

WILLIAM A. HUNTER is a man of good standing, is possessed of much property, and is a leading citizen in Wasco county. He resides about seven miles east from Kingsley, and there owns an estate of about one thousand acres. The same is well improved, has all the marks of being handled by a thrifty and skillful owner, and is one of the choicest ones of the county. This past year, Mr. Hunter reaped about four hundred acres of good grain, which is the average of his farming. He raises considerable stock, has some fine cattle and many hogs. Among the swine, he owns one registered Poland China boar, which is a choice animal. Mr. Hunter has been prospered in all lines and the secret is not hard to find, as his wisdom, industry, and skill are evident in all his ways.

William A. Hunter was born in Ontario, Canada, on December 28, 1869. His father, Murdoch Hunter, was born in Canada and his parents were natives of Scotland. He died in 1884. He married Ann Finlayson, a native of Scotland, who died at Kingsley, in 1901. In the world famous schools of Ontario, Mr. Hunter received his education and remained with his father until eighteen, then came to Oregon, and spent four years on the farms for wages. Later he took a homestead and preemption and bought another quarter, all in Sherman county. This was the scene of his labors until recently when he sold it and purchased a section and a half where he now resides. Here he has been occupied since and his life demonstrates him a man of tenacity, stability and uprightness.

Mr. Hunter took unto himself a life partner on July 4, 1899, the nuptials being celebrated at The Dalles, and the lady was Miss Gertrude Badger, a native of Michigan. Her father, George Badger, is a builder and architect in Portland. He was born in Michigan and his father was a native of Boston, Massachusetts, and came from an old and prominent American family of the colonial days. George Badger served through the Civil War in the Sixth and First Michigan Cavalry. He has erected some fine edifices, as the state insane asylum in Ionia, Michigan, the first capitol at Lansing, and others, being a prominent contractor. He married Miss Sarah A. Raymond, a native of Connecticut. Her father, Russell G. Raymond, was a native of the same state. He married Asenath Hoyt. The first Raymonds came to the Colonies from England in 1625 and settled where Salem, Massachusetts is now. Their names were Richard, William, and John. Richard was a seafaring man and from him descended that branch of the family to which Mrs. Hunter belongs. The family tree is complete back for many generations previous to even the early dates given. They were prominent people for centuries past. Mr. Hunter has three brothers, John, David and James, and three sisters, Mrs. Margaret McLeod, Mrs. Betsey McLeod, and Mrs. Catherine Longhurst. Mrs. Hunter has two brothers, Frank and George and two sisters, Mrs. Jennie Vassal, and Sarah. Mrs. Hunter was well educated, in the graded school of Ionia and the Portland University. Following her day of graduation, she taught school for four years. Mr. Hunter is a Democrat, and a man of influence in the community. He is well posted on all questions of the day and is a great reader.

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