



ROBERT W. KEMP

- **Accountant, Clerk of District Court, Mayor**
- **Born.** January 9, 1865 at Fort Dalhousie, Ontario, Canada.
- **Married.** Mrs. Ella McCormick. They had two children.
- **Died.** December 13, 1939 in Missoula, Montana.
- **1885.** Robert arrived in Missoula, Montana. He started work as an accountant and then worked in the Federal Land Office.
- **Clerk.** Robert was elected Clerk of District Court.
- **1921.** Robert Kemp, John R. Dailey, Daniel L. McQuarrie, Tyler Worden, and Lloyd Wallace were elected delegates to represent Montana in the 17th Assembly of Legislature. This was one of the most efficient delegations to ever represent the State of Montana

and is still referred to in today's political world.

- **1926.** Elected as Missoula's 26th Mayor. He served two years.
- **School Board.** Robert was the Secretary for the Missoula County High School Board for 15 years.
- **I.O.O.F.** Robert served 35 years as Grand Secretary of I.O.O.F., representing the State of Montana.



Located in Grave 4, Lot 5, Block 56



Missoula County High School, photo from Missoula.Montana.com, courtesy of Richard Rose

Timeline - 1927 Bob Johnson, in an interview with a University of Montana journalism student, said he believed airplanes would eventually make regular stops in Missoula. Decades later, that same journalism student, who thought Johnson was crazy for making such an incredible statement, flew out of Missoula International Airport aboard a large passenger airliner. City businessman Harry O. Bell was elected president of the Missoula chapter of the National Aeronautic Association. The committee's first act was to secure an air-mail route to Butte and Salt Lake City. Walter Beck secured a 60 day option on eighty acres of land just east of the Missoula County Fairgrounds. The County officially purchased the 80 acres of land, as well as an adjacent strip for construction of the east-west runway. Total cost was \$5000. Excerpt from www.flymissoula.com history section.