

# ROWELL, CONVERSE W. C.

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ROWELL, CONVERSE WILLARD CHAMBERLIN, born at Albany, Orleans County, Vermont, on 1-14 \_\_\_\_\_, 1827; son of Converse and Orpha (Chamberlin) Rowell; married Mary S. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, 18\_\_;  
Children, Elmer C., George W. and Clara M. (Mrs. Warren Wilson)

Came to California in 1850 and settled at Michigan Bluff, Placer County; later removed to Auburn where he was practicing law at the outbreak of the Civil War; enrolled September 13, and mustered in September 21, 1861, at Placerville, Eldorado County, California, to serve 3 years as Captain, Company A, 4th California Infantry; went with the Company to Fort Walla Walla, Washington Territory and took command of that post, November 15, 1861; sent to Benicia Barracks, California in October, 1862, and remained there until March, 1863; went with the Company by sea to Camp Drum, near San Pedro, California, in April, 1863; dismissed the service, on charges of disobedience of orders and violation of the then 8th Article of War, relating to mutinous conduct, at Camp Drum, by Special Order No. 17, Department of the Pacific, April 27, 1863.

Listed, Territorial Census, April, 1864, at San Francisco District ( now in Mohave County), Arizona Territory, age 34, resident of Arizona 8 months, occupation Lawyer,

property valued at \$100; Member, House of Representatives, 2d Arizona Legislative Assembly, at Prescott, December 6 to 30, 1865; an Act legalizing his acknowledgment of deeds and other official acts as Commissioner of Deeds for California was approved December 28, 1865; elected Justice of the Peace at Aubrey City, Mohave County, A.T., 1868; United States District Attorney for Arizona Territory, March 3, 1869 to January 23, 1872, when he was succeeded by James E. McCaffry; listed, U. S. Census, July 20, 1870, at Mohave City, Mohave County, A.T., age 40, with wife and 3 children, property valued at \$10,000; Member from Yuma County, House of Representatives, 7th Territorial Legislature at Tucson from January 6 to February 14, 1873.

Removed to San Bernardino, California, in 1875 and was later regarded as one of the best lawyers in that State; elected District Attorney of San Bernardino County in 1880 and served until 1882; appointed Superior Judge of San Bernardino County by Governor Waterman and served from 1889 to 1891; went to Sacramento, California, to look after certain legislation affecting San Bernardino County and died there, at the Western Hotel, of pneumonia March 7, 1893, aged; buried in Lots 4 & 5, Block 9, New City Cemetery, San Bernardino, California.

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