

DAVID C. WILSON is a well known farmer residing on Center Ridge. He was born in Adams county, Illinois, on December 15, 1844. His parents, David and Amanda (Hiler) Wilson, were natives of Bourbon county, Kentucky and died in 1869 and 1895, respectively. The father's parents were born in Virginia and pioneered to Kentucky. David C. was reared principally in Illinois, and there, too, received his education, the district schools supplying that important fortification for the battles of life. He remained under the parental roof until the year of his majority and then he began working out for the nearby farmers, and also for his father. Then, in 1868, he went to Nevada, Missouri, and in 1870, returned thence to the home place in Illinois and purchased a portion of the old homestead. After cultivating that some time, he went to Texas, then returned to Nevada and in 1888, came thence to Oregon. He wrought at the carpenter trade in The Dalles, which he had learned in earlier years and made his home in that city until 1900, when he came to his present place and filed a homestead. Since that time, he has devoted himself to farming and is one of the men whose labors have been bestowed with an industry and energy that bring good results.

On April 28, 1869, Mr. Wilson married Miss Susan A., daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Wilson) Hinkson, natives of Kentucky. The mother was a distant relative of Mr. Wilson. Mrs. Wilson was born in Lewis county, Missouri. She has two sisters, Mrs. Elmira Wilson, and Mrs. Martha Wilson. Mr. Wilson has four brothers, James H., John A., Daniel, and Joseph, and three sisters, Mrs. Delilah H. Yates, Mrs. Fanny Cummings, and Mrs. Margaret Homey. To Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, twelve children have been born, named as follows: Elmer O., Thomas, Floyd, near their father and dwelling on farms; Everett and Charles, at home; Alice A., wife of Ebon Butser, a farmer near Nansene; Effie, the wife of Bert H. Haynes, mentioned in this work; Hattie, the wife of David Reardan, in The Dalles; Rosie, Minnie, and Nellie, single; and Ethel Pearl, the twin sister of Everett; she died at The Dalles when fourteen. Mrs. Wilson owns land in addition to the quarter section which her husband owns. They are good substantial people and have labored long and well to build up the country.

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