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Fremont Wood was born June 11, 1856, in Winthrop, Maine. He graduated from Waterville Classical Institute in Waterville, Maine, then attended Bates College for two years. When family problems forced him to quit college, he returned to Winthrop where he worked as a carpet printer and studied law.

Wood came to Boise in June 1881. He served as Boise City Attorney and then as assistant to the U.S. Attorney for Idaho Territory. Wood was himself appointed U.S. Attorney in 1889. While in that office in 1892, he prosecuted the miners involved in the labor troubles in the Coeur d'Alenes. He resigned in 1894 to resume his private practice. In November 1906, he was elected judge for the 3rd Judicial District (Ada and Boise counties). The most notable case he presided over was the trial of William Haywood and George Pettibone, who were accused of involvement in the assassination of former Governor Steunenberg. Wood resigned from the bench in 1911 and went into private practice with Edgar Wilson and Dean Driscoll. In addition to his law career, Wood was a serious fruit grower. He owned an orchard near Boise and served as president of the Idaho State Horticultural Society from 1904 to 1910.

Wood married Carrie Cartee, daughter of Lafayette Cartee, on January 1, 1885. Their children included: Fayette, Walter, Emily, Cartee, Frank, Doris, Fremont, and Carolyn. Mrs. Wood died in 1936; Fremont Wood died December 22, 1940, in Boise.

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