

SAMUEL COCHRAN is a staunch and patriotic citizen of Wasco county where he has wrought for some time, and is now retired, enjoying the fruits of his former labor. He resides about three miles south from town on the Mt. Hood road, where he has an estate of seven acres, which is devoted largely to hay.

Samuel Cochran was born in Iowa, on May 17, 1846, the son of Artemus and Mary (Whitmore) Cochran, natives of Ohio. The father's people were pioneers of that country and the mother's ancestors came from Pennsylvania Dutch stock. Our subject was reared and educated in Iowa, his youthful days being spent on the farm with his father. On November 29, 1866, he married Miss Louisa J. Ruckman, a native of Iowa and the daughter of William and Mary (Miller) Ruckman, natives respectively of Pennsylvania and Ohio. The father was of Dutch ancestry and was born in 1804. The mother came from Scotch and Irish extraction. After marriage Mr. Cochran bought a farm and dwelt in his native place until 1872, when he sold out and assayed the journey to Union county, Oregon. Arriving there in good time, he selected state land and purchased seven hundred acres, which he tilled until 1900, when he sold all but three hundred and forty acres of that estate and moved to the Hood River valley. Here he purchased the place mentioned above and since that time has continued here in quiet retirement. The Union county estate is rented and produces a fine income annually.

Mr. Cochran has three brothers, William J., Rufus, and Milton D., and one sister, Rachel F. Johnson. He also has the following named brothers and sisters deceased: Charles, Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Collins, Mrs. Rebecca Ellen Kah, and Mrs. Lucy Catherine Rae. Mrs. Cochran has three brothers, William H., George W., and Thomas M., and one sister, Elizabeth Connelly, and two brothers deceased, John N. and Robert D. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Cochran: Mary M., the wife of Charles L. Copple, whose farm adjoins that of our subject; Charles E., a prominent attorney in Union county and a graduate of the Ann Arbor University; and George T., a graduate of Leland Stanford University, and in the employ of the government in Manila, being in the forestry bureau. Mr. Cochran is an elder of the Christian church while he and his wife are faithful members of this denomination, and have labored for the advancement of the faith for many years. They are very genial and affable people and are worthy of the esteem in which they are held by all.