

JEFFERSON N. MOSIER, a real estate dealer at Mosier, Oregon, is a man whose life has practically been spent in Wasco county. He was born here on September 28, 1860, the son of Jonah H. and Jane (Rollins) Mosier, who are mentioned elsewhere in this work. The father hired George J. Ryan, a well educated Irish gentleman, as tutor of his children for twelve years. Jefferson was with his father until 1876, then went to Walla Walla and worked in a furniture store for one year and in a meat market for two years, learning thoroughly meat cutting. When the O.R. & N. came through here he returned to Wasco county and was engaged with the engineer corps as a helper until the road was completed. Then he accepted a position with Dubois & King, handling all their meat supplies for their boarding houses on the Northern Pacific. After that, he was employed in a market in The Dalles for two years and finally retired to a farm of one hundred and seventy acres which his father had given him. He improved the same and also did stock raising. Recently Mr. Mosier sold this property and moved to Mosier station where he had purchased one hundred and twenty acres at the old Mosier estate from the heirs a few years before. This he has platted and recorded as the Town of Mosier. Mr. Mosier devotes his attention to disposing of this property and the upbuilding of the town where he has cast his lot. He is still interested in stock raising and has sixty head of cattle. Mosier is beautifully situated on a sloping rise overlooking the Columbia and is starting with good promise of being one of the lively centers of prosperous Wasco county. Mr. Mosier has recently erected an ornate Queen Anne cottage near the old Mosier home and is taking steps to beautify and make popular the town of Mosier.

On February 16, 1889, Mr. Mosier married Miss Mary A. Sivener, who was born in St. Louis, Missouri. The ceremony was performed by Father Bronsgeest. Mrs. Mosier's father, John Sivener, was born in Paris, France, followed cabinet making until November, 1903, when he retired from active business and now resides in Portland. He married Miss Mary A. McNamee, a native of Missouri, of Scotch-Irish ancestry and now dwelling in Portland. Mr. Mosier has the following named brothers and sisters: Mrs. Alice S. Faucette, Mrs. Mary S. Adams, Lydia S., Benjamin F., deceased, Mrs. Emily A. Mansfield, deceased, and Mrs. Josephine E. Willoughby, deceased. Mrs. Mosier has one brother and four sisters, who are now living. Joseph P., Mrs. Jennie T. Glenn, Mrs. Kate M. Bradley, Mrs. Nellie E. Eber, and Mrs. Agnes R. Zander. Mr. and Mrs. Mosier have no children of their own but have adopted one, Alice K., the daughter of Mrs. Mosier's sister, Mrs. Lizzie A. Kaege, who is deceased. Mr. Mosier is a member of the K.P., the I.O.O.F., the M.W.A., and the United Artisans. Mr. Mosier remembers well the trying and dangerous times of early days.

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