

DANIEL O. DAVIS, a hospitable and genial man, is one of Wasco county's leading citizens, and resides about one mile southeast from Wrentham. He owns a fine estate there and has shown skill and sagacity in the culture of the same as in all his career. He was born in Dutchess county, New York, on January 28, 1848, the son of Daniel O. and Hannah J. (Rogers) Davis, also natives of New York. The father died when this son was ten years old. The mother's father was in the Revolution and was for many years a boot and shoe merchant in Wassaic, New York. Our subject's paternal grandfather also was a patriot in the struggle for freedom of the colonies. The Davis family are largely mechanics and builders. Daniel was reared and educated in New York and when fourteen enlisted in Company E, One Hundred and Fifth New York Infantry, under Captain Abe Moore and Colonel Thomas. He participated in the battles of Thoroughfares Gap, Second Bull Run, Cedar Mountain and on the way to Antietam he was taken sick and languished in the hospital for three months. Being then honorably discharged, he went home and at that time his weight with boots and overcoat was ninety-six pounds. On August 10, 1863, he enlisted in the Twenty-first New York Cavalry, Company G, under Captain J. B. Root, and Colonel Wm. B. Tibbits. He was in the Shenandoah valley and in West Virginia till the close of the war. Besides many skirmishes, he fought in the battle of Winchester. After the war his regiment was sent to Dakota and he was at Fort Collins some time and then was mustered out at Denver, Colorado. For eleven years after that he farmed and teamed there, then came to Baker county, Oregon, in 1877, and a year later settled in Union county. In 1885, he came hither and filed a homestead and since then he has acquired land by purchase until he has eight hundred and eighty acres, six hundred of which are tillable. He has considerable stock and does general farming. He is one of the successful and substantial citizens of this county.

At Fort Collins, on October 27, 1872, Mr. Davis married Miss Helen C. Remington, a native of Livingston county, New York. Her father, John E. Remington, was born in Troy, New York, was a well known artist, went to Pikes Peak in 1859, and at Dixon, Illinois, enlisted in the Seventy-first Illinois Volunteers. He was at once appointed assistant quartermaster with the rank of captain, the date being October 13, 1863. On March 13, 1864, he was made lieutenant colonel. He was mustered in September 22, 1862, and received his honorable discharge on March 13, 1866. On March 13, 1865, he was given the rank of major. He was closely associated with the leading men and one of his commissions bears the signature of Abraham Lincoln. After the war he engaged in farming in Illinois, in 1871, went to Fort Collins and was there postmaster for four years and in 1877, came on to Oregon with our subject. Here he took land and farmed until his death on October 7, 1900, being then aged eighty-four. He had married Electa S. Morse, a native of Connecticut and descended from the well known Morse family. She died here on November 24, 1891, aged seventy-three. The paternal great-grandfather of Mrs. Davis was a captain in the Revolution. Mr. and Mrs. Davis are members of the Congregational church and liberal supporters of the faith. To this household seven children have been born: Edward O., at home; Cora C., the wife of Charles Fagan, a farmer near The Dalles Leon L., a farmer near The Dalles; Lulu B., the wife of Fred Chapman, in Valley county, Montana; Grace I., the wife of Edgar A. Johnson, of Portland Wilfred E., a student in a business college in Portland; and Nellie G., at home. Charles Remington, first cousin to Mrs. Davis, was one of the first two men killed by the fire on Ft. Sumter. His brother, Edward, piloted Burnside's expedition. Mr. and Mrs. Davis are highly esteemed people and have done much to build up Wasco county and to forward all enterprises for the good of the people.

On January 6, 1905, at the family residence, Mrs. Davis was called hence by the angel of death. She was a noble woman and greatly beloved because of her kindness and good works.