



WHERE DID THAT NAME COME FROM?

For decades historians have tried to solve the mystery of why this community was named Glendale without any consensus. Mr. W.J. Murphy, who built the Arizona Canal in 1883-1885 and in order to pay debts on the canal, sold land south of the canal referring to the area as "Glendale". The name, is English and a boy's name. It means "wooded valley" or "glen". In the 1893 Arizona Republican Columbian Edition ran an ad by B.A.

Hadsell, referred to as founder of the colony, lauded the Glendale Temperance Colony of Quakers, Dunkards, Menonites, River Brethren and other temperance people with all deeds forever prohibiting the manufacturing or sale of intoxicating liquors. Until 1890 the area was simply referred to in writings as "near Alhambra", near Peoria, Arizona or northwest Phoenix and sometimes called Westfield. After the Arizona Canal was completed Laura and W.J. Murphy in their "love letters" referred to their "Glendale Castle". Alas, the mystery will continue to perplex the historians.