

Oliver E. Allison, a well known rancher living near Meridian, Ada county wasborn in Salubria Valley, Washington county, July 12, 1873. His parents were David and Ella (Abernathy) Allison. Both the Allison and Abernathy families resided in Iowa, and in 1863 removed to this state, settling first near Star, Ada county, and later moving to Salubria Valley. His parents were not married until after removing to Idaho, their marriage taking place in 1870. In 1902 they removed to California, where the death of the father occurred, January 28, 1920 at the age of seventy-six years. His widow still resides in California. The Allison family is well known throughout the state and an uncle of Oliver E. Allison was at one time a member of the Idaho legislature from Washington county.

Mr. Allison was reared on a ranch in Salubria Valley, and has followed the occupation of farming all his life. In 1900 he removed to Ada county, and has owned and lived on five different ranches, making vast improvements on three of them. One of the best improved ranches in the vicinity of Meridian owned by Mr. Allison is located three miles southwest of that town. It is an eighty-acre ranch with all modern improvements, including a brick bungalow, which improvements were made in 1913. For six years he was the owner of this ranch, but he sold it in the spring of 1920, and bought the place on which he now resides. This ranch of forty acres is also well improved. He is devoted to his business and has held only one office of public service, that of school director. He has lived in Idaho his entire life, and in 1919, in company with his wife, enjoyed a tour of the Oregon and California areas by automobile.

On October 8, 1893, Mr. Allison was united in marriage to Miss Hattie Lula Brannan, who was born in Montana, February 10, 1873 and was the daughter of Edward and Lottie (Trainor) Brannan. The father, who was a native of Pennsylvania, came to Idaho in 1862, and later removed to Oregon, where he was married. Both parents are now deceased, their deaths having occurred in Boise, where they spent their last years. Two sons have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Allison, namely Oliver E., Jr., and Wilfred David, the latter now deceased. Oliver E. Allison is a young man of twenty-six years and a veteran of the World War. He saw active service in France for a year, and was fortunate to escape being wounded. He is now holding a responsible position with a Boise wholesale house. His brother, Wilfred David Allison, died in the Brooklyn hospital July 21, 1918 at the age of nineteen years. He served with the Navy during the World war, making five trips to and from France, on the United States transport President Lincoln. He was on this vessel at the time it was torpedoed and sunk by the Germans. He was in the water eighteen hours before he was picked up and this exposure so undermined his already rather weak constitution, that his death occurred soon after, and he is buried in the Morris Hill cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Allison both are consistent members of the Christian Church. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Woodmen of the World, and Mrs. Allison is a Rebekah. Politically they are republicans. Mr. Allison is recognized throughout the county as one of its most progressive ranchmen.