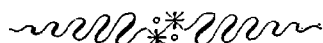


timable woman. Her death occurred March 20, 1890. Following are the names of their children: Grace, wife of William Brown of San Felipe; Frank E., a resident of Hollister; Ruth, wife of William Beggs, now of Ann Arbor, Michigan; George W., of Hollister; Itha, at home; Fred, of San Jose; Ernest D., at home.

Mr. Shore has served on the Board of Supervisors of San Benito county and as one of the Trustees of his school district.



**HENRY MELENDY** came from Chicago, Illinois, to California in 1864, and in 1865 settled in Bear Valley, San Benito county, being the first settler of the valley. Here he has prospered and acquired a large tract of fine land, by pre-emption and purchase, becoming the owner of 1,240 acres.

Mr. Melendy was born in Eagle, Waukesha county, Wisconsin, June 21, 1848, son of Daniel F. and Eunice S. (Rockwood) Melendy, natives of Vermont. Daniel F. Melendy was one of the pioneer farmers of Waukesha county. He lived on Melendy's Prairie, Eagle Township, until his death; his widow moved to Chicago, where she still lives, having reached an advanced age. Henry is the youngest of their three children. Of the others be it recorded that Cephas J., a member of the Twenty-eighth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, died in 1862; and that Ellen R. is married and lives in Chicago.

Mr. Melendy was married April 7, 1868, to Miss Deborah Shell, at San Juan. She was born in Oregon, December 16, 1851, daughter of Philip and Elizabeth Shell, the latter being now Mrs. Bacon, of Bear valley, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this work. Their seven children are as follows:

George, born January 31, 1869; Daniel, December 21, 1871; Ella, August 26, 1876; Thomas, November 24, 1878; Lucretia, September 15, 1881; Deborah, October 17, 1886; and Henry, July 2, 1888.



**ELLEN LEONARD**, a prominent figure in the business circles of San Benito, is well known throughout this part of San Benito county, and it is fitting that some personal mention be made of him on the pages of this work.

Mr. Leonard was born at Mechanicsburg, thirteen miles east of Springfield, Illinois. He came to California in 1860, to take a position under J. S. Short, Indian Agent in the northern part of the State, who had received his appointment from Abraham Lincoln. Mr. Leonard, however, remained there only a short time. Going to Ione, Amador county, he successfully engaged in copper mining two years. He then went to Virginia City, Nevada, and turned his attention to silver mining, but this expedition resulted in financial loss. In 1868 he went to work for the Central Pacific Railroad Company, as foreman of teams, and followed railroading until 1872. That year he came to San Benito county, purchased a store at San Benito, and engaged in business for himself, being still engaged in merchandising here and doing an extensive business. He also owns and conducts a hotel, blacksmith shop, meat market, etc., and for several years has been Postmaster of San Benito. He is also engaged in farming and stock-raising and owns a fine tract of land. He has served two years as Supervisor and two years as Chairman of Board of Supervisors of San Benito county.

Mr. Leonard was married April 15, 1872,