

ASENATH L. PARKER owns one of the best fruit farms in the Hood River valley. It lies about three miles out from Hood River on the Mt. Hood road and is an ideal spot. Her tasty twelve room residence is modern and complete in every respect and one of the most beautiful houses in Wasco county. She has been here many years and is well and favorably known throughout the valley.

Mrs. Parker was born in Illinois, on February 18, 1854 the daughter of Hugh W. Moore, who was born in Nova Scotia. His father was a Scotchman and his mother an Englishwoman. The former died in 1899, in Indiana. Mrs. Parker's mother, Tryphena (Edmonds) Moore, was born in Canada and died in Indiana, in 1882. After completing the high school course at Lowell, Indiana, Miss Moore married John Parker, a native of Yorkshire, England, born on July 12, 1845. The wedding occurred May 27, 1872, at Crown Point, Indiana. Mr. Parker had come to the United States when nineteen years of age and thereafter farmed and raised stock. After the marriage they remained seven years in Illinois and finally came to Oregon in the fall of 1879. After remaining five months in Portland, they journeyed to Cascade Locks where he did carpentering one year and then started the town of Hood River. He located a business building on the lot donated by Captain H. C. Coe and put in a stock of general merchandise. This was the beginning of the town. He handled the stock for five years and then sold out to John Middleton and soon after bought Roger's sawmill which he operated for seven years, then sold to the Oregon Lumber Company. While in the store, Mr. Parker had purchased the place where Mrs. Parker now resides and after disposing of his mill, he lived on the place. In 1893, he erected a beautiful residence, located in an ideal spot which commanded a view of the river, and since then that has been the family home. For some years, Mrs. Parker kept summer boarders and in 1900, owing to failing health, she desisted from that enterprise. She has three brothers, Enoch, James W. and Charles W. and the following named sisters, Ursula Brandon, Mehetable W. Smith, and Ruby D. Hayner. Mr. Parker has four brothers, Jonas, Jobe, James, Thomas. James was a member of the King's guard in the English army. To Mr. and Mrs. Parker four children have been born: James W., a merchant in Elgin, Oregon; Frank E., at home; Maude, the wife of N.C. Sears in Winlock, Washington; Walter Ray, deceased.

Mr. Parker was a member of the A.O.U.W. and the Episcopal church while Mrs. Parker belongs to the Methodist church.

On August 27, 1897, at the family home, Mr. Parker died after an illness of eight months, from cancer of the stomach. He was a substantial and popular man and had labored with much zeal and influence for the building up of the country. Mrs. Parker is an educated and refined lady, and has managed the estate in a very becoming manner.