

John Louis Nightingale, son of Benjamin T. and Katie Nightingale, was born June 24, 1891 in Durham, Marion County, Kansas. He departed this life on August 3, 1952, 10:20 p.m., while enroute to an Enid, Oklahoma hospital, at the age of 61 years, 1 month and 9 days.

In 1894, when about 3 years old, he came to Major County, Oklahoma, with his parents, settling on a farm 2 miles east of Fairview. He attended grade and high school at Fairview, and was later graduated from the Salt Lake City Business College in Hutchinson, Kansas.

April 20, 1917 he was united in marriage to Katie Eck of Fairview, Oklahoma. Five children were born to this union, 2 sons and 3 daughters. They first made their home in Washington, D.C. where he was employed in the United States Treasury for six years.

Later they returned to Fairview where he assisted in the organizing of the Home Equipment Company, which was later known as the Fairview Lumber Company. Then he worked for the F. V. Morris Agency, now known as the Dague Agency and operated a Commercial Night School in the early 1930's. From March 1929 to March 1935 he worked for the Fairview Building and Loan Association. He also served for a time as Deputy Treasurer of Major County. He returned to Washington D. C. in 1938 and served as a Civil Service employee in the General Land Office, Department of the Interior, until 1943. Upon his return to his Major county home 4 miles east of Cleo Springs, he taught Commerce in the Cleo Springs High School during the 2½ years of war emergency. For the past

7 years he had been doing Income Tax returns at Fairview, Oklahoma, besides taking care of his Cleo Springs farming interests.

Father became ill Thanksgiving Day, 1949. A serious operation followed in December. He suffered much and never fully regained his health. The last 3 weeks of his life were spent in bed, suffering extremely, yet he was courageous and hopeful to

the very last.

He leaves to mourn his wife of the home, and 5 children, Mrs. Waldo Ratzlaff, Fairview, Oklahoma; John A. Nightingale, Glenrock, Wyoming; Julian Nightingale, Cleo Springs, Oklahoma; Mrs. Tom H. Robb, Jr., Richmond, Texas; and Judith Nightingale, Fairview, Oklahoma; three darling granddaughters and 6 sisters and 3 brothers and a host of other relatives and friends.

John was a good husband and father and firmly believed in dealing honestly and just with all men. It is hard for us to say good-bye, but we wish to say "Lord thy will be done," and we commit him into the hands of a just and righteous God.

The Family.