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Born at ___________, Washington County, Pennsylvania _______

18 ____(about 1824). Son ___________ of ___________.

Stated in 1891 that he first came to Arizona, February 10, 1858; joined
the Walker Party in New Mexico which arrived in Northern Arizona in the spring
of 1863; on June 12 he recorded claim No. 10 above the discovery of placer
gold on the Hassayampa River "consisting of 100 yards in length and 50 yards
in width each side of centre"; he joined with James G. Sheldon on July 15,
1863, in recording claims No. 5, 6 and 7, each 100 yards in length "below the
head of the cannon on Link Creek, Pioneer District"; was mining at Rich Hill,
near Weaver, in September of that year.

He testified in 1889 that he and Washington P. Blair were at the ranch of
A. H. Peeples on the night of November 10, 1863, when a band of Apaches stole
21 horses and 8 mules; the three of them later joined a party headed by King
S. Woolsey, pursued the marauding Indians across the Verde River and from
the mouth of that stream went to the Pima Villages where they secured pro-
visions and the aid of 15 Indians; after a fight he counted 25 dead Apaches;
one of the party (Cyrus Lemon) was killed at Bloody Tanks in what is now
Gila County.

Was one of 52 signers of a letter addressed to Richard C. McCormick at
Fort Whipple, A.T., March 15, 1864, urging him to become a candidate for
Delegate to Congress and pledging their warmest support; again went with
Colonel Woolsey on a second expedition to punish the Apaches from March 29
to April 17, 1864; listed, Territorial Census, 1864, 3d District, age 40,
single, resident in Arizona 4 years, occupation - Miner; the following
references to him have been found in the Prescott Courier:
May 5, 1883 — James S. Chase, a very old pioneer is up from the Walnut Grove district.

March 29, 1884 — Mrs. Chase, pioneer miner, took out with a pan in 3 days on the Callen estates mines, Weaver district, $89 in coarse gold.

February 2, 1886 — J. S. Chase, a pioneer of this county, is in a fair way to become rich out of the Oro Fino gold diggings.

February 18, 1886 — J. S. Chase has sold his interest in Walnut Grove placers, and will locate in Wickenburg.

Died at Wickenburg, Maricopa County, A. T., April 24, 1904, buried cemetery.

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