

## Henry Miller

Every movement, whether revolutionary or peaceful, every organization established, no matter what may be its object, has associated with it the name of some individual whose mind conceived and whose energy and perseverance established it; and thus the name of Henry Miller will forever be associated with the organization of the Electrical Workers of America.

Born on a ranch near Fredericksburg, Gillespie County, Texas, on January 5, 1858, of German parents, he passed his boyhood days on the ranch, with little opportunity for attending school.

His first introduction into electrical work was in the employ of the United States Government, building a telegraph line from San Antonio, Texas, to Fort Clark and intermediate points, connecting all military posts along the Rio Grande, starting in as a water boy, at the age of 14; and at the age of 17, in 1875, when he quit the employ of the Government, he was considered a good lineman. He next worked for the Western Union, then as line repairer for the Morgan road in Louisiana, for the Santa Fe Railroad and for the Erie Telephone Co. in the Southwestern district, as assistant superintendent, remaining with this company for six years, until 1885.

After being employed by different electric light companies he landed in St. Louis in June, 1886, securing employment with the Municipal Electric Light and Power Co. and remained in the employ of that company until 1890, when he started out to work in different cities, organizing a Union in each city he worked in. The National Brotherhood of Electrical Workers is the result, and for four years to write the history of Henry Miller was to write the history of the Brotherhood.

Henry Miller had his faults; and who has not? But his were of judgment and not of the heart. He was generous, unselfish, and devoted himself to the task of organizing the electrical workers with an energy that brooked no failure.

Those who criticize him can afford to be just to his memory. Let them consider the good the organization he founded has accomplished and will continue to accomplish, and then ask the question, "Is not the world better because Henry Miller lived in it?" and take care that if the same question is asked when they pass in their checks that the answer will not be a negative one. Had there been more Henry Millers in our organization our progress would be greater in proportion to the number.

**Requiescat in pace.**

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