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DUDLEY, WILLIS MARTIN

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Willis Martin Dudley, a native son of Minnesota and an early settler of Stearns County, was born in Green Leaf, Minnesota, December 10, 1866, son of L. Edmund and Rose Maria (Jordan) Dudley who were natives of the eastern states, Maine and Vermont. L. Edmund Dudley served in the Civil War, and when the war was over he came west and settled in Green Leaf, Minnesota, where he followed the engineer and carpenter trade.

Willis Martin Dudley attended the rural and country schools, in Litchfield, Minnesota, and later attended the grade school in Champlin, Minnesota, to where his parents moved from Green Leaf, Minnesota. After completing school Willis Dudley took up the painting and steam engineering trade, which he has followed ever since, and at the present time Willis Dudley is employed as chief engineer and custodian of the MacGregor Apartments at 702 Second Avenue South, Saint Cloud, Minnesota.

Willis Martin Dudley was married November 19, 1892 to Lula Belle Collins who was a daughter of William and Mira Collins natives of New York State. William and Mira Collins came to the West and settled in Beloit, Wisconsin, where Lula Belle was born June 1, 1873.

To Willis Martin and Lula Belle Dudley were born five children; Forest Gale Dudley employed by Sports Field, a magazine publication, in Minneapolis, Minnesota; Morris Edmund Dudley, construction contractor, Chicago, Illinois; Glenn Dale Dudley, owner of Dudley's Tire and Battery Station in Saint Cloud, Minnesota; Maybelle Alice, now Mrs. Henry F. Schwartz, of Browing, Montana; and Grace Melville, now Mrs. Harold Allen of Saint Cloud, Minnesota.

L. Edmund Dudley, father of Willis Martin, died in 1906 and Rose Maria Dudley, his mother, died in 1926. Both parents were buried in the family lot in Buffalo, Minnesota.

William Collins, father of Mrs. Willis Dudley died in 1893 and

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and was buried in Anoka Cemetery, Anoka, Minnesota. Mira Collins, mother of Mrs. Willis Dudley, died in 1913 and was buried in Bethel, Minnesota.

Interviewed: Mrs. Willis Dudley
Date: August 6, 1936
By: N. P. Kruchten

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FOR THE WILLIS MARTIN DUDLEY BIOGRAPHY

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK 6 PAGE 18561

H. J. Allen and Grace Dudley

Married January 15, 1927

By: Ernest W. Wolkenant Minister of the Gospel

Witnesses: Hazel M. Henderson and Glen D. Dudley