

Philip Oyer, Esq., one of the most worthy citizens of Pacific Grove, has been a resident of the State of California since 1851, having come from Jackson county, town of Springport, Michigan. He is a native of Cayuga county, New York, and was born in the town of Genoa, August 11, 1834. His father (Philip Oyer) was born in Pennsylvania, of German parents, and he was by trade and occupation a stonemason. His mother was also of German descent, and a native of the same place, her maiden name being Sarah Wagner. Mr. and Mrs. Oyer were blessed with eight children, our subject being the youngest child.

Mr. Oyer's route overland to California was by way of the Carson river, and upon his arrival in the State, he like many others engaged in mining in Yuba and Placer counties, in which He had varied successes and failures. He then went into the logging business in El Dorado county, and furnished large quantities of pine and cedar logs for local mining and building purposes.

In 1859 he removed to Nevada, where he engaged in freighting wood, quartz, etc., in the mining regions of this State. He also embarked in the butchering business, and supplied Carson City and Virginia City with their meats, controlling the wholesale trade of those lively mining centers. He also engaged in the sheep-raising business on an extensive scale, and owned large herds numbering as high as 11,000 head.

In 1864 he engaged in the same line of business in Fresno and Sacramento counties, on equally as

large a scale for five years, when he shifted his base of business to New Mexico, where he is still largely interested, in cattle.

Mr. Oyer was married June 21, 1876, to Miss Caroline Stolts, a native of California, and a daughter of Herman Stolts, a farmer of Sacramento county. She is, like her husband, of German descent. They have four children, namely: Daisy, born December 3, 1877; Frank, born January 25, 1880; Philip, born December 9, 1881, and William, born December 25, 1886.

Mr. Oyer removed with his family to Pacific Grove, and there permanently located in 1887, where he erected one of the most attractive homes in the city of beautiful cottages by the sea. He has been and is still engaged in the lumbering business. Has invested liberally in local realty and takes a pride in the beauty and growth of the town of his adoption. The adjoining town of New Monterey is likewise receiving the benefit of his business push and enterprise, where he in partnership with Mr. R. L. Holman is erecting a substantial and attractive public house at a large expense, which is located on one of the most slightly eminences of the town overlooking the lovely bay of Monterey.

Mr. Oyer takes a becoming interest in the civil affairs of his locality, and is always found on the side of progress and good government.

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