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Old House, Navajo Springs, where the first territorial government was organized. Picture taken June 21, 1926. Territory organized December 29, 1863

Arizona Historical Data

The territory now included within the limits of Arizona was acquired by virtue of treaties concluded with Mexico in 1848 and in 1854. Previous to that time this country belonged to Mexico as a part of Sonora.

The act cutting Arizona away from the territory of New Mexico was passed by the United States congress and signed by President Abraham Lincoln on February 24, 1863.

Governor John N. Goodwin and other territorial officials reached Navajo Springs, now in Navajo County, on December 29, 1863 where on that date the governor issued a proclamation inaugurating the territorial government.

The first Arizona territorial legislature was convened in Prescott, the temporary Capital, September 26, 1864. Territorial capital located in Tucson November 1, 1867, under an act of the legislature. The territorial capital was relocated at Prescott the first Monday in May, 1877. On February 4, 1889 the territorial capital was permanently located at Phoenix where it has remained since.

Arizona became a state on February 14, 1912, by virtue of a congressional act passed in 1911.

The officers appointed by President Lincoln, who were responsible for the first Arizona territorial government were: John N. Goodwin, of Maine, Governor; Richard C. McCormick, of New York, Secretary of the Territory; William F. Turner, of Iowa, Chief Justice; William T. Howell, of Michigan and Joseph P. Allyn, of Connecticut, associate justices; Almon Gage, of New York, attorney general; Levi Bashford, of Wisconsin, Surveyor General; Milton B. Duffield, of New York, U. S. Marshal; Charles D. Poston, of Kentucky, Superintendent Indian affairs.

The first Arizona State officials, elected in 1911, included the following: George W. P. Hunt, Governor; Sidney P. Osborn, Secretary of State; J. C. Callaghan, State auditor; D. F. Johnson, State treasurer; C. O. Case, Superintendent of Public instruction; W. P. Geary, F. A. Jones and A. W. Cole, Corporation Commissioners; Alfred Franklin, Chief Justice; D. L. Cunningham and H. D. Ross, Associate Justices of the Supreme Court.

ARIZONA HISTORICAL REVIEW

This is the first issue of the Arizona Historical Review. It will be issued quarterly hereafter and letters from prominent citizens of the state, interested in having its history preserved, have encouraged and strengthened the hope that the publication will be favorably received by the public and attain a self-supporting basis during the present year. The idea of a state historical review is not a new one, as many states have one devoted to publishing specially prepared articles dealing with incidents and giving experiences of those who marched in the column of pioneers which first planted the white man's civilization on the Atlantic coast and pushed it across the country to the Pacific Ocean.

Arizona is the youngest state in the Union but its antiquity reaches back many years prior to the coming of the Spanish conquistadors or the landing of the pilgrims on Plymouth Rock. The ancient civilization in Arizona is shown by the remaining ruins and irrigation canals to have included methods requiring scientific knowledge of economy in construction and much genius in planning for defense against enemies. We hope to have stories in the Historical Review of Arizona's pre-historic features from men capable to enlighten the present day population on some of the habits and industrial methods of those who, for instance, built the Casa Grande ruins, the cliff houses now in ruins in many parts of our state and the system of irrigation canals found in the Gila and Salt River Valleys.

The first United States authority under the Stars and Stripes, reached what is now Arizona in 1846, when the Kearney expedition took over the government of New Mexico, of which all of present day Arizona north of the Gila River was a part, passing on to California to assume control of that state. From this date began the modern history of Arizona. From this date the pioneers who trekked the old

Santa Fe trail over the Rocky Mountains began the work of subduing the hostile Indians, reclaiming a parching and waterless desert by irrigation and making of it a land of successful agricultural and horticultural activity by first building crude, brush dams and digging the original canals which took the water from the rivers and carried it to the planted crops; from this date began the development of Arizona's resources and the bringing of stock to the vast areas of pastural ranges found on the mesas and in the valleys; after this date began the creation of Arizona's system of public education which has grown to its present magnitude, so creditable to those who have had to do with its progress. While the early Christians who came to this country with the early expeditions of the conquistadors were allied with the Catholic Church, now all the more prominent protestant churches are well established in Arizona with creditable edifices in which to conduct their worship.

What is desired for the pages of the Arizona Historical Review are stories telling of establishment and progress of all these enterprises and creditable features of our state. Stories of this character telling of incidents encountered in the overcoming of such great obstacles as confronted the Arizona pioneers and also of personal experiences.

Before definitely deciding to launch the publication of the Arizona Historical Review, the state historian, in a letter to a number of the prominent citizens of the state, whose cooperation was regarded as necessary for success, made known what he had in mind. The responses to these letters were most gratifying, and the work of making preparation for issuing this first number was at once undertaken.

Following are some of the letters received by the state historian, giving endorsement to the idea of the Arizona Historical Review:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE
State House,
Phoenix

December 2, 1927.

"My dear Major Kelly:

I have your letter of November 30th in which you state that you as State Historian are contemplating starting a quarterly magazine.

I am very glad to approve of your project. I think it merits consideration and I believe that after a few editions of the magazine it would become a self-supporting project. I am sure it will prove a success.

My only comment is, the magazine should have been gotten out earlier. Anything I can do to help you promote the enterprise I'll be glad to be advised of.

Yours sincerely,

GEO. W. P. HUNT, Governor.

Major Geo. H. Kelly,
State Historian, Phoenix."

STATE LAW AND LEGISLATIVE
REFERENCE LIBRARY

State House

Phoenix, Dec. 13, 1927.

"Hon. George H. Kelly
Arizona State Historian
State Capitol, Phoenix, Arizona.

My dear Major Kelly:

I have your communication of the first instant anent the proposition of publishing by you a magazine to be known as the Arizona Historical Review.

It is with great satisfaction that I note your purpose to proceed with such a publication and I feel assured of its success from the beginning. Although we have had several histories, the real history of the State and Territory of Arizona is in the memories of the pioneers who still remain with us. Their reminiscences and stories of the early battles

against the savage Apache and the more savage desert heat, in the making of a state, will make most fascinating reading for the present and future generations.

Assuring you of my hearty support and with very best wishes for your success, I am

Very sincerely yours,
 CON P. CRONIN,
 State Librarian.

TEMPE STATE TEACHERS' COLLEGE
 Tempe, Arizona
 Dec. 12, 1927.

"George H. Kelly,
 Arizona State Historian,
 State House, Phoenix, Arizona.

My dear Sir:

I have read your letter of recent date with considerable interest. There is one point in it which strikes me very forcibly and which it seems to me would be a decided success if undertaken by some one who has as much material on hand as you possess and who has the ability to put it into good shape for a quarterly publication.

I believe that the establishment of a quarterly review for Arizona would be a success. Should you decide to take up the matter, let me assure you of my personal interest and co-operation so far as I can be of any service. I am sure that the state educational institutions would all be willing to co-operate with you in the matter of publishing such a work.

Very cordially yours,
 A. J. MATTHEWS, President."

THE COCONINO SUN
 Flagstaff, Arizona
 December 8th, 1927.

"Major George H. Kelly,
 State Historian, Phoenix, Ariz.

My dear Major:

I have your letter of the 1st relative to a

quarterly historical magazine and believe the suggestion is a good one and should be carried out. It will stimulate the gathering of data from time to time for future use and in its self would be most interesting to a great many people throughout the state.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely yours,
F. S. BREEN."

NORTHERN ARIZONA STATE TEACHERS' COLLEGE
Flagstaff, Dec. 3, 1927.

"Major Geo. H. Kelly,
State Historian,
State House, Phoenix, Arizona
My dear Major Kelly:

I have your letter with reference to the publication of a quarterly historical magazine dealing with the development of Arizona.

It seems to me this will be a very worth while undertaking, one filled with the finest possibilities. There is a wonderful supply of material for such a magazine and I believe the publication of this material in this form would find many more readers than where it is published in book form. It seems to me such a magazine would have a wide appeal in Arizona and the entire Southwest.

It is my feeling that the average citizen of Arizona does not have an adequate appreciation of the romance, heroism, daring and hardship connected with the development of our State. It is a most inspiring story that should be read by every citizen of the State to the end that we may develop a greater loyalty and a finer State consciousness.

I realize, but of course not so well as you, the expense and work connected with a thing of this kind. But if the State could finance the proposition for a short time, it seems to me that it should not be so very long until it becomes self-supporting. I can promise you the full, and, I believe, enthusiastic cooperation of the Northern Arizona State Teachers' College. We have several people who are interested

along this line. One of our faculty members at the present time is working on a book dealing with Arizona literature. Our library is accumulating quite a collection of Arizona. I presume the most important part we could play in such a publication would be the making of studies along various lines with the idea of publishing the results in the magazine.

I presume it is your idea to have the magazine directly under the control and management of the State Historian, and then possibly have an advisory board on which the various institutions and organizations of the State would be represented, or perhaps recruiting the staff from these organizations. So then, my first impression concerning the matter, is one of enthusiasm and hearty support to the extent of my ability.

I have not thought through the more practical phases of the problem. I shall keep this matter in mind, perhaps discussing it with individuals who may be interested and sometime in the near future, when I am in Phoenix, I shall be glad to drop into your office and discuss the matter further.

With assurances of my complete co-operation,
I am

Sincerely yours,
GRADY GAMMAGE, President."

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
Office of the President

Tucson, December 3, 1927

"Mr. George H. Kelly,
Arizona State Historian,
State House, Phoenix, Arizona.
My dear Mr. Kelly:

We heartily agree with you as to the desirability of publishing an Arizona Historical Review, quarterly. It will not only be a valuable contribution to Arizona's historical records, but will also serve a great need in furnishing information regarding Arizona and the Southwest to our winter visitors.

The Arizona Archaeological and Historical Society and the Department of History at the university will be very glad, I am sure, to assist in this good work.

You doubtless will hear from Mrs. Kitt of the Arizona Pioneers' Historical Society and I am confident that she will add her cooperation and render valuable assistance.

Any aid that we may give to make the movement go forward successfully, we shall be glad to render. Wishing you continued health and success, we remain

Sincerely yours,

BYRON CUMMINGS, President."