

HENRY O. SIEVERKROPP, who resides south from Hood River, in the Pine Grove district, is one of the leading horticulturists of this well known fruit region. He has a farm of eighty acres, which his labor has improved in fine shape. He took the place as a homestead and with his wife went to work to make a first-class fruit farm out of it. However, owing to lack of capital, they were forced to labor most arduously and he was away from home earning money for the improvements, much of the time in early years. Finally, by dint of economy and wise management, they succeeded in getting a portion of the land to producing and since then they have been adding more each year until now they have sixteen acres planted to apple orchard and seven acres are bearing. The farm is located in one of the most beautiful spots of the valley and is a choice and excellent place. Recently Mr. Sieverkropp has erected a large modern dwelling and the same is tastily set and amid beautiful surroundings, makes one of the finest rural abodes of this entire valley.

Henry O. Sieverkropp was born in Germany, about five miles out from Kiel, in Schleswig, on August 16, 1853. His parents, Claus and Christina (Jasper) Sieverkropp, were both natives of that section and are now deceased. The father was a shoemaker, and died when Henry was three years old. In the public schools of the Fatherland, our subject studied and also in his youth learned to do good hard work, He continued there until 1886 when he came to the United States, and via the Northern Pacific to Portland. He wrought on a dairy farm for a time then came to what is now Bingham and worked for C. Hise, for whom he had worked twelve years in Germany. One year after that he took the land where he lives now and here he has resided since.

On November 9, 1879, while in Germany, Mr. Sieverkropp married Miss Christina Anderson, a native of Sweden and the daughter of Andrew S. and Christina (Nilson) Peterson, farmers in Sweden. Mrs. Sieverkropp had gone to Germany to work in a large dairy where they employed twelve young women, and there she wrought for nine years before her marriage. She has labored faithfully with her husband in the improvement of their home and the building of the same and it is pleasant to see them now enjoying the fruits of this toil. Our subject has two brothers, Johann and Henry, while Mrs. Sieverkropp has one brother, August. Seven children have been born to this household: Henry, at home; Herman, a school boy; Sophie, in Hood River; Susie, Armanda, Huldah and Emma, all at home. Before coming to this country Mr. Sievierkropp had the name Heinrich, but preferring the English he spells it now, Henry. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church and are good, thrifty people and stand well in this community. Mr. Sieverkropp was three years in the German army.