

WALTZ, JACOB (Wals) (The Old Dutchman)

Born at _____, Prussia, Germany, _____, 1810.

Came to Arizona from California, 1862; listed as Jacob Waltz, Territorial Census, April 1864, 3rd District (Yavapai County) age 54, born in Germany, occupation-Miner, resident in Arizona 2 years; again listed as Jacob Waltz, U.S. Census, 1880, at Phoenix, age 70, born in Prussia, occupation-Farmer, the name of Jacob Waltz appears on the Great Register of Maricopa County for 1876, 1882 and 1886 as a resident of Phoenix, born in Germany, aged 66, 72 and 76; the Great Register also indicates that he was naturalized as an American citizen on July 19, 1861, at Los Angeles, California, in the Court for the 1st District.

He and Jacob Wiser had possession of the "Lost Dutchman Mine" in the Superstition Mountains; Wiser is said to have died at the ranch of John D. Walker, near Florence, A.T., about 1881.

Died at Phoenix, Maricopa County, A.T., October 8 1891; buried old Phoenix City (Pioneers) Cemetery, Block 19, grave 4; a monument to his memory erected at Apache Junction, Pinal County, by the Dons Club of Phoenix.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Great Register of Maricopa County, A.T., 1876, 1882, 1886.

Arnold, O. - Superstitious Gold, Phoenix, 1934.

Stern, B. - Gold of the Superstitions, Phoenix, October, 1940.

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Any mention of him in the newspaper indexes.