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Biographical Sketch

Dictation taken from
Mr. A. E. Macey.

Vineyard
Escondido, Cal., June 25th 1887.

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Mr. Macey was born in Wrentham, Mass. March 24th, 1824. His father owned a farm of 90 acres on which he had placed a mortgage. Not being able to lift this mortgage from the products of the farm, Mr. Macey moved into the manufacturing town of Statersville and he and all of his family went to work in the manufactories. They succeeded in raising money enough to pay off the mortgage and then moved back to the farm. John Slater, the man after whom this town was named, was the first cotton manufacturer in the U.S.

Mr. Macey, when a boy was very studious, and by the time he was 18 years old he was able to teach a district school, which he did for two years. After this he took two years of Latin & Greek with a private teacher. He then studied medicine intending to practice but after completing his course he found himself without any funds. He then engaged with Dr. Calvin Cutler to travel and introduce his Phys.



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ologies into common schools, seminaries, and colleges. By establishing classes at half price, ^{and} teaching them ^{himself} he succeeded in introducing the Physiologic and charts into many of the schools of Vt., Conn., N.Y., Pa., and W. Va. Most of the leading teachers were much interested in the subject. He continued this business until 1849, when Gov. Mason of Calif. published his official letter stating that there was a strip of country about 300 miles long and 50 miles wide in which gold had been discovered. Knowing this to be authentic Mr. Maxey concluded, after having seen so many young physicians fail, in his travels, that he would go to Calif. Consequently on the 14 day of Jan. 1849 he set sail ~~at~~ from Boston, Mass. All went well until they reached Cape Horn. Here they were met by a storm, driven south, and did not get to San Francisco for 6 months after starting. When they landed there the only wharf was the natural rocks on which they jumped and finally reached shore.

Mr. Maxey had but little idea that the city of San Francisco would become the mighty city



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that it is. He went over to the mines, where he
worked for 1 yr. making about \$2000. He then started
for ^{Mexico or Lower Cal.} ~~San Diego~~, where he landed but the vessel was
becalmed between San Francisco and San Diego, and
he was on the way 14 days. Becoming disgusted with
such progress he landed at, then, Ft San Diego. There
was nothing there except a Gov. building. At the old
town were a few spaniards and a few white men.
Here Mr. Maycy remained, engaged in various kinds
of business such as Wine, selling whisky, draping &c.
Becoming disgusted with such a life and having
made about \$10000 he concluded to go back into
the "hilly country" and engage in ^{fine} stock raising.
Consequently in Feb. of 1854, he purchased of Judge
J. W. Robinson 160 head of fine cattle, bought this
ranch and came out to go into an honorable
business. He soon increased his herd of cattle
until he had 1500 head. He has succeed almost
beyond his expectations in the stock business.
He has 3 very fine vineyards from which he
makes wines, and raisins. He now has



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4500 gals. of wine in his cellar. (I think the quality is splendid) He has all kinds of fruits and they do exceedingly well. Oranges & lemons do exceedingly well. Mr. Maxcy has the utmost confidence in this county and says he would live no other place. He was assessor for this loc. for 1862 & 63, received his pay in loc. script at that time worth about 10 cts on the \$1.00. He kept his script and about the year 1880 he drew the par value of this script \$3.00 and \$500 interest on same. He received for his assessing \$400 cash & \$500 in script.

Mr. M. owns 3800 acres of land, several hundred head of cattle, property in San Diego leg. and other property elsewhere. He is a most excellent gentleman. His wife is dead and his family are not very appreciative of reading matter.

He takes the series to assist in advancing the enterprise.

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Vineyard San Diego Co.,

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July 20th 1887 A. E. Maxey
to W. J. Stone Manager
The History Company
123 Market St. San Francisco

Dear Sir

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Your very flattering
letter of July 6th rec^d. I notice
one mistake in regard to the
time of my arrival in Calif.
I took passage in Dec. 1848
in the ship Pharsalia which
sailed from Boston Mass in
the month of Jan. 1849 being
the 2^d vessel that left that
harbor for Calif. with passengers
by Cape Horn ^{150 passengers} We arrived in
San Francisco July 26th 1849
176 days on the passage

Yours Resp
A. E. Maxey