

Marquette County Historical Society.



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Biographical Record of Henry Bruttell

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? Henry Sherman Bruttell

When were you born? Apr. 6, 1850

Where were you born? North Hudson, Essex Co., N. Y.

What was your father's name? Daniel Bruttell

What was your mother's name? Pernelia Strindham

Is either of your parents still living? no Where? _____

When were you married? Mar. 15, 1871 Where? _____

To whom were you married? Sarah Allen Denby

Is your wife or husband still living? yes

When did you come to Marquette County? May 23, 1855

From what place did you come here? West Fork, New York

By what means and what route did you get here? West fork to white Hall boat & Detroit rail. Detroit to Marquette by boat.

In what work have you engaged, since coming here? Carpenter, mail carrier

(State name of employer or company for whom you have worked) U.S. Government

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

The following information is desired:

Your Children: Two

NAME	Present age or age at death.	Residence.
<u>Lillian Buttell</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>Fishing, Minn.</u>
<u>Eva Buttell (Jalpa)</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>Crypt Lake, Mich.</u>

From what country did you or your ancestors come to the United States? Father's side
France, Mother's side England

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

In 1855 there was no breakwater and boats landed their passengers near the Carp River by use of small boats. where the present railroad tracks ^{are} was a swamp grown up to Cat tails, a narrow board walk was laid across it. where the city hall is now was a sugar loaf formerly used for an Indian burying ground. This was removed and used to fill in the swamp.

The school on Washington St. which Mr. Buttell attended is now a dwelling house on fourth St. between Washington and Spring St.

Forges { Baraga and Lake St.
 Jackson forge on the Carp
 Collinsville
 Forestville. } Indian Settlements { Chocelay River
 Light House point
 Carp River
 Dead River.
 The first locomotive came to Marquette by boat. It burned wood and weighed ten tons.

Before the railroad was built Iron came to Marquette by sleigh on the Carp River.

Either in '56 or '57 Navigation closed early and supplies for Marquette were held at the Soo. Many people would have starved if the Indians had not given them aid.

A white pine grove was situated on this side of Wheelstone Creek. Here after an electric storm which had torn away a large portion of the trunk of a tree was found a white woman's scalp with fair hair.

The first telegraph office was situated on the corner of Baraga Ave. and Front St. The Superior Journal was where the Marquette National bank is now. Mr. Bruttell was the first messenger ever employed by the Western Union and delivered the first message to A. R. Harlow, grandfather of the present Mayor, Harlow Clark.

When Lake St. was opened, a birch bark basket filled with old fashioned musket balls was found.