

An Obituary Of ^{May 24} ¹⁹²⁹ John W. McCain

John W. McCain was born in Harrison County, Iowa, May 11, 1872. Died May 16, 1929, age 57 years, and 5 days.

At an early age he left home to make his way in the world. He was a willing worker at anything he could find to do. Though subjected to many hardships he developed a fine physique and was strong and capable of doing many kinds of work.

September 28, 1892, he was united in marriage to Eva E. Noble of Harrison county, Iowa. To this union five children were born: J. Thomas McCain of Lacey, Mrs. Laura Leary of Ollie, Clifford McCain of Grinnell and Mrs. Philina Bryan of Montezuma and Warner McCain who died August 19, 1918.

In the spring of 1898 the family moved from Harrison county to New Sharon and a little later they moved to Taintor where they lived until after the death of Mrs. McCain.

The accidental death of his youngest son was so great a shock that Mr. McCain never fully recovered from its effects. At times he tried to be jovial but never was able to forget this great tragedy. Broken in spirit and borne down by a great load of sorrow, his health soon began to fail.

In the spring of 1920 he was united in marriage to Mrs. Elizabeth Cashwell of Georgia. For a time they lived at Taintor and then moved to Georgia. But not finding the climate agreeable they returned to Grinnell. Mrs. McCain was a faithful companion and did what she could to alleviate his suffering during his long illness. Mr. McCain was a big-hearted man, appreciated kindness, was grateful for favors and never too busy to help a neighbor in need. He was a true friend to the friendless. No one who asked for food or lodging was ever turned from his door. He was ever willing to share what he had with the poorest and humblest of his fellow men.