

# SAMPSON, AMASA BLUSH

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SAMPSON, AMASA BLUSH, born at Worthington, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, June 11, 1837. Son of Ira B. and Julia Ann (Blush) Sampson; married, Anna Gallagher at Helena, Montana on August 10, 1865, who died in Chicago, Illinois, 1894.

Joined a colony of Massachusetts people and settled at Hamptden on the Neosho River, Kansas; served in John Brown's Company in the Free State forces under General Lane, 1855-56; went to Pikes Peak in 1860 and was elected Sheriff of the Iowa Mining District before a County Government was organized.

Enrolled at Idaho Springs, Clear Creek County, Colorado Territory, August 20 and mustered in at Denver, September 30, 1861, to serve 3 years as Private, Company F, 1st Colorado Infantry; promoted Corporal May 12 and to Sergeant September 28, 1862; designation of the Regiment changed to 1st Colorado Cavalry in October, 1862; participated in the battles of Pigeon's Ranch or Glorietta, March 26-28, and Peralta, April 9 and 15, 1862, in New Mexico; reenlisted for one year as a Veteran Volunteer, January 1, 1864; honorably discharged at Fort Lyon, C.T., January 1, 1865.

Jointed the Montana gold rush in April, 1865, and remained in Helena until the spring of 1868; spent nearly two years in New York City and then removed to San Francisco, California, in 1869 where he successfully established the New York fancy goods store; came to Tucson, A.T., in February, 1879 and conducted a tobacco and stationary store at 206 Main Street; sold out the business and served as Recorder of Pima County from January 1, 1885 to December 31, 1888; Comrade Negley Post No. 1, G.A.R., at Tucson; Commander, Department of Arizona, O. A. R., 1889-1890; member I. O.O.F. and Red Men at Tucson;

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member, Arizona Pioneers Historical Society \_\_\_\_\_, 1884.

In 1895 he and Charles Bent discovered a large deposit of wolfram ore which they sold to the American Wolfram Company; returned to California and died at Los Angeles, January 29, 1920, aged 82; buried \_\_\_\_\_ Cemetery.

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