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Selling out his East Fifth Street ranch in 1896, Mr. Martin bought a home on Fifth Street, near town, where he lived a number of years, and took up the bee industry on a ranch where Claremont is now located. He recently sold his ranch in Antelope Valley, but he is still interested in bee culture.

Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Martin, and five are still living: Thomas C., Hugh, Robert A., and Maggie, now Mrs. Mark Piercy of El Monte, and Floretta Caroline, now Mrs. Edward Ward of Pasadena. Mr. Martin is past master in the Lexington Lodge of Masons, No. 104, of El Monte, and with eight others organized Pomona Lodge No. 246, F. & A. M., in 1876, and he was their first master. He served five years and is now the only living charter member. The lodge held its meetings in the old Central School in a room rented from the Odd Fellows. He was also Scribe of the Royal Arch Masons and the Eastern Star.

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#### ROBERT M. TEAGUE

Occupying a distinctive place in the history of the citrus industry of Southern California, Robert M. Teague has made an invaluable contribution to the fruit growers throughout the state through his many years of painstaking and skillful work in the propagation and improvement of nursery stock. He was born in Davis County, Iowa, on May 6, 1863, the son of Crawford Pinckney and Amanda (May) Teague, referred to in more detail in the sketch of D. C. Teague, an older brother of Robert, who was next to the youngest in a family of eight children; he was brought to California by his parents across the great plains in a wagon drawn by horses, being six months en route.

Robert grew up at Santa Rosa and there attended school, surrounded by an environment peculiar to the Golden State and which undoubtedly appealed, and not in vain, to his every faculty. From a lad he learned farming as practiced in those days, driving the big teams in the grain fields, much of this work now being done by tractors. When seventeen years of age he came to San Dimas, in 1880, and with his father and brothers engaged in raising grain on the San José Rancho; all this time he was studying the soil and climate, so he was prepared, therefore, for the general awakening in 1889, just after the great "boom" here and took advantage of the conditions by embarking in the citrus nursery business, in which from the first he was unusually successful. In 1889 he purchased twenty acres of the San José tract on Cienega Avenue, where he raised nursery stock and also set out oranges for a grove of his own. Then in 1901 he purchased twenty-five acres on Bonita Avenue in San Dimas, then a hay field and with no water on the place. He secured water and piped it to the land and started a nursery on the place as well as

setting out an orchard, with a border of palms, the consensus of opinion being that his grove presented the most beautiful appearance of any place in the district. He also purchased forty acres of bottom land, developing water on it and installing an electric pumping plant and this he set out to lemons, later selling this land but continuing the growing of trees in his nursery.

Mr. Teague now owns ninety acres on La Habra Heights, which he will devote to nursery stock and citrus orchards. In his nursery his stock includes oranges, lemons, pomelos and limes, as well as subtropical trees, such as avocados, Feijoas, Cherimoya and Jujubes. His experimenting in subtropical fruits has proven them a commercial success. He is preparing and setting out the whole of his La Habra Heights holdings in orchards and nursery, and in the budding of his nursery stock he takes buds from record trees only. His headquarters continues on his home place at San Dimas, the business now being conducted as the R. M. Teague Citrus Nursery. He is the owner of a half interest in the *California Cultivator*, published in Los Angeles, and at one time was a half owner of the *Pacific Rural Press*, but sold his interest in the publication in 1909. A firm believer in cooperation, he is a member of both the San Dimas Orange Growers Association and the San Dimas Lemon Growers Association, believing it the only way to make a success of citrus culture.

Mr. Teague was one of the organizers of the California Association of Nurserymen, in which he has taken an active part. When bud selection started he saw the feasibility of it and that it meant better stock and naturally a greater success for the grower. With others he was instrumental in organizing a bud selection department of the association for the purpose of keeping records, thus having a reliable bud supply in all lines, and at the same time to standardize the varieties. He was at one time a member of the Pacific Coast Association of Nurserymen. So steadily fortunate was he in obtaining the desired results that he has remained an active leader in that field for thirty years, and year by year has built up such a trade that he had the largest citrus nursery in the world, employing from thirty to 150 men and during the season of 1912 shipping some 286,000 trees. One may imagine the mental labor alone involved when it is considered that quality and not quantity has always been one of the undeviating standards of this dependable house, and that every tree is well tested before being disposed of to the patron. Mr. Teague's fondness for nature has, of course, been one of the fundamental reasons for the marked success he has made.

On November 29, 1892, at Pomona, Mr. Teague was united in marriage with Miss Minnie E. Cowan, a native of Thornton, Ind., the daughter of E. A. Cowan, a pioneer of Pomona. He had been married in Indiana to Sarah Turner, of whom he was bereaved

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when Mrs. Teague was only five years of age. Mr. Cowan removed to Mahomet, Champaign County, Ill., and in 1889 came to Pomona, where he resided until his death. Mrs. Teague, who was the only child of this union, was educated in the public schools of Indiana. Gifted and gracious, she has proven a real helpmate, taking the keenest interest with her husband in the many problems he has met and mastered, and so sharing with him the credit for the splendid results. She is very popular in social circles and is a member of the Wednesday Afternoon Club of San Dimas, and has taken an active part in the work of the Red Cross.

Mr. Teague is a member of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, the Pomona Lodge of Elks and the Los Angeles Athletic Club. It is readily seen that the careful work and experimenting that he has accomplished during his years of raising nursery stock has been of the greatest importance to fruit growers. His honest, straightforward policy of allowing none but the best and most perfectly budded trees to be sold and shipped has been the means of raising the standard and quality of fruit grown, to the great satisfaction of his patrons. His reliability and integrity is unquestioned and it is the consensus of opinion that when "Bob" Teague, as he is familiarly called by his many friends, says a thing is so, it is so, and in any transaction his word is as good as his bond. It is to men of his type that Southern California owes much of its greatness, for by his research and careful work in the line of the propagation of trees he has been the means of contributing a great share to the abundance of wealth of its peoples.

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### JAMES M. MITCHELL

Few if any pioneers have left behind them, on closing the book of life, a more enviable record than the late James M. Mitchell, for his clearly-cut ideal was to serve others besides himself, and in his laudable ambition he reached his goal. He was born in Franklin County, Ohio, November 1, 1835, a son of John Mitchell, a native of Ireland of Scotch parents. When James M. was five years old the family removed from Ohio and settled at Cumberland, Ill., and there the lad grew up and attended the country schools, while he worked on the farm with his father. Later he became a farmer on his own responsibility, and raised cattle and hogs with success. In 1853 he returned to Ohio with the family and there he owned a farm of 200 acres.

In 1869 Mr. Mitchell took a trip to California but, although much pleased with what he saw here, went back to Ohio and farmed until 1874. Once more he visited this state and for ten years had a dairy ranch near Los Angeles. Ohio again drew him to her borders and he farmed there for three years, then gave his 200-acre farm to