

JAMES F. MARKHAM, who resides about seven miles southwest from Dufur in Rail hollow, was born in Missouri, on January 24, 1844. His father, Thomas B. Markham, was born in Virginia, in 1800 and his parents were also natives of the colonies. His father fought in the Black Hawk war and one of the progenitors of the family was sent to Pennsylvania by William Penn. The Markham family is very large and well scattered. Thomas B. died on April 1, 1855. He was a Methodist preacher of note and a pioneer in Missouri. He married Sarah Jones, a native of Kentucky, who died October 9, 1875. Our subject was raised in Missouri until 1857, when the family moved to Kansas and in the latter place, he completed his education in the public schools. In 1863, he enlisted in Company I, Fifteenth Kansas Cavalry under Captain S.W. Greer and Colonel C.R. Jamison and served a little over two years, mostly in scouting and provost duty. Afterward he returned to the farm and in the spring of 1866, moved to Missouri, where he spent thirteen years. After his mother's death in 1875, he returned to Kansas with his family and followed the dairying business for a short time after which he went back to Missouri and in December, 1882, came to Oregon. He has owned several places, at Prineville, at Mitchell and finally in 1895, filed on the homestead where he now resides. He has purchased a quarter section additional and does diversified farming.

On October 27, 1870, at Pleasant Hill, Missouri, Mr. Markham married Miss Minnie Page, who was born in Marion, Ohio, on August 18, 1845. Her parents were Jay and Mary (Young) Page, natives of Virginia and Ohio, respectively. The father's parents were pioneers to Marion county, Ohio when he was an infant. He died in 1898 in Bates county, Missouri. The mother died at Pleasant Hill, Missouri, on October 1, 1875. Mr. Markham has two brothers, John S. and Thomas F. and one sister, Mrs. Margaret V. Colville. Mrs. Markham has two brothers, Jacob and John. Five children have been born to our subject and his wife: Bernard P., who has a farm adjoining his father; Minnie C., wife of Charles F. Douglas, a farmer near Boyd; Myrtle A., a teacher in Wasco county; Teresa G. and Harriet A. both at home. Mr. Markham is a staunch Republican.

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