

John T. Prewett, a successful farmer and one of the pioneers of Bear Valley, San Benito county, California, is a native of Missouri, born in Cass county, December 17, 1840. Samuel Prewett, his father, a farmer by occupation, was a native of Whitney county, Kentucky, and, his mother was of Kentucky birth. Of their five children, John was the second born and is one of the two now living, his sister, Sarah, being the wife of Andrew Irwin of Bear Valley.

John T. Prewett located in Bear Valley in 1871. He is well known throughout San Benito county as an aggressive and enterprising farmer, and by dint of his industry and business tact he has here developed a good farm and fine estate, having about 1,100 acres.

He introduced into San Benito county the first sawmill, in 1878; and, in 1891 introduced the first successful traction engine.

He was married December 19, 1860, in Cass county, Missouri, to Miss Elizabeth J. Rayburn, daughter of Alexander R. Rayburn, who was a native of Virginia. They had known each other from childhood, having attended the same school together. His father crossed the plains to California, in 1849, making the journey with ox teams. He first engaged in mining at Georgetown, El Dorado county, and subsequently turned his attention to farming in Sonoma county. Mr. and Mrs. Prewett have five children: Nellie E., Margaret B., Lizzie, Ray and Lena.

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