

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 28

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

T. 1 N. R. 4 E.
 Sur. by Wilfred F. Ingalls
 April 16 to April 16, 1868

T. 1 N. R. 3 E.
 Surveyed by Wilfred F. Ingalls in 1868
 March 27 to April 4

•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
- Chapman
- Brian P. Dupper
- Jacob Denlinger
- Thomas J. L. Hoague
- James Lee
- John Larson
- Frank S. Metzler
- Thomas McWilliams
- Thomas McGoldrick
- Michael McGroth
- Antonio Moreas
- James Smith
- Ludvic Vandermark
- P. L. (Jack) Walters
- Joseph Woods

•SKETCH MAP•

SHOWING -
•SOME OF THE EARLIEST•
•HOMESTEAD ENTRIES•
•IN THE SALT RIVER VALLEY•

-With Official Date of Settlement -
 Compiled by James M. Barney
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•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 - Supervisor
 - F. A. Shaw - Supervisor
 - John A. Young - Justice of the Peace
 - Charles Carter - Justice of the Peace
 - James A. Young - Constable
 - Tom C. Warden - Constable
 - George Sterling - Constable
- Phoenix was chosen for the County Seat

•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.

