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Son of John and \_\_\_\_\_ Burton.

Born in Monroe County, Missouri, December 27, 1825; married, Mrs. Adaline

(Cass) Ford at \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, on July 1, 1865; children,

(2 sons) John and \_\_\_\_\_, (a daughter) \_\_\_\_\_ (Mrs.

\_\_\_\_\_), (a stepson and stepdaughter) \_\_\_\_\_.

Enlisted, age 20, on August 14, 1846, at Fort Leavenworth, Missouri, to serve one year as Private, Captain Hancock Jackson's Company of the 2d Regiment, Missouri Mounted Infantry, commanded by Colonel Sterling Price; marched with the company across the plains and arrived in Santa Fe where he was transferred to Company A, same regiment, on October 13; participated in suppressing the rebellion of the native New Mexicans in February and March, 1847; returned with the Regiment to Fort Leavenworth where he was honorably discharged on September 18, 1847.

Went to California in 1849 to engage in placer mining for gold; was with John J. Miller and his two sons, Jacob L. and Samuel C. when they and 8 others joined forces at Kernville, California, in the spring of 1861, with a party of nine men headed by Captain Joseph R. Walker; the combined outfit of 21 men, thereafter known as the Walker Party, crossed what is now Southern Nevada and Northern Arizona in search of gold but, finding none, went on to Albuquerque, New Mexico, and into Colorado; he left the Walker Party in Denver to continue prospecting in Montana and elsewhere in the Rocky Mountains during the period of the Civil War; he stated in an affidavit that he did not vote for secession.

Died at Sebastopol, Sonoma County, California, June 24, 1913, aged 88.

## SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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U.S. Veterans Administration - Pension records, c. 15, 565 and c. 16, 178.

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