An Obituary Of
John W. McCain

John W. McCain was born in Har-
ross 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 
will worker at anything he could 
find to do. Though subjected to many 
hardships he developed a fine phy-
ique and was strong and capable of 
doing many kinds of work.

September 28, 1892, he was united in 
marrige to Eula E. Noble of Harri-
son county, Iowa. To this union five 
children were born: J. Thomas Mc-
Cain of Lacey, Mrs. Laura Leary of 
Ollie, Clifford McCain of Grinnell and 
Mrs. Phyllis Bryan of Montezuma 
and Warner McCain who died Aug-
ust 10, 1918.

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

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

In the spring of 1920 he was united 
in marriage to Mrs. Elizabeth 
Cushwell of Georgia. For a time they 
lived at Tainton and then moved to 
Georgia. But not finding the climate 
agreeable they returned to Grinnell. 
Mrs. McCain was a faithful compan-
ion and did what she could to allevi-
ate his suffering during his long ill-
ness. Mr. McCain was a big-hearted 
man, appreciated kindness, was grate-
ful 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 
people.