

Roderick Shaw was born in Liverpool, England, September 5, 1851. In 1853 his father fitted out a vessel and, accompanied by his family, sailed for Australia, landing at Melbourne. He remained there for seven years. Then, in 1860, he went to New Zealand, where he sojourned eight years, after which, in 1868, he went to the Sandwich Islands. He remained there until 1869, when he landed in San Francisco. In 1872 he came from that city to Hollister, San Benito county. Here he founded the San Benito county newspaper, *Advance*, which paper is now owned by his two sons.

George and Albert T. Shaw. The father subsequently went back to England to visit his native home, and on his return to America was taken sick at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and died in July, 1876. Roderick being -the oldest of the children (there being eight Sons and one daughter in the family) the care of his brothers and sister fell largely on him, and in a measure he filled his father's place toward them. All, are now married amid settled in life except the youngest brother.

Mr. Shaw, the subject of our sketch, served for several years as Deputy County Treasurer, and in 1885 was elected County Treasurer. In the fall of 1886 he was elected County Clerk, which office he is now filling with ability and honor, and to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. He is also prominent in social circles, being identified with the Masonic lodge, the I. O. O. F. and the A. O. U. W. Of the first two he is secretary, and of the last-named, financier.

July 29, 1816, he was united in marriage with Miss Harriet Mead, by whom he has three children, two sons and one daughter, Richard, Ernest and Susie. His mother makes her home with him, and is now sixty-one years of age.

Mr. Shaw is ranked with the pioneers of the county, and is respected by all who know him. Although his county is Democratic, and he is a strong Republican, he has always been elected by a large majority.

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