


William Phipps Blake (1826-1910) was elected to the Mining Foundation of the Southwest American Mining Hall of Fame in 2012.

After getting an advanced degree from Yale in 1852, he joined a government expedition charged with location of a railroad route from the Mississippi River to the Pacific, the first of many transcontinental journeys "geologizing." Making New Haven home base, he made frequent geological consulting trips throughout the West, and to Japan and Russian Alaska.





Blake is best known as a mining geologist, both in the U.S. and overseas, and published several books and over 200 abstracts and papers. He worked in 15 states and five countries on three continents.

Blake made his mark as a chemist, mineralogist and mineral collector, government geologist, journal editor and proprietor, mining engineer and mining consultant (both in the private sector and for the governments of the U.S. and Japan), educator, administrator for various international expositions, and as a Territorial Geologist for Arizona.

B J Lindholm *Blake at the Salton Sea 1853*

