

JOHN W. WATERMAN, a well known stockman of influence and wealth, resides at 1107 Lewis street, in The Dalles, Oregon. He was born on April 10, 1845, in Missouri, the son of Ezekiel H. and Mars A. (Stroud) Waterman, natives of New York and Ohio, respectively. They are mentioned elsewhere in this volume. The mother died in Marion county, Oregon, in 1866 and the father then married Nancy Smith. Our subject came to California with his parents in 1852, and six years later journeyed with them to the Willamette valley, where he grew up and was educated in the district schools and Jefferson institute. In 1862 he came to eastern Oregon with cattle, accompanied by his father, and was also interested with his father in the mercantile business at Jefferson, Marion county, whither they returned in 1864. When twenty-one he entered the drug business for himself and continued at that for two years. After that, he came east of the mountains, settling in Grant county, that portion which is now Wheeler county. His exact location was about twenty miles east from Mitchell. There he did a large stock business and for six years gave his entire attention to it, then again he removed to the Willamette valley and took up sawmilling. He was occupied by that for four years, then opened a general merchandise store at Caleb postoffice, in Grant county. In the spring of 1882 he had again taken up stock raising in Grant county. In 1895, Mr. Waterman turned the various business interests which he possessed over to his sons and they are handling the stock and operating the general merchandise store at the present time, with excellent success, having recently removed the business to Mitchell. Mr. Waterman retired from active business entirely in 1903 and removed to The Dalles where he purchased his present residence.

On February 13, 1867, at Jefferson, Oregon, Mr. Waterman married Miss Mary E., daughter of Absolam and Sarah (Cullison) Smith, natives also of Illinois where also they were married. The father was accidentally drowned in the Willamette valley and the mother still lives at Jefferson. Mrs. Waterman was born in Illinois, crossed the plains with her parents with ox teams, and died in 1882 at the ranch near Caleb.

On April 15, 1895, Mr. Waterman married Mrs. Angie M. Laswell, the daughter of Enoch and Eliza (Mundy) Baniford, and a native of Canada. Mr. Waterman has one half brother and one half sister. He also has seven children; Hanley A., a merchant at Mitchell; Everett O., who is handling his father's stock: William, in the livery business at Moro; Virgil, with his father; Mattie M., the wife of Everett Knox, a merchant at Antone, Wheeler county; Veva, wife of V.E. Boardman, a graduate of the Washington University, and taking a post-graduate course at Chicago University; Mary, single and with her grandmother in Jefferson. By her former husband, Mrs. Waterman has four children: James E., in Montana; Lulu, wife of C.P. Johnson, a merchant at John Day, Oregon; Anna, wife of Frank McCallum, a merchant at John Day; and Rena, wife of Hanley Waterman, our subject's son. Ernest V., eldest son of our subject, died at Caleb in 1897, aged thirty. He was associated in business with his brother, Hanley, and his father.

Politically, Mr. Waterman is a Republican and is active at the county and state conventions. He has been justice of the peace for many years and is a refined, gentlemanly citizen, progressive and highly esteemed.