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Kelsey, Menzo C.

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Menzo C. Kelsey was the only child of Ephriam and Elizabeth Kelsey. He was born in Susquehanna County., Penn. on Feb. 25, 1860. His parents brought him to Minnesota in 1867 locating on a homestead near West Union. Some years later the parents went east for a brief period, locating in Indiana. In a few years they returned to Minnesota locating in Sauk Centre, where Menzo C. Kelsey grew to manhood and spend the greater part of his active years.

Menzo C. Kelsey was a member of the first graduating class of the Sauk Centre public schools, in 1881. After his graduation he took up the study of law, and following his admission to the bar he devoted his life to the practice of his profession in Sauk Centre except for a short time, while he was employed by the government in clearing titles to Indian hands on the White Earth Reservation.

Menzo C. Kelsey was appointed Judge of the Sauk Centre Municipal Court in 1917 and was re-elected without opposition at every election until his death.

Menzo C. Kelsey was prominently identified with the Odd Fellows fraternity, both Subordinate and encampment branches and held every office within the gift of the post.

On Sept. 7, 1885 Menzo C. Kelsey and Alice A. Reynolds were united in marriage. One child was born to this union who died at the age of eight months.

Alice A. Reynolds was born near Rome, Wisconsin on July 16, 1864. She came to Minnesota with her mother Sarah Reynolds in 1872, settling in Sauk Centre.

Alice A. (Reynolds) Kelsey was a member of Rebecah Lodge of which she was a past president. She was also a member of the Methodist Church. She died Nov. 7, 1920 at Sauk Centre.

Menzo C. Kelsey died at Mound Park Sanitarium, St. Paul on  
May 5, 1923

Interviewed : Mrs. C. E. Bohall  
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LEGAL RECORDS TAKEN FROM THE STEARNS COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
FOR THE MENZO C. KELSEY BIOGRAPHY.

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK I PAGE 362

Menzo Calvin Kelsey and Alice a Reynolds  
married at Sauk Centre, Sept. 7th, 1885

by: Rev. Henry G. Bilbie

A. W. Cummings : Witnesses  
O. E. Cummings

DEATH RECORD BOOK M PAGE 13-LINE 361

Alice a Kelsey, born in Wisconsin July 16, 1864, daughter  
of Solmon Reynold and Sarah Armstrong

Died: Nov. 7 1920 age, 56 yrs. 30 mo. 21 days.

DEATH RECORD BOOK 1892 A 2 PAGE 138 LINE 68

Baby Kelsey(male) died Jan. 29-1892, son of Calvin and Alice  
Kelsey, age 7 mo. 13 days.

BIRTH RECORDS

<u>BOOK</u>	<u>PAGE</u>	<u>LINE</u>	<u>DATE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>FATHER'S NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>
1891-B1	253	88	(baby) male, June 15, 1891	Sauk Centre	(Menzo Kelsey)	31