

GROSVENOR, HORACE CHIPMAN

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GROSVENOR, HORACE CHIPMAN, born _____ at _____, _____ County, Ohio, April 17, 1820, son of Roswell and _____ (Chipman) Grosvenor; married Frances Maria Freeman at St. Charles, Illinois, in February, 1854; son, Augustine Turner Grosvenor.

Was a Printer by trade; learned wood engraving and made illustrations for magazines and books; resided in Cincinnati, Ohio, from 1842 until he left for the West, arriving in Tucson by stage June 11, 1858; Charles D. Poston subsequently stated how he came to the Gadsden Purchase:

When the Santa Rita Company was formed in Ohio in 1858, Mr. Grosvenor became one of the prominent members, and came out to Arizona in advance of the wagon train in company with a faithful friend, Phocian R. Way, to enter into possession of the Santa Rita mines. They were delighted with the grand old mountains where they had cast their lot, and made a camp in the valley of the Santa Rita, in front of the old Salero Mine.

In the winter of 1858 a large train of wagons arrived overland, having come through Texas loaded with tools and materials for working the Santa Rita mines, increasing the number of white employees there to about twenty-five men.

William Wrightson was in charge of the company; and a large capital for those times; amounting in the aggregate to some \$350,000, was expended in outfitting and populating the district. After Mr. Wrightson's return to the States in 1859, Mr. Grosvenor was left in charge of the mine as superintendent, and in 1860 Professor Raphael Pumpelly, who had just graduated from Frieberg, came out in the employment of the Company as mining engineer.

In 1861 the business was going on well in opening shafts and preparing the mine for working. Some rude furnaces had been erected for smelting and preparations were being made for a large shipment of machinery and increase of the working force at the mine.

Listed, U. S. Census, 1860, at Tucson, born in Ohio, occupation, Superintendent, Silver Mining Company, property valued at \$2000; the

Republican Herald and Post of Providence, Rhode Island, on June 22, 1861, printed the following announcement of his death written by Richmond Jones Jr.:

Mr. Jones, Engineer of the Sopori Land and Mining Company, writing from Sopori, New Mexico, under date of April 28th, gives the following sad intelligence:

"I have to communicate to you the death of Mr. H. Co Grosvenor, Superintendent of the Santa Rita Mining Company, who was murdered by the Apaches on the afternoon of the 25th inst., about two miles from the Hacienda on the road to Tubac. On Tuesday, Col. Poston started a wagon to Santa Rita, loaded with provisions and in charge of two Mexicans; and Mr. Grosvenor learning of their approach, went out on foot to meet them. Not returning as expected, Mr. Pumpelly, Engineer of the Company, started out in the evening in search of him, and found that the rascally Apaches had waylaid and murdered both Mr. Grosvenor and the Mexicans in charge of the teams, and run off the mules. Mr. Grosvenor was one of the most upright and estimable men in this country, and whilst no man here was better prepared to meet such a terrible fate - there is scarcely one whose loss would be more keenly felt. His death has saddened and depressed the hearts of all of us. We are led to exclaim, whose turn next?"

Col. Sayles from whom we received the above intelligence, and who travelled in company with Mr. Grosvenor on his first trip from the States to Arizona, some three years ago, speaks of him as a gentleman of large intelligence, of a vigorous and enterprising spirit, combined with artistic tastes. His pencil sketches of the wild scenery noticeable in a journey from San Antonio, Texas, to Tucson, were very fine. The Sopori Company have recently received a capital map of that portion of New Mexico, known as Arizona, drawn by Mr. Grosvenor.

Poston's account of his death on April 25, 1861, at the age of 41 is as follows:

Professor Pumpelly was in Tubac and accompanied a train of provisions to the Santa Ritas, arriving about supper time. Grosvenor, having ^{taken} his tea, became anxious about the non-arrival of the train, strapped his gun on his shoulder and said he would walk down the road a piece to ascertain the cause of the delay, and was shot and killed by the Apaches at an arroya about a mile and a half

from the hacienda, on the road to Tubac. They had previously killed the drivers and captured the train of provisions.

I went out next day and assisted at the funeral services. A sad and mournful time to bury poor Grosvenor's remains in that location - so far from his widow and home; but there his mortal body reposes, watched over alone for many years by the everlasting mountains which he loved so well.....He was an exceptionally moral man, and the inscribable curtain beyond the sod may have raised upon a scene of less turmoil and strife that he would have been doomed to pass through in the subsequent twenty years in Arizona. Thank God there are no more new countries to pioneer.

There is a headstone at his grave near the Santa Rita mine; the Grosvenor Hills in Santa Cruz County were named for him.

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