



DAVIS GRAHAM

- **23rd and 25th Missoula County Sheriff.**
- **Born.** April 20, 1869 in Charlotte County, New Brunswick.
- **Married.** Frances F York. They had two children.
- **Died.** June 9, 1952 of heart failure in Missoula, Montana.
- **1890.** Davis arrived in Missoula.
- **1904.** Elected as the 23rd Missoula County Sheriff.
- **1906.** Sheriff Graham arrested A. E. Primm for 'shamefully whipping' a horse from the Albee Stables. Primm was 'beastly intoxicated at the time.' Judge Phillips fined Primm \$24 with a warning that next time 'he would not get off so easily.'
- **1908.** Elected as the 25th Missoula County Sheriff.
- **1933 – 1939.** County Commissioner.
- Throughout his life, David Graham also worked as a contractor and was the Vice President of the State Welfare Commission.
- Socially, he was a life member of Elks, the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, and Modern Woodmen of America.



Grave 5 – Lot 10 – Block 23

Davis Graham was buried in the Graham family plots. The relationship between each of the persons buried in those sites has yet to be confirmed. Only the temporary cement marker notes the sight as a permanent monument was never placed on his grave. Little information has been found on Davis.

Davis Graham was Sheriff during the time of Missoula's Great Flood of 1908. After 33 days of nonstop rain, the Clark Fork River swept away the Higgins Ave. Bridge and caused major devastation. It can only be imagined what kind of organization skills Sheriff Graham must have needed at this time to keep order and address the issues.

Left: Water sweeps over the Milltown Dam.

Right: A temporary foot bridge was erected in place of the Higgins Ave. Bridge.

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