

The John L. Bedell Family

John Bedell was born in Alabama in 1858 and came to the state of Washington, locating in Roslyn in March 1889 where he engaged in mining until 1890 when he took up a homestead of 160 acres of land in the lower part of Yakima County, about five miles southeast of the present city of Sunnyside. He was among the first settlers of his part of the county and engaged in the raising of corn, potatoes and alfalfa.



Amy Bedell

Mr. Bedell and wife, Mrs. Carrie Wilson-Bedell, a native of Rock Island, Illinois, were the parents of two daughters: Amy O. who became the first black registered nurse in the Yakima Valley; and Orange B., a music teacher. She taught music in Ellensburg for a time, then moved to Tacoma with her husband, A.C. Tribble.

The Bedells were of the Baptist faith and politically affiliated with the Republican Party. Mrs. Bedell, an accomplished pianist, played for many social activities and special events in their area. Mr. Bedell served as a member of the local school board for ten years; served for four years as a Trustee of the Water Users Association; was a Commissioner of Drainage District No. 9 for four years; and was a "Master" of Waneta Grange where he had many friends and exchanged his view and expressions in regard to the local farming conditions.

The Lee Pollard Family

Lee Pollard was born in Rockingham County, Virginia in 1865; he came to Washington State in 1900, settling in Roslyn, where he became a coal miner. In 1901, he took up a homestead of 80 acres near where Grandview now stands. The family raised corn, potatoes and hay and engaged in raising hogs and conducting a dairy business. He also worked for Dr. P.B. Wing, on the ranch property adjoining his own.



The Pollard farm