

Allen L. Luce.

Allen L. Luce, a leading resident of Pacific Grove and for many years the trusted Keeper of Point Pinos Lighthouse, is a native of Georgia. Was born 8 May 1844. His father was a jeweler by trade and occupation, a native of Martha's Vineyard, Mass. He lived in Macon, Georgia where he pursued his calling and died. His death occurred when Allen was an infant. His mother who by maiden name was Sarah A. Brent was born in Louisiana, a daughter of Hon. Wm. M. Brent an eminent member of Louisiana Bar and a leading and successful politician, having several times represented his State in Congress. After the death of Mr. Luce the widow and son moved to New Bedford, Mass. and there in 1853 she married George H. Bodfish, Esq. and came to California. She survives him and is now a resident of Pacific Grove.

Allen L. Luce received a liberal education. His first experience in business was as a merchant, which occupation he followed at Kernville, Gavilan and White Plains in Kern Co. during the mining excitement in 1863-69. After about two years spent in Nevada mining districts and subsequently some time in Gilroy. Allen Luce received the appointment of Keeper of Point Pinos Lighthouse which position he still occupies.

Mr. Luce married in 1876 Miss Fannie L. Perry daughter of Capt. Richard Perry of San Felipe for many years a resident of Hollister, San Benito Co. They have two sons, Raymond Allen and Richard Perry, a daughter died at the age of three years in 1881.

Allen L. Luce has perhaps more than any other one man, interested himself in the cause of education. He was one of the first to move toward segregating the old Monterey School District and organizing the Pacific Grove District. He was likewise foremost in a movement to vote bonds and build the elegant and commodious building which is without exception the finest and most complete of all in the county.

The position which Mr. Luce has for so many years held with the Federal Government and the esteem in which he is held throughout Monterey County marks him as a man of excellent parts.

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