

Marquette County Historical Society

Date

1949?

Biographical Record of Anson Ladd Babcock. deceased.

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?

Anson Ladd Babcock.

When were you born?

Date unknown

Where were you born?

In Mass. I think North Adams.

What was your father's name?

Do not know.

What was your mother's name?

Is either of your parents still living?

No

Where?

When were you married?

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Where?

To whom were you married?

Catherine Martindale.

Is your wife or husband still living?

No.

When did you come to Marquette County?

Some where about 1859.

From what place did you come here?

Niles Mich. but formerly N Adams Mass.

By what means and what route did you get here?

Sailing Vessel

In what work have you engaged, since coming here?

Farming.

(State name of employer or company for whom you have worked)

None

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

deceased.

The following information is desired:

Anson Batecks

Your Children: .

all deceased.

NAME	children of James Fred S. Allen A. Russell M. & Mrs. Leland Allen	Present age or age at death.	Residence
James. A.		74	Marquette Mich
Charles. →	all dead	7	Detroit Mich
Jerome →	Mrs Eva King	7	Marquette Mich
Cyrus..	all deceased	7	Chicago Del
Loretta. →	no issue	7	Los Angeles Cal
Melissa →	not known.	7	? Dakota
Alma. →	unmarried	7	Marquette Mich
Ellen. →	Mrs Fernie Hall.		Los Angeles Cal

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

England & Scotland
& Wales

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

ANSON LADD BABCOCK

FATHER: RUSSEL BABCOCK

Born: Oct. 10, 1786

Died: Sept 08, 1847 - in Buchanan, Mich

MOTHER: ANNA MALLERY

Born: Sept. 12, 1788

Died: Dec. 02, 1839 - Benton Harbour, Mich.

EARLY SETTLERS

Account furnished by Fred Babcock, Champion St., Marquette, Mich.

Anson Ladd Babcock, grandfather of Fred S., Russell M., Allen A. Babcock and Mrs. Irene Cameron. Anson Babcock came from Niles, Michigan, in or about 1859. He bought and settled on a 20-acre tract of land on what is now Grove St., at the top of the hill, on the south side, east of the present Golf Club.

This land was owned by the family up to 1925 when it was sold to the Specker family, part of the mineral rights being retained, as the land showed a very interesting vein of iron ore.

About 1860, a year later, Anson Babcock's wife and eight children arrived by sailing vessel from ^{Niles, via} the Soo, a long and hard trip in those days. The Grove street property was heavily wooded and was cleared and the wood hauled into Marquette by one of Anson's sons, James, who told a very interesting story of having been in town with a load just before the fire, that destroyed most of Marquette in 1868.

The Babcock family were Baptists and attended the first church built here. I think the services at first were held on Washington street in a building near where St. John's Church now stands. The Baptists moved afterward to a site where later the Fraternity block, (now the Marquette County Historical Society building) stood. Later the present Baptist church was built.