

John Sexton, a native of Arkansas, was born December 28, 1837. His father, Jacob Sexton, a farmer, came to California in 1850 and died the same year, in Sacramento county. His wife, nee Eliza Reed, a native of Kentucky, died in the spring of 1886, leaving four children, of whom our subject is the second.

Mr. John Sexton served during the rebellion three years as United States Government Wagon-master in the Commissary department. After the war, in 1865, he came to California and remained two years at Napa, where he engaged in farm work. In 1867 he located in Salinas where he bought seventy acres of land, his present home. The Sexton residence is one of the most attractive rural homes in the valley and is a source of pride to the citizens of the surrounding county.

Mr. Sexton was married July 17, 1865, to Sarah B. King, the daughter of Philip King, a farmer of the Salinas valley. Mrs. Sexton was born in Indiana, March 21, 1846. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Sexton, namely: Ida B., now Mrs. James Kenney of San José; O. C., now Mrs. Wright Alsop of Salinas; A. D., now Mrs. J. H. Alsop of Salinas; Eda May and John T., at home.

Mr. Sexton enjoys the respect and esteem of all who know him, and he and his wife are worthy representatives of the Salinas valley.

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