

Daniel F. Mingus

Daniel F. Mingus was a carpenter and early resident of Sioux Falls, Dakota Territory. He is historically noted for his marriage to Jennie Wright, the second superintendent of the Dakota Territorial School for the Deaf, in 1881.

Early Life

Daniel F. Mingus was born in December 1853 in Athens, Ohio. Little detailed information is available about his early years, but records indicate that he learned the carpentry trade, a common and important occupation in developing frontier communities.

Marriage to Jennie Wright

On October 29, 1881, Mingus married Jennie Wright at the Dakota Territorial School for the Deaf in Sioux Falls. The ceremony took place in the presence of Wright's students, colleagues, and the incoming superintendent. Following the marriage, Wright resigned her position at the school, marking the end of her brief tenure as superintendent.

Life in Sioux Falls and Move to California

Mingus and his wife continued to reside in Sioux Falls for several years. In January 1887, they relocated to San Diego, California, where Mingus continued working in carpentry. City directories and census records later show his involvement in furniture-related trade and construction work.

Death and Legacy

Daniel F. Mingus died on September 19, 1919, in San Diego, California. He was reportedly buried at Greenwood Cemetery. Although not directly involved in deaf education, his marriage to Jennie Wright represents a notable moment in the early leadership transition of the Dakota Territorial School for the Deaf.