

The Packard Orange Grove Tract was then being set out and he purchased nine and one-half acres in this tract, five acres of which had just been set out to trees by Mr. J. E. Packard. The remainder of the property Mr. Robertson set out himself. Forty men were employed in grading, laying out and planting the Packard Tract and their camp was located opposite Mr. Robertson's ranch. In the early days part of the ranch was in deciduous fruits, later these trees were taken out and orange trees planted. Mr. Robertson's ranch is a fine producer, both as to quality and quantity of fruit, and bespeaks the good care bestowed upon it.

He married a native of the Pine Tree State, Miss Louisa Wass, who was born in Machias, Maine. Of their three children, Helen L. is at home; George W. of the United States Navy served on the steamship Nevada during the World War; and Jane C. is a teacher at Glendale, Cal.

Mr. Robertson is a charter member of the Pomona Fruit Growers Exchange, was one of the first men to sign up to the association and was a director for many years in the institution. He was director in the Packard Orange Grove Water Company. In his religious convictions he is a member of the Congregational Church, and fraternally is a charter member of Pomona Lodge No. 246, F. & A. M.; also belongs to the Chapter and Commandery in Pomona, and to the Modern Woodmen of America. Both he and his wife are charter members of the Pomological Club of Claremont and Mrs. Robertson and daughter Helen are prominent members of the Woman's Club and of the Order of Eastern Star at Pomona.

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#### EDWARD MYRON WHEELER

Among the representatives of California who are natives of the Green Mountain State is numbered Edward Myron Wheeler, the able manager of the San Dimas Orange Growers Association. He was born May 7, 1872, in South Hero, Grand Isle County, Vt., and is the son of Henry O. and Elizabeth (Martin) Wheeler, natives, respectively, of Vermont and New York. The father was educated at the University of Vermont and while there the Civil War broke out and he enlisted as a private in the First Vermont Cavalry, rising to the rank of captain in the same regiment. At the Battle of the Wilderness he was severely wounded, taken prisoner and sent to Libby prison, afterwards being exchanged and returned to his command. After the war was over he completed his college and law course and practiced his profession. In addition to being an attorney, he was superintendent of schools at Burlington, Vt., until 1913, when he removed to San Dimas, Cal., where he resided until his demise in 1918. His widow survives him, still making her home at San Dimas.

In a family of five boys, Edward Myron is the oldest child. He received his education in the grammar and high schools of Burlington, Vt., and then spent one and a half years in the University of Vermont, and in 1892 came to San Dimas, Cal., where he engaged in citrus growing for a number of years. He then became associated with the San Dimas Water Company in the capacity of manager, remaining with the company seven years, from 1898 to 1905. He was next in business at Long Beach for one year, when he removed to Tulare County, where he followed orange growing for a period of four years, after which he returned to San Dimas and became manager of the San Dimas Orange Growers Association in 1910.

In San Dimas, on May 17, 1900, Mr. Wheeler was married to Mrs. Susie C. Bowden, born in Arkansas, of whom he was bereaved in 1917, leaving two daughters, Elizabeth and Zoe Louise.

In national politics Mr. Wheeler favors the principles of the Republican party. Fraternally he was made a Mason in San Dimas Lodge, F. & A. M. Although still on the sunny side of life's prime he has achieved a substantial position financially and socially in the community and is adding prestige to an honored family name. He gives his influence and active cooperation to all worthy objects, is deeply interested in the citrus industry and the general development of this section of Southern California.

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#### DAVID C. W. PORTER

How many and interesting are the links between the Old World and the New, especially, perhaps, between America and Scotland, is shown in the life story of David C. W. Porter and his family connections. He came to Pomona Valley at the beginning of the new century, and he has since become one of the well-known ranchers.

He was born in London, Ont., Canada, on March 12, 1872, a son of John and Margaret (McMahan) Porter, naturalized American citizens, and there grew up amid surroundings calculated to develop the best that was in the lad. His education was obtained in Canada and the United States. Urged on, however, by a wandering disposition, he set out on an extensive tour of the States, and finally arrived at Colton, Cal., in 1901. For three years he was foreman of the California Portland Cement Company of Colton, but in 1906 he removed to Spadra and became superintendent of the F. L. Spalding Rock and Gravel Quarry. During the building of the highways in Los Angeles County in 1910, 1911, 1912 and 1913, a large quantity of the rock came from the Spadra quarry.

In the fall of 1918, Mr. Porter settled on his home ranch on West Holt Avenue, near Union, taking charge of a five-acre orange grove formerly owned by his wife's father, James Young. Under his skilful