

MEMORIAL

TO

WILLIAM EUGENE MILLER

(December 27, 1880 – June 24, 1929)

DISTRICT COURT
WINONA COUNTY

WINONA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

SEPTEMBER 16, 1929

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William Eugene Miller was born December 27th, 1880, at St. Charles, Winona County, Minnesota. He was the youngest son of Richard Norman Miller and Elizabeth Kellogg Miller, old time and respected residents of St. Charles. His father was a veteran of the Civil War.

Eugene Miller, as he was commonly called, was a graduate of the St. Charles High School and of the Law School of the University of Minnesota. From the time of the completion of his education, until ill health compelled him to give up his work in February 1929, he was engaged in the active practice of the law at St. Charles.

July 17th, 1918, he was married Miss Lillian McElhaney, who survives him, and he is also survived by his brother, Arthur O. Miller, of St. Charles, and his sister, Mrs. Mary G. Dow, of Los Angeles, California.

He died June 24th, 1929, and was buried at St. Charles.

He was a member of the Rising Sun Lodge No. 49; of the Orient Chapter No. 19 of the Royal Arch Masons; of the home commandery No. 5 of the Rochester Knights Templar; of the Noble Order of the Mystic Shrine, Osman Temple, St. Paul; of the Eastern Star; and of the Loyal Order of Moose.

He was Secretary of the Whitewater State Park Board, and for years was active in prompting the development of the Park.

He was a member of the Winona County Bar Association, and of the Bar Association of the Third Judicial District and the state of Minnesota.

He was a splendid musician, a member of the St. Charles Band and of the local orchestra.

He was a lover of the outdoors, and maintained a cottage on Trout Run, where he sojourned as opportunity offered. He was genial, hearty and good natured, kept young in spirit, and in sports entered with almost the vigor of a boy. He was always among the first to extend a hearty welcome to newcomers at St. Charles.

As a lawyer he was careful and efficient in the preparation and trial of his cases, looking to his client's interest more than to his own financial benefit.

He was kindly, warm-hearted and a good companion; he was quick to discern shams and take whatever measures were necessary to render them ineffective, but not harsh in judgment, preferring to find whatever there might be in mitigation and, so far as fairly might be done, to condone the inherent frailties of human nature.

He was loved and respected by all who knew him.

/s/ A. W. Sawyer

/s/ William ----

/s/ Clarence H----

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