

Henry Beecher Boyd



Henry Beecher Boyd, son of Elizabeth and Josiah Philetus Boyd, was born in 1868, two miles west of Sarcoxie on the homestead of his pioneer family on land settled prior to the Civil War. He was married to Hattie Foster (Scott) Boyd.

Through the years, Boyd undertook several different enterprises. He was a stockholder in the Sarcoxie Furniture and Undertaking Company. At the turn of the century, he served Sarcoxie as mayor, 1898-1901. During his term as mayor, two bridges were constructed over Swifty. In 1914, he pushed for the county seat road between Carthage and Mt. Vernon to pass through the northern part of Sarcoxie. From 1907-1917, Boyd held an interest in the Sarcoxie Telephone plant and its equipment. He operated an electric franchise in 1915.

He was associated with 1st National Bank, beginning as the bookkeeper in 1892. He worked as cashier and later became the bank president. He retired as president of the bank in March 1933.

Boyd was a landowner, having ownership of the historic Josiah P. Boyd land. He opened a real estate office in which his daughter, Virginia, was an active participant. His business operated in the second store front of the Forsyth building on the southeast corner of the square. Over the years, Mr. Boyd and his daughter were active in many real estate transactions that stimulated the economy of Sarcoxie. Mr. Boyd died in 1959.