

PIONEERS: 1854 TO 1864

An Announcement

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For a long time I have had a deep conviction that an exact and well-written biographical sketch of every American who became identified with the life of Arizona previous to the organization of the Territory should be prepared and published as a basic contribution to the history of the state. There were, perhaps, considerably more than two hundred such men. The character and deeds of very many of these pioneers have been fairly well preserved, but the great majority of these men have been neglected in our annals; and sad to say, the accounts of many of those who are best known to us are so scrappy and inadequate that our children's children, and future students trying to lay hold of the facts about early Arizona, must grope in darkness unless we very soon find and fix in attractive and permanent form all that can still be recovered.

The formal organization of the Territorial Government took place at Navajo Springs, December 27, 1863. I fix this date as an arbitrary but very important point from which to work forward and backward. Nearly all of the characters that are now "unwept, unhonored, and unsung" are buried in the abyss of years that lies between December 30, 1853, when the Gadsden Purchase was effected, and December 27, 1863, when the Territorial Government was set up. This decade of Arizona history has been strangely neglected, so far as full and serious research work is concerned. This period decidedly piques my curiosity, and I only regret that I lack time and facilities to deal with it exhaustively. After 1864 we have newspapers, legislative records, and other official documents by which to trace the names and deeds of our most important men. Before that date there are few written and almost no printed records. We should not forget that these men who came before Territorial days were the *very pioneers* and as such their claim to at least an inch of space

in history is distinctive. Not only are their voices stilled in death, but the obscurity of the past in which they lie buried is now so deep as to be almost beyond our reach. The duty of rescuing the names of these bold pathfinders should, therefore, have a double appeal to all true lovers of Arizona.

During the next two or three years it is my purpose, first to prepare as complete a list as possible of all the men and women who came into Arizona between the dates indicated above and remained here long enough to identify their names with the life of the state; and, second, to write a biographical sketch of each one—very brief in the case of little known and obscure individuals, of increasing length and fullness in proportion as their character and achievements deserve more extensive treatment. Before entering upon this undertaking, I wrote to Governor Hunt, President Shantz of the University of Arizona, Mrs. Keen, State Historian, and Mrs. Kitt, Secretary of The Arizona Pioneers Historical Society for approval of the plan, including the publication of the sketches, first in successive numbers of *The Arizona Historical Review*, and second in a permanent volume or volumes.

All the officials just mentioned assured me of their hearty support in this enterprise, so I feel certain that as the articles are prepared they will see the light of day, and eventually, be printed attractively in book form by the State Historian's Office, or the University, or the Legislature, or the Pioneers Historical Society, or by all of these combined. I am sure that such volumes, when attractively published and offered for sale at a moderate price would pay for themselves. My first thought was that a single volume of about five hundred pages would suffice; for the most lengthy sketches could be kept to ten pages of print, and scores of the shorter ones would, necessarily, for lack of facts, likely be limited to few sentences. However, as I have seriously set my face to the task, I have been somewhat staggered to find that multitudes of soldiers, adventurers, and home-seekers came and went across

the soil of Arizona in that dim, hectic decade—1854-1864. How many of those who came and saw remained to conquer—or to be conquered—is a question that almost causes my pen to stagger and pause. How shall we decide—out of the multitude who came and went within our borders during those years—just what names won a right to a place in Arizona's Hall of Fame?

In this paragraph I shall attempt to answer the above question and at the same time to mark out my plan of action. First, then, I think that we must claim and give due honor to everyone who planted his name here in connection with a town, a mountain, a camp or a stream. These men have left their landmarks and memorials, so that it remains for us simply to explain these place names and in so doing tell as well as we can the life story of the hero or adventurer who boldly set his seal here. In this group, therefore, we shall of necessity give place to Bill Williams, Chevelon, Whipple, Pauline Weaver, Le Roux and Aubrey.

Some men did nothing more glorious than to die here, from heat, or cold, or hunger, or thirst, or Indian arrow, or white man's revolver. Such an one has planted his bones, if not his fame in Arizona soil. For better, for worse, we must claim him and explain him. Two names out of many will suffice to illustrate this group—Royce Oatman and Lieut. James Bartlett, who was killed and buried near Picacho during the Civil War. Army men who served long enough in Arizona to identify themselves in some way with her fortunes, or who later settled here have won a right to permanent fellowship with us. Many names will fall in this class—particularly men who coming through in 1846-7 as members of the Mormon Battalion broke the wagon road across the state, and then later returned to make their homes here. Similarly we must include many of the able and daring men who came in with the California Column and remained ever afterward. The last and no doubt the largest group to claim our attention is constituted of the numerous pioneers, who

for one reason or another, chose deliberately to cast their fortunes with Arizona, for better, for worse. The names already well known, and honored in song and story, are to be placed in this group—along with many others lost in obscurity.

It is with a sense of regret that I cannot from the first, as I go forward with my task, set down my sketches in strictly chronological sequence, for I love order; but as my studies are printed from time to time in *The Arizona Historical Review* the lives will not appear one after another in due chronological succession. It is comparatively easy to gather the necessary material for certain sketches, whereas, many months of inquiry and research may be necessary to secure even meagre facts concerning some obscure but very interesting person. We all know much about some of these characters now; and what we do not know can be easily found. There is, too, another consideration that embarrasses my plan somewhat. I have already in *Arizona Characters* and in my much larger book, *Pioneer Days in Arizona* that is now in the hands of the publisher to be issued next fall, treated somewhat fully such men as Pete Kitchen, Charles Poston, Sylvester Mowry, King Wolsey, etc.; and I am already gathering material for a volume to be called *More Arizona Characters*, in which I shall deal at length with such men as Herman Ehrenberg, Jacob Hamlin and Bill Oury, among others. It is my intention, in treating the names of men who have been somewhat adequately delineated by others or by me to draw up in a single paragraph the bare facts about such a pioneer, and then refer the reader to the fuller and more rounded account to be found elsewhere. As to the lack of chronological continuity in the articles as they appear in the *Historical Review*, I trust that this defect may be remedied later when the completed series shall appear in book form.

There is one more aspect of the plan that I must set forth in this preliminary article. I shall need the co-operation of all pioneers who know personally any resident of

Arizona who settled here previous to 1864, or who had in any way identified himself with the history of Arizona previous to that time. The co-operation promised by Governor Hunt, President Shantz, Mrs. Keen, Mrs. Kitt, and such intimate personal friends among old-timers as John A. Rockfellow, Ignacio Bonillas, Ed Vail, James Hancock, John P. Clum, etc., is not sufficient. There are many still living who know intimately some of the pioneers who came here before 1864. Any date, incident, anecdote, or other information that will help to throw even a ray of light upon the deeds and personality of men before 1864, is eagerly sought. It is particularly desirable to secure facts concerning such pre-Territorial settlers as never gained a sure foot-hold in any book or permanent state record. Mrs. George F. Kitt, Secretary of the Pioneers Historical Society, whose office is in Tucson, is indefatigable in collecting and skillfully cataloguing historical material. We have talked over the plan that I have outlined above, and she is eager to help realize it. All such material as I have described above may be sent to her. She will keep everything in systematic order in her files and will not only give me, but other students free access to them. As I have no secretary, and as my correspondence is already burdensome, you will be helping me very much and will be adding matter of permanent historical interest to Mrs. Kitt's collection if you will send the suggested items to her.

In conclusion, and as an indication of how immense the belated project is, I am publishing here a list of about two hundred names of individuals known to have been in Arizona previous to Territorial organization. I have made use of five sources in securing these names as a beginning roster to go to work on: First, soldiers in the Mormon Battalion, who passed through Arizona during the fall and winter of 1846-7, and who later returned to make their home in this Territory. Second, individuals living in Arizona between 1859-1861, whose names I find in issues of *The Arizonian*. Third, names of the members of the con-

vention that met in Tucson, in April, 1860, for the purpose of establishing a provisional government for Arizona. Fourth, a Roster of the Members of the Walker Expedition, who came to the present site of Prescott in 1862, prepared by D. E. Conner, a member of the party, and fifth, names drawn from the list of original members of the Pioneers Historical Society. It is hoped that as old-timers read these lists they will find among the names, men whom they knew, and will send to Mrs. Kitt such facts about them as they can vouch for. The five lists are as follows:

Members of the Mormon Battalion who made their homes in Arizona, as listed in Col. James H. McClintock's *Mormon Settlement in Arizona*: Wesley Adair, Reuben W. Allred, Henry G. Boyle, James S. Brown, George P. Dykes, Schuyler Hulett, Marshall Hunt, Nathaniel V. Jones, Zadok Judd, Samuel Lewis, Wm. C. McClellan, James Pace, Sanford Porter, David Pulsipher, Henry Standaage, John Steele, Rufus C. Allen, Mrs. Elzada Ford Allred, Henry W. Brizzee, Edward Bunker, Wm. A. Follett, John Hunt, Wm. J. Johnston, Hyrum Judd, Christopher Layton, Wm. B. Maxwell, Philemon C. Merrill, Wilson D. Pace, Wm. C. Prous, Samuel H. Rogers, George E. Steele, Lot Smith, Samuel Thompson.

The following were residents of Arizona previous to 1861 as is shown from the fact that their names appear in *The Arizonian*, 1859-1861: Edward Hall, Capt. J. W. Swilling, Frank Higgins, E. B. Tompkins, B. G. Weld, _____ Mercer, P. T. Herbert, _____ White, L. J. F. Yaeger, Solomon Warner, G. M. Jones, Fred Hulseman, Wm. M. Rowlett, _____ Montgomery, F. A. Neville, Lieut. John Cooke, Maj. Gen. Wordsworth, J. B. Dow, Col. Walker—Indian Agent, G. F. Walter, H. S. Washburn, M. G. Gay, Samuel Hughes, G. F. Hooper, _____ Granger, Hiram S. Stevens, _____ Bonner, L. W. Hastings, James Graydon, Alfred M. Rowlett, _____ Smith, C. C. Dobson, Dr. B. J. D. Irwin, Thomas Smith, Capt. James Tevis.

Members of the Convention that met in Tucson April

2, 1860: Wm. S. Oury, John Capron, J. Howard Wells, J. Dean Alden, W. C. Wordsworth, Colonel Palatine Robinson, Capt. R. S. Ewell, Rees Smith, R. M. Doss, B. F. Neal, Thos. J. Mastin, S. W. Cozzens, L. S. Owens, T. J. Bull, Frank De Ruyther, T. J. Miller, Capt. John Donaldson, Dr. L. S. Owings, N. King, Jerry Robinson, James A. Lucas, Edward McGowan, S. G. Bean, T. J. Thibault, Samuel B. Ford, G. W. Putnam, J. M. Turner, F. G. Ake, Wm. H. Burke, Granville H. Oury.

The Walker Expedition in 1862. List by D. E. Conner. Capt. Joseph R. Walker, Joseph R. Walker, Martin Lewis, Jacob Lynn, George Blosser, Alford Shupp, John J. Miller, Jacob L. Miller, Samuel C. Miller, Solomon Shoup, Hiram Cummings, Hiram Mealman, Wm. Wheelhouse, Johnny Bull (Nick-name), Rhoderic McKinney, Mr. Benedict, John Dixon, Frank Finney, Mr. Young, Jackson McCracken, John W. Swilling, Mr. Chase, Charles Noble, Thomas Johnson, Felix Burton, Charles Taylor, Francis G. Gilliland, Daniel E. Conner, George Coulter, George Lount, Bill Williams, A. French, Jacob Schneider.

Pioneers who came to Arizona before 1864 who are in the membership book of The Arizona Pioneers Historical Society: Alsop, John T.; Appel, Horace H.; Appel, Nathan B.; Brady, Peter R.; Brichta, Augustus; Brunner, Eugene; De Armit, Berry H.; Drachman, Philip; Edwards, Ed. L.; Elliott, James M.; Francis, Ferdinand; Gibson, Henry; Goldberg, Isaac; Hand, George; Harshaw, David T.; Hart, John B.; Holland, Patrick; Hughes, Fred G.; Smith, Philip W.; Stevens, Hiram S.; Val Alstine, Nelson; Witfeld, Gustavus; Hughes, Samuel; Jeffords, Thomas J.; Keen, Andrew J.; Kitchen, Pete; Lazard, Alphonse; Lee, James; Levin, Alexander; Madden, Daniel; Martin, Fritz W.; Martin, George; Martin, George T.; McGowan, Edward; McKenna, Michael; Meyer, Charley H.; Osborn, William J.; Oury, Granville; Oury, William; Sanford, Danton G.; Scott, William F.; Toole, James H.; Warner, Solomon; Yerkes, Thomas M.