

**David Leese**, son of Jacob P. Leese, was born in Sonoma county, California, January 8, 1846. He came to Monterey county when a child, and attended the public schools of Monterey. Then for a number of years he followed various pursuits.

He was married in Salinas, in 1875, to Delia Estelle, daughter of W. O. Martin, and their union has been blessed with two Sons and six daughters, all living, namely: Herbert Primer, born in 1876; Adelaide Sophia, in 1878; Grace Estelle, in 1880; David William, in 1882; Edith Anna, in 1884; Delia, in 1888; Jessie Frances, in 1890; and Bertha Pomposa, in 1892.

Mr. Leese came to King City in the year 1885. He is now engaged in farming on the San Bernabe ranch. On the 15th of September 1888, a serious accident, and a phenomenal one for California, occurred to him. The house, in which he was living, located five miles from King City, was struck by lightning and its contents burned. Many horses and cattle were also killed from the effects of the lightning.

Mr. Leese has been and is still a very successful farmer, and in his chosen pursuit has acquired a competency. He bears a reputation above reproach. Mr. Leese comes from an ancestry of which any one might well be proud, his mother being a sister of the distinguished General Vallejo. For further reference to his ancestry see the various allusions to Jacob F. Leese in the general history in this work and a sketch of him.

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