

AARON FRAZIER, a most efficient and cultured school teacher at Dufur, Wasco county, was born in Kenton county, Ohio, October 22, 1834. He is the son of Abraham Frazier, a native of North Carolina, whose parents were born in the same state. The paternal grandfather of our subject was born in 1748. During the War of the Revolution the Fraziers owned a mill on Deep River. They were a Quaker family and remained neutral during the conflict, although the old Scotch Fraziers had been valiant fighters for over six hundred years, or longer. At the historical battle of Colloden Field the Clan Frazier fought fiercely and many of them were killed in the engagement, some of them having been tortured to death by the English soldiery.

Abraham Frazier, our subject's father, was a farmer, and on his place young Frazier grew to manhood, having attended a Quaker school at Martinsville, Ohio. Here he perfected himself in mathematics. He thence went to New Vienna, Ohio, where he was matriculated in the academy at that place, studied the languages and was there four years. Later he entered Yellow Springs College, at Antioch, Ohio, remaining only one year owing to illness. One year later he entered the Southwestern Normal School at Lebanon, Ohio, where he studied industriously two terms. Following this thorough course of study he began teaching, which he since continued most successfully, until 1902. He taught six years at Frankfort, Indiana; three years at Berlin, Wisconsin; seven years at Leon, Iowa; three years at McMinnville, Oregon; nine years in Dufur, besides a short period in Sherman county and other places, aggregating four hundred and fifty-two months of teaching.

In 1883 Mr. Frazier filed on a claim in Sherman county. Seven years thereafter he sold it. He owns property in Dufur. At present he is not teaching, but devoting his attention to fire insurance and newspaper work. He also holds the office of justice of the peace. Our subject is the, youngest of seven brothers: William C., of Clinton county, Indiana; Madison, a farmer in Kansas; Lewis, of Ohio; John, Moses and Abraham, deceased. He has two sisters, Eliza, wife of Jacob Quigley, of Ohio, and Margery A., married to Abraham Skein, of Clinton county, Indiana.

August 15, 1860, Mr. Frazier was married, at Blanchester, Ohio, to Jennie Williams, a native of that city, the daughter of Walter and Huldah Williams. Mrs. Frazier died October 20, 1872, at Farmers Station, Ohio, where she was visiting. The second marriage of our subject took place in Leon, Iowa, November 5, 1873, when he was united to Huldah H. Ham, born near Cleveland, Ohio. Mrs. Frazier has one brother and four sisters. Mr. Frazier is a member of the A.F. & A.M., and past master; of the R.A.M., and past high priest, and a K.T. of Osceola Commandery, Iowa; the I.O.O.F., being past grand; and he and his wife are members of the Christian church.

Our subject is a Democrat and has been a delegate to county and state conventions, ever active and stanch; has served as county superintendent of schools in Oregon and Indiana; has been county surveyor in Yamhill county six years; city recorder in various places including Dufur; nine years principal of Dufur school, and was principal of high schools in Frankfort, Indiana, Berlin, Wisconsin, Leon, Iowa and McMinnville, Oregon. He assisted in the framing of a legislative bill, and was instrumental in the organization of the present excellent school system in Iowa. Mr. Frazier has two children by his first marriage; Minnie A., wife of S.I. Everett, mentioned elsewhere; and Guy L., in the United States army, stationed in Alaska. By his second marriage he has Frederick D., of Dufur, and Annie, wife of James Adamson, of Mitchell, Oregon.