

M. B. Templeton. - Mr. Templeton is a well-known citizen of Monterey county, and is known especially for his business energy amid enterprise. He is a native son of the "Golden West," and was born in Trinity county, California, May 13, 1860. He was reared in Alameda county and was in the railroad service for about six years, when he came to Monterey county. His father, Benjamin S. Templeton, was a woolgrower and a native of Ohio. His mother (now deceased) was born in Germany.

In 1885, Mr. Templeton, in company with F. O. Oaks and T. A. Cunningham, purchased 4,000 acres of land of the Moro Cojo ranch, made extensive improvements on the same, and the purchase was recently divided between the partners, Mr. Templeton taking 380 acres, upon which he has put omit about 3,000 fruit trees, erected new and commodious buildings and otherwise made great improvements. His estate lies in a fertile and picturesque county, especially adapted to fruit culture.

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