

# ANDREW LOGAN



- **Pioneer, Blacksmith, Public Administrator, Postmaster, Mayor**
- **Born.** March 14, 1856 in Troy, New York.
- **Married.** May Ford on January 11, 1880 in Missoula, Montana. They had two sons and two daughters.
- **Died.** April 3, 1933 in Missoula, Montana.
- **1868.** Andrew quit school when he was 12 years old. He went to work. He worked in cotton mills, knitting mills, foundries, and wherever jobs were available.
- **1873.** Andrew started a five year blacksmithing apprenticeship when he was 17 years old. His salary was \$2.50 per week.
- **1878.** Andrew headed west. He stayed in North Dakota for one year before moving on to Montana.
- **1879.** His first job upon his arrival in Missoula, Montana was as blacksmith at Fort Missoula.
- **1882-1889.** Andrew set up his own blacksmith shop. He was known as an expert blacksmith. and operated his blacksmithing business until 1889. He specialized in general blacksmithing and wagon repair. He was known for his expertise in all forms of buggy, truck, and car blacksmith construction and repair.
- **1888-1896.** Andrew was elected Justice of the Peace.
- **1887-1889.** Andrew acted as Public Administrator.
- **Politically.** Strong Republican. Andrew was elected Alderman and President of City Council prior to 1897.
- **Late 1900.** Appointed Missoula's 14<sup>th</sup> Mayor. Upon the resignation of Mayor Webster, the City Council elected Andrew to the Chief Executive Office of the Municipality. He served as Mayor until the general election in May 1901.
- **Commissioner.** President Theodore Roosevelt appointed Andrew to a Commissioner position. His job was to classify and appraise the value of Indian lands on the Flathead Reservation.
- **May 3, 1899.** Elected as Missoula's 19<sup>th</sup> Mayor. He served 24 months.
- **1912.** President Taft appointed Andrew postmaster for the Missoula area. He served in this capacity for four years.
- Andrew Logan loved Montana. He was quoted as saying, "There is not a state in the Union better than Montana for a young man to come and settle. There is a chance for every man."



*Photo of Andrew Logan's blacksmith shop from:  
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*Located in Grave 6, Lot 9, Block 18*