

BRADY, PETER RAINSFORD, born in Georgetown, District of Columbia, August 4, 1825; son of Peter and Anna (Rainsford) Brady; entered Georgetown College, age 12, <sup>18</sup> - 1871) in November, 1837, and attended until March 7, 1841; married: (1) ~~Juana Robledo~~ <sup>Juanita Mendible, at Altar, Sonora, Mexico</sup> ~~on December, 1861, 18~~; who died at Tucson, June 3, ~~1871~~; (2) Maria Antonia Ochoa, at Florence, Arizona, on February 16, 1878, who died at Tucson, August 14, ~~1880~~; Children: Peter R., Richard G., Henry W., Charles A., James E., Robert L., John A., Margaret A., ~~Maria A.~~ <sup>Anna</sup> ~~and Mary Ellen,~~ ~~Nettie (Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_)~~.

Entered the United States Navy and was rated as Master's Mate to act as Midshipman, January 16, 1844; sailed from Boston on U. S. S. PLYMOUTH, April 3, 1844; transferred in the Mediterranean, February 28, 1845, to U. S. S. LEXINGTON and returned to New York; honorably discharged, May 29, 1845, because of the Act of June 17, 1844, reducing Navy personnel; Clerk, U. S. Coast Survey party under James Ferguson <sup>on</sup> the coast of North Carolina, May and June, 1846; Enrolled as Private, Captain Crump's Company, Bell's Regiment, Texas Mounted Volunteers, <sup>at San Antonio September 30 and mustered in</sup> (Mexican War) ~~at~~ Camp Medina, Texas, November 15, 1847;

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transferred to Captain Highsmith's Company, same Regiment, at Presidio del Norte, September 30, 1848; *and served in Western Texas and New Mexico* honorably discharged at Austin, Texas, December 26, 1848; made a visit to Jalisco, Mexico, 1849; appointed 1st Lieutenant, Captain (Big Foot) Wallace's Company, Texas Mounted Volunteers, at Austin, Texas, March 23, 1850; in action against the Indians, April 24, 1851; resigned his commission, July 16, 1851. ✓

Left San Antonio, Texas, January 1, 1854, in a party of twenty men under A. B. Gray to survey a route for the Texas Western Railroad Company; travelled via the San Bernard <sup>N</sup> ranch *and Balconaria* and ~~San Bernard~~ Creek; *ar-* arrived at Tubac, in April; went via Tubutama and Altar in Sonora to Sonoyta and from there to Ajo where he obtained specimens of copper ore; travelled to the Gulf of California at Adair Bay and then went from Sonoyta to Fort Yuma via El Camino del Diablo; arrived at San Diego, California, June 6, 1854 and later went on to San Francisco; Gray states that Brady "had charge of detached exploring parties at various dangerous and difficult points, performing his duties well."

Joined an expedition organized by the Arizona Mining and Trading Company of San Francisco, California, which left Los Angeles under the direction of E. B. Dunbar in October, 1854; the party took possession of

the Ajo Copper Mine and, with Brady in charge, held the property despite the threats of a company of Mexican soldiers; this was the first American mining operation in the Gadsden Purchase.

Appointed Interpreter at Fort Mohave, April 26, 1859, at \$100 per month, and served until May 28, 1861, when the post was abandoned because of the outbreak of the Civil War; while there he assisted in publishing the "Mohave Dog Star", first issued October 1, 1859, for the entertainment of the garrison; listed, U.S. Census, November 20, 1860, at Fort Mohave, age 36, occupation, Interpreter; went to Sonora and engaged in flour milling at Quitova, District of Altar, 1861-1862; because of his loyalty to the Union, his reputation for honesty and truthfulness, and his favorable acquaintance with Governor Pesqueira and other prominent residents of that State, he was engaged by Colonel M. A. Rigg of the California Column to report upon Confederate activities

in Sonora and kept the Federal authorities well advised of what transpired on both sides of the border; left Tucson on orders from Captain J. H. Whitlock, February 18, 1865, for Fort Libertad, and when he returned, March 18, 1865, reported that 425,000 pounds of wheat and 175,000 pounds of corn could be purchased in Sonora to supply the Federal troops in Arizona;

Sheriff of Pima County, A.T., 1868-1870; listed, U. S. Census, June, 1870, at Tucson, A. T., age 45, wife and five children, occupation, Sheriff of Pima County, property valued at \$5,000. *Dairy*

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