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ANDERSON, JAMES, born in Erie County, Pennsylvania, August, 1823; went to Kentucky when 17 years of age where he studied law and was admitted to the bar in May, 1843; moved to Tennessee, 1844; enrolled May 30 and mustered in at Knoxville, June 10, 1846, as 3rd Sergeant, Captain Caswell's Company, 1st Regiment Tennessee Cavalry, which subsequently became Company K, 1st Regiment Tennessee Mounted Infantry; promoted 2nd Lieutenant July 4, 1846; participated in the Mexican war and was left at Tampico, Mexico, in command of a detachment from several companies of the Regiment, March 1, 1847; honorably discharged at New Orleans, Louisiana, May 31, 1847.

Practiced law in Colorado City, Texas, 1848-49; emigrated to California and arrived in Stockton in the spring of 1849; opened a law office and was soon after appointed District Attorney for San Joaquin County and served until the fall of 1851; removed to Auburn, Placer County, California, 1852; editor, the Placer Herald, 1856-57; Member from Placer County, California State Senate, 9th, 10th and 11th sessions, 1858-59-60; organized the Placer Rifles, a military Company of which he became Captain.

Came to Arizona with William H. Hardy, 1863; listed, Territorial Census, April, 1864, at Hardy's Landing, A.T., single, resident in Arizona 3 months, occupation, Attorney; Chief Clerk, House of Representatives, 1st Arizona Legislature at Prescott, September 29 to November 10, 1864; tendered the thanks of the House because he "exhibited a masterly knowledge of his duties, and has discharged therewith industry, fidelity and impartiality and his courteous bearing insures him our esteem"; Secretary 2nd Arizona Territorial Council, at Prescott, December 8 to 21, 1865, when he resigned because, "professional obligations, heretofore assumed, absorb so much of my time and attention as to preclude the proper discharge of my duties".

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Shortly after his return for a visit to Auburn, Placer County, California, he suddenly expired of heart disease on October 12, 1866, aged 44, "while seated in the office of the Herald so pleasant a home to him, where he had formerly been partner and editor"; interment In Cemetery $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from Auburn on the Grass Valley road. When the news that he had passed away reached Prescott the following was printed in the Arizona Miner:

The death of Mr. Anderson is a shock to his numerous friends in Arizona. He followed the practice of law here, and was esteemed among the ablest members of our bar. He went to California with the intention of resuming his profession here in the spring, and had lately been practicing in Los Angeles. He was a well read and versatile man, of ready and inexhaustible wit; a congenial companion and true friend. In politics a rigid Democrat, but not an active partisan during his residence in Arizona.

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