

ALEXANDER FRASER. True it is that no one can travel through the civilized world without meeting in every portion the sturdy sons of Caledonia. True also, that the bravest soldiers, the brightest scholars and the most zealous pioneers come from the stanch race who have, with every race of people, and on their native hills, made history for the world. America owes much in many ways to Scotland's sons and many of our best citizens are descended from these people. It is our pleasant task at this time to be permitted to outline the career of one closely connected with the leading clans of Scotland.

Alexander Fraser was born in Scotland, on October 23, 1852. His father, John Fraser, was a direct descendant of the old Frasier clan and married Jane Holmes, also a native of Scotland. Both are now deceased, having passed away from the old home estate in Scotland. In 1872, after having received a good education, our subject came to Ottawa, Canada, and thence six years later, went to Manitoba. In this latter place, he served three years on the mounted police under Colonel J.F. McLeod. In May, 1881, he returned to Scotland and spent one year in the old familiar scenes and in visiting his friends. Then he came to the United States and located in Colorado where he was engaged in the smelting work for sometime. It was in the spring of 1884, that Mr. Fraser came on to Oregon and was in business in Portland for five years. Then he came to The Dalles country and bought the rights of a settler and homesteaded the place where he now resides about seven miles out from town on Threemile creek. Since then, he has purchased other land and now has one hundred and seventy-five acres in cultivation. The principal crops are wheat and potatoes although he has a fine three acre orchard. He is a prosperous and thrifty man, and is well known through this portion of the county and is one of the most substantial men here. He is progressive and public minded and always takes a keen interest in every question of public import.

At Portland, Oregon, on October 14, 1884, Mr. Fraser married Miss Jessie McDonald, who was born in Victoria county, Cape Breton, Canada, on August 10, 1854. Her father, Angus McDonald, was born in Scotland, and descended from the old McDonald clan of the Highlands. He was an overseer on a large estate for many years. He married Isabella Stewart who was a member of another one of Scotland's most noted families. They are now both deceased, the mother passed away in Cape Breton, on December 16, 1882, and the father at Portland, Oregon, on April 12, 1884. Mr. Fraser has one brother, Thomas, and one sister, Mrs. H. Adams. Mrs. Fraser has also one brother, Murdoc D., and one sister, Mrs. Mary Carrel. Two children have been born to this marriage, John A., on September 30, 1885, and Jessie J., on January 4, 1887. Mr. and Mrs. Frasier are prominent and devoted members of the Methodist church and take a very lively interest in church matters. He is assistant superintendent of the Sunday school, and teaches a Bible class.

Politically Mr. Fraser is a Prohibitionist and an influential figure in his party. He was school director and road supervisor for many years. Three years previous to coming to the United States, Mr. Fraser followed the sea as fireman on the Anchor Line of steamers that plied from Glasgow to New York and from Glasgow to the Mediterranean ports. Our subject and his wife are genial and kind people, having many friends and by their wisdom, industry and wise management have made themselves well to do. They are progressive people and have labored well for the advancement of the community along every line, being especially interested in school matters and church work.

It should also be stated that Mr. Fraser secured the rural mail delivery for his district.