

The Memoriam

In Memory of

Mrs. HANNAH SHAW,
Departed this life February 22, 1886,
Aged 84 years and 12 days.

Religion filled her soul with peace,
Upon a dying bed;
Let faith look up, let sorrow cease,
She lives with Christ o'er head.

Yes, faith beholds where she sits
With Jesus, clothed in white—
Our loss is her eternal gain;
She dwells in cloudless light.

STEPHEN SHAW NOXON

Stephen Shaw Noxon, son of Geo. and Hannah Shaw Noxon, was born near Adams, November 30, 1866. Here he grew to manhood.

On May 12, 1889 he was united in marriage to Rosetta Jane Cook, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Smith, pastor of the Methodist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Noxon were members of the Presbyterian church in Adams and with the exception of eight years at Indianola and Bartley, farmed in the Adams vicinity until they moved to Pueblo, Colo., in the spring of 1918. At the time of moving they lived where the Earl Schmutte family now reside. Their address has since been Pueblo, although their farm was 10 miles east of there. They attended services at a Methodist church at Vineland, near their home.

On August 18, 1947, Mr. Noxon was stricken ill and has been in a hospital nearly ever since until his death early Tuesday morning, August 18, 1953. He was a patient and cheerful sufferer in spite of the fact that one leg had been partially amputated because of a diabetes condition and other ailments.

He is survived by his wife, of 744 Belmont, Pueblo, Colo., four nieces, Mrs. Ralph Bowker (Nell) and Mrs. Thor Robertson (Ruby) of Omaha, Mrs. L. E. Davis (Neva) Martell, Mrs. Florence Jepson, Portland, Ore., and two nephews, George Ripley of Grand Island and Julian Ripley of Lincoln and a host other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 o'clock on Thursday, August 20 from the Davis Memorial Chapel at Pueblo, conducted by a former pastor of the Vineland Methodist church, Rev. A. W. Leng. Burial was in Mountain View cemetery near Pueblo.

WM. T. IRWIN, VETERAN PEORIA ATTORNEY, DIES

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of the Red Cross, serving as illustrious sovereign for several terms and afterward as viceroy of the grand council of Illinois.

He was a charter member of Charter Oak camp, Modern Woodmen of America, and belonged at one time to the Knights of Pythias fraternity, joining the Peoria lodge in 1892.

Masonic Connections

Mr. Irwin's Masonic affiliations included membership in Illinois Lodge No. 263, A. P. & A. M. which he joined February 14, 1893. He also belonged to Peoria Chapter No. 7, Royal Arch Masons and Peoria Council, No. 11, R. and S. M. He became a member of Peoria Commandery No. 3, Knights Templar, April 12, 1899, and of Peoria Consistory, April 26, 1894.

The honorary 33rd degree was conferred on Mr. Irwin by the Grand Imperial Council, September 20, 1910. He was accepted October 17, 1893 as a life member of Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.

Born in Pennsylvania

During his long practice of law here, Mr. Irwin maintained a residence at 126 Randolph avenue, giving this up about two years ago when he and his wife began their frequent trips to California for his health. Since then they had been living at the Niagara hotel at intervals.

Mr. Irwin was born at Dayton, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, June 1, 1856, son of Joseph T. and Mary J. Travis Irwin. His father was of Scotch-Irish lineage, the ancestry being traced back to Benjamin Irwin, the great-grandfather, who was born in the north of Ireland. He was the leader of the family to America, choosing a site in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, to settle down. There his son and namesake, Benjamin Irwin, grandfather of the Peoria lawyer, was born and reared. He married Miss Margaret Marshall, a native of Armstrong county, and although born under the British flag, became a soldier in the Revolutionary war and rendered valiant service for the cause of independence.

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ularity and to the confidence which his conduct at the bar had inspired in his ability. It may be added that his record in the office gained for him much commendation.

Mr. Irwin married Miss Ida M. Woodruff, daughter of Nelson L. Woodruff, June 1, 1886. She passed away in Peoria, August 7, 1899, leaving one son, Joseph W. Irwin who now resides in Los Angeles.

On July 23, 1904, Mr. Irwin married Mrs. Ida Virginia Ripley Rouse, widow of H. G. Rouse. She survives, with the son, Joseph W. Irwin, and a grandson, William T. Irwin, of Decatur, Ind.

Other survivors include a sister Mrs. Mary Dockstader, Los Angeles; a nephew, Frank N. Hamerson, Peoria; and the following nieces: Rosa Dockstader, Los Angeles; Mrs. Edward N. Meredith, Mrs. Frank T. Miller, Mrs. Harley Cole and Miss Mary Woodruff, all of Peoria.

Permanent Praise.

A permanent record of the following was made by County Recorder August C. Grebe on the entry book in the office of the recorder of deeds at the time of Mr. Irwin's death.

Honorable William T. Irwin died this day at the age of 55 years, seven months, at Procter hospital, Peoria, Ill. Mr. Irwin was a member of the Peoria Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association and a member of the American Bar Association at the time of his death. His business and social friends were numerous wherever he was known, and his death will be mourned by the entire judiciary of the state of Illinois and by all who knew him. Mr. Irwin was a fair, able, sincere and a useful citizen. As a man he was of the highest type of honesty and fair dealing, never shirking a duty or responsibility or trying to dodge an obligation or liability, no matter how great the sacrifice. As a citizen he was ever alert in trying to promote what he thought to be right and opposing what he thought to be wrong. As a lawyer, he was careful, painstaking and thorough and always loyal to his client. No one ever heard an intimation of unprofessional conduct on his part. He had friends because he was a friend, and enjoyed the confidence and esteem of all who knew him. His life is a bright and glorious example of sterling personal and professional integrity, and his death is a solemn benediction. He was indeed a good citizen, a courteous and kindly gentleman, a lawyer of high attainments, loyal to his friends, honorable in his dealings with professional associates, and of impeccable character. He treated every one with the greatest respect and consideration. He has left the priceless inheritance of a well spent and perfect life, which time cannot efface.

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"His unfailing courtesy, kindness and generosity were known to all with whom he had dealings and need not be enlarged upon.

"As a lawyer, although he retired from active practice over two years ago, he in the past has been connected with many of Peoria's prominent industries. A practical business lawyer who has left his mark in this community and who will be greatly missed."

Obituary.

Frank Merrick Barmore was born in Buchanan, Berrien Co., Michigan, Sept. 11, 1862. The following fall he was brought by his parents to this vicinity, then a part of Nebraska territory, reaching the Nemaha Dec. 4, 1863. His boyhood was spent on the family homestead southwest of Adams, where he grew to manhood, getting his schooling in books in the district school of Adams, and in the sterner school of work and experience he studied on his father's farm where he and his younger brother, Will, much earlier than most boys, shouldered a large share of man's work and responsibility, because of a lame father, who was unable to follow a team or do many of the other tasks on a farm.

In such a school was developed the sturdy upright character which won and held the love of his family and friends and for which he was held in honor and respect by all who knew him. Ever honest and truthful he combined with strength a gentleness and sympathetic understanding which made him a valued friend wherever he was known.

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He came to Peoria in the autumn of 1881 to open a long and brilliant career in the courts of this city and district. Judge J. W. Cochran was his first partner and this association continued until the judge moved to Fargo, North Dakota. Mr. Irwin continued to practice alone until in 1896 when he formed a partnership with W. I. Slemmons.

When Mr. Slemmons was elected county judge in 1903, Mr. Irwin became associated with William Jack and his son, Robert Jack. William Jack died in 1916, but the association between Mr. Robert Jack and Mr. Irwin continued. At the present time the name of the law firm is Jack, Irwin and Seidenberg.

Was City Attorney

In 1891, Mr. Irwin was elected city attorney of Peoria and was re-elected two years later, despite the fact that he held to the republican party faith although the democrats were in the majority then. His vote was considered a testimony to his pop-

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"His integrity as a business man and a lawyer were among the most marked of these. He inherited from his Scotch Irish ancestry a sense of honesty and fairness which he carried to excess, if such a thing were possible. His own interests were the last things ever considered by him in his practice of the law. He thought first and last of his client, never of himself. A lawyer of

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His devotion to wife, children and relatives, his cheerful, helpful life and his kindness to everybody will long linger as a fragrant memory.

We can only remind his sorrowing loved ones, and each other, that the brave spirit is not dead, but only passed into a brighter, fuller life beyond, after a well-spent life here.