

City of Chino ❖ Hall of Fame

presented on June 1, 2005 honoring

Samuel C. Pine Jr.

Samuel Cook Pine, Jr., 1856-1919. Two years after his birth in Salt Lake City on December 26, 1856, Samuel Cook Pine, Jr. was brought by wagon train to San Bernardino, California. His parents, Samuel C. Pine, Sr. and Jane Morrison Pine first settled in the Yucaipa Valley. In 1867, they purchased 208 acres of prime farmland adjoining the original Chino Ranch grant. It was here these early area pioneers built their home and raised five sons.

As soon as he was old enough, Samuel, Jr. became responsible for his share of the chores and was closely associated with his father until 1877 when he pre-empted 130 acres of government land, also located in the southeastern part of the Chino Valley.

He married Beatrice Gregory of Rincon, and together they had four children, two sons and two daughters.

Mr. Pine became prosperous and prominent as a farmer and dairyman. In 1902, he was elected as Fourth District Supervisor to the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors. He proved to be such an efficient and invaluable member of that body he was re-elected for two additional terms. He served from January 1903 until January 1915, presiding as chairman of the board, part of that time.

It was during Mr. Pine's tenure the charter was filed with the Secretary of State and adopted, giving the Board of Supervisors fundamental powers as the County's legislative and executive body.

Mr. Pine became a director of the First National Bank and Chino Savings Bank, and during World War I he was a major participant in Red Cross and Liberty Loan drives. "In the community he could always be counted on for time, labor and money for any good cause," said the Chino Champion. He was universally liked and respected. His life was an open book. He died at his ranch home in Rincon on March 24, 1919.

Samuel Cook Pine, Jr. and his siblings, Edwin, Edward, Myron and Dudley were all large of stature and men of varied talents, basically farmers, as their individual homesteads along Pine Avenue were testimony. The historical footprints left in the sands of time by this remarkable family and their many descendants will always be linked to the story of the Chino community.