

A History of
Richard Franklin Lambert
(son of John Lambert and Adelia Groesbeck)



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Richard F. Lambert, prominent agriculturalist and stockman of Kamas valley, Summit county.:
The early days of the settlement of Utah will ever be memorable as days of hardships endured by the early pioneers and their sons. The vast work of redeeming this country from its wild and undeveloped state was no easy task, and only men of exceptionally strong will power and determination could have ever subdued the country and developed it to its present most wonderful state of prosperity. Among the State's worthy sons, and one who has cheerfully performed his part in developing the vast resources of Utah and especially of Summit county, Richard F. Lambert, the subject of this sketch, is deserving of much credit.

He is a native son of Utah, having been born in Salt Lake City, February 11 1855 and is the son of John and Adelia (Groesbeck) Lambert. A full account of his father's life appears in the sketch of bishop Daniel Lambert, in another part of this work. Our subject was but seven years of age when the family moved to Rhodes valley, now known as Kamas, and he has been a resident of Summit county since that time, receiving his education in the common schools of Kamas, and growing up on his father's farm, being that lot of every son of the pioneers. Upon attaining his majority he started out in life for himself, working in the timber, and later engaged in the sawmill business with his brothers, supplying timbers for the Park City mines, following this occupation for ten or twelve years. During this period he purchased his present farm on the west side of the valley, near the county road, and in 1886 move his family onto his

farm, where he has since resided. He has ninety acres of valuable land under irrigation, and devotes his attention principally to the raising of oats and hay. He has about fifty head of cattle on his place. He built a fine two-story residence on his farm in 1898 and his home is today one of the most beautiful in this valley.

He was married April 14, 1886, to Miss Elva E. Wolstenhulme, daughter of James and Mary (Page) Wolstenhulme. They have six children--Elva E., Richard F., Junior; Ira C., Reuben, James W., and John Arvil.

In politics Mr. Lambert is a Democrat, but although he has been active in promoting the welfare of his party, he has never sought or held public office, his time aside from his business being given mostly to Church work. He has taken much pride in assisting to develop the agricultural resources of his county, and has been largely instrumental in obtaining the fine irrigation system now in operation in Kamas valley. He is interested in two irrigation companies and assisted in constructing the water system of that valley. He is at this time a member of the Twenty-second Quorum of Seventies, and an active worker in his Ward. Mrs. Lambert is also prominent in the work of the Church in her community, being a member of the Kamas; Relief Society and was for a number of years President of the Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Association. She has also acted in the capacity of Counselor to the President of the Primary Department of the Relief society, and is a teacher in the Sunday Schools.

Mr. Lambert has worked his own way up to his present prominent position among the farmers and stockmen of Summit county, and has by his energy, perseverance and undaunted courage in the face of all obstacles won the admiration and esteem of those who have known him throughout a life of over forty years.

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