Robert Burns, who resides near Mulberry, San Benito county, California, is one of the most substantial farmers of the county.

Mr. Burns is a native of Madison, a town on the Kennebec river in Somerset county, Maine, and was born May 18, 1839. His father, Samuel S. Burns, a farmer by occupation, was of Scotch nativity and a relative of Robert Burns, the eminent Scotch poet. The subject of our sketch came to California in 1860, making the journey via Panama, and landing at San Francisco. He located at San Juan, on the San Justo ranch, and in 1878 went to San Luis Obispo, where he continued stock raising, operating on the Huernuero ranch. In 1884 he took up his abode on his present farm, 640 acres, on the San Benito creek.

Mr. Burns was married in 1870, to Miss Florett Willington, a native of Maine. Their four children are: Willis L., Mabel E., Gertrude and Herbert, all living at present with their parents.

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