

Alexander Eaton, a citizen of Hollister, but a native of the State of New York, having been born there, January 18, 1830, in Orange county. He is a son of John Eaton, a carpenter by trade, who was born, reared and died in the town of Minisink, the same county.

Our subject learned the trade of blacksmith in his native town, in 1845. After learning he pursued his chosen trade until 1852, when he embarked for San Francisco from New York city, on the bark Fannie Major. He sailed around Cape Horn and reached his destination in safety. Mr. Eaton spent about three weeks in the mines but then went to San Francisco and began practicing his trade. In 1857 he engaged in business for himself and pursued the same in San Francisco for about twenty years. At that time, on account of the poor health of his wife he was obliged to seek a more congenial climate, and so came to Hollister, in 1871, which place he has since made his home and place of business.

Our subject has been twice married. His first wife was Martha Lockwood, a daughter of J. Lockwood, a farmer. She was born in Orange county, New York, and bore him three children. Her death occurred August 8, 1887. Her children are: Edwin A., of Kings City; Charles L., who lost his life by an accidental discharge of a gun, July 2, 1887; and Ivy M. Mr. Eaton again married April 18, 1888, this time Miss Nettie Brewton, of Placerville, California.

Mr. Eaton is one of Hollister's most enterprising and public-spirited

citizens. He is a member of the City Board of Trustees, and is now serving his second term in that position. For eight years he has been Chief of the fire department of Hollister, and has been largely instrumental in putting and keeping it on its present sound footing and efficient working order. He takes an active interest in educational matters, and in every movement tending to benefit the people or the business interests of his town or county.

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