

Horace George Windsor

1860-1923

Horace George Windsor was the oldest of six children born to John H. Windsor and Eleanna Zollinger Windsor. He was born December 4, 1860. His mother was a daughter of George Zollinger, veteran of the Mexican War, and a grand daughter of Peter Zollinger, soldier in the American Revolution.

Horace George Windsor was educated at Kemper Military School and at the Boonville Academy.

October 6, 1886, Horace G. Windsor was united in marriage with Anna K. Cunningham, a native of Cooper County. They had two sons, John H. Windsor and Wilbur C. Windsor.

Horace G. Windsor, proprietor of Benvenue Farm (later Windsor Place) in Clark's Fork township was born... Horace George Windsor owned 650 acres of land in Clarks Fork township, a farm which was reputed to be the most productive in the country. Seventy acres of the farm, the land lying directly east of the residence, produced in 1915, more than 100 bushels of corn per acre, which he considered to be the best production in the world. Practically all his life, Mr. Windsor had been interested in feeding livestock and he usually fed from 150 to 250 head of cattle annually, also from 1,000 to 1,500 lambs and from 200 to 250 hogs. He also raised the mules used in work on his place.

Mr. Windsor had been president of the Missouri State Corn Growers Association for four years. He won the grand champion 10 ears of Missouri, grand champion single ear, highest yielding five acres, and highest yielding acre, in 1916. He was called to Washington to represent Missouri in the national agricultural conference called by President Harding and Secretary of Agriculture Wallace. This was only one of the many honors that was conferred on Mr. Windsor and which was well merited. He was known for his involvement in agriculture and a better community life. Horace George Windsor was instrumental in establishing Rural Route One out of Boonville, the second route established in the state, and he assisted in the establishing of the first rural telephone line in the county. He was also the originator of the benefit assessment system for the building of better roads and he had been president in his district for eight years.

He wrote for the Missouri Ruralist and other farm papers and was considered one of the most advance thinkers in Cooper County and one of the most progressive men in the country. He was widely known throughout the state.

Mr. Windsor was member of the Presbyterian Church and was affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and he was also a Shriner. He was listed as Missouri's most outstanding farmer by *The Country Gentlemen* which reviewed his achievements and those of the leading farmer of each of the other states of the Union. A book, "*Master Farmers of the U.S.A.*," published by Doubleday-Doran, devoted a chapter to the H.G. Windsor farm methods and carried his picture.

Horace George Windsor, 62 years old and one of the most prominent citizens of Cooper County, died of meningitis and brain fever after an illness of several weeks. He died January 16, 1923.