



Marquette County Historical Society

Date May 22, 1924

Biographical Record of Addison A. Cole

Will you kindly answer the following questions, in order that for future reference, there may be a permanent record of yourself to file among the papers of the Marquette County Historical Society. Additional facts which you desire to add, may be written on the back of this sheet. Return this to L. A. Chase, Secretary of the Marquette County Historical Society, Marquette, Michigan.

What is your full name? Addison A. Cole

When were you born? Wales Center October 31st 1843

Where were you born? Wales Center Erie Co N.Y.

What was your father's name? Isaac Cole

What was your mother's name? Betsy Hall Cole

Is either of your parents still living? No Where? Wales Center N.Y.

When were you married? Feb 5, 1865 Where? Wales Center N.Y.

To whom were you married? Sarah R. Minton Ostrander
Harriet Francis Minton

Is your wife or husband still living? Harriet is dead Sarah is living

When did you come to Marquette County? July 8, 1865

From what place did you come here? Indianapolis Ind

By what means and what route did you get here? by rail to Green bay by Steamer to Escanaba and by rail to Marquette

In what work have you engaged, since coming here? R.R. Nightmaster 2 years Book-keeper 2 years Deputy Collector in Customs 4 years
(State name of employer or company for whom you have worked) W. H. O. R. Co. M. B. Rolling

Mell Co. U.S. Customs M. Mutual Life Ins Co. Mutual Life Ins Co. Metropolitan Life Co.

Where are you now living? (Give Post Office address) Marquette Mich

The following information is desired:

Your Children:

NAME

Present age or age
at death.

Residence

James Birney Cole 57 Jan 8. Chicago Ill

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From what country did you or your ancestors come to the United States?

I think they came
from England. They settled before the Revolution.
Both Great Grandfather & Grandfather served in the
Revolution

Any facts or anecdotes relative to the history of Marquette County, Michigan, may
be added here or on the reverse side of the sheet.

Mr. Cole enlisted in 1861 but being only seven-
teen years of age he was unable to join. Therefore
August 2, 1862 he enlisted with Company I. New York.
He spoke of the hardships and equipment as com-
pared with the late world war.

On May 27, 1863 Mr. Cole was severely wounded
and had to leave service although he worked be-
hind the lines as soon as he was able. It was the
battle of Fort Hudson and fifty volunteers were
called for to fix the road one-half mile ahead. They
were in the woods but as soon as they stepped out
there were 4,000 to 5,000 rebels shooting at them. The
fifty started out with brush over their shoulders
and couldn't use their guns, never expecting to come
back. A brass button on the front of his suit and the

watch in his pocket presented him from being killed outright for it changed the course of the ball. He was also shot through the hand. Mr. Cole said, "I never do would do it again for \$20,000 and then I was only getting \$1/6."

If Mr. Cole lives for this election it will be his sixteenth election of presidents. The first being Abraham Lincoln. He is 81 years of age.

Mr. Cole is very interesting and in sense he can tell of many more of his experiences. He has a memory of letters that were written during the war and the bullet which hit him also the button and watch which saved his life.