

ABOUT US

The Prescott Corral was founded in 1962 as an affiliate of Westerners International, an organization dedicated to the preservation of the real history of the American West. Its original membership list, which included such well-known residents as Budge Ruffner, Gail Gardner, Danny Freeman, Bruce Fee and George Phippen, comprised a virtual “Who’s Who” of local historians, a tradition that is continued today by the 125 members of the 2007 Prescott Corral.

The Prescott Corral has a well-earned reputation for excellence with respect to the Western history programs it presents to its members and guests during its monthly meetings at the historic St. Michael’s Hotel and for the annual Western History Symposium it co-sponsors in the fall of each year with the Sharlot Hall Museum.

This premier and limited edition of ***TERRITORIAL TIMES*** is a work that has been in progress for more than a year and required many difficult decisions, including those relating to the historic and geographic scope of this and future editions of the publication. Ultimately, we decided that our main historical focus would be on the Territorial period, with perhaps some overlap into the early twentieth century. Further, from a geographical perspective, we elected to concentrate primarily on the area that comprised the original Yavapai County and, secondarily, that of the Arizona Territory. That is not to say that we will not accept interesting and well-written articles respecting other parts of the American West but rather that old Yavapai and Arizona Territory will be our principle areas of interest.

The articles that are presented here were researched and written by members of the Prescott Corral. We are confident you will find them interesting and informative.

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Al Bates, the author of *Bloody Tanks*, served as the Sheriff of the Prescott Corral in 1998. He is a frequent speaker on a variety of subjects on Arizona history and is an expert on pioneer Jack Swilling. Al’s book on Swilling will be published early next year.

Eldon Bowman, the author of the *Cooley* article, is a retired college professor and a long-time resident of Arizona. He served as the Corral’s Sheriff during 2007 and has been very active in locating and marking historic Arizona trails, including the wagon road between Fort Whipple and Camp Apache.

Fred Veil, the author of *Law and Justice*, is a semi-retired lawyer who has lived in Prescott since 2000. Active in the Corral, he served as Sheriff in 2004. Fred initiated the Corral’s annual Western History Symposium and has spoken on a variety of subjects at that event.