



JAMES R. THOMPSON

- **34th Missoula County Sheriff.**
- **Born.** September 2, 1883 in Michigan.
- **Married.** July 7, 1919 to Margaret (Taylor) in Missoula, Montana. They had two children, Roberta and Roy. James also raised five step-children from Margaret's prior marriage.
 - **Died.** October 26, 1939 of an extended illness in Missoula, Montana.
 - Treasurer of the Montana Power Company in Butte, Montana.
 - **1914.** James arrived in Missoula, Montana. He began work as a laborer then entered the transfer business. He held many jobs from Deputy Sheriff to work in the Federal Service to driving bus from Missoula to Polson. He was an officer on the City Police Department for over five years.
- **1932.** Elected as the 34th Missoula County Sheriff. He served three consecutive terms.
- Socially, James was a member of the Elks Lodge, Moose Lodge, Eagles Lodge, Neighbors of Woodcraft, and Lions Club.



Grave 3 – Lot 4 – Block 59

James was buried in the Taylor family plots alongside his son, Roy. Numerous other family members surround James' grave. Very little information has been found on James Thompson.