

## **Johan W. Rode---Timeline**

- July 6, 1869            Born in Norway.
- 1889                    Occupation – Jeweler, Grand Forks, North Dakota.
- 1891                    Married to Seana who was born in Norway in Nov. 1867 and emigrated to the U.S. in 1882.
- 1900                    Twelfth Census of the U.S. lists Rode as a jeweler in Minot, North Dakota.
- 1910                    Thirteenth Census of the U.S. Lists Rode as the proprietor of a bookstore in San Diego California.
- Nov. 1917              Rode purchases property in Polson, MT, from the estate of Albert Sutherland, Jr. This was valuable property as it bordered the U.S. Reclamation irrigation canal and lay in the path of the Northern Pacific Railroad which reached Polson on Dec. 7, 1917.
- 1920                    Sold Polson property, returned to Minot, North Dakota.
- 1923                    Rode moved to Berkley, California, but returned often to the Polson area where he invested in property again in 1925.
- Nov. 1926              Purchased negatives, scenic photos and some photographic equipment from Herman Schnitzmeyer.
- 1926                    First marketed Schnitzmeyer photos with ink stamp, “J.W. Rode, Polson, Mont. Successor to H. Schnitzmeyer”. Later ink stamps read, “J.W. Rode, Scenic American Views, Polson, Mont. and Berkley, California”. Eventually, Rode copyrighted the Schnitzmeyer material and signed it J.W. Rode specializing in scenic views and postcards.
- 1930                    Fifteenth Census of the U.S. lists Rode as a scenic and nature photographer in Berkley, CA.
- 1941                    Rode loses Polson properties to Lake County for back taxes.
- 1950’s                  Aged and ailing, Rode moves to Sebastopol, California to live with a daughter.
- Aug. 29, 1961        Rode died in Sonoma, California at the age of 92.

