

FLANAGAN, James

James Flanagan was born in Ontario in 1850 and moved to Saskatoon in August of 1902.

He opened the Western Hotel in 1903, which he operated until selling it and “retiring” in 1907. He then built Flanagan House, widely known as one of the most up-to-date hotels of its time. Still in existence, it has been known as the Senator Hotel since 1940.

News articles at the time memorialized "Jimmy" Flanagan as one of the city's most valuable citizens. He supported various municipal and athletic causes, and was involved in the Conservative Party.



James Flanagan was known as a great storyteller, and had all the qualities that cause a person to be labelled "a character". He was so well known, that in 1913, his friends published, "*Stories of Jimmy Flanagan*", in the *Saturday Press*.

James Flanagan died at the age of 59 in 1909. It is reported that his funeral was the largest that Saskatoon had seen up to that time, with Saskatoon businesses closing from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. as a mark of respect, and flags in the city being flown at half-mast.

James Flanagan's gravesite may have the largest personal monument in Woodlawn Cemetery. There were six graves purchased, which this massive monument was to mark, however, he was the only member of the Flanagan family to be buried there. The other graves remain unused.

The grave is located at Block 7, Lot 42, in the old Catholic section of Woodlawn Cemetery