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Born at _____ County Illinois, April 12, 1830

Probably a son of Hezekiah and Caroline Hargrave who were residents of Gallatin County in 1850; his father was a native of Kentucky, his mother of Pennsylvania and named him for Joseph Priestly the famous Unitarian theologian and man of science who came to Pennsylvania from England in 1794; married Mrs. Jennie B. () Wardner, a native of Vermont, age 27, at Wickenburg, A.T., February 15, 1873, by A. H. Peoples, Justice of the Peace.

When a young man he joined a wagon train and crossed the plains to Sacramento, California; engaged in placer mining four years in the northern part of the State and afterwards studied law; commissioned August 16 and mustered in at the Presidio of San Francisco, August 30, 1861, as 1st Lieutenant, Company F, 1st California Infantry; went with the Company to Southern California and arrived at Fort Yuma in December; on February 4, 1862, Major E. A. Rigg, Commanding the Post, reported that:

From information received here I had reason to suppose that parties disloyal to the Government would attempt to cross the Colorado River somewhere in this vicinity on the 28th of January. I had information given me by an Indian, of one more being in the neighborhood of the Algodones. On the 31st of January, I sent First Lieutenant Hargrave to look for him. He found him near Pilot Knob and arrested him. His name is Haywood Dickey, formerly a deputy sheriff of San Joaquin County, Cal. After examining him and taking his statement I concluded to detain him.

The Company departed for Tucson on May 15, 1862, where he was promoted to Captain June 23, 1862 and transferred to command of Company C, same Regiment; he left there with his new company on July 20 and arrived at Mesilla on the Rio Grande, August 30; took the field with the Company to operate against Apaches in the vicinity of Dog Canyon on November, 1862; stationed at Mesilla, N.M. and Franklin (El Paso), Texas, from December 1862 to June 1863, and thereafter at Fort Wingate, where he is named in the following report:

Captain Joseph P. Hargrave, 1st Infantry California volunteers, reports that he left Fort Wingate on the 22d of August, 1863, on an expedition against the Navajoes. On the 26th August saw forty Indians on the little Colorado; charged on them, but they fled before the troops got within gunshot of them. At this place captured five hundred head of sheep. On the 30th August the mules belonging to command (number unknown) were driven off by the Indians. A party of mounted men were sent in pursuit, but failed to overtake them.

Left Fort Wingate November 7, with his Company as part of an expedition to the new gold fields in Northern Arizona and arrived in Chiné Valley, where Fort Whipple was first established, December 23, 1863; the next reference to him in the published dispatches is that on January 5, 1864:

Major Edward B. Willis, 1st Infantry California volunteers, commanding Fort Whipple, Arizona, reports that the Penal Apaches ran off eleven head of government cattle at Walker's mines. A party under Captain Hargrave was sent in pursuit, but failed to overtake the Indians.

His name appears in the 1864 Territorial Census, age 34, single, - occupation - Soldier, property valued at \$150; the 3 years enlistments of 24 men of his Company expired and they were mustered out at Fort Whipple, on August 25; he had returned to New Mexico and was honorably discharged with the remainder of the Company at Los Pinos, August 31, 1864; the final mention of him in the military reports is dated October 20, 1864, and reads:

A band of Navajo Indians attacked Mr. Huning's train on the Colorado Chiquito and succeeded in driving off seven or eight hundred head of sheep, the property of Captain Joseph P. Hargrave.

He soon returned to Prescott to practice law and was attorney for the Walnut Grove Mining Company in 1868; listed, U. S. Census, 1870 at Prescott, occupation - Lawyer, property valued at \$2500; member from Yavapai County 7th Territorial Council and became its President at Prescott, January 6, 1873; reelected and served in the 8th Territorial Council at Tucson, 1875; was Justice of the Peace of Prescott precinct from January 1 to August 7, 1876; the Arizona Miner of November 9, 1877, stated that

"The Captain has been with us for 13 years and his reputation as a lawyer and sound counselor is known far and wide"; in February, 1878, he was appointed on a Committee to revise the rules of the Territorial Supreme Court; the Miner made the following announcement on February 14, 1879:

Captain J. P. Hargrave, one of our oldest and most respected citizens and ablest lawyers, was, to-day appointed by His Excellency, Governor Fremont, to Probate Judge of this County. We believe that Captain Hargrave has as many, if not more friends in the county, than any man in it, and the Governor's wise selection in the Probate Judgeship will meet with universal approval.

As Probate Judge he was ex-officio County School Superintendent and attended to the duties of both offices in 1879-80; elected District Attorney of Yavapai County and served during 1881-82; moved to San Bernardino, California, in February, 1883, where he practiced law until his death on December 14, 1891, aged 61; buried, City Cemetery, San Bernardino; War Department Headstone.

Member, San Bernardino Society of California Pioneers who conducted his funeral; member Aztlan Lodge No. 177 (1) F. & A.M., Prescott, A.T; in reporting his demise the Prescott Courier referred to him as "a good man, of far more than ordinary attainments, and his death will cause many an old acquaintance in Arizona to express sorrow and regret."

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