



MINNIE R. (HILL)

BEATTY

1869-1933

Minnie R. Hill was born in 1869 in Burns Township (present-day Nowthen), Anoka County. Her father was a Civil War veteran, and Minnie was one of many siblings in a large family. She went to school in Anoka, later attended the Business College, and trained as a teacher during the summer. She went on to teach at a variety of rural and urban schools. On August 13, 1896, she married Alvah F. Beatty and they moved to Anoka.

Minnie was a charter member of the League of Women Voters. With women allowed to vote, other civic opportunities opened: Minnie became one of the first female jurors in Minnesota in 1922, and in that same year she served as the first female Election Judge Chairman in her Anoka voting ward. She was also active in other community organizations, including the Maccabees of the World (organizer), the Home Club (president, Anoka), the Minnesota Federation of Women's Clubs (secretary, Anoka County) and the Junior Club department Federation of Music Clubs (state chairman), Daughters of Union Veterans, and the Martha Chapter of the Eastern Star (member and officer). Other notable achievements of Minnie's include organizing 22 Red Cross Units in Anoka County, and being the organizer and first secretary of the county child welfare board.

Minnie worked with children throughout her life, later becoming a substitute teacher in various Anoka schools, as well as writing and telling children's stories. She passed away in 1933, and is buried in Forest Hill Cemetery in Anoka.