

W. H. Blosser, a prominent and highly respected citizen of San Benito, San Benito county, California, was born in Fayette, Seneca county, New York. April 24, 1827. In his youth he learned the trade of tanner and carrier at Lockport, New York, and in 1848 went to Michigan, where he worked at the same in Medina, Lenawee county.

While working quietly at his trade in Michigan, the California gold fever swept over the country and Mr. Blosser was one of its victims. He drove a team overland from Michigan to the American valley in Plumas county, this State, arriving at his destination August 14, 1852. From that time until 1861, he pursued the various callings of a persistent miner, and with no very brilliant success. In 1861 he joined the United States Army and fought the Indians on the frontier, in New Mexico and Arizona, until 1864. In November of that year he returned to Plumas county, via steamer from Wilmington to San Francisco and up the Sacramento river, and remained in Plumas county until October 1868. The following year he came to San Benito county with Bolivar Smith, and bought a squatter's claim to land that now comprises a portion of his comfortable home at San Benito.

Mr. Blosser was married, December 10, 1873, to Mrs. Rachel (Fallen) Appleton, a native of Livingston county, Michigan, and the widow of D. E. Appleton. By her first husband she had three children: Maggie, May and Dc Witt. She and Mr. Blosser have one daughter, Etta O.

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