

John Reynolds, a successful agriculturist and stock-raiser and esteemed citizen of Priest Valley, Monterey county, California, is a native of London, England, born November 24, 1840. He left the home of his birth and came to America when quite young. His boyhood and youth were spent in Oneida county, New York, on a farm near the city of Rome. At about fifteen years of age he went to Michigan and commenced work for the Michigan Central Railroad Company, at Grass Lake, Jackson county, where he remained until the breaking out of the late war.

In 1862 Mr. Reynolds volunteered his service and was mustered into Company F, Seventeenth Michigan Infantry, at Detroit, being immediately sent to the front. He participated in the battles of South Mountain the following September, and there received a gunshot in the left leg, and soon after, while lying on the field of battle, was wounded in time left side by a bursting shell. On account of disability, he was honorably discharged, in January 1863, and has since been granted a pension.

Returning to Michigan, Mr. Reynolds resumed his connection with the service of the Michigan Central Railroad Company, acting as station and ticket agent at Grass Lake. He came to California in April, 1868, via Panama, and the following May, through the agency of a friend, located on his present estate in Priest Valley, being among the first in the valley to make permanent settlement.

Mr. Reynolds married, in Washtenaw county, Michigan, Miss

Ada II. daughter of John W. Green, a Michigan pioneer. Of their four children, Arthur E. is the first white child born in Priest Valley, the date of his birth occurring July 29, 1870. Mr. Reynolds is wide and favorably known in San Benito and Monterey counties as a discreet and prosperous businessman.

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