

HEWITT RING is well known, not only in Wasco county, but all through this part of Oregon. Since 1875 he has handled the well known stage station located at Nansene where he has demonstrated himself a genial and capable host to the traveling public. His place is well known and greatly appreciated. In addition to this, he owns a fine farm besides other property.

Hewitt Ring was born in Missouri, on September 12, 1850, the son of Thomas and Margaret (Hewitt) Ring. The father was a native of Virginia and his parents came from old colonial stock. He died in Benton county, Oregon, on November 19, 1865. His father was born in Pennsylvania and her father came thither from Germany. Her mother was a native of the Emerald Isles. She died on November 10, 1885, at Salem, Oregon. They had crossed the plains with ox teams in 1852 when our subject was an infant. When their train reached the Clearwater Mr. Ring was taken with cholera and suffered from that dread disease while they traveled four hundred miles. He was the only member of the train that had the disease, and finally recovered. They settled in Polk county and then went to Benton county, where they took a donation claim. Our subject was educated in that county and when sixteen went to the mines at Canyon City. Three years later, he went to Nebraska and rented land for three years. Then he returned to Oregon and was married on March 7, 1877, at Jefferson, Marion county, to Amanda Montgomery, who was born in Georgia, on August 20, 1857. Her father, King Montgomery, was also a native of Georgia and his parents of the same state. The Montgomery family is an old and influential one there. He married Mary Hemphill, a native of North Carolina. Her parents were of colonial stock and she and her husband came to Oregon in 1875, settling near Marion county. Mrs. Ring has two brothers. John and George, and two sisters, Mrs. Mary Shelton and Mrs. Sophronia Taylor. Mr. Ring has two brothers, Jesse and Rufus, and one sister, Mrs. Virginia Wagner. Following his marriage, our subject rented a farm in Marion county and remained in the Willamette valley until September 4, 1875, when he arrived in Wasco county, where he filed on a homestead near Nasene postoffice. After farming it for seven years, he sold out and bought the place where he now resides, which was known as the John Adams estate. It has been a stage station ever since 1874 and also a postoffice, Mrs. Ring being postmistress. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Ring: Winfred, at home; Cora, wife of George Stirweis at Nansene; Caledonia, wife of William Taylor, a farmer at Dufur; Lelia, the wife of Paul Maxwell in Yamhill county; and Maude at home. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have two children, Helen G. and Malcolm.

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