

## SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND BIOBLIOGRAPHY

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### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

A number of different record repositories provided documents. The type of information present varied from document to document. Like any genealogical study, work is never really completed and the likelihood that new information will be found is high. If you have additional information, feel free to contact Homer Thiel at [homer@desert.com](mailto:homer@desert.com).

A wide variety of documentary sources were utilized during the course of this project. Major document classes are summarized below and a bibliography follows this section. A number of online resources were also used, as noted below. A number of people provided assistance including Fred McAninch, Hector Soza, Marquita Elias, Diana Hadley, Kieran McCarty, and Michael Weber.

Research or records were obtained at the following locations:

#### *Tucson*

- Arizona Historical Society
- University of Arizona Main Library
- University of Arizona Special Collections
- Office of Ethnohistorical Research, Arizona State Museum
- Roman Catholic Diocese of Tucson Archives
- Pima County Recorder's Office
- Family History Center

#### *Phoenix*

- Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records

#### *Berkeley, California*

- Bancroft Library, University of California at Berkeley

#### *Washington, D.C.*

- National Archives

#### *Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico*

- Archivo General del Estado de Sonora

#### *Simancas, Spain*

- General Archive of Simancas

### Census Records

The earliest censuses for Tucson list Native American residents in 1752 and 1766 (Dobyns 1976:163-165).

A census of Tucson was taken in 1797 and lists 395 inhabitants of the town. Adult men and women are named; however, servants and children are not. An annotated copy is available at the Arizona Historical Society in Tucson as MS 1079, Box 5, File 83 (see also Dobyns 1972, who corrects an earlier publication stating it was recorded in 1820).

A census was prepared in 1801 for the Native American population of Tucson. Another census was prepared for the residents of San Xavier del Bac and its pueblos and lists six non-Native Americans families and 10 individuals, most of whom were Spanish (Dobyns 1976: 165-171).

The 1831 censuses of Tucson, Tubac, and Santa Cruz were found in the Franciscan Archives at Holy Cross of Queretaro in Mexico City. They were published in two issues of the *Copper State Bulletin* (McCarty 1981, 1982a, 1982b).

A census from 1848 also exists. It was viewed by a researcher in 2002 at the Archivo General del Estado de Sonora in Hermosillo, Sonora. The researcher recorded the names on the document, but failed to collect other information. Subsequently, the document was mislaid and has not been relocated.

The United States collects census enumerations every ten years. Population schedules from 1860 through 1930 were included in this work. All of the Arizona population schedules for 1890 were destroyed following a fire in the 1920s. The individuals collecting data for the 1870 and 1880 schedules had some difficulty in writing Spanish names, and in many cases a creative approach to identifying individuals is required. The 1860 through 1930 population schedules were accessed through the Ancestry.com website.

The Territory of Arizona was established in 1863. A Territorial census was collected in 1864, providing detailed data on all residents. The Territorial censuses for 1866, 1867, and 1874 for Pima County list all individuals, placing them in age categories. A school census for 1874 was also consulted.

## Church records

Church records for a number of Spanish-era missions and churches have been abstracted and posted on the Mission 2000 database website at:

<http://www.nps.gov/tuma/M2000.html>. Some of the entries for Tubac and Tumacacori are for individuals who later lived in Tucson.

As noted above, the Catholic Church records for Tucson, San Agustin, and San Xavier del Bac were lost in 1856. It is probable that these records stopped in 1828, with the removal of foreign-born priests from the area. A priest from Magdalena visited southern Arizona between 1844 and 1848, baptizing individuals. These baptisms are available as Microfilm 811 (roll 1) at the University of Arizona library. A few entries from 1858 are also present.

The Catholic Church returned to Tucson in 1859. The church collected baptismal, marriage, and burial records in hand-written volumes.

The first book of baptisms begins in April 1861 and ends in December 1878 (the first six pages are out of chronological order). This book is available online at the Arizona Memory Project website at:

<http://azmemory.lib.az.us/cdm4/document.php?CISOROOT=/rcdhilites&CISOPTR=641&REC=4>

The first book of marriage records begins in February 1864, with marriage records continuing up to 1916. These records can be examined at the Catholic Diocese Archives:

<http://www.diocetucson.org/Archives%20website/archiveindex.htm>

The first book of burial records begins in May 1863 (it is apparent that the first 14 pages are missing from the book) and runs through a single entry for January 1881. No burials were recorded between August 1864 and April 1866, as well as the rest of 1881 and all of 1882. The second book of burials begins in 1883. A transcription of the first burial book and a portion of the second burial book through January 1887 is available online in *Tucson's National Cemetery: Additional Archival Research for the Joint Courts Complex Project, Tucson* (pages 121-190) at: [http://www.pima.gov/JointCourts/PDFs/SRI\\_JCC\\_Archival\\_Report.pdf](http://www.pima.gov/JointCourts/PDFs/SRI_JCC_Archival_Report.pdf)

Other church documents available at the Catholic Diocese Archives include confirmation, school, and Rosary Society records.

## City Directories

The earliest City directory for Tucson was published in 1881. A handful of other directories were published prior to 1900 (1883, 1884, 1897, and 1897). After 1900, they were published for most years. The directories are available at the Arizona Historical Society and the Pima County Library. Directories prior to 1917 are indexed by name only. After 1917, they are indexed by name and by street address.

## Military Records

Military records for the Spanish and Mexican periods include rosters listing soldiers, enlistment papers, service records, conversion to invalid status, and records of deaths (Table 1). Surviving records for Tucson span the period from 1778 to 1855, and provide data on soldiers present for 26 of the 78 years.

Some of the rosters (1779, 1782, 1784, 1785, 1804) only list officers, new enlistments, soldiers receiving bonuses, or invalid soldiers. Other rosters are more complete (1778, 1783, 1791, 1792, 1793, 1800, 1801, 1816-1818, 1855), listing all of the soldiers. Others list only selected service records (1799). Census records exist for 1797 and 1831 identify soldiers.

**Table 1.** Presidio Soldier Rosters and records.

Year	Comments	Reference
1777	Annual report	AGI, GUAD 515
1778		Dobyns 1976:155; AGI , GUAD 271
1779	3 May	Dobyns 1976:154; AGI , GUAD 277
1782	30 November	Dobyns 1976:157; AGI, GUAD 284
1783	roster, service records	Dobyns 1976:157-158; AGI GUAD 285; AGI, GUAD 286
1784	15 January	Dobyns 1976:159; AGI, GUAD 285; AGI, GUAD 521.
1785	6 October	Dobyns 1976:159
1787	service records	AGS 7278 C9 68-70
1790	service records	AGS 7278 C8 38-45
1791	service records	AGS Section 7047, document 6, [98-101]; AGS 7278 C7 91-95
1792	service records	AGS Section 7047, document 10 [139-146]; AGS 7278 C6 78
1793	Account list, service records	GUAD 289; AGS 7278 C5 91-95
1794	Service records	AGS 7278 C4 103-109; AGI 292, Bancroft library
1795	Service records	AGS 7278 C3 117-123; AGI, GUAD 292.
1796	Service records	AGS 7278 C2 110-116
1797	Census, service records	Collins 1970:22; MS 1079 Box 5 file 83 AHS/SAD; AGS 7278 C1 111-116
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1799	Service records	AGS 7279: C2 105-116
1800	Annual report, rosters Oct-Dec	AGS Section 7047, document 18; AGI, GUAD 280
1801	Rosters entire year	AGI, GUAD 280 (Jan-Aug); AGI, GUAD 294 (Sept-Dec)
1802	January-March	AGI, GUAD 294
1804	Annual report, service records	AGI Section 7047, document 647 [28]
1816	May through December	AGN 223:100-412 (May-Aug); AGN 207 (Sept-Dec)
1817	Entire year	AGN 206:94-481; Dobyns 1976:160-162 (January); AGN 253
1818	Entire year	AGN 207:529-601 (Jan-Apr), 233:113-376 (May-Dec)
1831	Census	McCarty 1981:41-47
1855	September 1	Officer 1989:331-332

## Property records

It is likely that most Spanish and Mexican era property transactions in Tucson were informal and were not recorded in official records. Arizona became part of New Mexico territory in 1856 and Charles D. Poston was tasked with recording property transactions. Poston's record book contains deeds and other records from 1856 to 1861 The book is housed at the Arizona Historical Society, Southern Arizona Division as Manuscript (MS) 663, File 9 (Charles Poston Collection).

The arrival of the Union Army in Tucson resulted in the decision to confiscate the properties of Confederate sympathizers. William Oury collected property records from 1862 through 1864. These records are available at the Arizona Historical Society in Tucson as "City of Tucson Property Records," MS 1072.

Formal recording of deeds by Pima County was begun in February 1866 by Recorder John H. Archibald. He established the system for recording deeds in a series of 780-page-long volumes. These volumes are in the custody of the Pima County Recorder's Office. Microfilmed copies can be viewed at the Recorder's office; however, the filmed books are reversed so that the writing appears white against a black page, making the entries somewhat difficult to read.

Land Claim records are also housed at the Pima County Recorder's office. Prior to the surveying of Tucson, land claims allowed people to record their existing property ownership and to claim additional parcels. These records are designated as "LC" in this volume. The Journals of Private Land Claims, available at the University of Arizona, contains testimony regarding Spanish and Mexican period land grants.

The Bureau of Land Management sold and patented land in the Tucson area beginning in the 1870s. A database is available online at: <http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/PatentSearch/>.

### **Vital records**

The State of Arizona has posted birth records (through 1934) and death records (through 1959) online at: <http://genealogy.az.gov/>. The state did not begin formal collection of vital records until the 1910s, but many individuals submitted delayed birth records as adults, and the information on some older deaths was collected.

A number of early marriages in Pima County, from circa 1863-1871, were recorded in the first volume of Miscellaneous Records, available at the Pima County Recorder's Office on microfilm. Unfortunately, it is very difficult to read that film. Two volumes of abstracted marriage records for Pima County were published by the Arizona State Genealogical Society, covering the years 1871-1912 and 1912-1926 (Negley 1997; Negley and Lindley 1994).

The 1870 and 1880 Federal census takers collected information on individuals who died during the previous year in each household. Scanned images are available on Ancestry.com and a transcription is available in the Joint Courts book on pages 191-202.

### **Newspapers**

The first newspaper published in Arizona was the *Weekly Arizonian*, printed in Tubac from 1859 through 1861. Newspapers have been almost continuously published in Arizona since that time period, the exception being the year 1863.

All surviving issues of newspapers published in Arizona between 1859 and 1875 were read, as were all surviving issues of Tucson newspapers from 1876 through 1881. Few articles and obituaries were located for individuals in this project. The English-language newspapers largely ignored the Mexican population of Tucson. Spanish-language newspapers began publication in Tucson in 1881, covering the local Mexican-American population.

Copies of many early Arizona newspapers are being scanned in and made available at [www.genealogybank.com](http://www.genealogybank.com) and [www.newspaperarchive.com](http://www.newspaperarchive.com). A database listing Arizona newspapers is available online at: <http://www.lib.az.us/anp/search.aspx>.

### **Publications**

A relatively small number of publications have dealt with early Tucson families. James Officer studied many of these families and his *Hispanic Arizona, 1536-1856* contains data on many early families (Officer 1989). Officer and Henry Dobyns profiled Teodoro Ramirez (Officer and Ramirez 1984) and Victor Stoner studied Father Arriquirar (Stoner 1959). Other stories are contained in several books by Kierab McCarty (McCarty 1976, 1997), Frank Lockwood (1943), and Henry Dobyns (1967). An interview with Hillario Gallegos (1935) provides a sense of life in the Presidio. The Elias family is covered in a volume (Elias 1982) and the Urias-Wright and Gallegos family in another (Holder 1992).

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