

# 1<sup>ST</sup> Street → North Street → Luna Street → Grant Road

Grant Road as shown in a 1947 Tucson map had four different names:

**DeMoss-Petrie Road** - Silverbell Road to Oracle Road

**Luna Street** - Oracle Road to Park Avenue

**North Street** - Park Avenue to Campbell Avenue, although a little south of the alignment. A small piece of “North” still exists west of First Avenue.

**Grant Road** - Campbell Avenue to Wilmot Road. This last naming is in honor of a Rancher, John Grant.

On Aug. 4, 1919, Abraham C. Grant petitioned the Pima County Board of Supervisors for the dirt road just south of his father’s “ranch,” from North University Farm Road (now the northern part of Campbell Avenue) east to North Swan Road, to be made a public highway. The first signature on the petition was J.B. Grant followed by his eldest son A.C. Grant and then other interested parties (likely landowners), such as Charles Blenman.



Circa 1891

**John Grant** was born on April 11, 1860, in Nova Scotia. At age 11, Grant began working on boats that traveled around Newfoundland and along the Eastern United States. At 21 he shipped to Halifax, Nova Scotia, and then to Boston, where he arrived on May 8, 1881 and “took up the hammer and saw.” May 11, 1885, he wed Evelyn MacPherson. They would go on to have at least 11 children from 1886 to 1910. On July 18, 1896, he became a naturalized U.S. citizen.

He had a tough time finding work because the country was still feeling the effects of the Panic of 1893. He landed contract work with the Southern Pacific Railroad Co., and in 1897 was sent to Cochise, about 70 miles east of Tucson, to build the staircase for the town’s train station.

In 1903 Grant homesteaded 80 acres that some came to call “Grant’s Ranch.” While it wasn’t technically a ranch, he did keep horses on the land. It was bounded by what today are East Glenn Street to the north, and East Grant Road to the south. For most of their time in Tucson the Grant family lived at 627 S. Park Ave in an area known as Millville....The supervisors established Grant Road, or Road No.1, on Jan. 5, 1920. Evelyn Grant died in 1937 and John B. Grant in 1945.

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Grant’s son at 627 N. Park

“Trick Riding”