

Mass., and there sojourned for a year and a half. In March, 1849, Mr. Magee arrived in San Francisco in the ship "Cordova," having made the passage round Cape Horn. His first venture was at the mines where he remained for seven months, when he came to Marin county. In 1857 he settled on his present place, located about one mile from Nicasio, where he has a farm of four hundred acres. Married, January 9, 1862, Mary E. Murray, who died March 27, 1875, leaving four children:—Mary T., Alice C., Richard J., and Thomas E.

Luigi Mazza. Born in Switzerland, April 11, 1837. Went to Australia in 1854, and came to California in 1868. In 1869 came to this county and bought his present estate, where he has been engaged in dairying ever since. Married, September 2, 1874, Lui Giacomini. She is a native of Switzerland. Claudina, Romilda, and Onellia, are the names of his children.

Neil McIsaacs. Born in Nova Scotia, August 8, 1842. At the age of sixteen years he commenced life as a sailor, and for four years followed this occupation. In 1862 he seceded from that business and went to Pennsylvania, where for two years he worked in the coal mines of that State. He next enlisted in the army, and after serving four years was honorably discharged; he then emigrated to California *via* Panama, arriving at San Francisco August 4, 1865; he next came to Marin county and resided in Tomales for two years. Is employed in the dairying business. Married June 9, 1869, Kate Linahan, by whom he has Don D., Hugh J., Flora R., and Evalena.

A. Righetti. Born in Switzerland, January 15, 1840. Came to America in 1870 and located in Marin county. Married G. Tognazzini, a native of Switzerland, in March, 1871. Persev, Livio, Olinda, Virginia, and Ida are the names of their children.

Russell A. Rogers, Whose portrait appears in this work, was born in Orange county, Vermont, on the nineteenth day of October, 1827. At the age of fourteen he took a position as clerk in a country store, where he remained for four years, after which he removed to Boston, where he continued in the same business until December, 1851. He then sailed for California, arriving the first of 1852, and started at once for the mines, choosing Shasta and Trinity counties for his field of operations. Here he remained for one year, experiencing the usual ups and downs of mining life. In 1853 he returned to San Francisco and soon engaged in the dairy business, his farm being situated west of the Old Mission Dolores, where Fourteenth street is now located. He continued in this business until 1869. By this time the city had increased in size until

it encroached upon the land which he had purchased years before at a very low price. He then divided his land into city lots and sold the greater part, forming the remainder into a homestead, which has been for some years his city residence. During his long sojourn in California, he has visited his native State twice. In 1871 he returned with his family to the East and spent the Summer. In 1869 he purchased the farm which he now carries on, situated at San Geronimo station, Nicasio township, consisting of seven hundred acres of grazing and farming land. The San Geronimo Gold and Silver mine is located on his place. Mr. Rogers was united in marriage with Clara Walbridge, a native of Caledonia county, Vermont, in 1856. Five children have been born to them, three of whom, Nellie, Addie, and Harry are now living.

James Roy. Was born in Vermont, April 19, 1834. On June 10, 1862, he emigrated to California *via* the Isthmus, and immediately settled in Marin county. In 1868, with his brother, T. B. Roy, he purchased the farm on which they now reside. Is unmarried.

Thomas B. Roy. Born in Caledonia county, Vermont, November 22, 1840. In 1861 he came to California, arriving in San Francisco in the month of October of that year, and there remained one year, and on October 1, 1862, removed to Marin county, where he located on the tract of land known as the White Ranch. In the Fall of 1865 Mr. Roy proceeded to Contra Costa county where he sojourned for three years; we next find him relocated, and in 1868, in company with his brother, James Roy, bought their present farm of four hundred and twenty acres. Married November 21, 1871, Mary E. Somers, also of Caledonia county, Vermont.

H. F. Taft. Was born in Chittenden county, Vermont, March 8, 1838, where he was educated and resided until twenty-one years of age, when he emigrated to California, landing in San Francisco June 1, 1859. For the first three years of his residence he was engaged on a dairy farm; he then came to Marin county, and in the Fall of 1862 located at Point Reyes, and there engaged in dairying. In January, 1866, he removed to Nicasio valley, and there settled on a ranch, and in 1876 came to the town of that name, between which and the railway depot he runs a stage; is postmaster and Wells, Fargo & Co.'s agent. Is a Knight Templar Mason in the York Rite, and thirty-two degrees in Scottish Rite. Married March 17, 1859, Eliza L. Woodruff, deceased. Married, secondly, Kate M. Farrell, who died January 10, 1875, and thirdly, Marcia L. Higgins, on December 27, 1877. He has by his first wife, Carrie O., and by his second wife, Lewis R. and Frank W.