

Gaston, Joseph. "The Centennial History of Oregon, 1811-1912." Vol. 3. Chicago, Clarke Publishing Co., 1912. p. 62.

CLYDE T. HOCKETT, M. D.

is one of the well known physicians and surgeons of Enterprise, where he has been identified with the medical fraternity for the past four years. A son of Jesse M. and Sarah (Booth) Hockett, he was born on his father's ranch in Douglas county, Oregon, on the 26th of February, 1878. Jesse M. Hockett is a native of Iowa, in which state he was reared to the age of two years, and very soon after passing the second anniversary of his birth in 1847, his parents with their five children, of whom he was the youngest, started across the plains with an ox team. Both the father and mother died en route, the care of the family then devolving on the eldest child, Rachel, who had attained her maturity and soon thereafter married John Griffith and reared her younger brothers and sisters. She died when Jesse M. Hockett was a youth of thirteen years, after which he was bound out to a man by the name of Bronson, who resided in the vicinity of Portland. He continued to live with him until he was nineteen when he began working for himself. As he was ambitious and desired to acquire a better education he went to Wilbur, this state, and worked his way through Umpqua Academy. Later he matriculated at Willamette University at Salem, where he studied for a time and then turned his attention to teaching, following this profession for ten years. He subsequently acquired a ranch in Douglas county, this state, upon which he settled and has ever since devoted his attention to its further improvement and cultivation. It is located five miles from Eugene and is one of the valuable properties of the county, the land being used for general farming and fruit culture. Mr. Hockett is one of the foremost citizens of his community and has always taken an active part in all political affairs, giving his support to the men and measures of the republican party.

Dr. Hockett was reared at home, attending the common schools of that vicinity in the acquirement of an education until graduated from the Grants Pass high school. He then went to Ashland Normal College, but in his sophomore year the Spanish-American war broke out and in common with many of his classmates he responded to his country's call for troops. Enlisting in Company B, Second Oregon Volunteer Infantry, he was assigned duty in the Philippines, his being the first regiment to land on the islands. He continued in the service for a little more than a year, having enlisted on May 10, 1898, and being discharged at San Francisco on the 7th of August, 1899. In the fall of 1900, he matriculated in the medical department of Willamette University, being awarded the degree of M. D. from this institution with the class of 1904. He was an excellent student and early gave evidence of possessing more than average skill both as a diagnostician and surgeon and during his senior year he was house

physician in the city hospital, the experience he there received proving of inestimable value to him later when he began practicing. Immediately following

his graduation he went to Cottage Grove, Lane county, this state, where he established an office that he successfully maintained for three years. In July,

1907, he removed to the eastern part of the state, settling in Enterprise, and

during the five years of his residence here he has succeeded in building up a large and lucrative practice. Dr. Hockett in the choice of a profession very happily decided in favor of a vocation to which he is most ably adapted by nature, possessing the pleasing personality, optimistic temperament, and acute

mental faculties so essential to both physician and surgeon. I

In 1903, Dr. Hockett was united in marriage to Miss Grace Suter of Salem,

Oregon, a daughter of E. O. Suter, who died at Jervis, this state, when his daughter was a child of but two years. Mrs. Hockett, who passed, away in May, 1911, was also a niece of Senator Ben Harding, one of the prominent men of the

northwest. Two children were born to Dr. and Mrs. Hockett, Asahel J. and Wayfe

E. On the 11th of December, 1911, Dr. Hockett was married to Mrs. Louise Wade Long, a daughter of Aaron Wade, one of the prominent and influential ranchmen of

Wallowa county.

Dr. Hockett, is a member of the Presbyterian church, and fraternally he is

affiliated with Wallowa Lodge, No. 82, A. F. & A. M., and the Enterprise Chapter, R. A. M. He is also a member of Enterprise Lodge, No. 94, K. of P., while he maintains relations with his fellow practitioners through the medium of

his connection with the Wallowa County Medical Society of which he is vice president. In politics he is a republican and during the greater part of his residence in Enterprise he has represented his ward in the town council, and in

the last election he was a candidate for state representative but was defeated

by Jerry Rusk. Dr. Hockett is very popular both socially and professionally, and

is meeting with excellent success in his practice, having had ample opportunity

during the period of his residence here to demonstrate his skill both as a physician and surgeon.

Transcriber's additional notes:

Source: Genealogical material in Oregon donation land claims ; Portland, Or. DLC #4329

Jesse Hockett (orphan), Washington Co.; Wm. Merrill and Geo. Sigler gave affidavits that Nathan Hackett and wife died on the plains on their way to Oregon Territory, west of the Rocky mountains, leaving minor children; Solomon

about 6 years, Nathan about 4 yrs and Jesse Hackett about 1 year. Washington Co. Court appointed John Griffith as guardian of Jesse Hackett and impowered him

to "secure the money of the estate of Nathan B. Hackett, deceased from Wm. B. Hackett, former guardian of the aforesaid minors." Dec. 1869 Wm. B. Dobellower gave affidavit regarding death of parents and states Solomon and Nathan returned to Iowa about 1851. Dec. 2, 1872 J. M. Hackett wrote Land Off. regarding cert. Oregon City claim #4329, 160 acres, located Twp 2S, Range 1W, Sec 7.

"History of Southern Oregon; Comprising Jackson, Josephine, Douglas, Curry and Coos Counties"
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Jesse M. Hockett lives on Garden bottom; is a farmer and school teacher; was born May 25, 1845, in Henry county, Iowa; was educated at Willamette University; married Sarah F. Booth, August 22, 1877. Children: Claud Gatch, Clyde T., Guy and Jesse M. Mr. Hockett came to Oregon in 1847 and to county in 1865.

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