



FROM OUR FILES:
The Gray Studio



The Gray Studio was one of the longest running photography studios in Pine City. Richardson Gray worked as a photographer from 1910 until his death in 1949. The Gray Studio then continued to operate for a number of years under the direction of his wife, Ethel.

—W. Poole has sold out his photo gallery to Richardson Gray, who took possession on the first of the month. Mr. Poole wishes through the columns of The Pioneer to thank his friends for their patronage and to inform them that all pictures taken by him will be finished in due time, as he is at the gallery every day and working on the same.

Richardson Gray bought W. E. Poole's photo business in 1910.

Richardson Gray
ARTIST
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Pine Poker
 December 16, 1910

Pine Poker
 December 9, 1910

He operated the business until he served in the Naval Militia in World War I.

Veteran of World War I
 At the outbreak of World War I in April, 1917, Dick was a member of the local division of Naval Militia, and was called into duty at once. During the war, he served as Musician 1st class on Battleship Massachusetts and Cruiser St. Louis, being discharged from service late in 1919. After serving in the Navy, Mr. Gray purchased the photographic studio from F. M. Blostein and operated it until his death.

We don't know the details of Mr. Gray selling the business before the war. We do know that in 1923 he bought the Rembrandt Studio from Fred Blostein.

Pine Poker Pioneer
 May 26, 1949

"Photographs of Distinction"
REMBRANDT STUDIOS
 F. M. BLOSTEIN, Mgr.
 Pine City Minnesota

Dick Gray closed a deal for the purchase of the Blostein business—building and equipment—and took possession last week, when he moved his studio from the Kowaike house where he has been doing business the past few months.

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 January 4, 1923

Pine Poker
 February 22, 1923



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