

# CALLOWAY, WILLIAM P.

CALLOWAY, WILLIAM P. Born in *Warren County, Kentucky* in 1826, son of \_\_\_\_\_ Calloway and \_\_\_\_\_; married (1) Mrs. Sarah (Craddock) Ivens, daughter of John Craddock, at New Harmony, Posey County, Indiana, \_\_\_\_\_ 1849, who died of colera while crossing the plains in 1852; married (2) Delilah Jones, at Marysville, Yuba County, California, October 12, 1852; five children, sons, William, \_\_\_\_\_, daughters, Jessie ( Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ Graham and afterwards Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ Westlow), Lellia and Marg. or Margaret.

Moved with his parents to Indiana when he was 12 years old; enlisted, age 21, at New Harmony, Indiana, April 12, 1847, to serve one year in the war with Mexico, as Private, Company D., 16th U. S. Infantry; honorably discharged as a Corporal at Newport Barracks, Kentucky, August 7, 1848.

Helped to organize an emigrant party known as the "Odd Fellows Train", all of the men being members of that Order, which left New Harmony, Indiana, in April 1852; some time after leaving St. Joseph, Missouri, John Craddock, the train Captain, and other members of the party, including Calloway's wife and his brother died of the cholera, and he took charge of the train. Before reaching the Rocky Mountains they came upon the scene of a massacre. All the members of an emigrant party which had preceded them from Missouri, except the sixteen-year old girl whom he married shortly after they arrived in California.

He first settled at Marysville and later resided at Bangor and Oroville; he was Justice of the Peace of Wyandotte Township in Butte County for three years, 1856-58; his military career in California began as Captain of a mounted rifle company, which he organized at New York Flat, <sup>Yuba County,</sup> /about 30 miles east of Marysville, in November 1855, consisting of 73 men and known as the New York Independent