

## Joseph Quinn, Well Known Figure, Dies Early Sunday at Hospital

Joseph Quinn, veteran clerk of the district court and active in Democratic circles over western Colorado for more than a half century, passed away early Sunday morning at St. Mary's hospital where he had been a patient only since last Monday. Failing health had forced Mr. Quinn's retirement from the court clerkship a few months ago, but he was able to be up and around until a few days ago.

The body is at the Callahan Funeral Home. It is probable burial services will be held Thursday morning with a Rosary service Wednesday evening. Final arrangements for the service await word from the few remaining relatives.

Joseph Quinn was born in Ireland, Oct. 1, 1870, a son of John and Sarah Askins Quinn who were natives of Enniscorthy, Wexford county, Ireland. He received his schooling in Ireland, remaining there until 1888, when at the age of 18 he came to America.

Mr. Quinn came directly to Leadville where he joined a brother who had preceded him to this country. In Leadville Mr. Quinn learned the trade of a painter and paperhanger. Leadville was then a boom mining camp, one of the world's best known mining cities, and Mr. Quinn acquired a love

of mining which remained with him thru life. At the time of his passing he was interested in a number of mines and prospects scattered over the western slope.

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tor. His brother, John Quinn, had become an officer in the Colorado national guard, and was called with his command to Victor during a labor disturbance. Joe Quinn was serving as quartermaster sergeant and accompanied the troops to Victor. After the disorder was settled Mr. Quinn returned there to make his home and for a time served as town clerk.

In 1895 at Victor Mr. Quinn was united in marriage to Miss Mary McCloskey and to them was born a son, Emmet Aiden Quinn, Jan. 28, 1899. The wife and mother passed away April 15, 1901 at Victor. The son passed away in this city, May 7, 1933, at the age of 33, and it was following this loss of the only remaining member of his family that Mr. Quinn's health began to fail.

It was in 1909 Mr. Quinn and son came to this city, after purchasing a little home at Third and Rood avenue, where they continued to reside for many years. For a time Mr. Quinn followed the trade of a painter and paperhanger here.

In 1913 Mr. Quinn was named clerk of the district court, by the late Judge John Black, a position he held until only a few months ago when failing health incapacitated him from further clerical duty.

Mr. Quinn was a member of the local lodge of Elks, and for years served as secretary of the order. He was also named district grand exalted ruler, serving in that capacity for a year. For years he held membership in the Woodmen of the World, but with advancing years he dropped membership in that order. He was a lifelong mem-

## Grand Junction Well Represented At Bridge Event

### Ceremony at Redcliff Marks Virtual Completion Of Highway 24

Grand Junction was well represented Sunday at the dedication of the new steel bridge which spans the Eagle river canon near Redcliff, to form a part of the reconstructed Battle Mountain highway.

Numerous auto parties left this city Sunday morning for Redcliff, participating in the formal opening of the bridge at which Governor Ralph Carr presided, and returning home during the late afternoon and evening. A large crowd was gathered at Red Cliff for the event.

Chas. D. Vail, head of the state highway department who has labored unceasingly for the completion of U. S. Highway 24 as a hard surfaced road across the state, was among those attending.

Yesterday's ceremony marked the virtual completion of Mr. Vail's program for the modernizing of Highway 24. Construction of the bridge at Redcliff together with six miles of new roadway that has been constructed over Battle Mountain during the past two years, completed the last major project on this highway.

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The son, Emmett, grew to young manhood here, graduating from the local schools, served during the World war, graduated from Leland Stanford university. He studied law, but his health failed and after an extended illness his death occurred here.

Mr. Quinn is survived by but few relatives. There are four nieces and nephews, Mrs. Sadie Lukawitsch of Chicago, Mrs. Harold Thruston of Denver, William Quinn of Los Angeles, Calif., and Adian Quinn of Palisade, now a patient in a veteran's hospital in Cheyenne, Wyo. It is believed there is a sister who remained in Ireland, but members of the family had not heard from her for years. Mrs. Lukawitsch in a telephone conversation with this city recently stated she believed the sister was still living.

T. F. Callahan of this city had been an almost lifelong friend to Mr. Quinn, having met him in Leadville soon after he came to this country in 1888. They had remained friends since, and for years past had been interested together in various mining ventures.

Mr. Quinn, in addition to his duties as clerk of the district court, operated the Quinn Bill Posting company in this city and over this part of the western slope. He acquired considerable property, and following the failure of his health he remained much of the time in his apartment over the Woolworth store, a building he has owned for some years past. In recent years Mr. Quinn had disposed of much of his remaining property in this city.

Definite word is expected today from relatives and it is now planned to hold a Rosary service Wednesday evening at the Callahan Funeral Home and burial services from the Catholic church Thursday morning, with the Rev. Father Bertrand officiating.