

Angelo, John B.

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JOHN B. ANGELO

Maxwell

John Burwell Angelo, 82, died March 23, 2005 in Venice, FL.

He was born May 4, 1922 in Milwaukee, WI, to Wyatt Burwell and Sada Corzine Angelo. He was a partner and trial lawyer in Chicago with the firm Ross and Hardies until his retirement. John graduated from Hinsdale High School and the University of Chicago undergraduate and law schools. He served in the U.S. Corps of Engineers in the South Pacific in World War II.

John lived in Hinsdale, IL from 1934 to 1988 when he and his wife, Shirley, moved to Manasota Key.

John's wife, Shirley, passed away in 1997. He is survived by his children, Percy Angelo of Placida, FL, Wyatt Angelo of Montrose, CO, John Kimberley Angelo of Hinsdale, IL, and Janet Angelo of Grand Rapids, MI; eleven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held in Florida. Interment will be 2 p.m. Saturday, April 9 at the Peoria Cemetery near Maxwell.

The Bacon Funeral Home in Maxwell is in charge of arrangements.

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John B. Angelo, one of the well known retired farmers of Story county, who is now serving as mayor in the town of Maxwell, was born in Morgan county, Illinois, on the 26th of June, 1846, a son of Samuel W. and Rhoda (Burwell) Angelo. His parents were both natives of Pennsylvania, his father removing to Illinois when a child with his parents, but the mother remained in the Keystone state until she had reached womanhood when she, too, came west and settled in Illinois. Some years after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Angelo decided to remove to Iowa and in 1853 they located in Polk county near Rising Sun, where, two years later the father died. In 1857 Mrs. Angelo with her family of six children went to Jasper county to reside upon a farm which the father had entered prior to his death and there she continued to live up to the time of her death in 1894.

The childhood and youth of Mr. Angelo was somewhat harder than that of many boys. Being the son of a widow and one of the older children in the family he was required to perform a large portion of the work about the farm. His education was acquired in the district schools, the sessions of which were brief and the standard of scholarship at that period not of the best. When yet not much more than a lad his oldest brother left home and located in Nebraska and the next older entered the army, going to the front for the Union as a volunteer during that momentous period in the early '60s, thus leaving our subject the entire responsibility and care of the home farm. He managed the old homestead first for his mother and later as a renter until 1902, when he retired from active work and removed to Maxwell, where he has since continued to reside.

Ever since attaining the age which conferred upon him the full rights of citizenship Mr. Angelo has been a strong partisan of republicanism, feeling that party's policy of the centralization of power and protection best subserved the interests of the majority. He has always taken a more or less active interest in politics, having served for several years as township trustee when a resident of Jasper county, and twice being the choice of his fellow citizens for the office of justice of the peace, and in both capacities he proved himself well worthy of their confidence. His excellent guardianship of the public interests and his strong advocacy of every movement which promised the betterment of conditions essential to the

community proved him to be a man of progressive ideas and one well able to direct and fill any local office. As justice of the peace he proved himself fully as competent, his decisions in all cases meeting with the approval of the general public. Since his retirement and residence in Maxwell he has served six years in the town council, and in the spring of 1909 he was elected mayor and is still the incumbent of that office.

Mr. Angelo was united in marriage on the 9th of January, 1876, to Miss Ada R. Kimberly, a daughter of Isaiah and Mary Ann (Cleverly) Kimberly, of Jasper county, where they continue to reside, he at the venerable age of eighty-five years and she having passed her seventy-ninth anniversary. One child was born to this couple, Wyatt B., who is practicing law in Plainfield, Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. Angelo are both members of the Christian church, of which he has been a trustee for years. He is also identified with the Masonic fraternity, being a member of Herald Lodge, No. 455, A. F. Y. A. M. He is one of the progressive men of his community, who has always been held in high regard, both he and Mrs. Angelo being popular in both church and social circles of Maxwell.