

MANUEL D. ADAMS lives five miles south of The Dalles on Three Mile creek. He was born in Marion county, Oregon, on July 2, 1855, the son of Stephen B. and Nancy (Cox) Adams, mentioned elsewhere in this volume. The high school of Salem gave Mr. Adams his education and in 1871, he engaged in the sheep, cattle and horse business in Grant county, Oregon. For eighteen years, he continued that, then moved to Sherman county, purchasing a half section of land in the vicinity of Moro. In 1896, he sold out and came to his present location where he purchased two hundred acres of land. Later, a forty of this was sold and the balance he devotes to fruit raising and pasture. He has about forty-five acres in fruit, producing as fine as there is in the county.

On September 6, 1881, Mr. Adams married Miss Laura Peppers, the wedding occurring in Canyon City. She was born in Polk county, Oregon, the daughter of John and A.M. (Prather) Peppers, natives of Pennsylvania and Polk county, Oregon, respectively, and early pioneers to Oregon. The father died when Mrs. Adams was seven years of age. Her parents were among the earliest settlers in Oregon and are widely known. To this marriage, one child was born, Effie, the wife of Ashford Ferguson, in The Dalles. On February 19, 1887, Mr. Adams was called to mourn the death of his wife. On November 6, 1893, at The Dalles, he married Miss Leela Hendricson, a native of Linn county and the daughter of Marion and Laura (Bennett) Hendricson, natives of Illinois and Linn county, Oregon, respectively. The father came to Oregon in 1853, and now resides in Wasco county on the Des Chutes. To this marriage, four children have been born, Pearl, Ruby, Earl and Della. Mrs. Adams has three sisters, Eva Blaker, Cora Haskell and Grace Steward.

Fraternally, Mr. Adams is affiliated with the I.O.O.F. and is past grand. In politics, he adheres to the Democratic principles. His wife is a member of the Christian church and they are highly esteemed people.