiffs expect to have to

pay the costs of this action though successful there being no earthly show to make it out of Douglas. Any judgment obtained against Douglas will be of no particular value to plaintiffs for the time being and perhaps never. The prevention of the diversion of the water by defendant and the damages flowing therefrom is the main object of this suit.

Served as Road Overseer of District Number 1 in Pinal County, 1899-1900 and as Justice of the Peace for Florence Precinct from January 1, 1905 to January 1, 1908; died at Florence, Pinal County, A.T., December 11, 1911, aged 81; buried, Florence Cemetary, 2 miles south of the town.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

U.S. Census, Adair County, Kentucky, 1840 and 1850.
Farish, T. E. - History of Arizona, Phoenix 1918, Vol.6, p.55.
Pima County Marriage Records - Book 1.
The Great Register of Pinal County, 1876, 1896-1906.
Records of Pinal County, Vol.1, Deeds, pp.237-238; Vol. 1,
Miscellaneous Records, p.120.
Board of Supervisors of Pinal County - Minute Book.

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Obituaries in Arizona newspapers and other references to him.