

WILLIAM BROOKHOUSE was born in Wasco county, on February 22, 1864. The place was the farm owned by his parents on Tenmile creek, which is in the family now. His father, Richard Brookhouse, married Miss Ann J. Clark, and they were both natives of Ireland. The father came to the United States in the fifties, worked in the coal mines of Pennsylvania for four years, then came to the mines in the west and in 1860 came to the vicinity of The Dalles, and that winter is said to have been the coldest since the white men lived here. He took a homestead on Tygh ridge which he relinquished to his brother, and then bought out James and Thomas Woolery on Tenmile creek, the place being three hundred and twenty acres. Here our subject was born and reared. When fifteen he was called to mourn the death of his father and then he was brought face to face with the responsibilities of assisting to make a living for the family. The mother came to Oregon shortly after her husband did and her marriage occurred at The Dalles, where she now dwells. William remained on the place except two years in stock raising in the Big Bend country, Washington, where he lost all by a hard winter, returning to the home place with no money and thirty dollars of debts. With his brothers he operated the home place until recently and then purchased his present place, a half section near by. This is well improved and is one of the good farms of the county. Mr. Brookhouse is a thrifty and respected farmer and is making a good success of his labors. He has two brothers, John and Richard.

On March 17, 1900, at The Dalles, Mr. Brookhouse married Miss Johanna Shelly, a native of county Tipperary, Ireland. Her father, John Shelly, married Miss Anastasia Harney and did a large implement business in Thurles, Ireland until his death. His widow resides there now. Mrs. Brookhouse has two brothers and two sisters, James, Hugh, Margaret and Mary A. To our subject and his wife, two children have been born, Mary M. and Kate. Mr. and Mrs. Brookhouse are members of the Roman Catholic church. He is a Democrat, has been delegate to the county conventions, is now serving his second term as justice of the peace, and has been school director. He is a man of force and is interested in the upbuilding of the county. He and his wife are popular and well known, and manifest a public spirit and geniality that win them many friends.