

Captain I. G. Messec is a native of Macon, Georgia, and a California pioneer of 1849, who came to the State from Texas, via El Paso and Yuma. He was a soldier of the Mexican war, fought under General Taylor, and was one of the noted brigade of Texas Rangers.

Upon his arrival in California he engaged in mining and also owned and operated, on a large scale, pack trains into the mining regions of Humboldt and Trinity counties. During the year of 1858-'59 he accomplished the transfer of the Trinity and Mad river, Humboldt and Elk river Indians to the Round Valley Reservation, which he had been commissioned to do by the governor of California. This was not successfully accomplished without some fighting, but finally he located about 400 of them.

In 1860-'61 he served as Sheriff of Trinity county. After this he engaged in mining, on a large scale, at Virginia City, Nevada. He then spent four years in San Francisco, where he figured prominently in local politics and served on a commission that opened new Montgomery street. In the development of the great Paniment mines he worked a force of over 500 men, at an expenditure of about \$2,000,000. The years 1878 and 1879 found him at Bodie, California. He also was Notary Public, and in 1882 to 1886 was Sergeant-at-Arms of the California State Senate.

He came to the Santa Clara valley, California, in 1880, and has since been engaged in stock raising on his Lone Tree ranch, which is divided by

the Santa Clara and San Benito county lines.

Captain Messec married Miss Lucy J. Kellogg in 1856, a most estimable lady. No man in central and northern California is more favorably known or has a wider circle of friends than the venerable pioneer of 1849, our subject, Captain Messec.

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