

Taken from The Educator, September 1949

EE Gaylord (1870-1949)

Former Zanerian Dies at the Age of 79

Elston E. Gaylord, Beverly, Mass., was born on a farm near Coleta, Whiteside County, Illinois, on January 25, 1870. He received his early training from the village school and at the age of 18 he entered the Northern Indiana Normal School at Valparaiso, Ind. It was here that he first came in contact-with some of the fine professional penmen. After spending some time in that institution he began teaching in the country schools near Milledgeville, Ill. For three years he taught school during the winter and spring and attended school during the summer months. In the summer of 1890 he attended the Zanerian College of Penmanship at Columbus, Ohio. He was the 77th student enrolled in the Zanerian. In 1891 he took charge of the Commercial Department of the Northern Illinois College, Fulton, Ill. The next year he took charge of the Business College, Preston, Iowa. In 1895 he purchased this school and in 1897 he disposed of it and accepted a traveling position with the Practical Textbook Company of Cleveland, Ohio. In 1899 he accepted the position as head of the Commercial Department of the Beverly High School which position he held until he retired in 1940-41 years.

Mr. Gaylord was known widely throughout the country by school men in the field of commercial education. He was very active in the affairs of the National Commercial Teachers Federation, of the Eastern Commercial Teachers Association, of which he was Past President and of the New England High School Commercial Teachers Association. He was also 4 member of the Commercial Directors' Club. At one time he contributed articles to The Educator. For many years he managed the National Commercial Teachers Agency.

Mr. Gaylord was not only an authority on such subjects as English and Commercial Education, but was a very skilled business writer.