

## SHERIFF GEORGE WILSON GREEN

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George Wilson Green, Sheriff of San Mateo County from late 1877 to his death on November 6, 1881, was a native of the province of New Brunswick. George was born on July 21, 1838 at Saint Andrews in New Brunswick. When he was aged



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seven he moved with his parents to Eastport, Maine and in July 1848 he moved again to Belfast, Maine where he went to school and studied to be a ships joiner.

George moved again to Minneapolis where he worked as a carpenter building houses. February 1<sup>st</sup> 1861 he moved to San Francisco where he continued his trade working for J.E. Butler for eleven years. In May 1875 he was employed by the Spring Valley Water Company in putting up temporary buildings and timbering tunnels. He continued working with the Water Company until 1877 when he was elected Sheriff of San Mateo County.

George Green was reelected Sheriff in November 1879 and was still serving in that position until his death. He married Caroline Smith on June 28<sup>th</sup> 1870 who died January 18th 1878. The couple had three children. He subsequently married Elizabeth Beck and they had one child, Harry Beck Green, born September 23<sup>rd</sup> 1880.

Sheriff Green was out fishing in the Bay with two jail trustees when the boat capsized. They were in Corkscrew Slough when the boat overturned and all three of the occupants were thrown in the water. Green saved one of the trustees and went back for the second trustee but both men drowned.

George Green was buried in San Mateo but in April 1886 his body was brought to be buried in Union Cemetery. Undertaker Crow opened the coffin and found the body to be in very good condition before he was reburied in plot 167.