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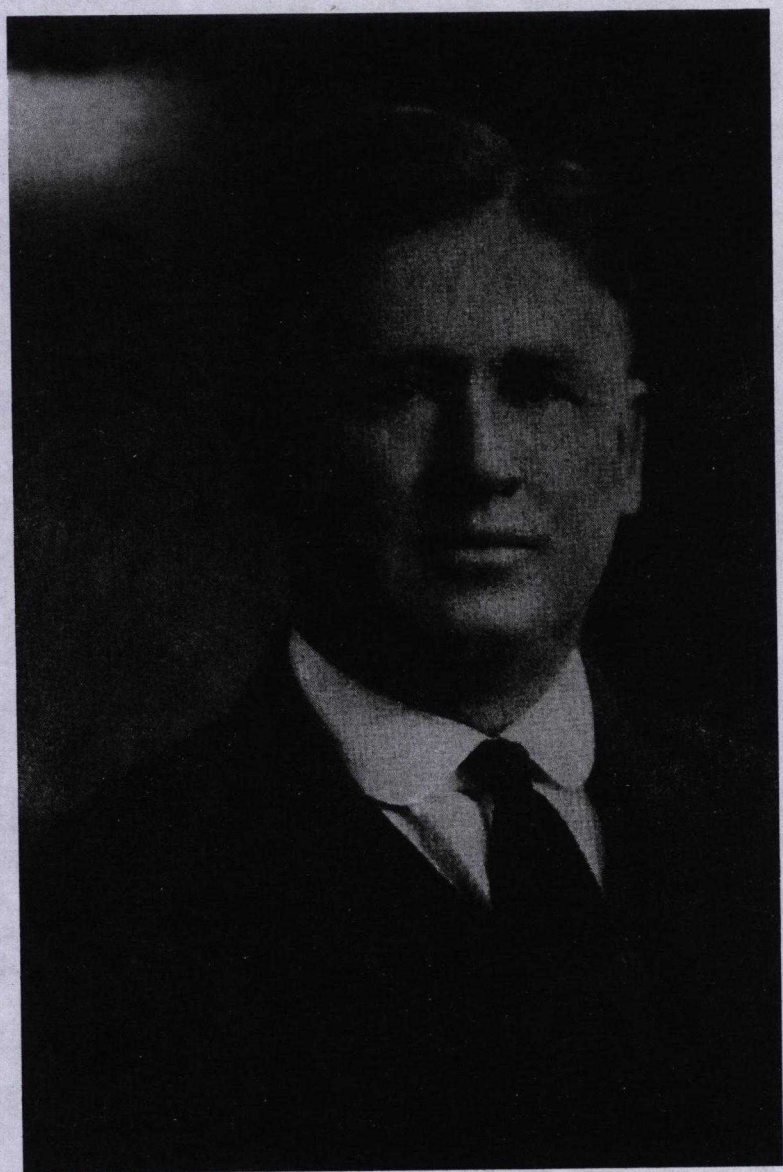
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Nicholas Paul Sinnott was sworn in as the 17th Sheriff of Santa Cruz County on September 1, 1927 after being appointed to complete James Holohan's term of office. He served as Sheriff for four years. He was born in Mayfield (incorporated into Palo Alto in 1925), California, on April 20, 1874, and came to Santa Cruz County with his parents at the age of 10. As a young man he worked at the Porter Brothers shingle mills, then spent 20 years involved with the railroad, and in 1909, engaged in a livery business. Mr. Sinnott was elected Supervisor of the San Lorenzo District in 1915 and served until August 8, 1927, when he resigned to accept the appointment as sheriff. He served as sheriff until 1931. Shortly after leaving the Sheriff's Office, he became warden of the newly acquired Big Trees County Park in Felton. Mr. Sinnott was public spirited and gave largely of his time and resources. He was very interested in his community and was known as an advocate for the development of Santa Cruz County, which included obtaining the best public utilities and leading the movement for development of the highways.

Born: April 20, 1874 - Mayfield, California
Died: August 7, 1935 - Felton, California