

William Redmond Synott

Dorothy Synott Landsaw (Mrs J.R. Landsaw)

William Redmond Synott was an active executive of the First National Bank of Norman, book-keeper, cashier and vice-president. His reputation as a banker, was that he possessed both ability and integrity, and enjoyed the complete confidence of his associates and the large extended patronage of the First National Bank of Norman.

Born at Lockport, Illinois December 30, 1874, Mr. Synott was the son of Edward and Ellen Ryan Synott. The Synotts were pioneer residents of Lockport, Illinois when Chicago was a small village. Edward Synott was a merchant and owned a large farm where Chicago now stands. He was a native of Wexford, Ireland. He came as a boy to America with his father and mother and two brothers. His father was a doctor in Ireland. He came to America on account of the Religious War going on in Ireland at that time. One son, a priest, stayed in Ireland. He said he could not desert his people. Later, while traveling through Ireland, a daughter of William R. Synott Mrs. Dorothy Synott Landsaw notes that she found monuments to some of the Synotts. One of a priest who was shot at the altar of his church and another one was of president of a college in Wexford.

The Synotts came to Ireland in the Tenth Century as Standard Bearers to the King of France and their coat of arms is "Trust in God And Sin Not". Ellen Ryan Synott's family came from Pennsylvania. She and Edward were married in Philadelphia. Ellen was born in Albany, New York. The Ryans were well known in the business world of Chicago and in the political life of Chicago and the State of Illinois.

William R. Synott arrived in Norman in 1890 with his parents. He received his education in the public schools of Oregon and his college education at Sacred College of Oklahoma.

In January of 1898, he entered the office of the County Treasurer of Cleveland County at Norman, he resigned three years later to accept a position as book-keeper in the First State Bank of Norman, now the first National Bank of Norman.

Mr. Synott was known as a citizen of public spirit and was an active member and treasurer of the Norman Chamber of Commerce. He was raised in the Catholic Church and remained a faithful life long member. He was also a Knight of Columbus.

In 1901, his marriage to Sarah J. Nolan was celebrated in the Catholic Cathedral of Wichita, Kansas. Sarah Nolan Synott had come to Norman with her mother and brother the year after the opening, so she is also a pioneer citizen of the State. To this marriage three children were born: Sarah J.; Dorothy Synott Landsaw and William E. Synott. The old family home is at 411 West Comanche.

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