

Major E. McMichaels is one of the respected pioneers of San Benito county. He came to California in 1849. Passing on his journey to the mines, he camped in the fruit orchard adjoining, and comprising a portion of the San Juan Mission property at old San Juan. He arrived safely at the mines of Tuolumne county, and remained there until 1853, spending first, however, a brief time in Mariposa county. Later he followed stock raising in Stanislaus county, whence He removed to the San Joaquin valley. He finally, in 1859, took up his residence in San Benito county, and continued stock raising. And since that date he has been an honored citizen of San Juan.

Major McMichaels was born in the town of Orangeburg, Orangeburg county, South Carolina, June 1, 1809. In 1858 He married, in California, his present consort, who was, by maiden name, Emma Stone. They have three children. The Major lives in comparative retirement at San Juan, and since 1887 has ably filled the position of United States Postmaster. He is a gentleman possessing many estimable qualities, and is highly regarded by all who know him.

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