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Lin. I. Thatcher & Son Wm. Thatcher
my Grand Father 1916 65th Ed

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...which he had...
He was born in Chicago, Ill., on August 13, 1879, the son of John C. and Mary T. Thatcher. He was reared in Butler County, Ky., and educated in public and private schools.
Most people in the Canal Zone have heard of Thatcher but few are wholly aware that his career in the Canal Zone was only a small part of a career which included law practice in Kentucky, 10 years as a member of Congress, followed by another law practice in Washington.

Licensed In 1898

He took up the study of law while he was clerk of the Circuit Court of Butler County and was licensed to practice in 1898. He began his law practice in Louisville, and was named assistant U.S. district attorney for western Kentucky in 1901. He served in that capacity until 1908 when he returned to Louisville. From 1908 to 1910, when he was appointed to the Canal Commission, he was state inspector and examiner for Kentucky.

During the time that he was serving in Congress, he returned to the Isthmus three times as a guest of the Canal Zone Government. He took the welfare of Panama Canal employees much to heart, and during the time he was in Congress,

which has grown to be the outstanding institution of its type in the world.
He has long served as vice president and general counsel of the Gorgas Memorial Institute of Tropical and Preventive Medicine which supervises the work of the Gorgas Memorial Laboratory. Recently he was made an honorary president of the institute.

In fairly recent years, Thatcher encouraged action by Congress which provided retirement pay for non-U.S.-citizen employees of the Canal organization. For his work he was given a certificate making him an honorary president of the Canal Zone Retired Workers Association, an Isthmian organization of non-U.S.-citizen employees.

Honored

He has been honored by the Government of Panama, which gave him the medal and plaque of the Order of Vasco Nunez de Balboa, Venezuela and Ecuador also have honored him for his services to tropical America.

President Kennedy gave him, as a personal memento, the pen with which he signed the bill naming the bridge over the Canal in his honor.

Last year, on his 99th birthday, Thatcher

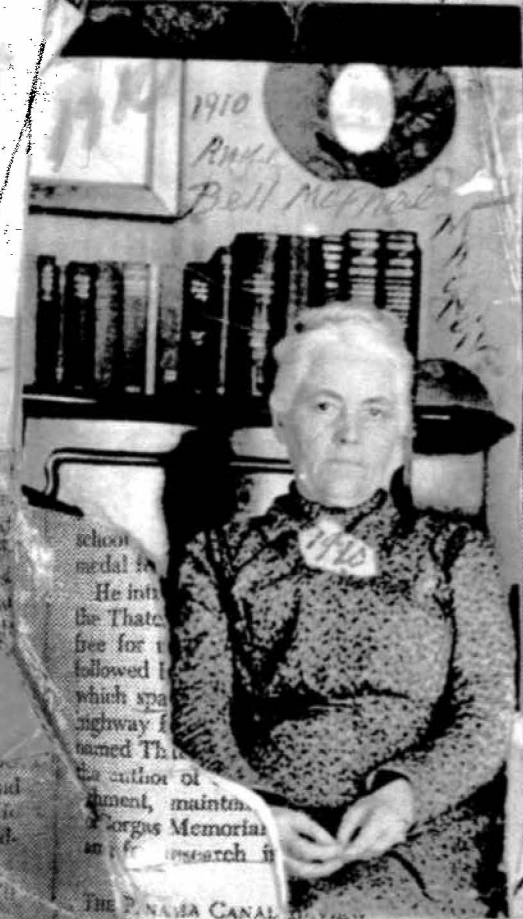
...cher told...
of quitting his law practice and going into poetry. At the time he was not too active in law, but busy collecting his files, press clippings, and writing poetry.

He said he had written about 1,000 quatrains in FitzGerald-Omar Khayyam style and a large number of sonnets in the Italian and Shakespearean styles. None of his friends doubts he has been a prolific writer of poetry since few letters—and he wrote many—ever arrived from him that did not contain a poem.



Thatcher as the youngest member of the Isthmian Canal Commission.

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During one of their visits to the Canal Zone, Thatcher and the late Mrs. Thatcher posed at Miraflores Locks.

Anne Bell Thatcher
Morris Thatcher was acting Governor of Canal Zone 1910-1912 while Governor Tamm was in Europe King