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HENRY H. TOMLINSON, surveyor and farmer, resides about a mile out from Mount Hood. He is one of the pioneers of this country and has been very active in many lines of development work throughout the state. He was born in England, on January 22, 1855, the son of Samuel and Harriett (Hindley) Tomlinson, natives also of England, where they were married. The wedding occurred in Lincoinshire. They came to the United States in 1857 and settled in Genesee county, Michigan, where the father now lives retired. The mother died on June 4, 1902, aged seventy-two. Our subject was raised and educated in Michigan, and in 1874 went to Nebraska and engaged in overseeing a crew on the railroad. Later, he returned to Michigan and came to Ohio, after which he went to Michigan and learned the carpenter trade. In 1883 we find him in Hood River, Oregon, and he filed on a preemption a little south from where he lives at the present time. In 1884 he worked for H.C. Coe, on the Mt. Hood stage line. The next year he relinquished his preemption and went to Douglas county, Oregon. The same year he returned to Hood River, then went to Washington and worked for Lyman Smith as engineer in sawmill. In 1890, we find him working for the Southern Pacific railroad at Woodburn. Soon thereafter, he came to the valley to clear his homestead, which he had taken up in 1878. Since that time he has farmed here. In the spring of 1893, Mr. Tomlinson bought the Baldwin sawmill and operated the same for nine years. In May, 1902, he sold his property to John Koontz. Ever since learning the art in younger years, Mr. Tomlinson has given more or less attention to surveying and has operated in various sections of the country. He has sold one hundred and twenty acres of his quarter section and is improving the other forty in an excellent manner. He has a very tasty cottage together with other improvements and is making an ideal home of his place. He has a fine apple orchard and expects to plant more.

On February 20, 1877, at the residence of the bride at Mount Hood, Mr. Tomlinson married Miss Emily E. Edick, who was born in Illinois, on August 7, 1859. Her father, Henry Edick, was a native of New York, and his father, Henry Edick, lived to be one hundred and four years of age. He was born in Deerfield, Oneida county, New York, on June 28, 1770, and was a pioneer there and in various sections of the country. He married Miss Amelia Edick. He was the father of ten children and at the time of his death, six were living, the eldest being seventy-four and the youngest forty.

Mrs. Tomlinson's mother was Alice (Seymour) Edick, a native of McHenry county, Illinois, where she was married. She now resides in Mount Hood, the widow of Oscar Sandman. Our subject has two brothers, Lewis W. and Franklin, and five sisters, Mary E. Allen, Sarah, Hattie Montague, Ida and Lucy Meyers. Mrs. Tomlinson has one brother, William H., and one half brother, Delbert Sandman. Mr. Tomlinson is a member of the A.F. & A.M., and a good strong Republican. The children born to this worthy couple are Myrtle E., Delbert V., and Ivy, aged fourteen, eleven and two respectively. Mr. Tomlinson has had two severe accidents, each of which nearly cost him his life. While piloting a number of tourists to Mount Hood, on one occasion, he stooped to drink water from a spring and a falling rock struck him in the forehead, fracturing his skull. After recovering, he was one day in his mill when the emery wheel burst and a portion of it struck him in the same place, again fracturing his skull. He is one of the enterprising and progressive men of this valley, has a broad acquaintance and many friends.

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