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TAYLOR, MYRON D.

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Myron D. Taylor now holding the office of Supreme Court Commissioner, with offices in the Capitol Building at St. Paul, has for many years been prominent as a Minnesota lawyer, and was elevated from the district bench to his present position. Judge Taylor is a native of Maine, and was brought to Minnesota by his parents in September 1858. He was a pioneer, and his own career has reflected honor on that sterling class of settlers.

Judge Myron Taylor was born in Byron, Maine December 30, 1855, the oldest son of M. A. and Sarah J. (Barnard) Taylor. His father, who was born April 13, 1830 spent his boyhood in Maine and acquired most of his education at Roxbury, in that state. He came out to Minnesota as a pioneer in 1857, and lived in the state about thirty years. In addition to his pursuits as a farmer and stock raiser, he was for many years engaged in the survey of Government land. In 1859 he located in Albion, Wright county, and about two and a half year later moved to the town of Melrose, in Stearns county, where he resided until 1878. He served in 1895 in the Minnesota Legislature, having been elected on the Republican ticket and did some important work on several committees. He is still living at his childhood home, in his native State of Maine. His wife died while visiting at Minneapolis in 1892.

Myron Taylor has had an active career during nearly thirty-five years of membership in the Minnesota bar, and has handled a large volume of private litigation in addition to his official responsibilities.

He began practice at St. Cloud, which is still his home, and held office of city attorney for twelve years. President Mc Kinley appointed him register of the United States Land Offices at St. Cloud, and he was in that position eight years. In 1906 came his elevation when elected judge of the Seventh Judicial District. At the end of six years he was re-elected in 1912, but soon after assuming office for his second term he was appointed in 1913 Supreme Court Commissioner for the term of six years. This office requires him to be in St. Paul, where he and his family are residing temporarily.

Judge Taylor has long been regarded as a leader in the Republican party of Minnesota. He frequently attends conventions both state and national and was an alternate delegate to the national convention in 1888 that nominated Benjamin Harrison. He has also served as a member of the Republican state central committee. Fraternally much of his interest has been taken up with Masonic work, and he is affiliated with North Star Lodge Number twenty-three, A. F. and A.M., St. Cloud Chapter Number forty-six, R. A. M., Nazarene Commandery Number twenty-four, K. L., and Osman Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs to the loges of the Knights of Pythias and the Protective and Benevolent Order of Elks at St. Cloud.

In 1883 Judge Taylor married Miss Anna Frank of Henderson, Minnesota, daughter of Benedict Frank, an old resident and respected citizen of that place. They have two daughters, Zama M. and Louisa F., and lost one son Ralph in infancy.

FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE
FOR THE MYRON D. TAYLOR BIOGRAPHY

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Date of Birth</u> | <u>Place of Birth</u> | <u>Father's Name</u> | <u>Age</u> |
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| 1. Baby Taylor | Dec. 27, 1883 | St. Cloud | Myron D. Taylor | |
| 2. Baby Taylor | Dec. 20, 1884 | St. Cloud | " " " | |

| <u>Mother's Name</u> | <u>Age</u> | <u>Book</u> | <u>Page</u> | <u>Line</u> | <u>Remarks</u> |
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| 1. Taylor | | A | 571 | 92 | Female |
| 2. " | | B | 2 | 52 | Male |