

Gingles, William W.  
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## OBITUARY—W. W. GINGLES

Brother of J. G. Gingles Passed Away  
In California, July 9

Below is reprinted the obituary of W. W. Gingles, brother of J. G. Gingles of Collins, who died at his home in California on July 9. He was at one time a resident of Iowa, and was known by a number of local people. The following obituary and account of his varied activities is taken from the Oroville, Calif., Mercury-Register of July 10:

William Wilson Gingles, 63, president of the First National Bank of Oroville, and active in civic affairs of Oroville and the development of horticultural and agricultural possibilities of the surrounding country, died at his home in Thermalito shortly after 11 o'clock Tuesday night, July 9.

He never fully recovered from an attack of influenza suffered before Christmas and had been confined to his home by illness for the past two months.

Private funeral services will be held at Hamilton and Riley's at 2 p. m. Saturday under auspices of the Oroville Commandery No. 5 of the Knights Templar, of which he was a past commander. Burial will be in the Oroville cemetery. In accordance with his expressed wish friends are requested not to send flowers.

Gingles was born in Illinois, September 1, 1865. He came to California 34 years ago from Wyoming where he had been engaged in the cattle business. He lived first in Truckee, later moving to Hanford where he became Southern Pacific agent.

He moved to Oroville 25 years ago to become cashier of the bank under the presidency of its founder, S. C. Lillis of San Francisco, banker and extensive California landholder. Six years ago, following the death of Lillis, Gingles was elevated to the presidency of the Oroville bank.

Gingles was active in the organization of the Thermalito, Table Mountain and Oroville Wyandotte Irrigation districts, and gave financial support to projects intended to bring water to the lands adjacent to the city. He also helped to finance the olive industries of Oroville.

Always interested in the development of the horticultural possibilities of this section, Gingles planted virtually all known varieties of grapes on his ranch in Thermalito. He grew more than 60 different grape vines there for the purpose of demonstrating what kind could be profitably planted in this section.

A date tree on his ranch is said to be the farthest north of any such tree in the world and produces an abundant crop annually.

For years Gingles had carried on fertilization experiments with citrus fruits on his 60-acre ranch.

He was a fisherman and was familiar with the scenic beauties of this section. He was enthusiastic over the scenic value of Feather Falls, 22 miles east of here.

During his residence in the city Gingles took part in affairs of the Chamber of Commerce. He took a material part in obtaining the Feather River Pine Mills plant here and in having the Western Pacific round-house built south of Oroville.

He was a member of the board of trustees which had charge of constructing the Masonic temple here.

Gingles devoted much time during the war and since then to Red Cross and other activities. He served as treasurer of the local chapter of the American Red Cross, an office he held at the time of his death.

He was for two years president of the northern California district of the California Bankers' association.

He moved to Thermalito from Oroville eleven years ago.

He held membership in the following fraternal organizations: Oroville Lodge No. 103, Free and Accepted Masons; Franklin Chapter No. 20 Royal Arch Masons; Oroville Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar; Islam Temple of the Order of the Mystic Shrine, San Francisco; Amapola Chapter No. 119, Order of the Eastern Star; Oroville Lodge No. 1584, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Oroville Lodge No. 232, Knights of Pythias, and Willow Camp of the Woodmen of the World, Hanford.

Survivors are his widow, Martha Gingles; a daughter, Mrs. R. N. Hellmann; two grandchildren, William R. and Fred Hellmann, all of Oroville; four brothers, Ray George and Harry Gingles, all of Kansas, and James Gingles of Iowa, and a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Drake of Kansas.

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