

JOHN W. McWILLIAMS

JOHN W. McWILLIAMS, real estate, loans and insurance agent. Was born in Cannonsburg, Washington Co., Pa., September 8, 1841. His early life was spent in his native county where he was educated; graduated from Jefferson College at Cannonsburg in 1861, in the United States Signal Corps of the regular arms. He was mustered out of service as Sergeant in September 1865. He soon afterward entered the law office of Col. Enoch Totten, at Washington, District of Columbia, and in June 1867, graduated from Columbia Law School, at Washington, District of Columbia. He has never engaged in regular practice in his profession, but in the fall of 1867 engaged in literary pursuits, as one of the editors and publishers of Washington, Pa., Reporter. He followed the business until the summer of 1869, when he came to Kansas. He located at Cottonwood Falls, and engaged in his present business. In 1874 he was appointed by the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad Company, agent for the sale of their land in Chase and adjoining counties. He also does a general real estate and loan business, and represents seven insurance companies, including fire and tornado insurance. He has sold over 100,000 acres of land in Kansas. Mr. McWilliams is a member of Zeredatha Lodge, No. 80, A., F. & A. M. ; member of J. W. Geary Post, No. 15, G. A. R. He held the office of Justice of the Peace five years during his early residence here. He was Mayor of the city three years and was elected to the Legislature in the fall of 1872, serving one term. He married Miss Emma Clark of Washington, Pa., July 4, 1869: she died January 21, 1870, without issue. He married Miss Louise D. Walker of Chenango County, N. Y., June 24, 1876, by whom he has had male twins, both of whom died in infancy.

~ **William G. Cutler's *History of the State of Kansas***