

ANDREW URQUHART is one of the leading farmers and fruit men in the northern part of Wasco county. His place is situated about three miles out from The Dalles on Mill creek, and is one of the good estates of the community. He has one hundred and sixty acres and it is well improved and produces abundant returns in diversified crops and fruits, of which latter he has a seven acre bearing orchard. Mr. Urquhart bought this place with his brother and together they tilled it for some years and then he purchased the interest of the brother and since then has handled it alone. He is an exemplary man, a patriotic citizen, and a good neighbor. His standing in the community is of the best and he has hosts of friends.

Andrew Urquhart was born in Linlithgow, Scotland, on March 30, 1848. His father, James Urquhart, was born in Aberdeen, that country, and followed farming until he came to the United States in 1852. He was of an adventurous spirit and soon made the weary journey across the plains to try his fortune in the wild west. He settled at Oak Point, a logging camp on the Columbia and later settled in Napavine, Washington, where he followed merchandising. He was several times commissioner of Lewis county, in that state, and represented his district in the state legislature. His death occurred in 1901. He had married Miss Ellen Muir, a native of Linlithgow, Scotland. She died in 1891 at Napavine. Our subject came west with his mother in 1855, the father having come before and prepared a place for them. Andrew was educated in the public schools at Napavine, and in 1867, started in life for himself. He came to The Dalles and did work in a dairy after which he took a homestead in Lewis county, Washington. Six years later he came thence to The Dalles again and wrought for four years at Rockland, across the river from that city. He was in the employ of Thomas Connell. Then he and his brother bought the farm as mentioned before.

Mr. Urquhart has the following named brothers and sisters: James, a farmer; Robert, a merchant; and Noble, a farmer, all three being at Napavine; William, a merchant at Chehalis, Washington; David, Henry, sheriff of Lewis county, Washington; Ellen, in California; Margaret, the wife of J.W. Alexander, who died in 1893; John died at Chehalis, a pioneer merchant there and postmaster; Alexander A., died at The Dalles, in November, 1903. Sometime before he was postmaster and merchant at Rufus, Oregon, and David, a merchant at Chehalis, Washington. Our subject's father was many years on the school board and a veteran of the Indian wars of 1855-6. Mr. Urquhart has also served much on the school board and is zealous for the advancement of these interests.

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