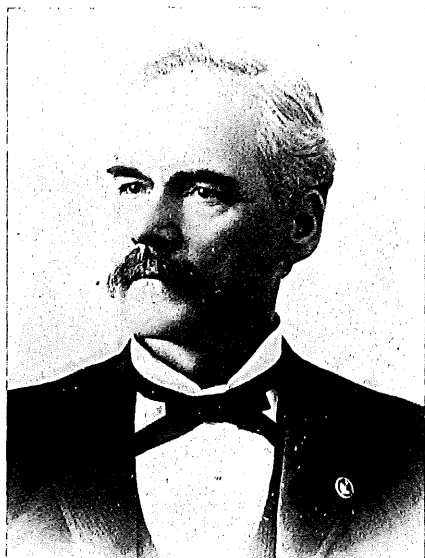


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COLIN FRANCIS MACDONALD.

The publisher of the St. Cloud Daily and Weekly Times is Colin Francis Macdonald. Mr. Macdonald is of Scotch parentage, the son of John A. Macdonald, M. D., who was assistant surgeon of the Second Minnesota Cavalry during the Civil War, and Marjorie McKinley (Macdonald). Both parents were born in Scotland and are now deceased. Colin Francis was born in St. Andrews, Nova Scotia, September 23, 1843, and came with his parents to the United States when five years of age. The family lived in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, until the spring of 1856, when they removed to Minnesota and settled upon a pre-emption claim the same year, one and a half miles above Belle Plaine, Scott County. The subject of this sketch received his education in the early Minnesota schools. When seventeen years of age he began work in the Belle Plaine Enquirer office, where he obtained his first experience in newspaper work. The following year he assisted his brother, John L. Macdonald, now of St. Paul, in establishing the Shakopee Argus, for which purpose the press and material of the old St. Anthony Express was purchased of Judge Isaac Atwater, of Minneapolis, and removed to Shakopee. Though a boy of hardly nineteen years of age, Colin responded to President Lincoln's call for men, and August 18, 1862,

enlisted with Horace B. Strait, at Shakopee, in what subsequently became Company I, Ninth Regiment Minnesota Volunteer Infantry. This regiment was sent to the frontier to operate against the Sioux Indians, and passed the following winter at Fort Ridgely. October 3, of the next year the regiment was ordered South, and passed that winter in Missouri, guarding railroads. The following spring it was sent to Memphis, Tennessee, where it joined a force operating in Mississippi, Tennessee and farther south. It participated in battles at Brice's Cross Roads, (or Guntown), Mississippi; Tupelo, Mississippi; Oxford, Mississippi, raid; the pursuit of General Price through Arkansas and across Missouri; two days battle at Nashville; pursuit of the defeated General Hood; the investiture of Mobile; siege of Spanish Fort, etc. Mr. Macdonald was color bearer of his regiment. At the close of the war he was commissioned as second lieutenant. In 1866 he returned to Shakopee and formed a partnership with Morris C. Russell in the publication of the Shakopee Argus. The following spring he removed to St. Paul and secured employment on the Daily Pioneer as a compositor. He was employed there until January, 1875, when he removed to St. Cloud and purchased from Will H. Lamb the Weekly Times, which was founded in 1861. Mr. Macdonald continued the publication of the Weekly Times until September 27, 1887, when he commenced the publication of the Daily Times in addition to the Weekly. These two editions he is still publishing. His paper is Democratic in its politics, and as Stearns County is strongly Democratic, it is influential and profitable. Mr. Macdonald is and has been, since his first vote, a Democrat. He was elected to represent the Stearns County district in the state senate in 1876, and was re-elected in 1878 and 1880. During this period he was a member of the only two courts of impeachment in the history of the state—one for the trial of Judge Sherman Page, of Austin, and the other for the trial of Judge E. St. Julien Cox, of St. Peter. He was one of the four delegates-at-large from Minnesota to the National Democratic Convention at Chicago in 1884 which nominated Grover Cleveland and Thomas A. Hendricks. He has also for many years served as a member of the Democratic

State Central and Congressional District Committees. He was elected to the office of mayor of St. Cloud in 1883 and re-elected in 1884 and 1885. In recognition of his valuable services to the Democratic party President Cleveland appointed Mr. Macdonald Receiver of the Public Moneys at St. Cloud in 1885 which office he filled until February 10, 1890. He was again appointed to the same position by Mr. Cleveland March 1, 1894 which office he still holds. Mr. Macdonald has always taken a deep interest in the affairs of his own city and has been connected with all public movements tending to build up and benefit it. He is a Catholic in his religious belief. October 27, 1868, he was married to Julia E. Lord, daughter of Dr. Charles Lord, of Shakopee, who died in January, 1876. He was re-married February 19, 1881, to Elizabeth M. Campbell daughter of Edward Campbell of Forest City, and sister of ex-Marshal Campbell, of this state. By the first union four children were born, two of whom survive—Charles F. Macdonald, city editor of the Duluth Herald, and Julia Macdonald. By the second marriage four children were born three of whom are living—Edward Albert, Marjorie Elizabeth and Jessie Mary.

MARION S. STEVENS.

Marion S. Stevens is a lawyer living in Graceville, Minnesota. He traces his ancestry back to England, but his parents and grand parents were natives of Summerset County, Maine. His father, Elija Grant Stevens, was married to Miss Mary Rice, of Summerset County, in 1849, and during the same year moved to what is now Pepin County, Wisconsin. He was twice elected sheriff of Dunn County, Wisconsin, and held other positions of trust and responsibility up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1872. He moved to Minnesota in 1864, but after six years returned to Pepin County, where he passed the remainder of his days. His son Marion was born in 1854, in Pepin County. He was one of a family of seven children, who are all living. When his father came to Minnesota in 1864 young Marion was,



of course, with the family, but instead of returning to Wisconsin he established himself in this state and has lived here ever since. He received a common school education, supplemented by an academic course. Since finishing his school life he has followed the early acquired habit of reading and study until he is one of the best read men in the state. Mr. Stevens went to Graceville in 1878 when the place was first settled. He studied law there and was admitted to practice before the Hon. C. L. Brown, District Judge, in 1889. Upon his admission to the bar he at once engaged in the practice of law at Graceville, and by his energy and ability he soon worked up a lucrative practice. While living in Graceville Mr. Stevens has done valuable and effective work for the Republican party in that section of the state. Though having extensive acquaintance he has persistently refused to accept office. At present he is chairman of the Republican committee. In Masonic, Pythian and Woodmen orders he is prominent and influential. In 1889 Mr. Stevens married Sue J. Crossmun, of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. Miss Crossmun was at that time principal of the high school at Burlingame, Kansas. They have a daughter, Marion Fay, and a son, Lloyd C.