

George C. Brewer a prosperous and progressive farmer, living a quarter of a mile south of Meridian in Ada county, where he owns a highly improved and valuable dairy farm, was formerly a well known resident of Boise, where he lived for many years, engaged in the wholesale and retail liquor and tobacco business. He was born in Quebec, Canada, May 1, 1865, a son of Chauncy and Mary J. (Timmons) Brewer, both of whom passed away some years ago, after spending all their lives in Canada.

In 1887 Mr. Brewer came to Idaho and spent several years in the north part of the territory, engaged in mining and other pursuits. Later he returned to Canada, where he resided for some time, and in 1899 he made another journey to Idaho, this time going to Boise, Ada county. He brought with him his wife and eldest child, Joseph W., then a lad of six years. After settling in Boise Mr. Brewer became engaged in the wholesale and retail liquor and tobacco business and continued in these lines until 1918. He prospered in these undertakings and secured a nice competence. He has invested considerable money in mining enterprises and is still largely interested in a financial way in Idaho mining property, some of which is now beginning to pay good returns.

Mr. Brewer located on his present ranch, south of Meridian, in 1918 and is operating the place as a dairy farm, milking about twenty cows at this time. All his cattle are of the Holstein breed, many of them registered, headed by two finely bred registered males. Since buying the ranch, he has made many substantial improvements, among them a well built modern dairy barn, thirty-two by sixty one feet with accommodation for thirty cows. He has also erected a new silo, capable of holding one hundred and thirty tons. Modern milking machinery is an interesting feature of the dairy equipment, and nothing has been left undone which would enhance the efficiency of the dairying operation.

In Canada on the 22nd of May 1895, Mr. Brewer was united in marriage to Miss Ellen Ryan, who was also born in Quebec, December 14, 1869, and is a daughter of Matthew and Mary (Hayes) Ryan, who were natives of County Tipperary, Ireland but were married in the province of Quebec, Canada, where they spent the remainder of their days. Mr. and Mrs. Brewer are the parents of three children; Joseph Wilburt, born February 28, 1896; George Herbert, June 5, 1903; and Mary Veronica, February 18, 1908. Mrs. Brewer and her children are members of the Catholic church and the older son is a member of Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Brewer is a supporter of republican policies and principles but has never been a seeker after public office. He holds life membership in the fraternal Order of Eagles, in the affairs of this organization having always taken a prominent part. He gives a good citizen's attention to all civic matter calculated to advance the welfare of the community in which he makes his home.