

Edward Spencer Josselyn was born December 7, 1827, in the town of Duxbury, Plymouth county, Massachusetts. He remained at the place of his birth, receiving a common-school education, until the year 1842, when he entered upon a seafaring life and sailed to the ports of the Atlantic and Indian oceans. He continued in that trade until the year 1849, when he sailed from the port of Boston as second officer of the ship *Raritan*, for San Francisco, via Cape Horn, and arrived at his destination in the spring of 1850. Immediately he assumed command of the vessel and sailed out of the San Francisco harbor for different ports on the California coast, and in the year 1858 he made his first voyage to Tahiti, one of the Society islands. In 1863 he sailed for Boston by way of Panama, and there took charge of the ship *Thomas Woodard*, and sailed along the coast of South America, doubling Cape Horn, visiting the port of Valparaiso, and again the Society islands. He returned to San Francisco and made that his terminal point for the succeeding two years. In 1865 he repeated the former trip to Boston, and there he built and equipped the brig *Percy Edward*, and sailed as her master for San Francisco, passing through the straits of Magellan on his outward voyage, and arriving at his destination in 1866. In the next three years he sailed from San Francisco to Japan and China in the tea trade, and to Java in the coffee trade. In 1874 he permanently located in Monterey, California, and permanently abandoned the sea. He has served one term in the State Legislature, and is a man well known in this locality.

Captain Josselyn was initiated as arm Apprenticed Mason, and was made a Master Mason in 1860, in Oceanic Lodge of F. & A. M., at Tahiti, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Orient of France. He demitted therefrom, February 21, 1871, and affiliated with the Occidental Lodge, No. 22, at San Francisco, California, May 6, 1872. He demitted from the latter lodge, February 7, 1876, and affiliated with the Monterey Lodge, No. 217, at Monterey, April 8, 1876, of which he is still a member. He was admitted through the various degrees of the order, and was knighted Red Cross, August 1, 1885, and Templar and Knight of Malta, August 15 of the same year, in Watsonville, California, Commandery No. 22, of which he is still a member. April 19, 1888, he was elected an active member of the Masonic Veteran Association of the Pacific coast.

The father of our subject was the Rev. Aaron Josselyn, of Duxbury, Massachusetts, a clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and by trade a watchmaker. He was a native of Duxbury, born in 1804, and followed his profession about forty years. He represented his town three times in the State Legislature, and later was for two terms Chaplain of the Legislature. He died in 1887, at the age of eighty-three years. His wife was Miss Ann Binney, of Hull, the daughter of Spencer Binney, who was one of the original owners of the Boston town site. He had been the owner of 114 acres of Boston common, which he gave to the city as a cow pasture only, and it served that purpose for many years. He was a farmer, and Boston common was a part of his farm.

Captain Josselyn of this notice is the second oldest of a family of seven children, of whom one brother, Joseph, is still living in California. Three of the others died in this State.

Our subject was married August 2, 1863, to Miss Caroline Sears, a native of Duxbury, Massachusetts, a descendant of the Wadsworths. She was a daughter of Hannah Wadsworth, who was born in the old Miles Standish house, of Duxbury. Two sons and one daughter of Captain Josselyn are living, and they are: Spencer Binney, of Boston; Edward Lyman, a merchant of Monterey; and Caroline E.

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