

MILTON J. ANDERSON, second ranger of the United States Forest Reserve, residing at The Dalles, Wasco county, was born in Sacramento county, California, October 11, 1860. His father, Hartford Anderson, was a native of Scotland, coming to the United States and locating in Pennsylvania with his parents when a child. He was a ship carpenter, and died in Sacramento, California. The mother, a native of the North of Ireland, died in 1874.

Folsom, California, was the scene of our subject's youth and early manhood. He was educated in the public schools of that town, attended the high school and acquired an excellent business education. He remained in California until he was twenty years of age, was four years a drug clerk, and four years in the Pacific Carriage Works in Sacramento, and became a carriage ironer. In 1884 he came to Wasco county and opened a blacksmith shop, manufacturing all descriptions of carriage iron. He organized the Summer Fallow Machine Company in 1889, and began the manufacture of cultivators. The company discontinued business in 1902, and shortly afterward he was appointed to his present position with the forest reserve. For many years Mr. Anderson has been an enthusiastic advocate of forestry and forest protection, and was a member and prime mover in the first Forest Protection Association, organized in Oregon. He was secretary of the association four years, and his efforts in that line were cordially recognized by the government. On being appointed to the position of ranger he removed to The Dalles from Dufur, disposing of his home in the latter town.

Politically he is a Republican and has served as delegate to nearly every state and county convention since 1883. He has served two terms as mayor of Dufur, and one term as chairman of the board of school directors. Mr. Anderson drafted the original charter of the city of Dufur, and in 1893 proceeded with it to Salem and secured its adoption. He is a member of the W.O.T.W., No. 215; charter member of the Council and was commander the first three years of its existence. He has four brothers and one sister: Levi H., a miner of Sacramento, California; Charles A. and Edward H., in the employment of the Central Pacific Railway, in California; William A., an attorney and ex-member of the California legislature, now probate judge in Sacramento; and Maggie, single, a teacher in the grammar school of Sacramento. June 27, 1886, at Wamic, Wasco county, Oregon, Mr. Anderson was married to Ella M. Rodman, born in Utah. Her parents are William R. and Louisa Rodman, living at Wamic. She has one brother and four sisters: Hugh, a farmer near Walla Walla, Washington; Ruth, wife of Daniel Crowley, of Antelope; Laura, married to James Palmer, of Portland, Oregon; Belle, wife of Joseph H. Prout, a forest ranger living at Wamic; and Elsie, wife of David Campbell, a farmer near Wamic. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have four children, Alvis M., H. Vernon, Malcolm and Irene, aged sixteen, thirteen, eleven and one years, respectively. Our subject has been clerk of the house or senate of the Oregon legislature every session since 1891. He is a member of the American Forestry Association, Washington, D.C.