

ALFRED FERGUSON, who resides on the Eightmile road about eight miles out from The Dalles, was born in Broome county, New York, on June 24, 1842, the son of Elijah and Clarinda (Blair) Ferguson. The father was born in Chenango county, New York. His parents were natives of Scotland. His father, the grandfather of our subject, was a participant in the War of 1812. The mother was born in Broome county, New York and came from an old family. In 1851, our subject was brought by his parents to California via the isthmus. Settlement was made in Tuolumne county and the father did mining and farming for many years. He died there in 1887. Alfred was educated in the frontier schools and in 1868, started in for himself. He soon came to Portland and for eight years was a resident of that city. Then he came to the place where he now lives, and to the quarter he purchased, he has added as much more by preemption right. He does general farming and raises some stock. His labors have been blessed with prosperity and he is one of the well to do men of the county. In his career, he has not been so sordid as to believe that money is the only thing for man, and consequently has so conducted himself that he has merited and today receives generously the confidence and esteem of his fellows.

At Portland, in 1869, Mr. Ferguson married Miss Martha J. Robertson, who was born in Cass county, Missouri. Her parents were John and Emily D. (Pinnill) Robertson, natives of Missouri and Kentucky, respectively. The father died when Mrs. Ferguson was an infant and she came here with her mother who had married again. The trip was made via the isthmus in 1862. They are now both dead. Mr. Ferguson has one brother living, James, and one deceased, John, who died in Sonora, California, in 1903. He was a prominent man and owned the city water works, and also did mining. Mr. Ferguson has two sisters, Mrs. Jane Pease, a widow, and Mrs. Frances Booker. Mrs. Ferguson has one brother, Joseph and several half brothers and half sisters. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson: John E., Ashford, and Miles. The last named is at home and the others are millmen in The Dalles. Mr. Ferguson is a member of the A.F. & A.M., and politically is allied with the Democrats. He is zealous in building up the community and is a citizen who is looked up to and is possessed of excellent wisdom and integrity.

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