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Ignatius Aloysius Navarre (1846- 1918)

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IGNATIUS A. Navarre of Lakeside, Chelan County, eminent in the profession of civil engineering and prominently identified with the interests of the county, was born in Monroe, Michigan, December 25, 1846. His father, Joseph G. Navarre, was the son of Colonel Francis Navarre, justice of the old Northwest Territory, when it was under the French regime, and later American rule. During the War of 1812 he commanded a regiment in which were enrolled thirty-seven Navarres, descendants of the "white-plumed Henry of Navarre." He participated in numerous battles, among which was that of the Thames, where Tecumseh was killed, and General Winchester was his guest the day he surrendered to Proctor. He was grandson of the first Navarre to settle in America, who was deputed as administrator by the French government. Our subject's father, Joseph G. Navarre, was a practicing attorney, having been educated in Kentucky and practiced in Detroit, Michigan. He died in 1861. The mother, Elizabeth (Martin) Navarre, was a native of Pennsylvania, of illustrious ancestors. She

died when our subject was eighteen months old.

Until the age of fourteen Ignatius A. was reared in Monroe County, Michigan, where he attended public schools and was graduated with honors from St. Francis College, Loretto, Cambria County, Pennsylvania. During the last year of the Civil war he enlisted in the engineer corps, and after an honorable discharge he became a government surveyor, in which vocation he remained for many years. In 1868, while engaged in fortification work at Portland, Maine, he began the study of law, and was admitted to the supreme court bar in 1873. In that year he went to Olympia, Washington, worked at governmental surveys, went to Seattle and entered the law office of McNaught & Leary, with whom he remained two years. Subsequently he was employed two years in British Columbia, in engineering work for the Dominion government. He then practiced law at Yakima, Washington, and was probate judge of Yakima County when it embraced Kittitas County. From 1883 until 1885 he was engaged on contract surveying work for the government, on land that is now divided between Douglas, Chelan and Okanogan counties.

In 1886 he filed on land on the beautiful Lake Chelan and there he has since resided. He served as one of the presidential electors during the Harrison campaign, the only one sent east of the Cascade Mountains. He is a staunch Republican, and has served as United States Commissioner. Mr. Navarre has served in various governmental positions, was employed by the state to select lands and to lay irrigating plans under the Corey law. At present he controls about four hundred acres of land. He has two brothers, Charles F. and Alexander T., and one sister, Mary F. Mackin, of Pittsburg. At San Francisco, November 9, 1879, he was married to Miss Elizabeth E. Cooper, born at

Victoria, British Columbia. Her father, James O. Cooper, was a native of England, and an old sea captain. He was also agent of marines and fisheries for the Dominion Government at Victoria. He died at San Francisco, California, in 1898. The mother, Charlotte O. Cooper, was a native of England. Mrs. Navarre has four brothers, Charles V., George, Augustus and Vinter F., and two sisters, Jennie Hamfin and Fanny Cooper.

Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Navarre, Grace M. and Joseph R., both living at home. Joseph R. was the first white child born on the shores of Lake Chelan.

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IGNATIUS A. NAVARRE

Ignatius A. Navarre, Civil War Veteran, Pioneer Resident of Washington, former Deputy Land Commissioner and Deputy United States Mineral Surveyor and former County Engineer of Chelan County, died at the family home on Lake Chelan on Friday last. Besides his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth E. Navarre and a son, Joseph R. Navarre, who both live at Lake Chelan, he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. James Flick of Seattle. He was 73 years old. The body will be cremated at Seattle. Mr. Navarre was born in Monroe, Michigan, served in the Union Army with the engineering corps, and after the war, he came to the Pacific Coast, first locating in California, later removing to Washington Territory and locating at Yakima. In 1886, he removed to Lake Chelan.



ⁱ Steele, Richard F., "An Illustrated history of Stevens, Ferry, Okanogan and Chelan Counties, State of Washington": Spokane, Washington: Western Historical Publishing Co., 1904.