



## Samuel Cotton Dickinson

*Arrived in the Verde Valley at the Wales Arnold Ranch on Beaver Creek on August 23, 1875.*

Born: 16 Aug 1827, Ohio

Died: 7 Jan 1907, California

Burial: Cottonwood Cemetery, Yavapai County, Arizona, USA (Plot C/437)

Parents: Zadock Dickerson (1774-1859) and Mary "Polly" Williams Dickerson (1789-1855)

Spouses and Children:

1st Spouse: Adline Green Dickinson (1818-1851, m. 1849)

- Leroy Dickinson (1850-?)

- George Wesley Dickinson (1852-1901)

- Charles Dickinson (1853-1926)

2nd Spouse: Nancy Jane Green Dickinson (1836-1916, m. 1860)

- Margie Ann Dickinson Back (1862-1926)

- Sam C Dickinson (1864-1864)

- Mariah May Dickinson Hawkins (1864-1889)

- Frank Lee Dickinson (1867-1925)

- William Green "Willy" Dickinson (1868-1931)

- Alfred "Alf" Dickinson (1870-1940)

- Edward Virgil Dickinson (1872-1958)

Samuel grew up in Bristol Township, Morgan County, Ohio. Married Adeline Green in February 1849, with Nancy Jane Green serving as bridesmaid. Traveled to California during the Gold Rush, then by ship to New York. After Adeline's death, Samuel married Nancy Jane Green on June 2, 1860.

He moved his family to Missouri before the 1870 Census, where he listed his birthplace as New Jersey.

On April 26, 1875, he left Missouri to join a wagon train heading to Arizona, arriving at the Wales Arnold Ranch on Beaver Creek on August 23, 1875. After 1876, the family changed the spelling of their surname from Dickerson to Dickinson.

On August 20, 1885, Samuel received land patent #507 in the Lower Oak Creek area near Cornville, establishing a 30-acre farm with hay, grain, and a vineyard. In 1877, he and five other men began digging the O.K. Ditch. From April 2, 1887 to July 13, 1905, Samuel served as postmaster and stage stop operator in Cornville, Arizona. His submissions to Washington resulted in the official naming of the town of Cornville. In November 1888, he was elected Constable for Oak Creek. His 1885 mail route included Cottonwood, Aultman, and Cornville.

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