



Veterinarian and town founder, [Dr. Alexander J. Chandler](#), was born in 1859 in the small town of [Coaticook, Quebec](#). His father [Joseph Chandler](#) was a baptist minister. His mother, [Mary Ann Lorimer](#), married Joseph after his first wife died. Chandler attended McGill University in Montreal. Graduating in 1882, he worked as a livestock inspector for the Canadian government before going into private veterinary practice in Detroit. In 1887 officials from the Arizona Territory went to the United States Department of Agriculture for a recommendation for the newly created office of [Territorial Veterinary Surgeon](#). [Dr. Salmon](#), the Chief of Animal Husbandry,

looked no further than A.J. Chandler, who was making a name for himself in Michigan. The territorial officials were quite surprised when he took the job, since it meant a heavy cut in pay.

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