

**Francis Blackie**, of Castroville, is one of Monterey county's most energetic farmers and businessmen. He came to California in 1862, almost directly from his native county, via New York city. He is a native of Roxburghshire, Scotland, born October 4, 1840, where He was reared to the occupation of a merchant. In time, as many other young men of his native land have done, he came to America, choosing California as his objective point, and sailed for that State, via the Isthmus of Panama, and in the fall of 1863 reached Salinas valley and engaged in farming on the Cooper estate.

In 1887 he purchased the warehouse business of Mr. Charles Louis, which he had been operating since 1881, when he had leased it. This warehouse is located near Castroville, on the Monterey line of the Southern Pacific railroad, and is the shipping point of the product of a fine portion of the Salinas valley, and Mr. Blackie handles an unusually large quantity of potatoes, beans, barley, etc., yearly. In this he is very successful and has gained the respect and esteem of all who know him by his honesty and fair dealing.

Mr. Blackie was married in 1874, to Miss Jane Mullis, daughter of John Mullis, of Salinas. Mr. and Mrs. Blackie have four children, namely: Francis, Walter J., Sarah M. and William O. Mr. Blackie is esteemed as a citizen and a prompt and successful businessman.

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