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### Charles F. Harding

Charles F. (C. F.) Harding, 78-year-old longtime Bonners Ferry resident, passed away early Saturday morning, December 29, following a short illness.

He was born February 16, 1895 at Coffeyville, Kan., the son of William T. and Mary Neal Harding. As a small boy he moved with his family to Morrill, Nebr., where the family engaged in farming and he grew up and received his education.

He later moved to Gering, Nebr., and owned and operated a blacksmith shop until 1917 when he entered the U. S. Army. He served during World War I until receiving his Honorable Discharge in 1919.

Following his discharge he returned to Nebraska and on July 30, 1920, married Beryl Hope Cannady at Kimball. He made his home at Lyman, Nebr., where he owned and operated a blacksmith and welding shop until 1942. He then moved with wife to Richmond, Cal., where he was employed as a welder by Kaiser Shipyards.

In 1945 he moved to Paradise Valley where he owned and operated a small ranch as well as engaging in timber sales. In 1955 he sold his holdings in Paradise Valley and moved into Bonners Ferry where he became associated with Kelson Lumber Company as a planer operator.

In 1960 he retired from active work and has since made his home in Bonners Ferry on the South Hill. He was a member of Boundary Post No. 55, American Legion and WW I Barracks No. 1912.

Survivors included three daughters: Mrs. George (Charlene) Sommers, Lyman, Nebr.; Mrs. Clay (Shirley) Serrahn, Concord, Cal.; and Mrs. Lois Swanson, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Also surviving are a half-brother, W. L. Harding, Beatrice, Nebr.; two sisters, Mrs. Kate Myers, Yarnell, Ariz. and Mrs. Mary Bennett, Casper, Wyo.; two half sisters, Mrs. Jenny Irby, Kimball, Nebr., and Mrs. Mabel Hites, Dayton, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his wife on May 8, 1971, and by a daughter, Mrs. Jean Gilbert in January of 1947.

Graveside rites will be conducted at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, January 8, 1974, at Grandview Cemetery with Commander William Chubb and Chaplain Lester Howard officiating. Military honors will be conducted by Boundary Post No. 55, American

Iowa where he received his education, graduating from Iowa State College at Ames with a degree in mechanical engineering. Following his education he moved to Helena, Mont., where he was associated with Cairds Engineering Works as a field engineer.

In 1935 he married Jessie M. Lytle. During WW II he moved to Seattle, Wash., and was associated with Boeing Aircraft as a mechanic.

Returning to Libby, Mont., he became associated with Niell Lumber Company and held this position until 1958 when he retired and moved to Bonners Ferry where he has since resided.

He was a life member of the Morning Star Lodge No. 5 A.F. & A.M. Helena, and also a member of Billings Consistory.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Jessie M. Warn of Bonners Ferry; three sons, David E. Warn and Lawrence Warn of Helena and Donald Warn of Georgia; two step daughters, Mrs. Ellen Kennedy and Mrs. Gwene Oliver of Seattle; and one step son, Leslie A. Lytle of Bonners Ferry.

Graveside rites will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, January 3, at Grandview Cemetery with Bonners Ferry Lodge No. 43 A.F. & A.M. officiating.

Interment will be in Grandview Cemetery. Malone Funeral Home is in charge of service arrangements.