

# MOELLER, ANDREW L.

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MOELLER, ANDREW L. \_\_\_\_\_

Born at \_\_\_\_\_, Pennsylvania, \_\_\_\_\_, 18\_\_ (about 1826),

Son of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Married, Alice \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_,

18\_\_; children, \_\_\_\_\_.

Listed, Territorial Census, April, 1864, in the San Francisco District (Mohave County) A.T., age 38, born in Pennsylvania, occupation - Miner, resident in Arizona 2 days, property valued at \$10; elected from Yavapai County to the lower House of the 8th Territorial Legislature; the following account of entertainment in which he participated at Phoenix was printed in the Prescott Arizona Miner of December 31, 1874:

Christmas was celebrated here in good style; everybody, their wives and girls assembled at the stage office to trip the light fantastic. Quite a number of distinguished gentlemen from Prescott were present and seemed to enjoy the sport.

The Prescott gentlemen were J. P. HARGRAVE, C. P. Head, A. L. MOELLER, J. W. Tompkins, J. ~~C.~~ G CAMPBELL and C. C. Bean. At about midnight the gentlemen accepted the hospitality of Mr. Hellings and everything that could be procured in the shape of conveyances were brought into requisition to take the party to Hellings' Mills, where there was also a dance going on.

Our legislators elect did not feel very bright next morning, which fact may be attributed to the ride in the night air out to the mills, a distance of about 3 miles. The party left for Tucson in a body this morning, taking with them several of our citizens. Seven good teams conveyed them out of town.

He again represented Yavapai County in the 9th Territorial Legislature at Tucson in 1878; other references to him appeared in the Arizona Miner as follows:

September 9, 1867 - - DR. MOELLER is having lumber placed upon a vacant lot on Granite street, next to the dwelling house of Cornell & Little. It is his intention, to have a house erected upon the lot and occupy it this winter.

May 26, 1876 - - J. M. SANFORD VS. A. L. MOELLER. - - This case which has been dragging its slow length along in the District Court for the past seven years, finally reached a climax on Wednesday evening last. The court charged the jury that they were to find a special verdict on three issues, the first being as to priority of possession of the land in dispute. Second, as to the extent of such possession, and third as to whether or not said land was embraced within the boundaries of Fort Whipple reservation at the date of the commencement of the suit.

The jury found on the first issue that the plaintiff neither in person nor by his grantors held prior possession to that of defendant at the time of the alleged eviction of plaintiff by defendant from the premises in dispute. The second issue, being embraced in the first, was not passed upon. Upon the third issue they found that at the time of the commencement of the suit the premises in dispute were embraced in the Fort Whipple reservation.

Able arguments were made by Goodwin and Masterson for plaintiff and Alsap and Rush for defendant. We understand the plaintiff will appeal to the Supreme Court.

August 8, 1877 - - Hon. A. L. Moeller pays over 140 dollars city taxes, while those who occupy his buildings pay at least twice that much. Still, this we consider small when it is taken into consideration that his income for rents amounts to over one thousand dollars per month. Not bad for a pioneer who came here and worked himself up from a poor but honest man to where he now stands -- foremost amongst our citizens in wealth, popularity and ability.

October 5, 1877 - - We have heard it hinted that the Hon. A. L. Moeller intends building two houses for rent, on his valuable lots located between the MINER office and Dan Hatz's. This is one of the most desirable locations in Prescott, and would be a good place for almost any kind of business.

November 7, 1879 - - A. L. Moeller, a large property owner in Prescott, and an extensive dealer in mines around the Big Bug country, went out to look at the latter, to-day.

May 21, 1880 - - The testimony in the land case between Moeller and Sanford, which has been taken down at the land office in Prescott, during the last 15 days, covers 500 pages of closely written foolscap, and is the most extensive of any ever taken down in Arizona. We would advise the commissioner at Washington, to whom this pile of evidence is to be referred for his decision, to make peace with his Maker and have his will carefully arranged before entering upon the arduous task of perusal and study of its merits.

July 16, 1880 - - It is the impression among those who are familiar with future railroad operations that all of the land belonging to Hon. A. L. Moeller, adjoining the City of Prescott on the north, will be required for depot grounds round houses, machine shops, etc. When this takes place Prescott will want street railway cars.

The Prescott Arizona Enterprise of March 20, 1878, reported

that :

Hon. A. L. Moeller is exerting himself in behalf of a petition to Congress, requesting that body to have little or nothing to do with the Southern Pacific Railroad Company of California, which the petition sets forth in language that's plain, is one of the grinding monopolies of the country. Arizonans want railroads to and through their Territory; but they want them properly regulated. We, of this section, have always favored the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, and would do so now were it not for their "tricks that are vain and ways that are dark."

The following obituary was printed in the Clifton Clarion of February 4, 1885:

A. L. Moeller, of Prescott, died in that city on the 28th instant. He was a native of Pennsylvania, about 60 years of age. Doctor Moeller, as he was

familiarly called, was a pioneer, coming to California in 1849, where he resided until 1863, when he came to this Territory, and lived in Prescott since that time. He accumulated wealth and was a man of influence.

Died at Prescott, Yavapai County, A.T., January 28, 1885;

buried \_\_\_\_\_ Cemetery.

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