

Most Influential in Arizona

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Charles Poston was a fascinating, historic man in Arizona. He was a miner and then he became one of Arizona's icons. Charles Poston made the most impact because he made Arizona a territory, there wouldn't be anyone to assist if he didn't make Arizona its own territory, and he's the "Father of Arizona."

Charles Poston made Arizona a territory because he knew it couldn't be a part of the New Mexico territory. It was 1861 he made Arizona become its own territory from the New Mexico Territory. I could imagine Arizona not being its own territory, and then in the future there would be 49 states! In fact, New Mexico would be almost the size of California!

There wouldn't be anyone to assist if Charles Poston didn't make Arizona its own territory. Charles Poston made a territory for his rights from being kicked out of the New Mexico Territory. If he didn't make Arizona its own territory no one would be able to assist. For instance, if Arizona wasn't a territory, then George W.P. Hunt wouldn't be governor.

Charles Poston's still the "Father of Arizona", but it very complex in the beginning and end. First, he was at the southwest of the New Mexico territory (Arizona) to find minerals from an old abandoned mine, then he got kicked out of the New Mexico Territory and went to see Abraham Lincoln. Then he declared to Abe. Lincoln to construct Arizona its own territory, and Abe. Lincoln confirmed what he declared. After Charles Poston died, Arizona became a state.

Charles Poston made Arizona its own territory because of his own selfish reason, but if didn't make Arizona its own territory you'd be living in the New Mexico Territory. I think that Charles Poston made the most influence on Arizona because he made Arizona a territory, he there wouldn't be anyone to assist if he didn't make Arizona its own territory, and he was the "Father of Arizona." He was one of the marvelous icons in Arizona's history and we look forward to taking those steps again.