

John Dallas van Hagan

John D van Hagan was born about 1853 in California.¹ He was the second of five children of James Bascom and Maria van Hagan.² The family was living in Nevada Township, Nevada, California, in 1860.³ On the 1880 census, John is a miner, living in Silver Reef, Washington, Utah Territory. His uncles, John and Charles, were also miners in Silver Reef that year.⁴

The next year, John was a miner, registered to vote in Tombstone, Cochise, Arizona. He moved to Pima, Arizona, by 1882 and lived there⁵ until 1890 when he moved to San Diego, California.⁶ A new gold mine took him to Harqua Hala, Arizona, in 1891⁷, and he registered to vote in Phoenix, Maricopa, Arizona, in 1892.⁸ When he wasn't mining, odd jobs kept him going, such as the work on First Street in Yuma, Arizona, for which he was paid \$22.50 in 1893.⁹

John was registered to vote in Yuma, Yavapai, and Pima Counties in Arizona over the next decade.¹⁰ In 1898, he returned home from packing fruit in Cuba, "looking quite haggard for his late experience". After the Spanish American War, Americans had an opportunity to make money in the fruit trade of Cuba. Cuban fruit packers placed pineapples, oranges, and other fruits into casks for shipment to the American market.¹¹ John died 15 July 1899 in Tucson, Pima, Arizona.¹²

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¹ United States Census, 1860.

² *Familysearch.org*

³ United States Census, 1860.

⁴ United States Census, 1880.

⁵ Arizona Voter Registrations, 1866-1955.

⁶ California Great Registers, 1866-1910.

⁷ *Arizona Republic*, 12 December 1891, p. 1.

⁸ Arizona Voter Registrations, 1866-1955.

⁹ *Arizona Sentinel*, 7 October 1893, p. 1.

¹⁰ Arizona Voter Registrations, 1866-1955.

¹¹ *Chicago Tribune*, 11 October 1898; *Arizona Daily Star*, 26 September 1928, p. 6; *Arizona Republic*, 27 September 1898, p. 3.

¹² Arizona County Coroner and Death Records, 1881-1971.