

## John Joseph Shea

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## NOTABLE DEATHS

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JOHN B. HUNGERFORD, editor and educator, died at his home in Reseda, California, September 16, 1946; born on a farm near Southport, McKean county, in northwestern Pennsylvania, May 27, 1854, and there received his rudimentary education; at about eleven years of age during the Civil war in 1865 accompanied his parents in removal to Ottumwa, Iowa, the family first occupying a log house built by the father and elder brothers; continued his public school education, doing farm work and teaching a few terms of country school; later was superintendent of schools at Montezuma, Iowa; entered Iowa State College at Ames in 1873, taught school at intervening periods and graduated in 1877; commenced newspaper work first upon the *Burlington Hawkeye* as a reporter, where he was associated with Frank Hatton and "Bob" Burdette, later national figures in journalistic circles; drifted west arriving at Bellevue, a silver mining town near Haley, Idaho; freighted a printing plant overland from Virginia City, Nevada, to Idaho and tried his hand at mining camp journalism a couple of years; for a short time about 1879 was part owner of the *Salt Lake Tribune*; returning to Iowa in 1885 established the *Carroll Herald* and was its publisher until 1910 when he retired as editor, but retained his ownership until January 1927, completing forty-two years as its directing force; appointed in May, 1894, a member of the board of trustees of Iowa State College, continuing in that capacity until 1909, serving eight years as chairman of the board and continuing his vital interest in the institution long after his retirement; appointed postmaster of Carroll in 1889 and served four years; again by reappointments from 1897 until he had rounded out a total of eighteen years' service; enjoyed long and influential leadership in the public affairs and Republican councils of his county and state; in 1927 retired to reside in California, where both his son and son-in-law published newspapers, and for a time edited the *Upland News* as a partner of his son; is survived by his wife, Molly; a daughter, Mrs. J. S. Dodds, now at Ames, Iowa; and son, John B. Hungerford, publisher of the *Reseda News* in California. The burial was at Ames, Iowa.

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JOHN JOSEPH SHEA, lawyer and judge, died at Tulsa, Oklahoma, November 14, 1928; born December 20, 1859, near the village of Business Corners, in Van Buren county, Iowa, the son of John and Ellen Flynn Shea, who were both natives of County Kerry, Ireland; removed with his parents in the sixties to Des Moines township, Jefferson county, Iowa; grew up on the farm and attended

rural school, later teaching school near Neola, in Pottawattamie county; graduated from the law school of the University of Iowa in 1882; married on November 21, 1883, to Agnes Mary Fenlon, at Neola, Iowa; entered practice of law at Neola as a member of the firm of McWilliams & Shea; elected and served for a time as clerk of the district court and moved to Council Bluffs; resigned as clerk January 1, 1889, again entering the practice of law with John M. Galvin, the partnership continuing until 1904 when he removed to Independence, Kansas; the next year established his residence at Bartlesville, then Indian Territory, afterwards Washington county, Oklahoma, and took up the practice of his profession; an active participant in the transition from the territorial to the state form of government; appointed judge of the twenty-fourth judicial district by Gov. Chas. N. Haskell; upon leaving the bench resumed practice of law in partnership with Burdette Blue; thereafter moved to Tulsa in partnership with his son, Thomas Fenlon Shea, after his discharge from the armed services of the U. S., and continued the practice of law until his death, his wife having preceded him by only about one year.

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FRED L. WILKINS, public official, soldier and farmer, died at his home in Boone, Iowa, October 28, 1946; born at Ogden, Boone county, Iowa, March 10, 1894; educated in the Ogden schools; a member of the Iowa National Guard in 1917, and served overseas for the duration in World War I; married to Edna Helphrey at Ogden in 1923; upon return from overseas engaged in farming until 1931, when appointed deputy sheriff of Boone county, and served in that capacity until elected sheriff of that county in 1934; resigned as sheriff to become acting Commissioner of Public Safety of Iowa July 15, 1945; although he continued as head of that department for more than a year, he had been acting commissioner until a few months previous to his death, as Karl W. Fischer of Vinton, who became commissioner of the new state department when it was formed in 1939, held the post until he was given leave of absence in May 1943, to enter the U. S. army as major, and when he returned to Iowa from Army duty, resigned as commissioner to return to private law practice, and Wilkins then dropped the "acting" from his title; served as president of the Iowa Sheriff's association, in 1940; was a member also of the Police Chief's association of Iowa, the Iowa Policeman's association, the Boone Elks, the Arthur D. Lantz Post No. 56, American Legion, Francis Steele Post No. 817 Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the 40 & 8 Voiture in Boone; is survived by his widow and one son, Gareth, a veteran of World War II.

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