

ANDREW J. DUFUR, JR., the founder of the town of Dufur, Wasco county, is recognized as one of the most enterprising and progressive citizens of the county. His interests at present are confined chiefly to stock-raising in which he has been eminently successful. He was born in Williamstown, Vermont, August 29, 1847. His father, Andrew J., Sr., was a native of New Hampshire, as were his parents. His father served through the entire War of 1812 and drew a pension for a partial disability. The great grandfather of our subject was a French Huguenot, a refugee from France at the time of the historic French revolution. They were of the aristocratic element whose lives were forfeited through the edict of the leaders of the Sans Cullottes, Marat and Robspierre. Andrew J. Dufur, Sr., crossed the plains to California, in 1859. His wife, Lois (Burnham) Dufur, was a native of Williamstown, Vermont, descendant of an old and distinguished New England family. She passed from earth at Dufur in 1895. She and her son, the subject of this article, went to Portland, Oregon, via the Isthmus of Panama, arriving in April, 1860. They had been preceded by the father, Andrew J., Sr. For twelve years the family resided six miles out from Portland, on a farm owned jointly by father and sons, comprising eight hundred acres. This property they disposed of in 1871. The father of our subject died at Dufur, in June, 1897.

The education of our subject was received principally in district schools, supplemented by a term at the Pacific University, Forest Grove. In 1872 our subject and his brother, Enoch B., came to the vicinity of where is now the town of Dufur, and jointly purchased between five and six hundred acres. They were pioneers; only one settler was there before them, Joseph Beasley, deceased. The brothers platted the townsite in 1880. Our subject and his wife at present own about 2,300 acres of land. With his son-in-law, Charles P. Balch, of whom a sketch is elsewhere published in this work, he is engaged profitably in stock-raising. Mr. Dufur has two brothers, Enoch B., a practicing attorney at Portland, Oregon. William H.H., a farmer near Dufur, and one sister, Arabelle, wife of William Staats, a farmer residing three miles from Dufur.

May 2, 1869, at Portland, Mr. Dufur was united in marriage to Mary M. Stansbury, of Indiana, daughter of John E. and Ann M. (Hughes) Stansbury. The father came to Oregon in 1862, settling on Columbia Slough, where he lived until the time of his death, in 1889. The mother lives at East Portland. Mrs. Dufur has three brothers and five sisters; John E. and Stephen E., at Woodlawn, Oregon; William G., on the Yukon river, in Alaska; Elizabeth, married to Milton M. Sunderland, a Portland capitalist; Susan, wife of James Wendell, of Portland; Lucetta, widow of John Foster, late of Hood River, Oregon; Rosabelle, married to Daniel Zeller, a builder and contractor at Dawson, Alaska; and Frances, wife of Morgan A. Zeller, of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Dufur have two children living, Lois, wife of Charles P. Balch, and Anna, married to H.A. May, a merchant at Portland. Fraternally Mr. Dufur is a member of Ridgely Lodge, No. 71, I.O.O.F., of which he is Past Grand; of the grand lodge and Nicholson Encampment, all of Dufur. He is a Democrat and has frequently served his party at county and state conventions, and although not particularly active, nor a partisan, is staunch and patriotic, taking a deep interest in the public welfare of the community in which he resides, the county of Wasco and the state.