

JAMES C. BOGGS is a farmer and fruit raiser of the Hood River valley, residing about three miles south from Hood River. He was born in North Carolina, on March 3, 1849, the son of Joseph and Mary (Wyant) Boggs. The father was born in North Carolina and his parents were natives of Virginia, coming from old colonial families. Various members of the family were in the Revolutionary War, among which was our subject's grandfather. His great grand-father bought a Bible in South Carolina which is now owned by our subject and is probably over two hundred years old. There is no date on it. The family were all planters. The father died in Marion county, Illinois, in 1884. The mother of our subject was born in Pennsylvania and descended from a Dutch family. She now lives in Marion county, Illinois. There James C. completed his education and remained with his father until twenty-five years of age. Then he worked at various occupations until 1889, when he came to the Hood River valley and bought fifteen acres of fine fruit land. Since then he has sold seven acres and still handles the place, three acres to strawberries and the rest to various crops.

On December 10, 1874, in Marion county, Illinois, Mr. Boggs married Miss Martha McIntosh, a native of Marion county, Illinois. Her father, Tilton McIntosh, was born in Tennessee and married Lucy A. Mercer, a native of Illinois. He died soon after marriage and his widow then married Andrew Copple in Marion county, whose father, Simpson Copple, lives in the Hood River valley and is mentioned in this volume.

On June 10, 1888, in Marion county, Illinois, Mrs. Boggs was called away by death. She left a family of three children, the oldest Grace, ten years of age. Mr. Boggs took up the burdens of life bravely after the departure of his wife and has raised his family and made a good showing with his labors. He has now three children living: Grace, wife of Arthur Getchell in the Hood River valley; Rosie, keeping house for her father; and Harvey.

Mr. Boggs is a member of the Christian church of which also his wife was a devoted member for sixteen years. They have three children who died in infancy, Ivy, Scott and an infant unnamed.