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EDGAR LEE MASTERS has been a Chicago lawyer for a quarter of a century, and in that time has won a high place in his profession.

A native of Kansas, born at Garnett, August 23, 1868, he is a son of Hardin Wallace and Emma J. (Dexter) Masters. His father was a lawyer and it was in his office that the son carried on his studies until his admission to the bar in 1891. His earlier education was obtained in the grammar and high schools and in Knox College at Galesburg. On June 21, 1898, Mr. Masters married Helen M. Jenkins, daughter of Robert E. Jenkins of Chicago.

Mr. Masters is a democrat, a member of the Chicago and Illinois bar associations, and was president of the Jefferson Club in 1904-05 and again 1907-08.

He is widely known as the author of many articles and essays on political and constitutional subjects which have appeared in various magazines, and the principal books and plays that bear his name on the title page are as follows: A Book of Verses 1898; Maximilian, a drama in blank verse, 1902; The New Star Chamber and Other Essays, 1904; Blood of the Prophets, 1905; Althea, a play, 1907; The Trifler, a play, 1908.