

JAMES McHARGUE, who is proprietor of the Hotel Shaniko at Shaniko, Oregon, was born in Linn county, this state, on February 5, 1851, being the son of James and Sarah J. (Montgomery) McHargue, natives of Kentucky and Missouri, respectively. The father's parents and grandparents were of Scotch ancestry and were among the early pioneers of the Blue Grass State, The mother's parents were born in Missouri and the Montgomerys were an old and prominent southern family. Our subject's parents were married in Missouri and in 1847 crossed the plains with ox teams to Linn county, Oregon, where they took donation claims. Our subject was born there and also was raised on the old home place, receiving his education from the public schools. The father died at Brownsville, Oregon, on October 18, 1897, aged seventy-five. The mother died at the old home place, on May 12, 1897, aged seventy-four. Our subject had followed farming on the old home place most of the time and continued there until 1902, when he sold out and came east of the mountains. Previous to that, however, he had been engaged in the Albany Woolen Mills for four years. After arriving east of the Cascades, he selected Shaniko as the place to invest and purchased equipments for the Shaniko hotel, leasing the building. Since that time he has been conducting a first class hostelry and is favored with a very fine patronage. His house is made attractive and is very popular with the traveling public.

At Brownsville, Oregon, on March 25, 1874, Mr. McHargue married Mary E. Keeny, who was born in Linn county, on October 12, 1858, the daughter of Elias and Margaret J. (Hyatt) Keeny, natives of Missouri. The father crossed the plains in 1846 with ox teams, being accompanied by his brother. They selected donation claims in the Willamette valley and then returned to Missouri, married and in 1848, crossed the plains again. The mother died in the Willamette valley in 1861. Mr. McHargue has two brothers, living, George W. and Robert H., in Washington; and three sisters, Ida, wife of George Hansen, a mining man at Grant's Pass, Oregon; Catherine, the wife of Joseph Hume, a hop raiser at Brownville; and Elizabeth, wife of James A. McPheron, a custom house employee in Portland. Our subject and his wife have become parents of five children; William C., in Arizona; Lillie, the wife of William E. Reese, manager of Moody's Warehouse in Shaniko; John, with his father; Margaret J., the wife of Angus A. Shaw; and Flora, at home.

Mr. McHargue is a member of the W.W. and in politics is a Democrat. He and his wife both belong to the Methodist church and are highly esteemed people.