

William Ferris Pritchett

He was born in Tuscarora, Elko County, Nevada on August 18, 1884. (His headstone is wrong) He was the oldest of four children of James D. Pritchett and Clara Jane Cady. He moved with his parents and siblings to the Phoenix area in 1900 shortly after the 1900 Federal Census for Utah.

In about 1918 he, with his second wife and small son Worth, moved to the mining fields in the Wickenburg mountains after selling his blacksmith shop that was located on east Van Buren in the 1500 block. His brother John chose to stay behind and unfortunately succumbed to the massive worldwide flu epidemic that was ravishing the world at that time.

In 1925, he again moved, this time to Poland, Arizona in the Bradshaw Mountains. He is said to have had a lease on the Poland/Walker Tunnel, which he mined. In 1936, he traded 18 mineral claims in the Poland area for ownership in the Oro Plata mining claim in Walker. Within this claim there were three mines, the Combination, the Accidental and the Goodluck. He mined in Walker until his death due to illness in 1951.

He is buried in in lone grave on property where he once lived with his third wife Alma and their eight boys. The Good Hope Claim. His grave is situated along the original road that was through the earlier downtown Walker and is accessible from present day Sunday School Road on the north side of Lynx Creek.



