

John Rowe

Class of 1914

John Rowe was born in 1895. After completing 8th grade, John entered the newly created "University Farm" (which would later be named U.C. Davis) where he obtained a three-year degree in 1913. He was interested in continuing his education at U.C. Berkeley but was unable to go directly from University Farm because he needed additional credits. Therefore, John enrolled at Dixon High School for his senior year. It was a fortunate move for Dixon as John was a very good athlete excelling in basketball, baseball and track. It was in track where he gained most of his fame as he set the 880 yard county record. He was Captain of the track team and also ran the 50 yard dash and on the relay team. John was a key contributor on the Dixon High basketball team that won the SCAL championship in 1914.

After graduating from Dixon, John briefly attended U.C. Berkeley, and later joined the US Army during WW I. When he returned home, he purchased a farm that would later be known as the Innisfail Farm and raised shorthorn milking cattle. Throughout his life, he was active with the Farm Bureau and cattle associations and competitions.

John married Lillian and had six children, Evelyn, Stuart, Charles, James, Marda and Binky. John passed away in 1981.