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Robert K. Malcolm (1868 - 1951)

Pioneer of Large Scale Farming, Sacramento (Ca.) Delta Region

Robert Malcolm, one of California's pioneers in the business of large-scale farming, was born in Correlitos, California. He attended public school in Watsonville until, at the age of 14, he entered the working world and became self-sufficient, working for the Charles Ford Company at \$7.00 per week. Three years later, Malcolm moved to San Francisco and was employed by Porter Brothers, the largest produce house on the Pacific Coast. As a result of his thrift and self-discipline, in two years Malcolm had saved \$700, with which he became a produce merchant, first on his own and then in partnership with Al Jacobs and George Burt.



In 1917, Malcolm became interested in ranching and development; in 1920 he was engaged in the reclamation of swamp and overflow land in the Sacramento Delta and founded the Liberty Farm Company, a ranch he operated until his death. Perhaps because the ranch area, known as Liberty Island, is located near the city of Davis, he became very interested in the development of the Davis campus. After Malcolm's death, his family established an annual scholarship in his honor for students in the College of Agriculture.

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