

Edwin Moore, a leading agriculturalist of San Benito county, a pioneer of California, and for many years a resident of Paicines, is a native of Clinton county, New York, born in Beekrnavtown, December 13, 1826.

His father, Charles B. Moore, a farmer by occupation, became one of the pioneers of Michigan, locating in Washtenaw county as early as 1834. Later, he removed to Eaton county, same State, where he passed the rest of his life, and died, in 1861. He had a family of seven children, of whom Edwin was the firstborn.

In 1852 Mr. Moore left Lansing, Michigan, and came across the plains, via the Carson route, to California, reaching Placerville that same year. He spent about six years in the mines, and then turned his attention to ranching, in the pursuance of which he lived at Tomales, Mann county, about eight years. He spent sixteen years in Sonoma county, and in 1883 located the farm he now occupies, which is one of the best farming and stock ranches in his section of the country.

Mr. Moore has been twice married. At Grand Rapids, Michigan, August 29, 1846, he wedded Catharine Salter, a most estimable woman in every respect. She was born March 5, 1827, and died December 7, 1873. Following are the names of her children: Charles B., born November 7, 1846; Betsey E., wife of G. W. Griffeth, Ventura county, California, was born January 18, 1850; Edwin J., born September 21, 1851, died in Michigan, October 20, 1854; and Mary E., born November 18, 1864.

September 13, 1874, Mr. Moore married Miss Eliza Spalding, of Petaluma, Sonoma county, California. She is a native of Westminster, Massachusetts, born June 17, 1838, and is a lady of intellectual culture and domestic grace. Mr. and Mrs. Moore have four children, viz.: Phoebe L., born January 2, 1876; George W., April 24, 1877; Edwin S., May 21, 1879; and Arthur T., October 10, 1880.

The Moore home circle is a model one. Here good literature and music abound, and harmony of social sentiment prevails.

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