

Sacramento County Biographies

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SOLOMON KREEGER

Solomon Kreeger, farmer, Dry Creek Township, was born December 17, 1829, in Mt. Pleasant, Forsythe County, North Carolina, son of Jacob and Mary (Fulps) Kreeger, natives also of that State. Both the grandfathers of Mr. Kreeger were in the Revolutionary War seven years, and they lived to be respectively 103 and 105. Jacob Kreeger was a farmer all his life and died in his native State at the age of sixty-eight years, in 1846. He had five sons and six daughters; the sons were George W., Jacob, John, Henry and Solomon; and of these only three are now living. Some of the family still remain in North Carolina, and some are in Ohio, Indiana and Missouri. Solomon was raised on a farm in his native State, graduated at Trinity College, North Carolina, twenty-one years old, and then he started for California, but stopped near Independence, Missouri, and taught school there a year in Jackson County. In 1851 he started again for the Golden State, with others, coming overland with ox teams. They had some trouble with the Indians, who endeavored to steal their cattle. By such delays their trip was extended five months and five days. Stopping first at Diamond Springs, El Dorado County, Mr. Kreeger mined about two months, and then followed the same occupation at Michigan Bar, Sacramento County, about four years, with moderate success. Then he located upon his present property in Dry Creek Township but subsequently removed to Sacramento, opened a hay and grain store on the corner of Eleventh and J Streets, known as the Elephant Feed Store, and ran it about five years, then returned to his ranch. Here he has splendid improvements, rendering the place exceedingly attractive. He has two farms, the home ranch of 451 acres, and the Briggs ranch of 468 acres, on which he has about 200 acres of alfalfa. He has been a member of the Masonic order ever since he was twenty-one years of age. He is a charter member of Nebraska Lodge, No. 71, and of Galt Lodge, No. 267, and in 1886 was a member of the Grand Lodge of the State of California. He is also a member of the Lodge of the Golden Shore and of the Chosen Friends. In 1863 he married Jane Cunningham, a native of Illinois, and they have seven children living, three deceased. Their names are Virgil, Lillie, Lettie, Zena, Tully B., Creed H., and Saul Cleveland.

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