

JAMES M. NOLIN, a prosperous farmer living two miles up Fifteen Mile creek from Dufur, was born in Ontario, Canada, on July 18, 1856. His father, William Nolin, was born in the Province of Quebec and his parents in the same place. His grandparents, the great-grandparents of our subject, came from France. William Noun married Isabel Laird, a native of Ireland, who died here in Wasco county, in 1896. William Nolin had come here with his wife in 1886, and since her death he has resided with our subject. He is a man eighty-six years of age, remarkably well preserved, both physically and mentally, one of the best for his age that one will find in searching the state over. This indicates a wisdom and care on the part of Mr. Nolin that are very commendable for during the long years of his life he has so conducted himself as to preserve intact his powers.

Our subject was raised principally in northern New York near the Canadian line and for many years worked on the St. Lawrence river on a logging. With his brothers, he owned also a large farm in that country. In 1877, Mr. Nolin determined to explore the west and accordingly made his way to California where he followed dairying for two years in Gilroy. In the fall of 1879, he came north to Oregon and for a few years worked out in this vicinity, then rented the place upon which he now lives, also handling the Cates farm with it for nine years. Then he went to the Willamette valley and bought the farm which was his home for four years. After that, he sold out and came back to Wasco county and purchased the place where he now lives. For a few years before going to the Willamette valley, he was in the employ of the Stayer and Walker agriculture firm of Portland and traveled for them extensively, during this employment, then moved to the valley and purchased the farm mentioned before. It was 1900 when he bought the place that he now lives upon, from Mrs. Louisa E. Turner. It consists of one hundred and sixty acres of as fine wheat land as can be found in this part of Oregon, and averages forty bushels to the acre and last year produced forty-seven bushels. All improvements necessary have been provided and Mr. Nolin is considered one of the first class farmers of the county.

On October 25, 1885, in Clackamas county, Mr. Nolin married Miss Flora E. Frost, a native of Illinois. Her father, Elam Frost, was also born in Illinois and is now deceased. He came to the coast with his family in 1869, settling in the Willamette valley where he died. His father died at Hood River. Mr. Nolin has three brothers, George E., Edward and David. His wife has one brother, Walter, and three sisters, Mrs. Mary Stevens, Mrs. Laura Turner and Mrs. Luella Shank. Mr. Noun has been a school director for a number of years, has filled other offices and is active in the interests of the community and for general improvements. He belongs in the Democratic harness and is often seen at the conventions. Altogether, he is a man of stability, intelligence geniality and kindness and enjoys an excellent standing in the community.

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