

among the first in the valley to make permanent settlement.

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

R. E. Shore, a venerable citizen of San Benito county, and a California pioneer, was born in Washington county, Missouri, November 6, 1827. In 1850 he came to California, making the journey through New Mexico and from San Diego coming north into the mining districts. He spent about ten years in placer mining. In 1861 he located in Santa Clara county, near Mountain View, and made that place his home until 1870. That year he came to San Benito county, bought a ranch of McClay & Springer, and on this place is probably settled for life.

Mr. Shore is one of the survivors of the Mexican war. He was under General Price, served eighteen months, was honorably discharged, and now draws a pension.

August 19, 1863, Mr. Shore was married in Santa Clara county, to Miss Martha Janes, daughter of William Janes, deceased. She was a native of Missouri and was a most estimable 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 P., at home.

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

Henry Melendy came from Chicago, Illinois, to California in 1864, and in 1865 settled in Bear Valley, San Benito county, being time first settler of the valley. Here he has prospered and acquired a large tract of fine land, by preemption 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. (Roekwood) 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 H. 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 who 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,