

WERNINGER, WILLIAM AUGUSTUS, born at ^{Ch.} Clarkeburg, Harrison Co., Virginia (now West Virginia), November 29, 1829; son of Alstorpheus and Martha E. (Martin) Werninger; married ^{daughter of Frank & Dolores Contreras} Isaac Contreras at Laguna on the west bank of the Colorado River, December 29, 1861, who was born at Altar, Sonora, Mexico, in 1843, and so named because she was born on St. Isaac's Day.

Children, Charles, William A. Jr., Joseph, Martha Augusta, Carmen, Elena, who married Peter Burke, and Ida, who first married John Balsz and after his death married Leo Pretner.

Came to Arizona, ^{Jan. 20} 1857; established a ferry across the Colorado River at Providence Point in partnership with W. D. Bradshaw, June, 1862; listed, U.S. Census, Fort Yuma, July, 1860, occupation, Merchant, property valued at \$500; Territorial Census, Arizona City, A. T., April, 1864, married, resident in Arizona 6 years, occupation, Merchant, property valued at \$650; U.S. Census, Arizona City, August, 1870, occupation, Mule Trader, property valued at \$1,000.

Supervisor of Yuma County, 1867-68; Sheriff, 1875-76, and also served at the same time as the first Warden of the Territorial Prison at Yuma. *Registered as "Miner", A.P.M.S. Membership, 1886.*

Died at Yuma, A. T., July 5, 1907, aged 77.

Buried, Catholic Cemetery, Yuma, Arizona.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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The Tri-Weekly News, Los Angeles, August 14, 1863.
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