

BENJAMIN L. FORMAN, who resides about two miles west from Wapinitia, is one of the representative and leading men of Juniper flat, and has one of the choice places to be found in that fertile region. He was born in Linn county, Missouri, on November 17, 1859, the son of Major Luther T. and Arminta (Brown) Forman, natives of Kentucky. The father was a native of Bourbon county and his parents, who were Scotch, were born in the same place. He fought all through the Civil war and held the rank of major when he was mustered out. He was a prominent stockman and merchant and died in Linn county, Missouri, in 1902. The mother's parents were born in Kentucky and she died when our subject was four years old. Benjamin L. grew up on the farm, gained his education from the district schools and assisted his father in the stock business, being closely associated with him in shipping stock from Texas. He remained at the home place until March, 1889, when he came to this county and took land where he now resides. He now owns twelve hundred acres, which is well provided with water, both living and that pumped from various wells with windmills. He has improvements of the best, a large story and one-half white residence, commodious barns and outbuildings and all the paraphernalia needed on a first-class farm. Mr. Forman winters about one hundred and fifty cattle, raises lots of horses and sells many hogs each year. He is one of the most successful men of the county and is a leading figure in the conventions, and in public matters generally.

On July 4, 1890, at the Davis ranch, Wapinitia, Mr. Forman married Miss Eliza Abbott, who was born in Miami county, Ohio. Her parents, Curtis G. and Catherine (Dils) Abbott, were born in Ohio, the mother in Montgomery county. The father died here on June 20, 1901. The mother's father was native to Miami county, Ohio, and her mother was born in Virginia. Mr. Forman has two brothers, Charles, John: two half brothers, Joseph, William, and five half sisters, Mrs. Kate Stanley, Lida, Mrs. Virginia Denboe, Stella, and Mrs. Maggie Hill. To Mr. and Mrs. Forman one child has been born, William, aged fourteen. Mrs. Forman's people removed to Indian in 1848, settling in St. Joseph county. In 1857, her father went to California and after mining some, raised hogs in Humboldt county. He brought the first sheep to this county and to Prineville and was one of the earliest settlers on the flat. He remained here until his death. He was a very prominent man and was one of the leading stock breeders in Oregon. He was known as a liberal, enterprising and good man. Mrs. Forman has two brothers, Joseph C., James P. and two sisters, Mrs. Mary Brown, Mrs. Sarah Washburn. Mr. Forman is a member of the Christian church, and he and his wife are highly respected people.

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