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## DANIEL C. DARROW, M. D.

Dr. Daniel C. Darrow, a member of the medical profession at Moorhead, county seat of Clay county, proprietor of the first hospital established in that city, and one of the best-known physicians and surgeons in the Red river valley, is a native of the neighboring state of Wisconsin, but has been a resident of Minnesota and of Moorhead since the year of his graduation from medical college in 1884. He was born on a pioneer farm in the township of Clayton, in Winnebago county, Wisconsin, January 4, 1850, son of Daniel C. and Isabella D. (Murray) Darrow, both natives of New York state and members of old Colonial families, who became pioneers of Winnebago county, Wisconsin, and there spent their last days.

The elder Daniel C. Darrow came West with his family from New York in 1846 and pre-empted a tract of land between Neenah and Oshkosh, in Clayton township, Winnebago county, Wisconsin, where he established his home, one of the pioneers of that section, and where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring there on June 3, 1862. His widow survived him many years, her death occurring in December, 1895. They were the parents of nine children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fifth in order of birth, the others being as follow: Annabelle, who married James Chamberlain, who became a soldier of the Union during the Civil War, going to the front as a member of the Third Regiment, Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and who died at Andersonville prison after having been held there for thirteen months; Seymour F., who also gave his life that the unity of his country might be preserved, his death having occurred, at the age of nineteen years, while he was serving as a soldier of the Union, a member of the Twenty-first Regiment, Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry; Mary H., who died at the age of twenty-six years; David M., who lived to be sixty-four years of age; Delia, wife of John G. Hubbard, now of Chicago; Grace, who died at the age of forty-four years; Dr. Edward M. Darrow, a grad-



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uate of Rush Medical College and a resident physician at Fargo since 1878, one of the real pioneer physicians of the Red river country, and Gregg E., who died at the age of seven years. The mother of these children was a member of the United Presbyterian church and they were reared in accordance with the rigid tenets of that faith. The Darrows are an old American family, two brothers of that name having come to this country from the north of Ireland in Colonial days, settling in Connecticut. A son of one of these brothers served as a soldier of the patriot army during the War of Independence and it is from that Revolutionary sire that Doctor Darrow is descended. He was one of the company that put a cable across the river at Albany to stop the boats from coming up the river. The Murrays also are an old Colonial family, the ancestors of Mrs. Darrow having come to this side from Scotland in the days preceding the Revolution.

The junior Daniel C. Darrow was twelve years of age when his father died. He grew to manhood on the home farm in Winnebago county, receiving his schooling in the schools of Neenah, and after his marriage in 1872, established his home there. From the days of his boyhood he had been attracted to the study of medicine and after a while determined to devote his life to the medical profession. Presently entering Rush Medical College at Chicago, he was graduated from that institution in 1884. Thus admirably qualified for the practice of his profession, Doctor Darrow came up into the Red river country, his brother, Dr. Edward M. Darrow, having located at Fargo six years previously, and opened an office at Moorhead, across the river from the city in which his brother was practicing, and has ever since been engaged in practice at Moorhead, now the oldest physician in continuous practice in Clay county. In 1893 Doctor Darrow erected the first hospital erected in Clay county and is still operating the same, just recently having built an addition to the hospital, this addition being for the purpose of providing a home for the nurses. The doctor is a member of the Clay-Becker Medical Society, the Minnesota State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, in the deliberations of which organizations he takes a warm interest, and has ever kept abreast of the wonderful advances constantly being made in his profession. He also takes an active interest in civic affairs and for twelve years served as coroner of Clay county, rendering admirable public service in that connection. The doctor has done well in his practice and in addition to his property interests at Moorhead is the owner of a fine farm of two hundred acres in section 30 of Home Lake township, in Norman county. Since 1886 he has been a member of the local lodge

of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Moorhead and takes a warm interest in the affairs of the same.

On January 4, 1872, Dr. Daniel C. Darrow was united in marriage to Alice M. Stone, who was born at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, daughter of Richard Stone and wife, and who was a schoolmate at Neenah, and to this union two children have been born, Bertha D., who married Charles Loring, an attorney at Crookston, and has two children, Helen and Genevieve, and Edith, who married Joseph V. Godfrey, who died in 1911, leaving two children, Vernon D. and Annabelle. Doctor and Mrs. Darrow are attendants at the Congregational church and have ever taken an interested part in the general good works of the community, as well as in its social and cultural activities, and have been helpful in many ways in promoting movements designed to advance the common welfare hereabout. Mrs. Darrow's father, Richard Stone, was a native of England and for nine years served as a member of the Royal Guard, with the rank of corporal.

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#### TORGE GUNDERSON MUHLE.

The late Torge Gunderson Muhle, whose memory ever will be cherished in this section of the Red River country as one of the very first settlers in Clay county and perhaps the first settler in that part of the county now comprised within the bounds of Moland township, he having pre-empted a claim there in 1870, was a native of the kingdom of Norway, but had been a resident of Minnesota since he was nineteen years of age, he having accompanied his parents to this state in 1866. He became a substantial pioneer farmer in Moland township, owner of a fine farm, where his last days were spent, his death occurring there on September 21, 1897, and where his widow is still living.

Torge Gunderson Muhle was born in Norway in 1849, son of Gunder and Ingeborg (Chestersdatter) Torge, also natives of Norway, who came to the United States with their family in 1866 and proceeded directly on out to Minnesota, settling on a farm in Houston county. There Torge G. Muhle remained until 1869, in which year he made a prospecting trip up here into the then prairie wilds of the Red River country and in 1870 pre-empted a quarter of a section of land in what later came to be organized as Moland township, in Clay county, though that was in the days before Clay county