

802 W. 5th Street

Historic Names: David L. & Georgia Miller House and later the Bruce and Karen Stevens House. The home built in 1916, is the largest American Foursquare in the district, and also the latest. The rectilinear plan, fieldstone foundation, and exterior walls are clad in narrow-gauge vinyl clapboard that covers the original wood clapboards. Its hipped roof with over-hanging boxed eaves, features large hipped-roof dormers that face north onto Fifth St. The main (north-facing) facade is symmetrical with a full width screened front porch. There is also a hipped-roof garage just behind the house that was built at the same time and in the same style as the house. David L. Miller became a partner of A. G. and L. H. Felker in the manufacturing enterprise in 1905, when it was located in St. Paul. The firm moved to Marshfield in 1908. where the partners were rejoined by Ray T. Finucane. In 1916, when the company was incorporated, Mr. Miller became vice president and continued in that capacity and active in the operation of the concern until the time of his death. Fraternally, he was affiliated with the Elks and the Masons.



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D. L. Miller, has purchased from E. N. DuFour lots with the frontage of 101 feet adjoining the high school on West Fifth street and will erect a modern residence on the same this summer. *(from the Marshfield News and Wisconsin Hub, 13 May 1915, p. 7)*

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MILLER RITES TO BE HELD TUESDAY

Illness Fatal to Wife of Local Manufacturer on Saturday

Mrs. D. L. Miller, 68, of 802 W. Fifth street, died of a heart attack at 7:45 p. m. Saturday at St. Joseph's Hospital, where she had been a patient for the past two week.

Mrs. Miller, wife of the vice-president of the Felker Bros. Manufacturing Co., had been In poor health for the past five years.

Funeral cervices will be conducted at the first Presbyterian Church at 2 p. m. Tuesday, with the Rev. Arthur R. Oates officiating, and will be followed by burial in Hillside cemetery. Friends may call at the Baxter and Ritger Funeral Home until 11 a. m. Tuesday.



Mrs. D. L. Miller

Georgia Elva Cluxton was born in New York City on Jan. 21. 1888, and her parents moved to St. Paul, Minn., while she was a small child. They later made their home at Mankato. where she graduated from the Normal School.

She taught school at Blue Earth and Mankato, Minn., before her marriage to D. L. Miller in Marshfield on June 3. 1912.

Mrs. Miller was a past matron of the Order of Eastern Star Chapter here and was active in various phases of church work.

She is survived by her husband and three children. Mrs. R. W. Mason, Dr. George E. Miller, and David F. Miller, all of Marshfield, and by five grandchildren. A brother and a sister preceded her in death.

The Felker Bros. Manufacturing office will be closed during the time of the funeral rites, in respect to Mrs. Miller.

(from the Marshfield New-Herald, 25 November 1946, p. 6)

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D. L. Miller, 74 Is Found Dead

Rites Monday for Felker Executive

Funeral services for D. L. Miller, 74, vice president and a founding partner of Felker Bros. Manufacturing Co., will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at the First Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. Douglas P. Oyan will officiate and burial will take place in Hillside cemetery. Friends may pay their respects at the Hansen Funeral Home beginning at noon Sunday. At noon on Monday the body will be taken to the church.

Mr. Miller, who suffered from a heart condition, apparently died in his sleep Thursday night in his apartment at Hartl Manor, where he had been residing since 1950.

Officials at the local manufacturing plant said that he left the office at noon Thursday. Early Fri day afternoon, when he had failed to put in an appearance, colleagues called his daughter, Mrs. Robert W. Mason, who went to the apartment and found that her father had died.



*(John H. Keel Photography)
D. L. Miller*

David L. Miller was born in the town of Stark, Vernon county, April 4, 1882. He received his education in Union Center and grew to manhood there, spending the succeeding years in Minnesota and the Dakotas.

His marriage to Georgia Cluxton took place at Mankato, Minn., June 3, 1913.

Mr. Miller became a partner of A. G. and L. H. Felker in the manufacturing enterprise in 1905, when it was located in St. Paul. The firm moved to Marshfield in 1908. where the partners were rejoined by Ray T. Finucane.

In 1916, when the company was incorporated, Mr. Miller became vice president and continued in that capacity and active in the operation of the concern until the time of his death. Fraternally, he was affiliated with the Elks and the Masons.

His wife died Nov. 26, 1946.

Surviving are three children, Mrs. Robert W. Mason, Marshfield, Dr. George Miller. Eau Claire, and Dr. David Miller USN. Norfolk, Va.; a brother, Hugo Miller, Torrence, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Blakeman, Union Center, and Mrs. Jennie Field, Long Beach, Calif.; and seven grand-children.

An Elks Lodge of Sorrow will be conducted at the funeral home at 7 p.m. Sunday.

In respect to the memory of Mr. ! Miller, the Felker offices and i plant will be closed Monday afternoon.

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For additional information on this home check:

Property Records of Marshfield, Wood County, Wisconsin:

<http://assessordata.org/reports/6983733680001.pdf>

Wisconsin Historical Society's Architecture and Inventory:

<https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Property/HI137503>