

**Tucson Fire Department**  
**Chief George P. Scholefield, 3rd Edition**



**Chief George P. Scholefield**

**5/21/1860 to 8/31/1942**

**3/5/1902, badge 10, Exemption list Chief—1906-1908**



**Chief George P. Scholefield**

**1899 Tucson Directory**

Scholefield George P. cattle inspector, 15 N. Church street,  
residence 628 N. 9th avenue.



**Chief George Scholfield**  
**1905-1909**



Courtesy Arizona Historical Society, Portraits, Scholfield, about 1908



The new Badges were distributed  
as follow.

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| 1 Arguillo Amado                     | 38 Russel J.E.                 |
| 2 Camacho J.                         | 39 Hale Ed.                    |
| 3 Sor H.                             | 40 <del>Sh...</del> E. Pacheco |
| 4 Swartz J.                          | 41 Montes R.                   |
| 5 Brachman H.                        | 42 Rodriguez J.                |
| 6 Lopez N.                           | 43 Payan H.                    |
| 7 Mayo J.                            | 44 Lost                        |
| 8 Martinez Enq                       | 45 Houghston                   |
| 9 Ramage J.                          | 46                             |
| 10 Scholefield G.P.                  | 47 Exner Zeller                |
| 11 <del>W...</del> E. J. Brannell    | 48                             |
| 12 Wolding F.                        | 49 <del>...</del>              |
| 13 Apple A.                          | 74. Alberto Munco              |
| 14 Ruff. C.                          |                                |
| 15 Starr R.                          |                                |
| 16 Sor J.                            |                                |
| 17 Lion M.                           |                                |
| 18 <del>...</del> Sc. <i>Johnson</i> |                                |
| 19 Barkley S. Y.                     |                                |
| 20 Purcell S. W.                     |                                |
| 21 Smith G. K.                       |                                |
| 22 Terran A.                         |                                |
| 23 Campbell W.                       |                                |
| 24 Ganz J.                           |                                |
| 25 Jimmy D.                          |                                |
| 26 Mellish H.                        |                                |
| 27 Rulby J. R.                       |                                |
| 28 Penny Dm.                         |                                |
| 29 Lost                              |                                |
| 30 Stockham J. S.                    |                                |
| 31 Inat J. S.                        |                                |
| 32 <del>...</del>                    |                                |
| 33 Ziegler A.                        |                                |
| 34 Lost                              |                                |
| 35 Hammond L.                        |                                |
| 36 Cruz N.                           |                                |
| 37 Petty R.                          |                                |

## Tucson Volunteer Fire Department

### Roll of Membership

Fire call \_\_\_\_\_ 190 or Funeral \_\_\_\_\_ 190

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## Chief George P. Scholefield

James M. Copeland.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT.

1908

Geo. P. Scholefield..... Chief  
 Frank Ganz..... Assistant Chief  
 John I. Reilly..... Treasurer  
 Permanent Members: Frank C. Norton, Alex McNiel.  
 Chemical Engine No. 1—John A. Reilly, Foreman.  
 Hose Company No. 1—J. Comacho, Foreman.  
 Hook and Ladder No. 1—Richard Petty, Foreman.

January 4, 1904	Mayor Council	Charles J. Schumacher P. Contzen M. J. Duffy V. S. Griffith P. Humans George P. Scholefield F. J. Villaescusa	(resigned 8/1/04, E. P. Vankuren replaced him)
September 6, 1904	Mayor Council	Charles J. Schumacher M. J. Duffy V. S. Griffith George P. Scholefield E. P. Vankuren P. Contzen F. J. Villaescusa	

### 1920 United States Federal Census about George P Scholefield

Name:	George P Scholefield	
Age:	59	
Birth Year:	abt 1861	
Birthplace:	New York	
Home in 1920:	Rosemont, Pima, Arizona	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Relation to Head of House:	Head	
Marital Status:	Married	
Spouse's Name:	Clara A Scholefield	
Father's Birthplace:	New York	
Mother's Birthplace:	New York	
Home Owned:	Own	
Able to Read:	Yes	
Able to Write:	Yes	
Neighbors:	<a href="#">View others on page</a>	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	<a href="#">George P Scholefield</a>	59
	<a href="#">Clara A Scholefield</a>	56

Chief George P. Scholefield

June 10, 1894, *Arizona Daily Star*:

George P. Scholefield is in from his ranch, in the Santa Rita.

February 27, 1900, *Arizona Daily Star*:

While Inspector George P. Scholefield was sojourning over night at Perry Williams', Junction house in Maricopa, not long since, some creeping thing took a fancy to Mr. Scholefield's hand, not on account of its size, but for reasons best known to the creeper. The creeping thing left an impression, but Mr. Scholefield did not give much thought to the circumstance for a time. He finally consulted his physician who pronounced the wound to have originated from the sting of a tarantula. It was a case of heroism and now the doctor says George P. will get over the trouble, if he will practice several days of patience.

June 5, 1900, *Arizona Daily Star*:

Cattle Movements.

Inspector George P. Scholefield went to Arizola on Saturday last and inspected 676 head of cattle for F. J. Burns, who shipped them to Santa Barbara county California. The cattle were from John Zellweger and Jos. Chamberlain.

On Monday Mr. Scholefield inspected 813 head which were bought of John Brown, Wm. Atchley and others. These cattle go to Denver for account of W. M. Jones, Denver.

O. T. Richey was over to Arizola with Mr. Scholefield. The gentlemen are interested in cattle shipping, having recently combined their issues.



February 25, 1901, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

## Clay McGonigle Beats Record of the World.

Yesterday was the last day of the big race meet of the Union Park driving club, and three days of sport ended with a record-breaking steer-tying contest.

The big meeting was probably the most successful one ever held in Tucson, and the driving club is today receiving the congratulations of the people of Tucson. The efforts of Secretary Schuster, **George Scholefield** and Jack Moore, all men who accomplish what they set out to do, were responsible for the success of the meeting. They left nothing undone to make the first meet of the driving club a triumphant one, and their work was crowned with success. During the three days' meet there were 2,500 people admitted to the park. The grand stand was taxed to its utmost each day, and hundreds of people witnessed the races and cowboy sports from their carriages and many rode out on their horses.

The first event of Sunday's meet was the running race in which Sleepy John, Tom Thumb and Bay Billy entered. The race was won by Sleepy John the time being 24 2-5; Tom Thumb took second money.

In the free-for-all there were three entries, Surprise, Nannie Lee and Black Paddie. Surprise took the first heat in 2.27 2-5, and Nannie Lee took second place. The second heat was won by Surprise in 2.23 and Black Paddie came in second.

Windy Jim won the three-eighths running race, Sleepy John was second and Antonio LaRue third.

November 24, 1901, *Arizona Daily Star*:

In placing the name of **George P. Scholefield** in nomination as councilman from the first ward, District Attorney Cooper said that Baby Tucson had thrown off her swaddling clothes and was now about to assume her position as a child of larger growth, and as such she was in need of good men to direct her course. He had seen great improvement in the past, and in the future Tucson would show still greater improvement. Mr. Scholefield was nominated by acclamation.

The councilman nominated for the second ward was Mr. O. M. Anderson, and he also, like the others, was nominated by acclamation.

There being no further business before the house, the meeting then adjourned.

December 4, 1901, *Arizona Daily Star*:

**VOTE FOR **GEORGE P. SCHOLEFIELD** FOR COUNCILMAN,**  
and you will secure the services of a good man, capable of attending to the city's affairs.



## Chief George P. Scholefield

December 7, 1901, *Arizona Daily Star*:

**George P. Scholefield** has many warm friends, as his candidacy has shown. He will do himself justice if our citizens place him in the responsible position as councilman. He has been identified with Arizona for twenty-three years.

March 6, 1902, *Arizona Daily Star*:

### FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Following the auditing of bills, those present voted favorably on the application of **George P. Scholefield** for membership. A plan for a substation was submitted, and the question of building was discussed. In the opinion of Chief Russell a building suitable for the purpose named could be erected for less than \$5,000. The matter is in an incipient state, but will shortly assume proportions. At a recent meeting of the council that body dedicated the triangular strip at Tenth street, Fifth and Toole avenues to the use of the fire department, for the location of a substation. The lot has a frontage of sixty feet on the streets named. The needs of the city demand one or more substations, and the initiative was well taken. It will be a down-hill pull from station No. 1, assuming that the one first chosen will be so styled.

Samuel Y. Barkley was elected treasurer, to succeed Homer Goss, who has retired from business and changed his address to California.

January 8, 1903, *Arizona Daily Star*:

### THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

At the regular monthly meeting last evening Member Stiffel was exonerated from all charges preferred. Chief Russell expressed thanks for the support accorded him in the past four years and declined to accept re-nomination. He desired to see others advanced. A vote of thanks was tendered the retiring chief, who was made an honorary with voice in all matters.

George K. Smith was raised from assistant to chief of the department. He thanked the members and said he would do his best to please. He has been a hard worker and deserved the promotion.

S. Y. Barkley was chosen assistant chief and Henry Mellish reelected second lieutenant. They made brief talks and expressed thanks.

Charles T. Connell was reelected secretary and Frank S. Treat succeeds Sam Barkley as treasurer.

Joe Flannigan was chosen foreman of the chemical; J. I. Reilly, assistant; James Hughes, secretary. A. V. Spicer is foreman of the hook and ladder, S. W. Purcell, assistant, and E. E. Johnson, secretary. H. Drachman was selected foreman of the hose, **George P. Scholefield**, assistant, and Harry Underwood, secretary.

A committee was appointed to arrange an entertainment through which to reimburse the treasury now depleted. The boys should have big returns when it comes off.

April 12, 1903, *Arizona Daily Star*:

### ARIZONA TO THE FRONT

Territorial Inspector **George P. Scholefield** went out last night with a carload of horses belonging to D. J. Galliher. Mr. Scholefield only goes on to El Paso but the car is billed through to Baton Rouge, La., where the horses will be used in work on the Mississippi levees. This item not only goes to show how serious an affair is the present situation on the lower Mississippi but emphasizes the growing importance of Southern Arizona in general and Tucson in particular as supply and shipping points for the eastern markets.

## Chief George P. Scholefield

April 15, 1904, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

D. I. Galliber had a lot of horses inspected by **George Scholefield** today. The shipment of two carloads goes to Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

November 22, 1904, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

**George P. Scholefield**, the cattle inspector, returned yesterday from a trip to Florence, where he was a witness in some cattle cases in the District court.

May 18, 1904, *Arizona Daily Star*: Edited

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF  
THE HELENA GOLD MINES  
COMPANY.  
KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE  
PRESENTS, That we, W. R. Benzle,  
John M. Shrote, A. R. Benzle, **George  
P. Scholefield** and Royal A. Johnson,  
whose signatures are hereto affixed  
do hereby associate ourselves to-  
gether for the purpose of forming a  
Corporation under the laws of the  
Territory of Arizona. Q

September 24, 1905, *Arizona Daily Star*:

The Tucson Blue Rock Club is taking on new life, adding new blood. There is a good list of officers, new, most of them. Added to the membership may be named **George P. Scholefield**, Dr. C. A. Schrader, E. O'Keefe, John I. Reilly, John Etchells, E. W. Graves, T. Conlon, W. N. Wilson, W. M. Pryce. These were added Friday night. About \$200 will be expended on the old grounds. There will be a meet next Sunday.

July 28, 1904, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

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"Best thing that could have happened, for it had come to the worst," said Cattle Inspector **George Scholefield**, who was talking about the recent rains and the good results that would follow. John Brown, Andrew Cronley, Frank Treat, Edward Vall, Lyman Wakefield and other cattlemen were all feeling good. But more is needed, as the parched ground has swallowed the first instalment. Another good rain through the south will be even more appreciated, although the first was certainly welcome.

July 28, 1905, *Arizona Daily Star*:

Carl, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. **George P. Scholefield**, met with a severe accident yesterday afternoon, while at work in the S. P. machine shops. An iron pin flew up, striking him above the eye, and fracturing the skull. Medical assistance was prompt and the doctors say there are strong hopes of saving the young man's eye. He was first taken to the hospital and last evening his father caused his removal to the family residence, 628 North Ninth avenue.



## Chief George P. Scholefield

January 9, 1905, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

♦P. Rodriguez was arrested yesterday by Ranger William Olds out in the Arivaca district on a complaint sworn to by **George Scholefield** charging the theft of a steer. It appears that Rodriguez, who originally claimed that he owned the steer, sold it to Anderson and Aguirre, who proceeded to transform it into steaks, mince meat, chops, and some other things. Inspector **Scholefield** happened along in time to observe that the brands on the steer's hide did not check up in regulation style, hence the arrest. Rodriguez was arraigned before Justice Richey this morning and his case set for 9:30 a. m. tomorrow. Bail was fixed at \$250, which was furnished.

November 27, 1905, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

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Space in the Star is cheap and platitudes are easily written, but this much is a fact which the Republicans can ring cannot deny: Councilman **George P. Scholefield**, one of the present Republican Councilmen, was defeated for nomination because he voted to put gambling out of commission. Mr. Scholefield was a candidate for renomination, but he was turned down cold. Does this indicate that the Republicans are sincere when they denounce gambling?  
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## City Councilman Made Good as Policeman

**George Scholefield**, chairman of the Police Committee, had a taste of real police life Sunday morning, when he was roused out of bed at 3 a. m. to aid in the capture of a bunch of Mexican marauders who were making night hideous for residents of Ninth avenue across the arroyo.

Together with Officer Urquides the bunch were rounded up and placed behind the bars, but not before they had given the officer and councilman a desperate battle, as a result of which the councilman has bruised knuckles.

There were four of the Mexicans who were celebrating. One of the party had a gun and they were making a visit to all the Mexican homes in the vicinity of Ninth avenue. Councilman Scholefield was awakened by the noise and started to investigate. He telephoned Officer Urquides, and together they managed to find the peace disturbers.

This morning in police court all were arraigned before Recorder Treat, and sentenced to 20 days in Park Policeman Petty's squad.

Policemen Flanagan and Duffy arrested seven Mexicans and Indians a short time before, making eleven arrests in an hour:



January 11, 1906, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

## George Scholefield New Fire Chief

### Nominated by Political Opponent, Sam Bark- ley--Five False Alarms Through Telephone Mixup--Jolly Banquet.

George P. Scholefield was elected chief of the fire department last evening. His election was unanimous. John Ramage withdrawing from the contest after he had been nominated by Frank Ganz. The other officers chosen were: Assistant chief, Frank Ganz; secretary, Gregory Martinez; treasurer, Frank Treat.

Scholefield was nominated by Sam Barkley. Two years ago Scholefield and Barkley were candidates for the Council on the Republican and Democratic tickets, respectively. Scholefield won. "I matched lances politically two years ago with the man whom I am about to propose for the chiefship," Mr. Barkley said. "I believed him a gentleman at the beginning of our campaign. I was assured beyond a shadow of a doubt that my belief was correct when the campaign ended. He played fair throughout. It gives me great pleasure to propose the name of George P. Scholefield, who has long been a faithful, enterprising and energetic member of the department, and a fireman who is eminently qual-

ified in every way for the responsible position of chief." This speech was greeted with cheers which made it a foregone conclusion that Scholefield would have been elected had there been a contest. The other officers of the department were easily filled.

After the business meeting was ended, the firemen and their friends paid a visit to the banquet table. A fine spread of turkey, beef, ham, salads and appetizing dainties had been prepared by caterer Alex Roast.

Speeches, solos and readings then followed. Among those who contributed to the entertainment were L. V. Russell, chief of the Southern Pacific fire department; Vic Griffith, F. R. Hurlburt, the Redford brothers, William Reed, I. Doe and S. W. Purcell. Chief Scholefield acted as toastmaster.

The pleasure of the evening was marred by five false alarms. Not only did the ringing of the gong annoy the firemen who having a jolly time upstairs, but it also excited the department horses very much. They are accustomed to seeing the doors swing open when the gong rings.

It was found that the difficulty was caused by a private citizen who wished to speak with a party at the meeting. The telephone people were at fault, as the phone is supposed to be strictly a private wire and is to be used only for notifying the department of fires. It was claimed at the exchange that the frequent ringing of the fire department gong was due to the wires "getting crossed at central."

January 11, 1906, *Arizona Daily Star*:

## **FIRE LADDIES**

### **ANNUAL ELECTION.**

There was a large gathering at the fireman's hall last night. It was the occasion of the annual election. The Southern Pacific **fire** laddies were also present which made an aggregate number of **fire** boys of about 60, and a stalwart lot of laddies they are. The election resulted in Geo. Scholofield being elected chief and Frank Ganz being elected assistant.

This is the 7th year of the organization, and there are several who have served continuously for seven year. By virtue of the law they are exempt from jury duty. After the election a sumptuous banquet was served by Alex Rossi, the popular caterer. This was followed by a smoker, short speeches over which Chief Scholofield presided with his usual good humor, giving life and spirit to the occasion.

Frank Russel, retiring chief, was a conspicuous figure, as he is considered the father of the department, and has given much time and labor in bringing it up to its present state of perfection. Last evening was certainly a pleasant affair for the **fire** boys.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

There was a brief meeting held last evening when a corporals' guard of the membership of Tucson's Volunteer Fire Department met and disposed of outstanding accounts.

Chief Scholefield sent word that illness prevented his presence and assistant Chief Gans failed to show up. These facts meant a short session, although the boys talked fire matters for some minutes, but did not take action further than is stated above.

The department is in good hands with **George P. Scholefield** at its head, ably assisted by Frank Gans, while Secretary Gregorio Martinez is as much in earnest for the good of the cause.

There is a general desire for the adoption of a plan whereby the department will be promptly advised of the location of fires. The telephone company is desirous of helping in this regard, without material cost to the department. Complaints, if any, the phone people wish to have filed, that corrections may be made poco pronto.



## Chief George P. Scholefield

January 27, 1906, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

Armed with a buggy whip, **Fire** Chief G. P. Scholefield amused a crowd at noon today by chasing a thief who had stolen his overcoat up Congress street. The thief was caught after a hard run and taken to the city prison.

May 5, 1906, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

### To Ask Council For Alarm System

Fire Chief Will Make Improvement  
in the City **Fire** Department.

January 2, 1906, *Arizona Daily Star*:

Arizona Firemen chose the following officers:

President—J. A. Sheffield, Jerome.  
First Vice President—A. A. Johns, chief of Prescott Fire department.

Second Vice President—**George Scholefield**, Tucson.

Treasurer—O. E. Bellas, Phoenix.

Secretary—J. M. Shott, Phoenix.

J. Comache represented Tucson at the meeting as a delegate.

The Stock Growers' Association elected officers for the ensuing year. This organization is in fine shape for the third year.

It is very probable that **Fire** Chief Scholefield will petition the Council for a better **fire** alarm system for this city. Considerable time is lost very often before the department can be notified of a **fire** under the present arrangements.

Chief Scholefield said today: "The Tucson **fire** department responds as quickly as any in Arizona or New Mexico. As soon as the alarm reaches the engine house it starts a buzzer going, the horses are released from their stalls, they run to their places, the harnesses drop and the **fire** department is on its way.

The great trouble however is with the method of calling up the **fire** engine house and notified them of a **fire**", continued Mr. Scholefield. "It very often happens that there is no telephone in the house in which a **fire** starts. It is necessary then to run out and find a phone before the alarm can be given. It would be even worse should a **fire** break out late at night when every one has retired. Should a passerby discover the **fire** he would be unable to give an alarm until he had routed out of bed different people until he finally came to a house where there is a telephone.

"What this city needs is a system of alarm boxes and the need is very great.

Chief Scholefield stated also that the department would be more systematized. He declared that henceforth the paid men at the engine house will keep a book in which they will record all the **fire** together with all the obtainable information. It has been the custom in the past when the department was called out to take the name of the residence or business block damaged only when the name was stumbled upon by chance.



May 8, 1906, Tucson Daily Citizen:

## Pressing Fire Needs Pointed Out In Chief's Report

Combustibles Stored in Rear of Buildings In Business Section Must be Removed. More Hose and Equipment Needed.

### NEW ALARM SYSTEM SHOULD BE SECURED

Attention was called last evening by Councilman Hohusen and also by the report of Fire Chief Scholefield to combustibles which are being stored in the rear of buildings in the business section of the city. The combustibles include hay, old boxes, waste paper, excelsior and other materials which are highly inflammable and which endanger surrounding business property.

Councilman Hohusen stated that his attention had been called to this violation of the city fire ordinances by several business men who desired to have the ordinance rigidly enforced.

The fire chief and the fire committee of the Council were instructed to make a personal investigation and to take immediate action.

Fire Chief Scholefield presented a lengthy report to the Council which reveals a state of affairs which is alarming.

The fire chief states in his report that if fire should break out in the business section at a time when a high wind is blowing the buildings would be at the mercy of the flames as the fire department with its inadequate

equipment would be almost powerless before a big fire.

The report of the fire chief was occasioned by a controversy as to who was to blame for the delay in the fire department's arrival at a fire on Scott street in the Kirk Hart building several weeks ago. The department did not respond until ten minutes after the fire had been discovered and an investigation was ordered.

Chief Scholefield in his report exonerated both the fire department and the telephone company. He placed the blame on the general fire alarm system, which he characterized as antiquated and not sufficient for the needs of a city of the size of Tucson.

Councilman Trippel at this point called the attention of the Council to a proposition which Manager C. W. Hinchcliffe of the Consolidated Telephone, Telegraph and Electric Company had made several months ago.

At that time Mr. Hinchcliffe offered to install a system of independent lines with boxes to be placed at accessible points in different parts of the city. From these phones connection could be had direct with the fire station or the police station. The cost would be very small in comparison with the Gamewell system which had been considered and which according to Councilman Trippel would cost between \$12,000 and \$15,000.

The fire chief, continuing his report, urged the purchase of at least 1,000 feet of hose. The hose equipment is not what it should be, the chief states.

There is need also of a medium sized fire engine and the engine house should be located near Sixth avenue and Congress street that the run to any section of the city would not necessarily be up grade. Firemen contend that the first half mile is the hardest for the horses and from the present station it is up grade in nearly every direction save to the west.

May 8, 1906, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

With the present alarm system, the report stated that from three to five minutes are lost in finding a telephone in some house and in getting in communication with "central". The fire chief stated that at the fire in the vicinity of the Southern Pacific oil tanks about three weeks ago, he had to go to three different phones before he could find one in working order and get communication with "central" to send in the alarm. He stated also that the fire department is on the street in from 30 to 50 seconds after the alarm comes in and invites citizens to visit the fire engine house to see the drill at 8 o'clock every evening.

An ordinance is asked for in the report requiring vehicles of all kinds to go to the curb and remain there until the hose wagon and chemical have passed. The fire chief states that the drivers frequently have to pull up their teams to avoid collision with people who refuse to get out of the way. Attention is also called to the need of fire lines keeping crowd back at least 200 feet from a burning building in order that the firemen may work unhampered. It is stated that crowds about the fire plugs also interfere with the firemen in coupling on the hose.

Concluding the report calls attention to the coming dry season and mention is made of hay, boxes, excelsior, straw and paper that is stored in the rear of business buildings which should be immediately removed. In the report mention is also made that the "small boy with the deadly cigarette is also with us" and requires careful watching as this is a frequent cause of fires. Stored hay caused 60 per cent of the fires here last year, the report concludes.

June 14, 1906, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

## Firemen Will Observe the Fourth

Will Have a Hose Race Between Southern Pacific and City Hose Teams  
—Revising Firemen's List.

The volunteer firemen will have a Fourth of July celebration of their own. It was called to their attention at the June meeting of the firemen last night that the Fourth is not to be observed in any formal way in Tucson, and they decided to contribute some sport of their own for the amusement of the public.

The sport will be a hose race between the Southern Pacific firemen, headed by L. V. Russell, and the city firemen, under Reyes Camacho. The Southern Pacific firemen are members of the city fire department, but they have long been a separate branch and there is very keen rivalry between the two hose companies although the rivalry is of the friendliest nature.

The run will probably be made to the hydrant at Main and Simpson streets and the celebration end up at Elysian Grove. A committee consisting of Tom Conlon, Frank Ganz and C. E. Raber was appointed to arrange the details of the event.

A new roll call book will be bought by the fire department and the list revised. On the present book there are many names of men who at one time belonged to the department, but who have since either moved out of the city or have died. The new book will contain only the active members.

Fire Chief Scholefield is getting the department down to a business basis and only bona fide firemen will be retained and allowed to share in the exemptions which come as a reward for services as a volunteer fireman.



May 10, 1906, Tucson Daily Citizen:

## Firemen Must Attend Fires Or Drop Out

Record Will be Kept by Secretary and Weeding Out Process Will be Begun.--  
Other Fire Matters

A weeding out will be instituted in the ranks of the Tucson volunteer fire department. Firemen will be required to attend fires and the monthly meetings or their names will be dropped from the department roll.

The time of the "stand-in" members has passed and henceforth credit will be given to the firemen who really go to the fires and do real work. There are many privileges which go with membership in the fire department, among them being a certain tax exemption and exemption from jury duty. However, in future, these benefits will be enjoyed only by those firemen who come up to the regulations, which require that all firemen attend at least 60 per cent of the fires. A register will be kept and the names of those who attend fires will be recorded by the foremen of the different companies.

The monthly meeting of the department last evening was well attended. Through the generosity of A. W. Forbes, the mining expert, there were plenty of refreshments. The department, through good work recently saved Mr. Forbes' home from the flames which destroyed the Schumacher barns in the rear of Penning-

ton street.

The firemen will hold a social session on Saturday evening, May 19. At this session a musical program will be given which will be first class. The entertainment end will be arranged by L. V. Russell, chief of the Southern Pacific fire department, Frank Ganz and R. Camacho.

The members of the Southern Pacific fire department were admitted to full membership and Thomas Conlon, superintendent of the water department, was re-admitted. Mr. Conlon belonged to the department for a number of years.

The department voted to join the Arizona Territorial Fire Department Association, which was organized last fall. Chief George P. Scholefield is second vice president of the organization. James Hughes was made janitor of the firemen's hall at a salary of \$5 per month. The hall has not been cleaned for several months, as there has been a strike on, according to the fire chief, between the paid firemen and the city jailer, as to who should clean the hall.

Six new members were admitted last evening. They were Fred Omes, J. Machado, V. Valenzuela, A. C. Bernal and Garnillo, to the hose company under Foreman Camacho, and C. E. Raber to the chemical under Foreman John Reilly. The secretary was instructed to purchase twenty-five new fire badges.



May 10, 1906, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

## Frame Buildings Going Up Within The Fire Limits

### Fire Chief After Personal Investigation States That the Fire Ordinance Is Disregarded by Builders

Following up his report to the Council on Monday evening in which he stated plain facts about the fire conditions in Tucson and the pressing needs of the department, Fire Chief **George P. Scholefield** has made a tour of the city which will probably result in a second report that will be more startling than the first.

The fire chief has discovered that frame buildings are being put up within the fire limits, contrary to the fire ordinance.

What is more surprising, he has found also that city building permits have been obtained for some of these frame structures, allowing the construction.

The fire limits are the boundaries of the city before the recent annexation. The city fire ordinances are very specific and state that within these limits no frame structure may be erected. The purpose of this ordinance is to protect residence and business property and to lessen the danger of a bad fire.

"I have found a number of frame buildings which have been erected contrary to the city fire ordinance," remarked Mr. Scholefield today, "and I shall make a report to the Mayor, detailing the exact conditions.

"I was surprised in several instances that city building permits had been obtained allowing the construction of these frame structures. Some of them are a positive menace to business structures, and in this class might be included several frame lunch counter stands recently erected.

Building permits are issued by City Engineer Wright. Mr. Wright was shown a permit which had been made out for a barn for M. Mitrovich, on Fifth avenue between Seventh and Eighth avenues. The permit calls for "a barn, 24x40, iron and frame. Shed 14x28, iron roof, wood and brick ends."

The attention of the fire chief was called to this by seeing several thousand feet of lumber lying in the yard. He was told that it was to be used for the buildings and was shown the city building permit. The city engineer stated that he understood that corrugated iron was to be used in the walls.

At the last Council meeting, City Engineer Wright stated that the building permit ordinance was not-

being lived up to by builders. He said that the builders in many instances do not take out a permit until the structure is half completed.

May 11, 1906, *Arizona Daily Star*:

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The monthly meeting of the Tucson Fire Department was held last evening. Chief **George P. Scholefield** in the chair, Greg Martinez taking notes as secretary.

Fred Omise, E. C. Raber, B. E. Valenzuela, J. Michado and Tom Conlon were admitted, the latter reinstated as an old member in good standing.

Chief Scholefield made a report and issued strenuous orders for the betterment of the department.

The secretary was instructed to forward dues of the department as a member of the Arizona Firemen's Association.

The S. P. Company was admitted to membership.

Jim Hughes was appointed janitor at a salary of \$5 a month.

A. W. Forbes sent a keg of beer and a box of cigars in recognition of the services rendered by the department in saving his home on the occasion of the fire which destroyed the Schumacher barn.

An order was made for new badges.

Saturday evening, May 19, was set for a general good time when the department will spread a banquet for the members and invited guests.

October 23, 1906, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

Phoenix firemen are making preparations to entertain the members and delegates of the Territorial Firemen's Association to be held in Phoenix. Tucson, Prescott, Phoenix, Jerome, Bisbee, Douglas and Yuma belong to the association. **George P. Scholefield** of this city is second vice president.

**Tucson Lost  
Gheerfully  
To Prescott**

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**Territorial Firemen Will  
Hold Their Annual Meet-  
ing Next Year in the Me-  
tropolis of Northern Ariz-  
ona.**

November 16, 1906, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

Tucson was defeated in the attempt to secure the Territorial firemen's meeting next year. Prescott was the victor.

The Tucson delegation, when it left for Phoenix, hoped strongly to secure the convention next year for Tucson. They offered good inducements, but the Prescott delegation were the first on the ground and they managed to secure enough delegates in advance to win the day for them. The Prescott delegates claimed that they were entitled to the convention next year inasmuch as they allowed the convention to be held in Phoenix this year after it had been announced for Prescott. This view was generally accepted and in order to preserve good feeling and harmony, the Tucson delegation finally voted for Prescott.

George B. Scholefield, chief of the Tucson **fire** department, was again elected second vice president of the Territorial association.

A request will probably be made this winter to the Legislature to enact a law providing that 2 per cent of the premiums received by **fire** insurance companies doing business in Arizona be set aside for organized **fire** departments.

The visiting firemen were given a fine reception by the Phoenix **fire-**men. Phoenix has a paid department and two steamers. It has, without doubt, the best equipped department in the Territory.

There was no race between the Tucson team and any of the other teams, as the challenge of the locals was not accepted.



November 16, 1906, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

# Officers Are Named By Firemen

**The Present Officials Will  
Continue in Office for An-  
other Year--Will Have a  
Banquet.**

The annual election of officers of the volunteer fire department was held last evening at a special meeting of the department. With the exception of the treasurer, all the old officers were renominated. Their confirmation will take place at the regular meeting of the department next Wednesday evening. Treasurer Frank Treat, who has held the office for two years, did not care for a re-nomination, and Judge S. W. Purcell was nominated treasurer.

George P. Scholefield, who has been chief for the past year, will be at the head of the department for another year, and Frank Ganz will be assistant chief. Greg Martinez will continue as secretary of the department.

At the regular meeting next Wednesday evening a banquet will be given after the regular business has been disposed of. A number of leading musicians and entertainers will

be invited to attend and furnish entertainment.

A committee consisting of Judge S. W. Purcell, J. S. Stockham and Steve Rogers was appointed to draft a resolution to be presented to the Council asking that two additional paid firemen be added to the department.

The annual report of the department treasurer showed that there is a balance in the treasury of \$75. The department receives from the Council each month \$50. During the past year Tucson has been fortunate in having few fires, but the department has done effective work every time the occasion offered.

The officers of the companies are: Chemical—John I. Reilly, captain; Nick Lopez, assistant; D. M. Penny, clerk. Hook and ladder—Richard Petty, captain; Nabor Cruz, assistant; G. K. Smith, clerk. Hose—J. Comacho, captain; R. M. Pacheco, assistant; M. Leon, clerk.



January 31, 1907, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

## New City Officers and Council Committees

The new officers of the city are as follows:

Mayor—Charles F. Slack.

Councilmen—Ben Heney, Adolf Ball, Rudolph Rasmussen, C. E. Hutchinson, Mose Drachman and Charles Hoff.

City Marshal—J. S. Hopley.

Day Jailor—Anthony O'Donnell; night jailor—Esau Mills.

Policemen—Pat Flanagan, C. A. Beardsley, Thomas Johns and Carmen Mungia.

City Engineer—Edward Dietrich.

City Recorder—Frank S. Treat.

City Assessor—James Flynn.

Water Works Superintendent—Thomas Conlon.

Fire Chief—George Scholefield.

The Council Committees are as follows:

Finance—Hutchinson, Heney and Drachman.

Building and Land—Heney, Ball and Hutchinson.

Police—Mayor Slack, Heney and Hutchinson.

License—Ball, Rasmussen and Hutchinson.

Purchasing—Hutchinson, Heney and Ball.

Water—Mayor Slack, Heney, Rasmussen and Ball.

Street—Rasmussen, Hutchinson, Heney.

Sewer—Heney, Hutchinson and Ball.

Printing—Rasmussen, Hutchinson and Drachman.

Health—Mayor Slack, Hoff and Rasmussen.

Cemetery—Hoff, Rasmussen and Heney.

Fire—Drachman, Rasmussen and Ball.

Library—Ball, Heney, B. M. Jacobs, S. L. Kingan and Dr. K. C. Babcock.

November 4, 1907, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

## City Officers and Council Committees

The Council Committees are as follows:

Finance—Hutchison, Heney and Drachman.

Police—Mayor Slack, Heney and Hutchison.

License—Ball, Rasmussen and Hutchison.

Building and Land—Heney, Ball, Hutchison.

Purchasing—Hutchison, Heney and Ball.

Water—Mayor Slack, Heney, Rasmussen and Ball.

Sewer—Heney, Hutchison and Ball.

June 7, 1907, *Arizona Daily Star*:

**FIREMEN DELEGATION TO  
PRESCOTT HAS BEEN  
CHOSEN.**

At the meeting of the Volunteer Fire Department last evening the delegation which will go to Prescott to be present at the unveiling of the statue to Capt. "Buckey" O'Neill was chosen. The members of the delegation are Chief **George P. Scholefield**, J. M. Comacho, Gregory F. Martinez, Judge S. W. Purcell, Thos. Conlon, F. W. Ganz and John I. Reilly.

A letter from A. A. Johns of Prescott, president of the Arizona Territorial Fire Department Association, was read. In his communication, President Johns stated that the gathering of the firemen would undoubtedly be the greatest in the history of the association.

Prizes aggregating \$750 will be given to the contending hose teams and there will be other sports which will be open only to the firemen of the territory, and no entrance fee will be required.

Excursion rates have been secured on all railroads. The fare from Tucson for the round trip will be \$9.55, which is unusually low. The entertainment will include a barbecue, cavalry drill, music by the Ft. Huachuaca military band and general entertainment by the citizens of Prescott, who are noted for their hospitality.

July 2, 1907, *Arizona Daily Star*:

**FIREMEN AND BALL  
PLAYERS GO TO  
PRESCOTT**

Determined to win for Tucson next year the honor of entertaining the members of the Territorial Firemen's Association, Chief **George P. Scholefield** and six members of the department will leave this evening for Prescott to attend this year's meeting of the association.

With the fire chief will go Judge S. W. Purcell, Superintendent Tom Conlon of the water department, R. Comacho, captain on one of the companies, Gregory, Martinez, secretary of the local association; John I. Reilly and Frank Gans, who is the assistant chief.

That this delegation will put up a great battle for next year's convention there is little doubt and they will be accompanied on their trip by the well wishes of the citizens in their endeavor to secure the next meeting.

With the firemen will go the members of the Corbett ball team, who hope to pluck the plum offered at the Prescott tournament. The great event will be the unveiling of the statue to Capt. "Bucky" O'Neill, but baseball will not be forgotten, and the Corbetts of this city, led by Captain Meyers, will contest with the Prescott, Humboldt and Winkelman teams for supremacy.

There will also be a number of events for firemen and Prescott will have a gala week.



July 5, 1907, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

# TUCSON LANDS NEXT FIREMEN'S CONVENTION

## George P. Scholefield Elected Territorial Chief.---Corbetts Played Fearful Ball

PRESCOTT, Ariz., July 5—Tucson was decided upon last night at a meeting of the Territorial Firemen's Association as the next meeting place of the Firemen's convention. There were several other cities that wanted the plum badly but the Old Pueblo won out and was finally the unanimous choice of the convention. The date for the meeting was left entirely with the Tucson firemen and will likely be on July 4 of next year.

To add to the cup of joy of the Tucson delegation Chief George P. Scholefield of the Tucson **Fire** Department was unanimously elected president of the territorial association for the ensuing year. Scholefield was nominated by S. W. Purcell of Tucson and his name swept the convention.

Umpire Wynkoop who judges most of the Tucson games and who is um-

piring here says that the exhibition put up by the Corbett team in its game with Humboldt yesterday was absolutely the poorest article of baseball ever furnished by any team in the present Tucson City League. The score of 12 to 2 hardly begins to tell the story. A lenient scorer gave the Corbetts 8 errors but 12 was probably nearer the correct number. Bernard, Allen and Keene who were successively tried as pitchers were simply batted all over the lot. One thing that helps to account for the wretched exhibition is that there was rain yesterday before the game and the grounds were in bad shape. The Corbetts will try to redeem themselves on Saturday and Sunday when they play the Prescott team. Allen and Meyers of the team are playing today with Prescott against Humboldt.



July 7, 1907, *Arizona Daily Star*:

## HAD A FINE TIME

### Returning Firemen Say Prescott People Are Most Genial Hosts

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Princes among entertainers, is the verdict of the returning Tucson people who attended the exercises of the unveiling of the statue to the late Captain "Buckey" O'Neill. Among those who came back today were Judge S. W. Purcell, Chief George B. Scholefield of the fire department; John I. Reilly, Frank Ganz, Greg Martinez and R. Comacho. All are members of the fire department and they were royally wined and dined by the Prescott firemen. In addition to their cordial reception, the Tucson delegation won for this city the next Territorial Firemens' convention and secured the election unanimously of **George P. Scholefield** as the new president.

"Prescott was certainly in her glory," remarked Judge S. W. Purcell yesterday. "The public squares there and the courthouse was ablaze with lights and the entire business section as well as the residence section was gaily decorated."

"Without doubt, Prescott is the most beautiful city in the territory. It has every natural surrounding to give it this distinction. Magnificent hills surround the city. The residence and the business buildings are attractive and substantially constructed and there are fine pine trees throughout the city."

Discussing the lamented ball game with the Humboldt team, the returning fireman stated that the Prescott and Phoenix citizens were pulling for Tucson at the start and that a

splendid section of the grand stand had been allotted to them. However, the rooting amounted to naught, for the Corbetts appeared to be afflicted with dementia basballia, which completely unnerved them. However, there was one consolation—"the team made a fine appearance in the street parade," was the ironical remark of one of the firemen.

Chief Scholefield stated that without doubt the crowd present at the exercises there was the largest the northern metropolis has ever seen. The streets were jammed day and night and day and the business thus caused helped to give that town a decidedly metropolitan air.

November 20, 1907, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

December 17, 1907, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

## REPORTS **FIRE** TO COUNCIL

### Chief Scholefield Is Gathering Data Regarding Monday Night's Blaze

**Fire** Chief George F. Scholefield stated today that he would without question, make a thorough report to the council at their next regular meeting of the big **fire** which destroyed the plant of the Gardiner, Worthen and Goss company and added that if his investigation showed any delay on the part of any persons connected with the service he would report the same.

"I propose to spare no one in this matter and if there is any blame I will certainly place it where it belongs," he said.

"It is well known that we have not a large enough department for the city, but nevertheless that is no reason why what we have should not be of the highest standard."

From persons who saw the blaze almost from its beginning and also from his personal observations, Scholefield is preparing his report and it promises to be a warm one.

## **FIRE** OFFICERS ARE NAMED

### Local Department at Its Meeting Last Evening Chose Leaders For Year

Officers for the fire department for the coming year were elected last evening at a special meeting which was held in the Firemen's hall. The regular meeting was to have been held on Wednesday evening but was postponed until last night.

There was a fair number of the firemen present. Election of all of the officers was by acclamation as no opposition was manifest.

George P. Scholefield who has been chief of the department for the past year and whose services have been satisfactory was again re-elected. The subordinate officers were also re-elected. None of the officials receive any pay, their services being donated to the city.

The officers are as follows: Chief, George P. Scholefield; assistant chief, F. W. Ganz; secretary, Gregory F. Martinez; treasurer, John I. Rellly; foreman hose department, J. Camacho; assistant foreman, Reyes Pacho; clerk, M. Leon; hook and ladder foreman, J. I. Rellly; assistant foreman, N. Cruz; clerk G. K. Smith; chemical foreman, J. I. Rellly; assistant foreman, N. Lopez.

December 18, 1907, *Arizona Daily Star*:

## OFFICERS ARE SELECTED BY FIRE DEP'T

**George P. Scholefield** Will  
Again Act As Head of The  
Firemen. — Other Officers  
Elected For Coming Year.

**George P. Scholefield** was, at a meeting held Monday night, re-elected a chief of the Tucson fire department for the coming year.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 with a good number of the members of the local department in attendance. There was no contest for any of the positions, and they were all filled by acclamation, with but one nominee for each office.

Besides selecting a chief to head the department, the following other selections were made: Assistant chief, F. W. Ganz; secretary, G. F. Martinez; treasurer, John I. Reilly; foreman hose department, J. Camacho; assistant foreman, Reyes Pacheco; clerk, M. Leon; hook and ladder foreman, J. I. Reilly; assistant foreman, N. Cruz; clerk, G. K. Smith; chemical foreman, J. I. Reilly; assistant foreman, N. Lopez.



May 22, 1908, Tucson Daily Citizen:

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF THE TUCSON VOLUNTEER  
FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Territory of Arizona, County of Pima—ss.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That on December 16, 1907, in compliance with the By-Laws of the Tucson Volunteer Fire Department, the said Department held a meeting at the Department Hall, in the City of Tucson, and elected and confirmed the following seven persons as directors of the Department for the year 1908, and until their successors are elected and qualified; viz:

George P. Scholefield, Chief Engineer;

Greg Martinez, Secretary and Member;

John I. Reilly, Treasurer;

Thomas Conlon, Jesus Comacho, Frank S. Treat and S. W. Purcell, all members; and on February 15, 1908, said department by meeting did order the directors of the Department to proceed at once to effect a corporation of the Department under the laws of the Territory of Arizona.

NOW THEREFORE, By virtue of the foregoing resolutions, the undersigned, incorporate the TUCSON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, and to that end have adopted the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I.

The incorporators are the officers and Board of Directors of the TUCSON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, to-wit:

George P. Scholefield, Chief Engineer and Chairman of the Board of Directors; Greg Martinez, Secretary and Member; John I. Reilly, Treasurer and Member; and Thomas Conlon, Jesus Comacho, Frank S. Treat and S. W. Purcell,

Members, and Frank A. Grans, Assistant Chief Engineer, and that the foregoing officers and members of the Board of Directors were elected by the said Department to hold office for the year 1908, and until their successors are elected and qualified.

The name of the Corporation is and shall be the TUCSON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, and its principal home or place of transacting business shall be at the City of Tucson, Pima County, Territory of Arizona.

ARTICLE II.

The general nature of the business proposed to be transacted by this corporation is as follows:

First: This Association shall be comprised of such persons who are now active members of the Tucson Volunteer Fire Department, and all persons who may become such active members under the rules and regulations, as is now or may hereafter be provided, by the By-Laws, this Association reserving the right to charge an initiation fee and annual dues and levy assessments against its members as the By-Laws may provide.

Second: It shall also have the right of electing honorary members under such rules and regulations as the By-Laws may provide.

Third: This Association shall be composed of firemen, or such persons as may desire to become firemen, for the mutual benefit of its members, and not for pecuniary profit.

Fourth: The objects of the Association are to promote good fellowship, encourage and educate its members in the art of defense against fires and other destructive elements, and to aid and assist its members when in distress or in sickness, and to provide funeral benefits, etc., as may be provided by the By-Laws, and for such purposes to have the right to own, buy, sell, mortgage, and otherwise deal in all kinds of real or personal property, and to sue and be sued, also loan such funds as it may have on hand, and own real estate for its business purposes, and the right to construct and own a home or homes for the purposes of protection of its members, and also to establish departments for defense against fire and other destructive elements, and make other regulations not repugnant to the laws of the Territory, and consonant with the objects of the Corporation.

ARTICLE III.

This Association shall issue such stock as its may deem best for the proper management of its business, not exceeding in the aggregate fifty thousand dollars, (\$50,000,) and the same is to be fully paid when issued, or it may hypothecate its stock as security for property obtained by it.

ARTICLE IV.

This Association is to commence business when its Articles of Incorporation are filed in the County Recorder's Office, of the Territory of Arizona, and a certified copy filed with the Auditor of the Territory of Arizona, and it is to be perpetual.

It is to have a common seal and alter the same at pleasure.

May 22, 1908, Tucson Daily Citizen:

ARTICLE V.

The affairs of this Corporation shall be conducted by a Board of seven Directors, which Board shall consist of the Chief Engineer, the Secretary, and Treasurer of the Association, and four members, which

Board shall be elected at the next annual meeting of the Association, as provided by the By-Laws, who shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified, and its duties shall be defined by the By-Laws, said Board may elect such said additional officers and appoint such committees as they deem best, either from their own number or from the members of the Association to aid in the management of the company.

The following persons shall constitute the Board of Directors until their successors shall be elected and qualified:

George P. Scholefield, Chief Engineer and Chairman of the Board of Directors;

Greg Martinez, Secretary;

John I. Reilly Treasurer;

Thomas Conlon, Jesus Comacho, Frank S. Treat and S. W. Purcell.

The highest amount of indebtedness or liability direct or contingent to which this corporation is at any time subject is not to exceed two-thirds of the value of its property and assets.

ARTICLE VI.

The private property of the members of this Association is and shall forever be exempt from any corporate debts or liabilities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We, the undersigned, have hereunto set our hands and seals this 17th day of March A. D. 1908.

GEO. P. SCHOLEFIELD,  
Chief Engineer and Chairman of the Board of Directors;

GREG F. MARTINEZ,  
Secretary and Member of Board of Directors;

JOHN I. REILLY,  
Treasurer and Member of Board of Directors;

F. W. GANZ,

JESUS COMACHO,

FRANK S. TREAT,

S. W. PURCELL,

THOMAS CONLON.

Territory of Arizona, County of Pima—ss:

George P. Scholefield, Greg Martinez and John I. Reilly, being each duly sworn on oath, each for himself, and not one for the other, says that, George P. Scholefield is the Chief Engineer, Greg Martinez is the Secretary, and John I. Reilly is the Treasurer, of the Tucson Volunteer Fire Department, and that they were duly elected on the 16th day of December, 1907, as Directors of the Tucson Volunteer Fire Department, to serve for the ensuing year of 1908, and that in compliance with the By-Laws of said Department, the Chief Engineer, George P. Scholefield, did appoint Thomas Conlon, Jesus Comacho, Frank S. Treat and S. W. Purcell as the other members of the Board of Directors, of said Department, to serve for the ensuing year of 1908, as fully set forth in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation of the Department, and that they are the officers who conducted the election of such directors.

GEO. P. SCHOLEFIELD,

GREG F. MARTINEZ,

JOHN I. REILLY.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of March, 1908.

My commission expires March 22, 1911.

(Seal)

JOSIAH IDE,

Notary Public.

Territory of Arizona, County of Pima—ss:

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the said Pima County, Territory of Arizona, on this day personally appeared George P. Scholefield, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, as Chief Engineer and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Tucson Volunteer Fire Department, described in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and Greg Martinez, Secretary and member thereof, and Thomas Conlon, Jesus Comacho, Frank S. Treat and S. W. Purcell, all known to me to be the members and officers respectively as above set forth of said Tucson Volunteer Fire Department, and each acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the said Association for the purposes and consideration therein expressed as his free act and deed, and by each of them voluntarily executed.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 17th day of March, A. D. 1908.

My commission expires March 22, 1911.

(Seal)

JOSIAH IDE,

Notary Public.

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Chief George P. Scholefield

June 24, 1908, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

**Appointed Forest Ranger.**  
An official announcement from the forestry service bureau states that Carl B. Scholefield of this city has been appointed a forest guard on the Santa Rita reserve, south of this city. He is a son of **Fire** Chief George B. Scholefield and is one of the popular young men in this city. He has been acting as a guard for some time and is well qualified for his duties as he has a thorough knowledge of that section of the country.

August 5, 1914, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

**George P. Scholefield** of Rosemont, Ariz., is a visitor in the city. Mrs. Frank W. Rose left Monday evening to join her husband at the Vekol mine.

November 4, 1911, *Arizona Daily Star*:

## DEMONSTRATES WHAT SANTA RITAS CAN DO

**George P. Scholefield** Presents  
Chamber of Commerce with  
Apples for Display

Tucson Chamber of Commerce received a box of ten beautiful red-streaked apples from Geo. P. Scholefield, yesterday, grown on Santa Rita mountain and supposed to be Ben Davis variety. The name matters little, unless they are sent to the territorial fair. One thing is certain, they have a perfume that would place them in the first premium class with honorable mention if they were to compare on that basis, and as for looks they could scarcely be beaten. There were ten of them—just enough for two display plates.



July 8, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

September 1, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star*:

## FIREMEN TO HONOR RETIRED MEMBERS

Nineteen members of Tucson's old volunteer fire department will be guests this evening when two veteran members of the professional department, recently retired, are honored at a banquet given in the Pioneer hotel by the local chapter of the International Association of Fire Fighters.

Alexander McNeil, former assistant chief, and C. B. Goudy, former captain, are the retired firemen. McNeil, second paid fireman in the department's history, also is a former volunteer.

The 19 volunteers were listed as Joseph A. Roberts, John I. Reilly, Harry Sayers, Frank Gans, Frank Robles, Henry Doe, George Doe, Irving Doe, Ramon Montes, C. Tellez, Tom Mills, Esau Mills, Frank Granido, Adolph Appole, Jesus Camacho, Navor Cruz, George Scholefield, Jim Hughes and S. W. Purcell.

## G. P. SCHOLEFIELD 64-YEAR ARIZONA RESIDENT, IS DEAD

George P. Scholefield, a resident of Arizona 63 years, died yesterday morning at his home, 3914 East Monte Vista drive.

Coming west from Utica, N. Y., at the age of 19, Mr. Scholefield went to work in Globe in the Old Dominion Mine, then known as the Silver King. Three years later he married and with his wife moved to the Santa Rita mountains south of Tucson, where they homesteaded the cattle ranch on which they lived until Mr. Scholefield retired two years ago.

The first cattle inspector for the territory of Arizona, Mr. Scholefield served 16 years in that capacity. During his early ranching days the Apache Indians were on the warpath and Geronimo, famed Indian warrior, raided the Scholefield property stealing horses and cattle but never attacking the ranch home. Ranching neighbors were killed, however, by the marauders. Scholefield was a member of the posse that later captured Geronimo.

Active in early day politics, Mr. Scholefield served as councilman at large in Tucson from 1904 to 1916. He was a captain in the volunteer fire department and both he and Mrs. Scholefield were members of the Arizona Pioneers Historical Society.

First man to be initiated into the B.P.O.E. in the Arizona territory, Mr. Scholefield was a lifetime member of the Elks organization, which will be in charge of the funeral service to be at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning at the Reilly Undertaking Company chapel. Burial will be in the Elks plot in Evergreen cemetery.

Surviving Mr. Scholefield are the widow, Mrs. Clara A. Scholefield, of the home; a daughter, Mrs. Helen A. Brodie, of Tucson; a son, Carl B. Scholefield, of Globe; and six grandchildren, A. Major Brodie, Blissie Scholefield, Carol Scholefield Tuttle, Catherine, Virginia, and George B. Scholefield.

## Chief George P. Scholefield

### George P Scholefield

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Birth: May 21, 1860  
Utica  
Oneida County  
New York, USA

Death: Aug. 31, 1942  
Tucson  
Pima County  
Arizona, USA

Son of Charles M. Scholefield and Helen M. DeGraff. Pioneer rancher in the Santa Rita Mountains. First cattle inspector for the Territory of Arizona. Councilman who sat several terms on the Tucson City Council. Fire Chief.

Married Clara Ann Moore about 1882. Their children: Armour Major Scholefield, Helen M. Brodie, and Carl Burnett Scholefield.

#### Family links:

##### Parents:

[Charles Scholefield \(1819 - 1869\)](#)

[Helen Marr DeGraff Scholefield \(1842 - 1920\)](#)

##### Spouse:

[Clara Ann Moore Scholefield \(1863 - 1947\)](#)

##### Children:

[Armour Major Scholefield \(1883 - 1906\)\\*](#)

[Helen M Scholefield Brodie \(1886 - 1957\)\\*](#)

[\\*Calculated relationship](#)

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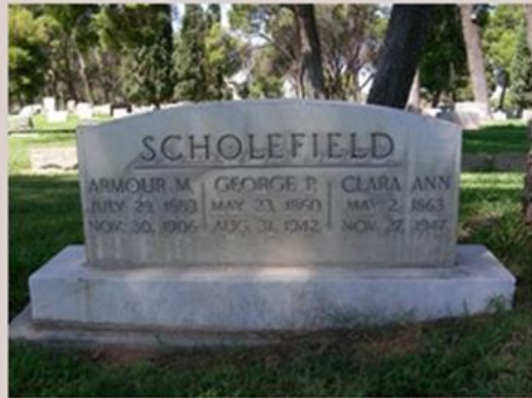
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# Greater Tucson Fire Foundation

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All graphics have been improved to make the resolution as good as possible, but the reader should remember that many came from copies of old newspaper articles. This also applies to other items such as documents, letters, etc.

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