

WHEATON
MINNESOTA

CENTENNIAL
HISTORY

1887 — 1987

PLACE / COLYER INFORMATION, WHEATON MN.

The information listed below was extracted from the "1887 - 1987 WHEATON MINNESOTA CENTENNIAL HISTORY"

Page 3 lists W.H. Place as the first Judge of Probate Court elected. He was elected in the first election of county officers, held in 1881.

Page three also lists C. H. Colyer as the first Mayor of Wheaton, holding the first town meeting on June 25, 1887.

Pages 4 and 5 tell the story of the battle over the relocation of the county seat from Browns Valley to Wheaton. John Place is described as the captain of a raid of 25 teams and sleighs in an unsuccessful attempt to "take the records by force if necessary".

Page 7, C H Colyer is listed as the President of the City of Wheaton Council Members for the years 1887 (first year of the Council) and 1896.

Page 10 Lists W.H. Place as one of two attorneys in the first trial by jury in the county, conducted in Steers store in Browns Valley in 1880.

Page 13 lists C.H. Colyer as the first Town Clerk for Taylor Township which was formed in 1881.

Page 15 has a picture of C.H. Colyer and the following summary;

C.H. Colyer (1849-1908) The first mayor of the village, C.H. Colyer was born in Wisconsin and came to Traverse County in 1880. He was elected Sheriff in 1884 serving three terms. Colyer was admitted to the bar in 1889 and was immediately appointed to the position of County Attorney to fill a vacancy, a position which he held for many years. In 1905 he was named the first game warden for this section of the state. The same year he opened a new hotel next door to the Palmer House. One of the earliest settlers, Colyer took an active part in the county seat war. As with many pioneers he filled many diverse positions and was a veritable "jack of all trades".

Page 25. Picture and listing of CH as Sheriff from 1884 to 1886,

Page 55 under Business History, ...a real estate, loans, insurance and legal services business run by J.I. Place.

Page 55 Listing of Attorneys at Law"Others such as C. H. Colyer who originally came to Travers County in 1880 but was not admitted to the bar until 1889 made their presence known in this area for many years.

Page 90. Under the heading; **HOTELS - MOTELS:** Among the early hotels were one run by L.P. Deal, C.H. Colyer.

Page 104. Under the heading: **REAL ESTATE, LOANS, INSURANCE:** These were areas that were traditionally combined in one business and sometimes also included land management for absentee owners. J. I. Place and C. H. Colyer were among the earliest in the business.

Page 146. the picture heading reads; "One of the first fire fighting organizations in Wheaton was this group, all decked out in the finest fireman's garb of the 1890's." C.H. Colyer is listed as Seventh from left, front row.

Page 182, Dorence Colyer is listed as a graduagte of Wheaton High School. class of 1912.

Page 292 Under **MASONIC LODGE:** The wheaton Lodge held its first meeting in February 1890....Original officers were...C. H. Colyer Junior Warden.

Page 326 In a Cronology for the year 1887; C. H. Colyer was appointed an inspector of the first election to be held in the town of Wheaton on May 24, 1887.

Page 329 In a cronology for 1905; " C.H. Colyer opened a new hotel next door to the Palmer House and advertised steam heat, electric lights and electric call buttons.

J.I. Place is John Isaac Place born 1851 in Lena, Stephenson Co. IL., to Joseph Place and Harriet (Colyer) Place. His wife is Catherine Sencerbox, daughter of Mississippi Riverboat Captain Charles E. Sencerbox .

William H. Place is John Isaac Places' older brother, born in 1850 in Milwaukee WI.. His wife is Jewell M. Bryan, son is Bryan W. Place. W.H. Place died in Minneapolis MN. 11 NOV 1925.

C. H. Colyer is Charles Hale Colyer, Harriet Places Nephew, son of her brother Lambert Colyer. C.H. was born in Eagle, Mugwonago WI in 1848 married 30 Nov 1871 in Mukwonago Co. Catherine Elida Reynolds. C.H. died 28 JUL 1908, Wheaton MN.