

AUGUST DECKERT claims the distinction of having been born in Wasco county and he is a man who has shown commendable industry and integrity during the years of his career. He is the son of Gabriel and Mary (Berninger) Deckert, whose farm adjoins that of our subject and is the homestead where he first saw the light, the date being November 14, 1869. The parents are both living on the old homestead and are both natives of Germany. The father was born near Frankfort and came to the United States in 1862. After a few months spent in San Francisco, he came on to Wasco county and took the homestead which is the family place now. He added as much more by purchase and has a good place, where he has labored all the intervening years with display of great industry and thrift. Mr. Deckert has so lived that he has the approbation and respect of all and the results of his labor show him to have been wise and far-seeing. Our subject was educated in the district schools and in the academy in The Dalles. Then he married and purchased six hundred acres where he now resides. Half of this is cropped to wheat annually and he receives abundant returns. He also raises some barley and other crops. Mr. Deckert remained with his parents until the date of his marriage which occurred on February 7, 1901. Then he removed to his present place and here he has bestowed his labors since. His wife was formerly Miss Vera Simpson, and was born in Albany, Oregon. Her father, Charles D. Simpson, now dwells in Woodland, California. Mr. Deckert has one brother, Charles, with his parents; and three sisters, Mrs. Emma Odell, Mrs. Lena Hettman, and Miss Nellie. Mrs. Deckert has four half brothers, Charles, William, Norman, and four sisters, Mrs. Ethel Hunt, a widow, Mrs. Zuma Cramer, Mrs. Elva Vosburg, and Carmel. One child has come to gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. Deckert, Ivan, aged three months. Mr. Deckert is a member of the M.W.A. and of the Red Men.

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