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DEAN, WILLIAM S.

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William Dean was born in Ontario, Canada, on March 14, 1848. He came with his parents to the United States as a small boy where they took up their residence at Shakopee. He received his education there.

In 1878, he married Mary Irwin at Chatam, Ontario. Later in 1878 they came to Minneapolis where he entered the implement business with a Mr. Christenson under the firm name of Christenson and Dean which they continued for the next two years.

In 1881, they moved to Sauk Centre. Here Mr. Dean entered into a partnership with Mr. Weber of Dure and Weber. He took over the active management which he continued for the next thirty years. He then sold his interest to George R. Borgmann.

Mr. Dean was an active worker in church and civic improvements. He was Sauk Centre's first mayor. During his administration Sauk Centre received its first city charter and became a corporate municipality. He was one of the organizers of the Ladies' Rest Room. He was one of the original stockholders and members of the board of directors of the Merchants' National Bank of Sauk Centre, which was established in 1902. He was one of the members until January, 1914. In 1910, he was elected Vice President of this bank, which office he held until he moved to Chicago, Illinois in 1914. He was a member of the Sauk Centre school board for many years. He was the municipal judge of Sauk Centre for sometime, and from which he resigned.

Mr. Dean was also a member of the board of the Church of the Good Samaritan (Episcopal) for many years. In 1914, he was the Senior Warden of the Episcopal Church in Sauk Centre. He was an active member of the Knights of Pythits.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean had three children. They are Alice (Mrs. A. F. Strebel of Sauk Centre), Raymond Stewart Dean of Chicago, and Willis W.

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Dean of Washington, D. C.

In 1914, the family moved to Chicago. They lived there until July of 1923 when they returned to Sauk Centre where they lived with their daughter, Mrs. Strebel. Mr. Dean died October 17, 1923 at her home. Reverend Crickmer officiated at his funeral. He was buried in Lakewood Cemetery in Minneapolis. Mrs. Dean died January 27, 1932.

Interviewed: Mary Strebel  
Date: October 14, 1936  
By: Melba Peterson

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FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE  
FOR THE WILLIAM S. DEAN BIOGRAPHY

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK V. PAGE 11689

Albert F. Strebels and Alice J. Dean

Married July 19, 1911

By: S. L. Mitchell

Witnesses: Corclelia R. Dean and W. H. Tuller

DEATH RECORD BOOK P. PAGE 22 LINE 558

Wm. S. Dean Born March 24, 1848 in Canada

Son of Wm. S. Dean and Monau Dean

Died October 19, 1923

Age 75 years 6 months and 25 days

DEATH RECORD BOOK Y. PAGE 22 LINE 541

Mary I. Dean Born November 9, 1856 in Canada

Daughter of Thomas Irvin

Died January 27, 1932

Age 75 years 2 months and 18 days

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Second interview to affirm or correct information in biography as compared to information as listed in the legal records in the Stearns County Court House.

CORRECTIONS:

Birth of William Dean, March 24, 1848, is correct as stated in the legal records.

CORRECTIONS:

Death of William Dean, October 19, 1923, is correct as stated in the legal records.

Re-interviewed: Mary Strebel  
Date: October 1, 1937  
By: Melba Peterson