

HENRY D. DURFEE

Forty-one years have come and gone since Henry D. Durfee became a resident of Idaho and he is now engaged in ranching near Almo. He was born at Mound Fort, Utah, now Ogden, February 6, 1859, and is a son of Henry and Jane (Barker) Durfee, the former a native of Ohio, while the latter was born in England. The father crossed the plains to Salt Lake City, Utah, in 1848 and afterward made several trips; assisting immigrants on the long journey over the plains to Utah. After a time he settled at Ogden and subsequently removed to the Cache valley, where he took up government land, built a log house and began the development of a ranch upon which he lived for ten years. He then went to Beaver Dam, Utah, in Boxelder county, where he resided for a period of six years, giving his attention to farming during that period. He next went to Connor Springs, Utah, and in 1882 removed to Almo, Cassia county, Idaho, where he took up school land. He proved up on this property and spent his remaining days thereon, his death occurred when he had reached the advanced age of eighty-five years. He was a democrat in his political views and his religious faith was long that of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. the mother is still living at the age of eighty-one years.

Henry D. Durfee accompanied his parents on their various removals and in 1879 came to Idaho, where he took up a ranch at Shirley's Cove, north of Almo, obtaining one hundred and sixty acres which he tilled and improved. Year after year he continued the work of cultivating and managing his ranch and resided thereon until fifteen years ago, when he sold that property and obtained his present place under the desert act, acquiring two hundred and thirty nine acres. He has largely given his attention to stock raising.

Thirty-two years ago Mr. Durfee was united in marriage to Miss Ida Nicholas, a native of Willard, Utah, and a daughter of Joseph and Nancy (Allen) Nicholas, who went to Utah from Ohio at an early day in the development of the former state. Mr. and Mrs. Durfee have become parents of ten children: Ivy N., Jennie, Joseph, Vere, Hazel, Myrtle, Melvin, Ralph, Ada and Clifford.

The family adhere to the teachings of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and in politics Mr. Durfee is a republican. He has served as as school trustee and as water commissioner and he is keenly interested in all that has to do with the welfare and progress of his section of the state, lending hearty aid and support to all measurers and movements which he believes will advance the general welfare.