

An Illustrated history of Baker, Grant, Malheur and Harney counties, with a brief outline

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In 1878 Mr. Howard served as scout under General Howard and went from Malheur to Pendleton with him.

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WILLIAM L. LOGAN.—It is with pleasure that we are enabled to give a resumé of the life of the worthy pioneer, capable gentleman, and stanch and patriotic citizen whose name initiates this paragraph, since he has wrought in many places on the frontier for its development, has done a lion's share of the hard work to accomplish this praiseworthy undertaking, has been exposed to the hardships of such a life, the dangers from the storms of the mountains, the dangers from Indians on the warpath, the dangers from wild animals in the forest, and in it all has shown that true courage, stability, and calm and good judgment that so well become the true American citizen. Also in Malheur county Mr. Logan has wrought with a faithful hand and his works are manifest to all.

William L. was born in Nashville, Tennessee, on May 31, 1827, being the son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Owens) Logan. When a child he came with the family to Illinois, thence to Wisconsin, and in 1852 across the plains with ox teams to Placerville, California. En route they had to fight the Indians, and there, as many times since in such conflicts, the savage foe fell at the crack of the trusty rifle of our subject. He mined and dealt in stock in California, traveling all over the state, and Arizona and New Mexico, as well, until 1862, then pulled up from his headquarters at Marysville and Sacramento and came north to Oregon, through the Grande Ronde valley, to Walla Walla, Lewiston, Florence, Idaho Basin and to the vicinity of Weiser, where he settled and went to farming and stock raising and also kept a stage station. In 1869 he came to lower Willow creek, where he now lives, four miles northwest from Dell, entered a homestead and settled down to improve the land and raise stock. He has added by purchase until he has three hundred acres of land, well supplied with water, and improved with good, comfortable house and all needed buildings. He raises as high as eight hundred tons of alfalfa per year and handles a large band of cattle and horses. When Mr. Logan settled here there were two other cabins, his being the third.

On April 18, 1863, Mr. Logan married Miss Nancy J., daughter of James and Lucinda (Malory) Harris, and they have become the parents of the following children: William Weiser, born March 13, 1864, being the first white child born in the vicinity of Weiser, Idaho, and now married to Hattie Denham, recently deceased; John T., married to Minnie O'Neal; James N., deceased; Edward A., married to Edna Logan; Frankie, deceased; Minnie H., deceased; Oscar W.; Arthur; Young P. and David P., twins, the former deceased; Robert L. Mrs. Logan came across the plains with her parents in 1862, making the trip with ox teams from the state of Iowa. She was born in Kane county, Illinois. Mr. Logan is a man of good capabilities, now well on in the golden time of his life, respected by all and esteemed by those who know him and to be highly credited for the noble part that he has done in the pioneer labors of the entire west and also for the prominent work that he has accomplished in this country.

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SANFORD N. EMISON.—No man in the vicinity of Nyssa, Malheur county, is better known than the capable and enterprising business man whose name is at the head of this sketch. He is a member of the firm of Emison Brothers, which does a large business in the general merchandise trade, having a spacious and well equipped store in Nyssa, where they carry a complete stock of gents' furnishing goods, dry goods, groceries, hardware, house furnishings, farm implements, lumber, coal, and in fact a line of all kinds of goods that are needed in the wide range of territory whence comes their extensive and lucrative patronage. In addition to their commodious store, the firm owns a large two-story warehouse, where they have a great quantity of goods and the upper part is occupied with the opera house of the town. The firm also handles the Nyssa ferry, and until recently, they have handled a large stock ranch of fifteen hundred acres, well stocked and one of the largest in this section of the country.

Reverting more particularly to the personal history of our subject, we note that he was born in Baker City, Oregon, on July 13, 1872.