

George M. Roberts is a California pioneer of 1852, who came from Missouri. He is a native of Mercer county, Kentucky, where he was born June 11, 1830. His father, John Roberts, was a native of Virginia, and a farmer by occupation, and lived and died in Kentucky, the latter event occurring in 1845.

Our subject removed to Missouri and located at Independence, but remained there only one year, and then, in 1852, crossed the plains for California. Upon arrival in the Golden State he worked at his trade of carpentry, in Yolo county. During 1855-'56, he mined in Plumas county, but again returned to his trade and pursued the same at San José. Finally he followed stock raising for twelve years, from 1857 to 1869, in Contra Costa county.

The marriage of our subject occurred in Independence, Missouri, where he was united to Rebecca Clevenger, daughter of Archibald Clevenger, March 4, 1852. She was a pioneer of 1849, who lived for many years at San José, and is now a resident of San Diego. Mrs. Roberts was an estimable lady, who reared a family of four sons and three daughters, all of whom are living. She died December 27, 1877, and was interred in the cemetery at Hollister. After this lamentable event Mr. Roberts spent about six years traveling in the State, also in Mexico and Central America, and in 1888 he returned to Hollister, where he has since resided. His energy in business and frugal habits have been rewarded by a competency. He owns valuable real estate in and about Hollister, where he has ever been esteemed as a

citizen and known as a resolute and typical California pioneer.

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