

In speaking of the death of a former well-known citizen of Sacramento, the San Francisco *Call* of yesterday says: Another of the well-known pioneers of 1849 has passed away. Colonel James C. Zabriskie died at 10 o'clock yesterday morning at his residence in this city, aged 79 years. He had been ill and a great sufferer for about two weeks, during which he received the devoted attention of the members of his family, but in his advanced years, neither the hand of affection nor the best medical skill that could be engaged, availed against the disease that had seized upon his enfeebled system. Upon the appearance of the first serious symptoms, his son, Colonel J. A. Zabriskie, United States District Attorney of Arizona, residing at Tucson, was summoned to his bedside by telegraph, and remained with him until he died. Colonel Zabriskie was born in Hackensack, N. J., in 1804. He was attached to the military organization of his State, and commanded a company which participated in the pageant at the first inauguration of President Jackson. In 1849 he came to California by way of the Isthmus, with a company of twenty-five men, organized and equipped as a military company. Arriving in San Francisco on the 4th of July of that year, he proceeded to Sacramento, where he opened a law office, and soon occupied a prominent position in the profession. He drew up the first charter for Sacramento, and was elected the first City Attorney there. He married in Sacramento a daughter of Dr. White, a pioneer, who came with his family "the plains across" in 1849, and remained in that city until the flood of 1861, when he came to San Francisco, and continued actively engaged in his profession here, devoting himself mainly to land cases until his last illness. He was the author of a work on the land laws of the United States, which is recognized as one of the best authorities on that subject. In politics Colonel Zabriskie was originally a Jeffersonian Democrat, and when the war broke out he took a decided stand in favor of preserving the Union, and canvassed the State for Edward Stanley and Leland Stanford in their respective gubernatorial campaigns, with the same zeal he had previously given to the support of John A. Bigler, when he was a successful candidate for Governor of the State. He always had a certain inclination towards journalism, and was at one time connected editorially with the Sacramento *Union*. In later years he still preserved this inclination, and was a not unfrequent contributor to the *Evening Bulletin*. Colonel Zabriskie was

editorially with the *Sacramento Union*. In later years he still preserved this inclination, and was a not unfrequent contributor to the *Evening Bulletin*. Colonel Zabriskie was a gentleman of distinguished appearance and ability, a fine speaker and a trenchant writer. The deceased pioneer leaves a widow, one son and four daughters surviving him. His son is Colonel James A. Zabriskie, before alluded to. The daughters are Mrs. R. H. Sinton, Mrs. Frank Ladd and Miss Lulu Zabriskie, of San Francisco, and Mrs. Day, of Carson, Nevada, (formerly Mrs. J. Neely Johnson).

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