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Abstract

Two large oval portrait photographs, one of Richard Shahan (1841-1906) and the other of his son Harry Shahan (1896-1994), both residents of Preston County, West Virginia. Biographical data regarding both men has been attached to the backs of the photographs, including information regarding their service in the Civil War and World War I respectively. These portraits may be examples of a type of photograph known as a "crayon enlargement", a photographic print that has been enhanced with pastels or airbrushing, giving the image the appearance of a charcoal drawing or color photograph. This photographic format was popular in the early 20th century. See "Historical Note" for further information.

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Biographical / Historical

Richard Shahan (8 September 1841-19 January 1906) was a farmer by trade and lived in the Reno district of Preston County, in the vicinity of Rowlesburg. He served in the Union Army with the 6th West Virginia Cavalry, Company G. Data from the 1860, 1880, and 1900 Censuses, as well as his Civil War Service Record, is attached to his portrait.

One of Richard Shahan's children was Harry Arthur Shahan (26 May 1896-1 June 1994). He served in the military during World War I. Data from the 1900 and 1910 Federal Censuses, as well as Shahan's Registration Card for military service, is attached to his portrait.

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