

McCAFFREY, JAMES E _____

Born in Baltimore, Maryland, _____, 18 _____. (about 1853)

Son of _____ and _____

Enrolled August 16 at La Porte, Plumas County, California and mustered in at Camp Downey (Oakland), August 30, 1861, to serve 3 years as Corporal, Captain Henry M. Benson's Company F, 1st California Infantry; age 28, occupation at enlistment, Miner; went with the Company to Southern California and was at Fort Yuma, January 1, 1862; left there May 15 arriving at Fort Barrett on the 31st; remained there 3 weeks and came to Tucson June 27; left for the Rio Grande via Apache Pass July 23 and arrived at Mesilla August 15; stationed at Fort Craig, N.M., where he was promoted to 1st Sergeant April 27, 1863.

Went with the Company to Fort Whipple, A. T. in December, 1863 and was honorable discharged there on August 29, 1864; listed, Territorial Census, 1864, 3d District (Yavapai County), occupation-Soldier; was Chief Clerk, H. of R. 2d Territorial Legislature, at Prescott 1865, and of the 5th, 1868 and 6th, 1871; appointed by Governor McCormick to be attorney General of the Territory, December 15, 1868 and reappointed by Governor Safford, December 31, 1870; served as Assistant United States Attorney in 1870; listed that year in the U. S. Census at Tucson, occupation - Lawyer, property valued at \$1,000; the Prescott Arizona Miner of January 6, 1872 printed the following comment on the acquittal at Tucson on December 15, 1871, of about 100 men jointly indicted for the murder of 128 Indians at the "Camp Grant Massacre";

"The war between the States"

JAMES E. McCaffry

The parties who were recently tried in the U. S. District Court for killing hostile Apaches and honorably acquitted, return their sincere thanks to Messrs. J. E. McCaffry and G. H. Gury for their noble act in volunteering to defend them. The trial will long be remembered and the gentlemen named can always recur to their part in it with feelings of honorable pride.

Appointed by President Grant as United States attorney for the Territory of Arizona January 25, 1872, in place of C.W.C. Rowell and took the oath of office on March 12; the Tucson Citizen of April 13, 1872, printed the following item;

Hon. James E. McCaffry, U. S. Dist. Attorney, is still detained at Arizona City by the seemingly vicious term of Court now running there, which is threatened to be continued from day to day until July 1, unless Judge Porter should fortunately arrive sooner. Mr. McCaffry writes his impressions of General Howard to Mr. Hughes in this language.

"I like General Howard's appearance, as he seems to be frank and unaffected; and so far as I have seen, he does not appear to have any pet theory to bolster up, but wants to ascertain the best course to pursue before determining definitely."

He was at a conference called by General O. O. Howard at Camp Grant in May, 1872, attended by representatives of the Pima, Papago and Apache tribes to bring about peace among the Indians and explained to the Apaches that the parents of Children taken by people in Tucson had a right to have them returned; the following advertisement was printed in the Tucson Citizen of December 19, 1874:

McCaffry & Clark. Attorneys and Counselors at Law Partners in all business except wherein the United States is a party. (Jas. E. McCaffry, United States District Attorney for Arizona). On Congress Street, Tucson.

Removed from office by order of President Grant, May 19, 1875 and was succeeded as U. S. District Attorney by Everett B. Pomeroy

JAMES E. McCaffery

died at Tucson, Pima County, A.T., January 4, 1876, aged 43;
buried _____ cemetery; the Coroner's Jury rendered
this verdict: "His death was caused by compression of the brain,
the result of a fall".

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p.1, C. 2 and June 8, 1872, p.1, C.2-4, December 19,
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WANTED

What is most needed are obituaries in the other Arizona newspapers
since the Citizen merely printed a death notice. There may also be something
in the newspapers as to why he was removed from Office by the President on
May 19, 1875.