

Sacramento County Biographies

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JOHN B. DUFFY

JOHN B. DUFFY.--A successful vineyardist of Galt whose younger days were spent in Texas riding the range, where he had many interesting experiences in that free, outdoor life, is John B. Duffy, who was born in Cabell County, W. Va, September 21, 1858, the son of Patrick and Martha (Wade) Duffy, the father a native of County Galway, Ireland, while the mother was born in Lynchburg, Va., and reared in Virginia. They were the parents of seven children: Mary, deceased; John B. of this sketch; Ellen, Anna and Dora, deceased; William lives in Texas; Margaret Olive lives at Cincinnati, Ohio. The mother passed away at the age of thirty-six and in 1860 the father removed to Bath County, Ky., where he followed his work as a stone mason and macadamized road builder, and lived to be seventy-eight years old.

John B. Duffy was reared at Bethel, Ky., and when he was nineteen he went to Texas and started out for himself. He became a rider on the cattle range and helped drive the first cattle north into the Panhandle of Texas in 1898. Mr. Duffy made his home at Sherman, Texas, during the greater part of his cowboy life, residing there from 1877 to 1889. Coming to Galt he became interested in the orchard and fruit business and since then he has developed three places. The first was a six-acre place on Frank Street, and after he disposed of this he improved a place of seven and a half acres near Galt. His present holdings consist of seventeen acres one mile southeast of Galt, and this he has partly set to vineyard and has completed a new residence there, with many other improvements.

At Sherman, Texas, August 22, 1880, Mr. Duffy was married to Miss Anna Brown and three children were born to them, Ray, Ruby and Don. On January 24, 1921, his second marriage occurred at Sacramento, when he was united with Mrs. Emma (Covell) Tayler; she is a native of Michigan, but came here with her parents when about fifteen years old, her father engaging in farming near Santa Cruz and Redding. By her first marriage she is the mother of two children, C. W. Taylor and Mrs. Frona Smith of Boise, Idaho. During the World War the former entered the R. O. T. C. at Camp Pike, Ark., and here he received his discharge in December, 1918. Mr. Duffy is a Democrat in politics and in fraternal life is a member of the Knights of Pythias, being past chancellor of the Galt Lodge; he is a charter member of the local Grange and was one of its officers during its organization. At the time the United States entered the World War, on the 14th day of April, 1917, this regiment was mustered into the Federal forces as the 158th Infantry, 40th Division, and he was sent to Naco, Ariz., for border patrol work immediately upon enlistment. In November they were transferred to Camp Kearney for overseas training and on November 25, 1917, Mr. Duffy received his discharge there, not being eligible for overseas service on account of his age; he was a member of the supply company and was a wagoner. He is a member of Smith-Lippi Post of the American Legion at Galt and is its chaplain and historian.

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