

Andrew Blomquist, the subject of this sketch, came to Monterey county, California, from his native land, Sweden, in the year 1868. Here he was first employed by Hon. C. S. Abbott, near Salinas, at \$30 a month, taking his pay in calves. He had a good education in his own language, and speak the English language sufficiently to be understood. His father, also named Andrew, was born in Malmo, Sweden. His mother's maiden name was Kate Andresen. They were married about the year 1841, and to them were born five children, all of whom are living, namely: Anna born February 20, 1842; James A., October 24, 1844; Andrew, December 6, 1846; Peter, in 1847; amid Juana, in 1849.

After working three years for Mr. Abbott, Mr. Blomquist formed a copartnership with Charles McFadden, which lasted two years. It being dissolved, Mr. Blomquist engaged in business for himself – dairying and farming – near Chualar, Monterey county, where he now resides. in this enterprise he has met with eminent success. He now owns 5,000 acres of land, valuable horses and hogs, and over 1,000 head of cattle.

He chose for his life companion and wedded Miss Matilda Lenander, who was born in Orkolljunga, Sweden, February 24, 1858. This union resulted in the birth of five children, of whom four are living namely: Mida Nervida, born March 11, 1881; Anna Louisa, deceased, born July 28, 1882; Ada Elizabeth, September 30, 1883; Andrew Bernhard, September 5, 1885; Charlotte Christina, January 21,

1887. Mrs. Blomquist's untimely death occurred on the 3d of August, 1891. Mr. Blomquist still keeps his little family together, preferring to take care of them himself rather than to entrust them to others.

As an honorable and upright citizen, Mr. Blomquist sustains an unblemished reputation, his word being considered as good as his bond. He is economical, yet generous, and has good cheer for all who visit him. He is popular as a citizen, and more so as an employer. Doing an extensive farming and dairying business (milking about 150 cows), he, of necessity, keeps a large number of men around him, and many of them have been with him for years without making changes. Eschewing all vices and bad habits, he is a most exemplary man.

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