

Fremont Avenue



John C. Fremont
Governor of Arizona
1878 to 1883

FREMONT AVENUE is named in honor of the fifth governor of the Arizona Territory. Fremont, nicknamed "The Pathfinder", was a soldier and politician, but foremost an explorer. Fremont was born to a French adventurer in Savannah, Ga., in 1813. He briefly attended the College of Charleston in 1828 but was kicked out.

Over the next decade or so, Fremont led five expeditions to the West, surveying and assessing the viability of a railroad route. His various travels took him across the Salt Lake desert, to California, and across the San Juan Mountains of Colorado.

The new anti-slavery Republican Party nominated him for president in 1856, but he was easily defeated by Democrat James Buchanan. In the Civil War, he served as a major general in command of the Department of the West and contributed greatly to the support of the emancipation of slaves. From 1878 to 1883, he served as governor of the Arizona Territory, a position some historians say he was given to relieve his chronic poverty.

Fremont Avenue was originally named Nelson Street in 1896. Certain parts of the street would later be named Catalina Avenue and "D" Street. Around 1906, Fremont Avenue first appeared on maps, and soon the whole alignment had that name.

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