

**George Brown, Esq.**, a pioneer of California and a highly respected citizen of San Benito, San Benito county, was born in England, July 11, 1827. At the age of eleven years he left home, and from that time forward took care of himself. In 1846, at the outbreak of the Mexican war He enlisted in the United States Navy at Boston, being assigned to the ship Cumberland, which ship joined the Gulf Squadron, commanded by Commodore Connor and afterward by Commodore Perry. He served all through the Mexican war, was present at the important engagements at Vera Cruz, Tabasco, Trispan and Alvarado, and was honorably discharged at the termination of the war. In 1850 he located at Fall River, Massachusetts, where he was employed in an iron mill until 1854, when. he came to California, making the journey from the East to San Francisco via the Nicaragua route.

Upon his arrival in the Golden State Mr. Brown sought the gold mines of Shasta and Trinity counties, and was engaged in mining until 1865. That year he located in Watsonville, Santa Cruz county, and turned his attention to farming, remaining there until 1869. In November of that year he located in the Dry Lake district, San Benito county, on a fertile farm of 320 acres, his present home. Besides this property he also owns 940 acres of untilled land. He has been prominently identified with the best interests of this county ever since he settled here. He held the office of Justice of the Peace eight years, and for a number of years was Postmaster of San Benito.

He was married, in 1853, to Miss Catharine Kennedy, in Fall River, Massachusetts. She was a native of England, and a woman of rare domestic qualities. She died, leaving five sons and one daughter, namely: John, Joseph, George W., P. F., Kate M. and W. K., all of whom now occupy honorable positions in life.

Judge Brown, as he is familiarly called, has a wide circle of friends, and is highly esteemed throughout San Benito county.

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