

FRANK J. STARK, a progressive and substantial agriculturist dwelling two miles east from Antelope, Wasco county, was born in Osceola, Iowa, on March 10, 1870, being descended from the family which furnished one of the greatest generals of the Revolution. General John Stark, the famous American patriot, who won so many battles against so heavy odds, was the brother of our subject's great-grandfather. It was this General Stark who rode before his men at the battle of Bennington and uttered the statement since chronicled indelibly in American history, "Boys, we must win this fight, or Mollie Stark is a widow tonight." Julius Stark, the father of Frank J., was born in Ohio, and his father was a native of Vermont. Julius Stark now dwells near Shaniko. He married Carrie Haltomyers, a lady of German ancestry, and who died on March 14, 1885. Our subject was six years of age when the family went to Texas, whence they journeyed to Kansas, and then back to Ohio. In Wellington, that state, he secured his educational training and after school days he was strongly inclined to come west. In December, 1888, he made the trip to Centralia, Washington, and there worked in a sawmill until he came to Wasco county, in 1895. He took a homestead and bought a half section adjoining, which is his estate today. He handles about one hundred acres to grain and has twenty head of cattle and fifteen horses. He has labored diligently since coming here and is in comfortable circumstances as the result of his industry.

The marriage of Mr. Stark and Nellie Hanna occurred at Dufur, on September 23, 1900. She was born near The Dalles, on July 24, 1882, the daughter of William and Elsie (Lewis) Hanna. Her father, a native of the Willamette valley, died in October, 1903, at Reno, Nevada. His father died in December, 1904, at Boyd, Oregon, one of the early pioneers of the territory. Mrs. Stark's mother lives at Tygh ridge. She was born in Iowa. Mr. Stark has three sisters; Hattie, the wife of William Blanchard, of Wellington, Ohio; Delia, the wife of Warner Peet, a machinist in Cleveland, Ohio; and Mollie, the wife of Wade Canfield, of Litchfield, Ohio. Mollie was named after the wife of General Stark. Mrs. Stark has two brothers, Archie and Walter, near Nansene, and one sister, Lottie, the wife of Archie Bully, a farmer, also near Nansene. Mr. Stark is a member of the A.F. & A.M., being past master of Antelope Lodge, No. 116. He is a Republican in politics, and a man of stamina and good standing.