



# CHARLES E. SHARPE

- **33<sup>rd</sup> Missoula County Sheriff.**
- **Born.** March 29, 1876 in Bellaire near Columbus, Ohio. His parents were farmers John and Lottie (Davis) Sharpe.
- **Married.** In December 1900 to Kate Etsel of Missoula. She was the daughter of Jacob and Margaret (Fergus) Etsel. Charles and Kate had four children.
- **Died.** March 10, 1946 of heart disease at his home in Missoula, Montana.
- Charles spent 33 years working for the Northern Pacific Railroad. He started out as division lineman in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He also worked out of the Dakotas.
- **1898.** Charles arrived in Missoula, Montana with the Northern Pacific Railroad. He started out as a construction foreman on the Rocky Mountain Division. Later he was promoted to Assistant Superintendent of the Telegraph Department and worked in the Electrical Department until his retirement in 1923.
- Charles was in charge of stringing the first telegraph wire over the Cascade Mountains to Seattle, Washington.
- After his retirement from the railroad, Charles devoted his attention to the management of his property investments.
- **1928.** Elected as the 33<sup>rd</sup> Missoula County Sheriff. His campaign was won on the stand that he would 'enforce the law to its full potential.'
- Socially, Charles was a Knight Templar Mason and a Shriner.



Grave 2 – Lot 12 – Block 33A

*Charles was buried alongside his spouse, Katie. The ashes of their oldest daughter, Rose, was buried with them. Little else is known of Charles' life here in Missoula.*