

HENRY J. BEAN

Henry J. Bean was born November 13, 1853, at Bethel, Maine. Son of Timothy and Elizabeth E. (Swift) Bean. Married June 8, 1886 to Mattie E. Magahey. Education received at the public schools of Maine. Business course at North Yarmouth Academy, Yarmouth, Maine. Attended Hebron Academy, Hebron, and Gould Academy, Bethel, Maine. Taught school for part of six years. Read law in the office of Enoch Foster, Bethel, Maine, and was admitted to the bar of that state on March 9, 1881.

Judge Bean came to Oregon in 1881 and was admitted to the bar of this state, October 10, 1882. He practiced his profession continuously at Pendleton, until elected judge. In partnership with Hon. James A. Fee in 1885 and 1886, under firm name of Bean and Fee; in partnership with John W. Lawrey in 1891, and with Hon. Stephen A. Lowell in 1900 and 1901, under firm name of Bean & Lowell. He was City Attorney of Pendleton 1882-1884. City Recorder 1885-6; Representative Oregon Legislature 1889. Appointed Clerk of Supreme Court at Pendleton, March 27, 1895, upon resignation of Stephen A. Lowell, and held this position until June 30, 1895. District Attorney two terms 1896-1900. County Judge Umatilla County, 1904-6; Circuit Judge of Sixth Judicial District 1906-1910 inclusive. Elected Justice of the Supreme Court taking office January 1911, and re-elected six times thereafter. Served as Chief Justice 1931-2, and 1937-8. Length of service on the supreme court exceeds record of any member, past or present. His decisions indicate strong mentality, careful analysis, thorough knowledge of the law and an unbiased judgment.

Mrs. Bean died in 1939. There are two children. Mrs. Grace Larson of Portland and Hawley J. Bean of Echo, Umatilla County.

Judge Bean died May 8, 1941.

Member of Masonic and K. of P. fraternities. Republican.