

MILO GRIFFITH KELSER

Mausoleum, Crypt 22, Tier 3

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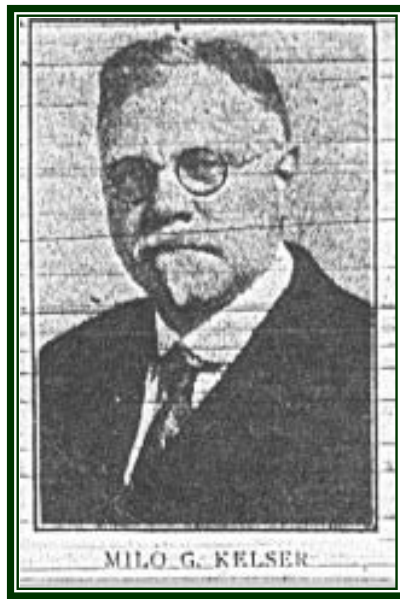


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Born: April 11, 1872
OH

Died: August 11, 1925
Franklin Co, OH

Father: Phillip Kelsner

Mother: Lilly Griffith

Spouse: Leona Doane

**DEATH STRIKES REV. MILO
G. KELSER WHILE WORKING**

**WOULD HAVE
ASSUMED NEW
WORK SEPT 1**

IN USUAL HEALTH

**Had Spent Morning
Storing Coal in
Basement of Home**

**HAD NO WARNING
Death Came Shortly After Peculiar
Pain Was Felt About Region
Of Heart**

Rev. Milo G. Kelsner, for nearly 15 years an official of the Anti-Saloon League and World League Against Alcoholism, died almost instantly at 11:15, Tuesday, and before a physician could reach him.

Rev. Mr. Kelsner had been in his basement stacking coal when he was seized with pain and illness, and came to the kitchen, where he died within a few minutes. He was in his 54th year.

Preparing to Move.

He had been very busy of late, getting ready to go to Cincinnati September 1 to take up his new position as financial secretary at Christ hospital. He was not known to have been in ill health.

For 32 years a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, Rev. Mr. Kelsner filled a number of pastorates in the Northeast Ohio Conference, of which his father, the late Philip Kelsner had also filled. During his active ministry, he built several church houses and parsonages.

Here 15 Years

Fifteen years ago he came to Westerville, from his pastorate at Plymouth, brought by Rev. Dr. Howard H. Russell, to be Dr. Russell's secretary in the Lincoln-Lee Legion. In the past few years he has been field secretary of the Anti-Saloon League and World League Against Alcoholism, and as such has had charge of scheduling thousands of meetings all over America.

Prominent in Church Work

In the Methodist Episcopal church he was just closing a period as superintendent of the Sunday school, and was busy closing up the year's work as financial secretary of the church. He also had been president of the brotherhood and editor of the church bulletin and was a member of the choir, besides being active in all benevolences and other church interests, both local and denominational.

In Red Cross work, Franklin County Council of Religious Education and other public enterprises he was an unquestioned leader.

His last public appearance was Monday evening when he attended a meeting of the Sunday School board, at the church, and was an honor guest at a social event connected with the meeting. He was a member of Blendon Lodge, F. & A. M. No. 339.

Rev. Mr. Kelsner is survived by his widow, Mrs. Leona Kelsner, and three daughters, Misses Lucy, Mary Leona, and Marguerite. His son, Thoburn D. died June 13, 1924. His aged father, Rev. Philip Kelsner, died suddenly at Medina April 20.

Other survivors are four brothers, Prof. Charles S. Kelsner of Lorain, John P. of Medina, Fred W. of Helena, Mont., and Paul P. of Westerville; a sister, Mrs. George M. Johnston of Blue Ash, and his step-mother, Mrs. Philip Kelsner of Medina.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon at the Methodist church. The body will lie in state from 12 noon until 2 o'clock at the church. The family requests that there be no purchased flowers.

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