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Born at \_\_\_\_\_ Marion County, Missouri, January 17, 1819.

Son of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Married Sarah M. Wagon La Pout at \_\_\_\_\_, on  
February 15, 1842, who was born in Virginia in 1824.

Children, \_\_\_\_\_

Came to California in 1850 and was at one time District Attorney of Colusa County; State Senator from Colusa and Tehama Counties, 15th and 16th California Legislatures, 1863-65; moved to Arizona in 1865; District Attorney of Yavapai County, 1866; Member from Yavapai County, H. of R., 4th Territorial Legislature, 1867; Democratic candidate for Delegate to Congress, 1868; Joseph Fish in the manuscript of his history of Arizona gives the following election results and attributes his defeat to a political trade which involved the removal of the Territorial Capitol from Prescott to Tucson:

"At the election of 1868 there were three candidates put before the people, Governor R. C. McCormick, John A. Rush, and Samuel Adams. The vote was as follows:

County	Republican R. C. McCormick	Democrat John A. Rush	Independent Samuel Adams
Yavapai	202	425	9
Mohave	23	40	9
Yuma	80	300	—
Pima	<u>932</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>14</u>
	1237	836	32

It appears that the returns from Pah-Ute were not given at this election. The returns also show that Pima County voted almost solidly for McCormick, showing that there were some grounds for Postons' assertion that McCormick traded the capitol for Delegate."

Listed, U. S. Census, August, 1870, at Vulture City, Yavapai County, A.T., occupation - Attorney at Law; not long afterwards he moved to Phoenix where he practiced law and acquired considerable property; on September 28 1872 the first Maricopa County Democratic convention was held in Phoenix and he was chosen Chairman

of the Central Committee; in 1876 he returned to Prescott and entered into a law partnership with Ed. W. Walls and for over a decade the firm of Rush and Walls handled many cases of note in the Territorial Courts; represented Yavapai County in the 9th Territorial Council, 1877; he was for many years a member of Azlan Lodge No. 177(1), F. & A. M. at Prescott.

About 1890 failing sight and hearing caused him to give up the practice of his profession and to seek relief by a change of residence to Sacramento, California, where he died on February 7, 1900, aged 81; buried, City Cemetery, Sacramento; at the time of his death the Phoenix Gazette said of him:

"He was among the first lawyers to come to the Territory and was known for the extremely careful manner in which he looked after a clients interests. John E. Rush was the kind of a man that always moves obstacles, no matter how difficult the task. In politics, a Democrat, he never hesitated to sanction any movement which would benefit his fellow man. Eager to help a person in distress and willing to bear the ills of another, he never met a man but what would always consider it an honor to be classed among Judge Rush's friends."

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