

JOSEPH VANDEVANTER

Joseph L. Vandevanter, son of William and Martha Brauman Vandevanter, was born Feb. 18, 1868, at Mattoon, Coles county, Ill. He grew up in that community and as a young man entered various business activities, including farming interests, general store business, and the grain elevator business.

On Sept. 4, 1907, he was united in marriage to Miss Myrtle Hatfield, the marriage taking place in Paris, Ill. Two children were born to this union. Soon after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Vandevanter moved to Fargo, N. Dak., and a short time later moved to Grand Forks, where Mr. Vandevanter was employed as a hotel clerk.

In 1910 they moved to the Flathead, living for about one year in Kalispell and the following year moved to a homestead near Niarada. In 1923 they again took up their residence in Kalispell, living in this city until 1932 when they purchased a ranch near Columbia Falls and made it their home from that time.

Mr. Vandevanter passed away at his home on May 22, 1948, at the age of 80 years. Mrs. Vandevanter preceded him in death on Sept. 16, 1944.

Surviving relatives are two sons, Eugene and Russell, both living at the home ranch; two sisters, Mrs. Jennie Groves of Hoople, Ill., and Mrs. Nettie Staninger, living in California; and one granddaughter, Sharon.