

JAMES FULTON is one of the wealthy pioneers of the Pacific slope. He was born in Missouri, on February 17, 1847, and now lives about eleven miles east from The Dalles on Tenmile creek. His parents were James and Priscilla (Wells) Fulton, natives of Missouri and Indiana, respectively. They both died in Sherman county. They crossed the plains when our subject was an infant and settled first in the Willamette valley where the father took a donation claim which he farmed for ten years. This was in Yamhill county, then later he sold out and came to Wasco county, settling about a mile and one half below the place where our subject now resides. A number of years were spent there and in 1870, they went to The Dalles, the father having sold his farm. For a time he was retired, then he invested considerable money in the eastern part of Wasco county, which is now Sherman county, building a warehouse and engaging in general merchandise at Des Chutes station. Here he was burned out and then he resumed farming on his Sherman county estates, where he continued until the time of his death, owning at that time, several sections of fine wheat land. Our subject was educated in the district schools and in the public schools in The Dalles and remained with his parents until his marriage on February 23, 1867, which occurred at The Dalles. Georgiana Foss, who was born in Illinois, on March 11, 1848, then became his wife. Her father, George S. Foss, married Joanna Johnson. He was a native of Maine, coming from an old colonial family, which was prominent there for many generations. His death occurred in Goldendale, Washington, in 1882. He had come to the coast with horse teams across the plains in 1862; and made settlement first on Temmile creek. Later, we find him in the Willamette valley, after which he resided in Klickitat county, Washington, and did farming and stock raising. The mother was also born in Maine and came from an old and prominent family. She died in the Palouse country, in 1884. Mrs. Fulton was educated in the public schools and has two brothers, Jessie and Frank, and one sister, Mrs. Susan Hoeye. Mr. Fulton has three brothers, John, David and Frank, and three sisters, Mrs. Lucinda Isaacs, Mrs. Elizabeth Seholl, and Anna. To our subject and his wife, six children have been born; J. Frank, mentioned elsewhere in this work; Nellie, wife of William W. Floyd, at Prosser, Yakima county, Washington, a farmer and stockman; William, a farmer near The Dalles; Ada, the wife of Fred Stone, a farmer and sawmill man of Okanogan county, Washington; Mace C., at home; and Bessie P., who died March 14, 1891, aged six years and eleven months. Mr. Fulton is a good strong Democrat and is very active in the conventions and campaigns. He has been elected judge at various times and also school director and road supervisor. His brother, John, has been judge of Sherman county for years. His son, Mace, is at the present time road supervisor of this district. Mr. Fulton is a prominent and substantial citizen and one of the real builders of this county as was his father before him.