

John W. Hawkins, a representative businessman of Hollister, is a native of Marion county, Missouri, having been born near the city of Hannibal, September 22, 1840. His life has been chiefly devoted to agricultural pursuits, in which he has been very successful.

His father, Nicholas Hawkins, was also a life-long farmer and a native of Kentucky, where he was greatly esteemed. Our subject was reared in his native State, and in 1868 came to Hollister and was one of the original settlers on the subdivision of the San Justo or Hollister grant. He now owns one of the finest farms of 200 acres in the county, which joins the city of Hollister, also 700 acres of productive farm land near Winters, California.

Mr. Hawkins married Miss Frances J. Chapped, a native of McDonald county, Missouri, born near Neosho, October 7, 1845, and a daughter of Alfred Chapped, a resident of Hollister. Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins have four living children, namely: William E., born July 30, 1867; Alfred N., born April 11, 1869, married Emma Elizabeth Sherman, and is now a farmer of Woodland, California; Mary A., born December 28, 1870; Lee, born January 15, 1878; and Frank C., born May 22, 1873, died March, 4, 1892. Mr. Hawkins has been active in all enterprises that had for their object the material, educational or social advancement of the city of Hollister and county of San Benito. No family in the State is held in any higher esteem by those who know them than is that of the subject of this notice.

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