

J. W. Gregg, Esq., of Monterey, is ranked with the pioneers of California, having made the journey from the East to this coast in 1853, coming via New Orleans and the isthmus of Panama.

Mr. Gregg is a native of Virginia, born in Loudoun county, December 8, 1828. His parents removed to Ohio during the early settlement of that State, and located in Licking county. Aaron Gregg, his father, was a farmer by occupation. His mother was before her marriage, Miss Elizabeth Fleinming. Both were natives of the Old Dominion. The father died in Ohio. Of their six children, the subject of our sketch was the third born, and is the only one of the four now living who has settled in California.

Mr. Gregg has been a life-long farmer and stock-raiser. He came to California with naught save a strong constitution, resolute purpose and willing hands, and commenced life by working on a farm and in a sawmill at Monterey. He farmed for sixteen years on the ranch owned by the Snively Brothers, in the Carmel valley, and had large numbers of cattle on the then open ranges. After about ten months residence in Monterey, he purchased and moved to the place now occupied by William Hatton. He added to this acreage from time to time, 'until he owned 1,270 acres of fine farming and grazing lands.

May 9, 1868, he was united in marriage with Miss Lola Soberanes, a native of Monterey, and the second daughter of Don Mariano Soberanes. Four children have been born to

them, namely: Elizabeth A., now Mrs. Thomas Oliver; Lola M., wife of John Sparolini; Mary A., wife of J. B. Steadman; and Joseph Gregg, at home.

Mr. Gregg has disposed of his landed interests, and has retired from active life, living quietly at Monterey. He is an esteemed citizen, unassuming in his manner, and enjoys the confidence and respect of a wide circle of friends and old-time acquaintances.

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