

SWASEY, GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS

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Swasey, Gustavus Adolphus, born in North Yarmouth, Cumberland County, Maine, May 23, 1815; son of Nathaniel and Hannah Plaisted (Horne) Swasey; married (1) Clarissa Jane Clifford at Bath, Maine, 1843; divorced in San Francisco, California, 1861, children - Emma Hannah (Mrs. Charles S. Hubbard), Fannie C. (Mrs. Frank Hassey), (2) Maggie L. Jones at Denver, Colorado, June 18, 1872; divorced at Florence, Arizona, May 7, 1879 (she died at Globe, Arizona, 1887), daughter - Emma H., born at McKeesport, Pennsylvania, 1874.

Went to sea on the ship "New England" as a cabin boy, age 17; his first voyage was to New Orleans, thence to Liverpool, England, and return to Bath, Maine; rose through all grades on sailing vessels to Ship's Captain; sailed around Cape Horn to San Francisco, 1847; engaged there as Master Mariner and was also Port Warden; sent his daughter, Emma Hannah, to Berlin, Prussia, to receive instruction "under Gravianza, the Italian master, who brought out Madam Nordica."

Enrolled at San Francisco, October 5, and commissioned 2nd. Lieutenant, Company B, 2nd. California Infantry, November 23, 1862; honorably discharged at Benecia Barracks, California, on tender of resignation by S. O. No. 156, Hq. Department of the Pacific, June 30, 1863.

Admitted to the Bar and came to Arizona to practice his profession; appointed by the Board of Supervisors of Pinal County as Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 8, Globe City, December 8, 1879; elected to that office, November 2, 1880; **elected first** Probate Judge of Gila County and served from April 6, 1881, to December 31, 1886, being **twice** reelected; established the Globe Mining and **Real Estate Agency**; was Notary Public and Commissioner of Deeds for all

Pacific States and Territories; returned to California and was Justice of the Peace in Alameda; died from a fall down a flight of stairs in San Francisco, California, March 10, 1906, aged 91; S. C. 990,092.

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