

Samuel M. Black, a well-known farmer of Blanco, Monterey county, has been a resident of California since 1861. He is a native of New York, having been born at Auburn, Cayuga county, November 22, 1840. His father, Robert Black, was a farmer, who reared his sons to that calling.

Upon coming to California, our subject engaged in the occupation he had been reared to near Sacramento, in 1861. As the Sacramento river flooded his section of the country and retarded work he left that locality and engaged for a time in mining. He also visited Nevada and Montana in 1864, but in the fall of 1867 he returned to California and located in the Salinas valley, near Castroville, where he leased lands of the Cooper ranch, and there farmed until he purchased his present farm of 100 acres, at Blanco. In addition to this farm he owns a stock range of 368 acres. Mr. Black was Supervisor of Monterey county one term, which lasted six years, from 1869 to 1875. He has also been Clerk of the Board of Trustees for Blanco district for many years.

In September, 1869, our subject was married to Amelia Warth, a daughter of William Warth, deceased, who lived and died at Blanco, after coming from Germany, of which country he was a native. He located in California in 1804, and his daughter, Mrs. Black, was only an infant when He made his settlement here. She was born in Germany just before the trip was begun, which carried the parents and little ones to this great land of freedom and plenty. Mr. and Mrs. Black have nine children, namely: William, Robert, Elizabeth, Amelia. James, Samuel,

Clara, Marguerite and Ethel. Mr. and Mrs. Black are substantial people and enjoy the respect of their fellow-citizens.

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