

CHARLES H. SOUTHERN is one of the pioneers of the Boyd country where he has dwelt constantly since coming to Oregon. He is a well known business man and property owner and one of the prominent citizens of the place. He was born in Iowa, on May 14, 1855, the son of Martin and Elizabeth (Bolton) Southern, natives of Virginia. The father's parents were also born in Virginia. The mother came from an old Virginia family. In the fall of 1871, the family came to Oregon and settled in Wasco county, near Boyd. The father died on November 8, 1877, in the house where our subject dwells at the present time. The mother died on May 5, 1900. Our subject always lived with his parents and upon his father's death he purchased the old homestead from his mother, which is a residence and eighty acres where he now lives, and four hundred acres of choice wheat land adjoining. Charles H. was educated in the place where the family lived in his early days and was married on November 4, 1878, at The Dalles. The lady of his choice was Miss Emma Rice, who was born in Lane county, Oregon. Her father, Horace Rice, was a native of Ohio and his father died when he was a small lad. He came to Oregon with his mother and brothers and sisters in 1851. His mother had married Beckwith Cook. She died in Polk county, Oregon, in 1874. Mr. Southern has no full brothers living, one half brother, William, two sisters, Mrs. Ella Rice and Mrs. Lenna Seeley, and two half sisters, Mrs. Jane Mann and Mrs. Minerva Wanamaker. Mr. and Mrs. Southern have two children, Ethel, wife of Roy D. Butler, a merchant at Boyd and mentioned elsewhere in this work, and Harry dwelling at home. Mrs. Southern has the following named brothers and sisters. George, Austin C., Mrs. Etta Waterman and Mrs. Nellie Mann.

Mr. and Mrs. Southern are both devout members of the Methodist church while he holds the office of trustee. He also belongs to the W.W. Politically, he is a Republican and active in the support of the principles of his party, being frequently at the conventions and also taking a keen interest in the campaigns. He has been school director many terms and is a zealous supporter of educational advancement. Mr. Southern laid out the townsight of Boyd in 1895 but he had been in business there since 1889 as a general merchant. About 1899, he sold his store to his son-in-law and now gives his attention to the oversight of his property interests.