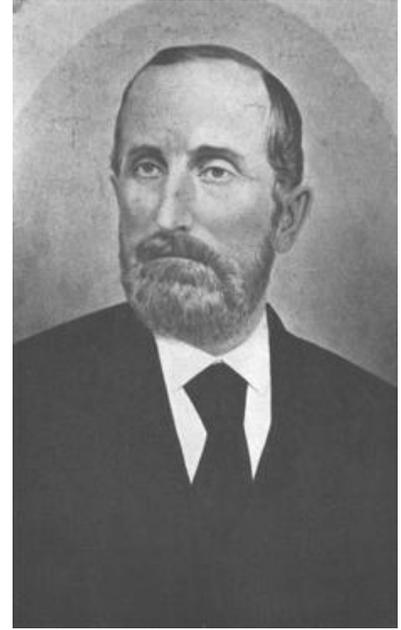


## **Charles Turnbull Hayden (1825 – 1900)**

Charles Trumbull Hayden, whose name is linked with the early history of Arizona, played a vital role in the settling of the American southwest and it all began with the Santa Fe Trail. Charles Trumbull Hayden was born in Windsor, Connecticut, April 4th, 1825. When eighteen years old he taught school in New Jersey, and afterwards near New Albany, Indiana, and in St. Louis, Missouri. As an educator turned entrepreneur, Hayden saw opportunities in the growing number of migrants moving west and developed a successful business by delivering merchandise using the Santa Fe Trail from Independence, Missouri, to Santa Fe, New Mexico, and points west. In 1848 he loaded a wagon with merchandise, and left Independence, Missouri, for Santa Fe, New Mexico, where he marketed his goods and returned in the fall. He continued in business at Independence for some time, but when the gold excitement began in 1849, he outfitted a train of ox teams, and started over the Santa Fe Trail. He arrived in Santa Fe late in 1849, and met some parties from California, who bought his outfit, consisting of fourteen wagons loaded with supplies, each drawn by six yoke of oxen. He then returned to Missouri to purchase another stock of goods and establish himself in business in Santa Fe. He was a passenger upon the first Overland Stage to Tucson in 1858, to which place he moved his stock of goods from Santa Fe and established himself in business there. He engaged in contracting with the Government for the furnishing of supplies to the soldiers and did a large freighting business to the mines, hauling supplies in, and ore out. From his first trip on the Santa Fe Trail in 1848 to his last trip in 1861, Hayden hauled large quantities of merchandise over the trail, expanding his business ventures with each successful trip. By the start of the Civil War, Hayden had given up his Missouri business, moved his business center into Arizona and was working as a freighter, trader, and merchant. In 1864, Hayden was appointed First District probate judge in the new Arizona Territory, all the while still taking government hauling and freighting contracts. However, by the end of the Civil War, Hayden followed the army north to central Arizona. Eventually, he would continue following business opportunities south, where he would be known as the founder of Tempe, AZ.



On October 4, 1876, at the age of 51, Hayden married Arkansas-born schoolteacher Sallie Calver Davis in Nevada City, California. The couple would have four children, Carl Trumbull, Sallie Davis, Anna Spenser and Mary "Mapes" Calvert. Anna died at two years old but the other three children lived to maturity. Charles Turnbull Hayden died February 5, 1900 (age 74) in Tempe, Arizona.

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