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JOHN J. & EVELYN (KEARNY) NASH

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JOHN JAMES “JACK” NASH, son of John Keating Nash (1833-1913) and Mary Ann O’Connor (1844-1892), was born on 6 Oct 1874 in Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois. He was a Civil War Veteran. His parents moved the family to Kearny County, Kansas in about 1888.

John married **EVELYN KEARNY**, daughter of Daniel Patrick Kearny (1846-1910), and Eliza J. McKenna (1846-1889), on 14 Feb 1904. Evelyn was born on 21 Nov 1876 in Kenosha, Kenosha County, Wisconsin. In 1893, she settled in Kearny County, Kansas.

John Nash was the Lakin, Kearny County, Kansas coroner until he died in 1955. For a number of years, he had a funeral parlor that was above the family furniture store. In 1922, he built a funeral parlor on Waterman Street, across the street from the furniture store. He was funeral director in Lakin for many years and he was part of the Lakin City Council from 1913-1925 and 1935-1939. For 36 years, John Nash was a Volunteer for the Lakin, Kansas Fire Department and was the Assistant Fire Chief. For years, he worked with J. O. Parker, caring for the Lakin Cemetery.

Along with his brother, Bernard Nash, John also had the town hardware store, called Nash Brothers Hardware. The store name changed in 1931 to Nash and Davis Hardware.

Later in life, John belonged to the Kearny County Old Settlers Association and, at one time, was their group president. Evelyn was a local schoolteacher and she belonged to the Lakin Woman's Club that started in 1923.

Evelyn Kearny Nash died on 24 Sep 1947 in Garden City, Finney County, Kansas, and John Nash passed away on 29 Jul 1955. Both were buried at the Lakin Cemetery in Lakin, Kearny County, Kansas.

One child was born in their marriage, a daughter, **MARGARET FRANCES NASH**, on 13 Oct 1906 in Lakin, Kearny County, Kansas. Margaret never married. She died on 10 Feb 1952 in Parsons, Labette County, Kansas. Burial was at the Lakin Cemetery in Lakin, Kansas.