

The first Trustees of School District No. 1, which at that time included all of Maricopa County, were John P. Osborn, William H. Kirkland and James A. Young, appointed by John T. Alsap, Probate Judge, on June 10, 1871. First public school opened in Phoenix in latter part of 1871, teacher J. R. Darroche.

**T. 2 N. R. 2 E.**  
Surveyed by G. P. Ingalls in 1868  
April 17 to April 25

**T. 2 N. R. 3 E.**  
Surveyed by G. P. Ingalls in 1868  
April 28 to May 5

**THE SWILLING PARTY**

Members of the Swilling Party which was organized at Wickenburg and arrived in the Salt River Valley during the month of December, 1867, where construction work was started on the first canal:

- John W. Swilling - Leader of the party.
- |                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Peter Burns         | Thomas Mc Williams |
| Chapman             | Thomas Mc Goldrick |
| Brian P. D. Duppa   | Michael Mc Grath   |
| Jacob Denslinger    | Antonio Moreas     |
| Thomas J. L. Hoague | James Smith        |
| James Lee           | Ludovic Vandermark |
| John Larson         | P. L. C. Walters   |
| Frank S. Metzler    | Joseph Woods       |

**FIRST OFFICIAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOENIX SETTLEMENT**

"A settlement called 'Phoenix' was formed in the northeast part of the township during the winter of 1867-1868. It now contains about 50 persons who have displayed great energy in the construction of their 'Irrigation Ditches' and the clearing of their land and will this year bring under cultivation a large extent of country. The settlement, though young, bears every evidence of thrift and prosperity." (March 28, 1868)

The above statement forms a part of the field notes covering the survey of T. 1 N. R. 3 E. by Wilfred F. Ingalls, U.S. Deputy Surveyor.

**SKETCH MAP**

**SOME OF THE EARLIEST HOMESTEAD ENTRIES IN THE SALT RIVER VALLEY**  
-With Official Date of Settlement-  
Compiled by James M. Barney  
1931.

- OFFICIALS ELECTED AT FIRST COUNTY ELECTION HELD ON MAY 1, 1871**
- |                    |                       |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Thomas Barnum      | Sheriff               |
| James L. Mercer    | Recorder              |
| George E. Mowry    | Treasurer             |
| William A. Hancock | Surveyor              |
| R. Stinson         | District Attorney     |
| J. M. Henderson    | Public Administrator  |
| M. L. Stiles       | Supervisors           |
| F. A. Shaw         |                       |
| John A. Young      | Justices of the Peace |
| Charles Carter     |                       |
| James A. Young     |                       |
| Tom C. Worden      | Constables            |
| George Sterling    |                       |
- Phoenix was chosen for the County Seat

