

Mariano Malarin, a native son of the soil, having been born in Monterey county, where he figured conspicuously in the early history of California, is now a resident of Santa Clara county.

Mr. Malarin's birth occurred in 1827, and he is a son of Juan Malarin, a native of Peru, of Italian parentage. Mr. Malarin, Sr., was a mariner, and as such came to California in 1820 or 1822. As a reward for services rendered the Mexican Government he was made a Lieutenant in the Mexican Navy. In 1824 he married Josefa Estrada and made Monterey his home. Although still going to sea, from that time on he took an active part in Mexican-California affairs, and is frequently mentioned in history as a participant in important political matters. In 1833 he was Captain of the port and grantee of the Guadalupe rancho, and later was granted the Chualar rancho. In 1843 he was Justice and President of the Tribunal Superior. He died in 1849, when nearly sixty years of age, leaving a large and valuable estate and an honorable name to his posterity. Of his ten children our subject was the second in order of birth.

This last-named gentleman had the honor of being born in the government house at Monterey. When nine years of age he was sent to Oregon to attend an English school, said to have been established by the Hudson Bay Company. Failing to find it as reported he went to Lima, Peru, in South America, where he received instruction in the Latin, French, English and Spanish languages, being then eleven years of

age. He remained in Lima until the death of his father, when he returned to Monterey and assumed charge of the family estate. That same year he was appointed Judge of the First Instance; in 1850 and in 1851 he held the office of City Assessor and Public Administrator. In 1858 he was elected to the position of Supervisor, and represented his district in the State Assembly, session of 1859 and 1860.

Late in 1859 Mr. Malarin married Ysidora, a daughter of Francisco Pacheco, one of the influential amid wealthy rancheros of those days in California. Mrs. Malarin was born on the Pacheco grant, at the present country residence of the family, now the well-known Malarin ranch, near Hollister. The ranch now consists of 67,000 acres of land, 8,000 of which are in San Benito county. Of the 4,000 which are tillable, 3,000 acres are cultivated by tenants. The old adobe mansion, built by Don Francisco Pacheco and remodeled by Mr. Malarin, is one of the finest specimens of early-day architecture now to be found.

Mr. and Mrs. Malarin have two daughters, Mariana F. and Pauline E., the latter the wife of Dr. L. Fatjo. Mr. Malarin's home is in Santa Clara county, although he has extensive interests in San Francisco and San José. The mother of our subject, Josefa Estrada, was born in California, as was also his grandmother, Arguello, and in this State the entire family is highly honored and esteemed.

He is president of the San José Safe Deposit Bank of Savings. He is a quiet, unobtrusive man of exalted

character and influence. Although now a resident of Santa Clara county he is largely interested in San Benito county, where he is one of the largest property owners. Mr. Malarin enjoys the esteem and respect of the entire community, where he is so honored a citizen.

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