RUSH, JOHN ANDREW

Born at __________ Marion County, Missouri, January 17, 1819.

Son of _______________ and _______________

Married Sarah M. ___________ La Pal at ________________ ____________, on

February 15, 1842, who was born in Virginia in 1824.

Children, ______________

Came to California in 1850 and was at one time District Attorney of Colusa

County; State Senator from Colusa and Tehama Counties, 15th and 16th California

Legislatures, 1863–65; moved to Arizona in 1865; District Attorney of Yavapai

County, 1866; Member from Yavapai County, H. of R., 4th Territorial Legislature,

1867; Democratic candidate for Delegate to Congress, 1868; Joseph Fish in the

manuscript of his history of Arizona gives the following election results and

attributes his defeat to a political trade which involved the removal of the

Territorial Capitol from Prescott to Tucson:

"At the election of 1868 there were three candidates put before the


The vote was as follows:

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It appears that the returns from Pah-Ute were not given at this election.

The returns also show that Pima County voted almost solidly for McCormick,

showing that there were some grounds for Postons' assertion that McCormick

traded the capitol for Delegate."

Listed, U. S. Census, August, 1870, at Vulture City, Yavapai County, A.T.,

occupation - Attorney at Law; not long afterwards he moved to Phoenix where he

practiced law and acquired considerable property; on September 28, 1872 the first

Maricopa County Democratic convention was held in Phoenix and he was chosen Chairman
of the Central Committee; in 1876 he returned to Prescott and entered into a law partnership with Ed. W. Walls and for over a decade the firm of Rush and Walls handled many cases of note in the Territorial Courts; represented Yavapai County in the 9th Territorial Council, 1877; he was for many years a member of Astlan Lodge No. 177(1), F. & A. M. at Prescott.

About 1890 failing sight and hearing caused him to give up the practice of his profession and to seek relief by a change of residence to Sacramento, California, where he died on February 7, 1900, aged 81; buried, City Cemetery, Sacramento; at the time of his death the Phoenix Gazette said of him:

"He was among the first lawyers to come to the Territory and was known for the extremely careful manner in which he looked after a client's interests. John E. Rush was the kind of a man that always moves obstacles, no matter how difficult the task. In politics, a Democrat, he never hesitated to sanction any movement which would benefit his fellow man. Eager to help a person in distress and willing to bear the ills of another, he never met a man but what would always consider it an honor to be classed among Judge Rush's friends."

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