

HON. JOSEPH W. MORTON is a prominent and wealthy citizen of Wasco county, living three miles out from Hood River on the State road. He owns the Riverside farm which lies south of the Columbia and consists of four hundred acres. Three acres are planted to strawberries and the balance of the land produces other fruit and general crops. The place is valuable and one of the best in this part of the county. Mr. Morton has it well improved and manages the estate with a display of wisdom and thrift.

Joseph W. Morton was born in Henry county, Iowa, the son of Charles R. and Caroline (Wallace) Morton, natives of Ohio. The mother's family is allied with the old Scotch Wallace family, well known in Scottish history. The father came from the Morton family which has been identified with America long before there was a United States. They came on the good ship, Ann, soon after the Mayflower landed, and are well known in various portions of this country. Levi P. Morton, at one time vice president, was a member of the family. The father died at Salem, in 1894. He crossed the plains in 1852 and returned east and came west again in 1875. Our subject was raised principally in Oregon. The family came here when he was ten years of age. After completing his studies in the district school, he graduated from the business college in Portland then remained with his father on the farm until he came to this place in 1889.

On February 14, 1886, at Hood River, Mr. Morton married Miss Annie M. Haynes, a native of Portland and the daughter of Charles H. and Elizabeth J. (Quick) Haynes. She died in June, 1889, at Portland. On May 1, 1902, at Hood River, Mr. Morton married Miss Pearl Groshong, a native of Kansas and the daughter of Peter and Malinda (Miller) Groshong, natives of Ohio. Mr. Morton has one brother, Elijah, and two sisters, Mrs. Carrie E. Haynes and Nellie G. Mrs. Morton has four brothers, Frank, Abraham B., Hood, and Joseph P., and four sisters, Mrs. Clara E. Jones, Mrs. Grace Elliott, Mrs. Jennie Hixon, and Mrs. Mary Gordon.

Politically, Mr. Morton is a very active Re-publican. He has been a delegate to many of the conventions and in 1898, was elected to represent this district in the state legislature. He was active and influential in that capacity and endorsed the bill, which afterward became a law, that provides for the especial care of trees and shrubbery in the state, and has done a great deal in keeping the state clean from various pests which are detrimental to horticultural interests. Mr. Morton is a member of the I.O.O.F., and a popular and influential man.