

Judge Gally

James Wellesley Gally was born December 8, 1828, at Wheeling, West Virginia. He studied medicine, specializing in dentistry, which he practiced both in Wheeling and, later, in Ohio. In 1855, he married Martha James at Zanesville, Ohio, where he became editor of the *Zanesville Aurora*. In the early 1860s he crossed the plains and settled in Nevada, where he remained until 1875.

In the 1870s, he was a popular Justice of the Peace in Tybo, where he also owned a half interest in the Two Gee mine and operated a successful ranch. At the end of 1874, he emigrated to California, purchasing a home and settling, with his family, at Watsonville, California. He died on October 5, 1891, at Watsonville, and the *Watsonville Pajaronian* printed an obituary notice on October 8, 1891.

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