

MITCHELL, JOHN EDWIN GRAY

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Born at _____, Maine, _____, 18(about 1840).

Son of _____ and _____.

Married _____ at _____ on _____, 18__.

Children _____.

Came to Arizona in 1864; member of Aztlan Lodge No. 177, F. & A.M. at Prescott; listed then in the 1870 Census, age 30, occupation - Carpenter, property valued at \$1,200; the following advertisement appeared in the Prescott Arizona Miner:

THE LARGEST, MOST COMPLETE
Wagon and Blacksmith Shops In
Northern Arizona are on
GRANITE STREET, PRESCOTT,
Where none but good workmen are
employed; naught but good material
is ever used.
All kinds of vehicles made and re-
paired, and all draft animals shod.
The patronage of the public is
solicited.

J. E. G. MITCHELL, Proprietor.
Prescott, August 12, 1871.

The Yavapai County records show that on May 15, 1877, he bought Lot 9, Block G, fronting 50 feet on Granite Street in Prescott from Levi Bashford & Co. for \$200 and that in June he located the "Pilot", a gold and silver mining claim, in the Big Bug District; the following references to him were printed in the Prescott

Arizona Enterprise:

February 13, 1878 - -J. E. G. Mitchell, one of Prescott's oldest and most energetic citizens, arrived home a short time ago, from Smith's mill, Wickenburg and other places west of Prescott. He says that Bill Smith, a short time ago, got his right arm caught in some belting, when said member was badly hurt. Mitchell left the mill grinding away.

April 24, 1878 - - J. E. G. Mitchell's and C. A. Carpenter's mines on the Rescue lode, in the Humbug district are looking first-rate; they are taking out very rich ore, but for reasons best understood by themselves, are not having any worked at present.

May 15, 1878 - - J. E. G. Mitchell, one of the old-time boys, has resumed work on his Augusta mine, adjoining the Rescue. He is down nearly forty feet and the bottom of the shaft shows rich sulphuret and ruby silver ore. He has on the ground provisions, tools, timbers, and everything needed to put down the shaft one hundred feet, which he proposes to do without delay.

His death was reported in the following newspapers:

The Arizona Gazette, Phoenix, July 24, 1883 - - R. E. Farrington learned today of the death of an old time friend--an old Hassayamper, as he called himself. This was J. E. G. Mitchell, who died in Tonto Basin some four days ago. Mr. Mitchell was a man well spoken of by all who knew him. The particulars of his death have not been learned.

The Phoenix Herald, July 26, 1883 - - J. E. G. Mitchell, an employee at Doc. Jones' mill, died suddenly three days ago. He was well known in Phoenix and leaves many friends to mourn his sudden departure.

The Prescott Courier, July 28, 1883 - - J. E. G. Mitchell, an account of whose death appears elsewhere in this paper, came to Prescott from Colorado in 1864, lived here a great many years and was, in truth, a good man and citizen. He started the first large wagon and blacksmithing establishment in our town, and ran it successfully. The news of his death will be read with sorrow by many old timers.

Died in Tonto Basin, Gila County, A. T., July ____, 1883, aged 43; buried _____ Cemetery.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- The Weekly Arizona Miner, Prescott, November 25, 1871, 3:5 (advt.); February 5, 1875, 4:6 (dissolution of partnership); June 8, 1877, 3:1 and 3:2; April 19, 3:4 and May 31, 1878, 3:1.
- The Arizona Enterprise, Prescott, February 13, 4:1, March 24, 3:2, May 11, 2:1, and May 15, 1878, 4:1.
- The Prescott Weekly Courier, July 28, 1883, 3:2 and 2:1 (reprint from the Phoenix Gazette of July 24).
- The Phoenix Herald, July 26, 1883, 3:4.

ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- The Arizona Miner, Prescott, February 25, 3:1 and April 27, 1871, 3:1; January 6, 3:3, March 2, 3:3, November 16, 3:3 and December 14, 1872, 1:5; August 27, 1875, 3:1.