MCCAFFREY, JAMES H

Born in Baltimore, Maryland, ____________, 18___ (about 1853
Son of ____________ and ____________

Enrolled August 16 at La Forte, 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 26, 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, 5th District (Yavapai County), occupation-
Soldier; was Chief Clerk, H. of R. 5th Territorial Legislature, at
Prescott 1865, and of the 5th, 1866 and 6th, 1871; appointed by
Governor McCormick to be attorney General of the Territory,
December 15, 1866 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 parcelled out war...
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 C. H. Cory 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 15, 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.
died at Tucson, Pima County, A.T., January 4, 1876, aged 43; buried in cemetery; the Coroner's Jury rendered this verdict: "His death was caused by compression of the brain, the result of a fall."

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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The Arizona Miner, Prescott, October 9, 1866, p.1, C.2; November 11, 28, 1868, p.8, C.4 and January 6, 1872.
The Arizonaian, Tucson, January 14, 1871, p. 3, c. 1.
The Alta California, San Francisco, April 4, 1869, p. 1, c. 8.

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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.