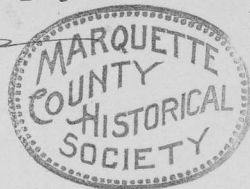


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Marquette County Historical Society



Date May 31, 1922

Biographical Record of Henry Rivers

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 Rivers

When were you born? Essex County, New York

Where were you born? May 10, 1838

What was your father's name? Henry Rivers

What was your mother's name? Julia Rivers

Is either of your parents still living? no Where?

When were you married? 1868 Where? Marquette

To whom were you married? Anna Tugger

Is your wife or husband still living? Wife is dead

When did you come to Marquette County? August, 1853

From what place did you come here? Essex County, N. Y.

By what means and what route did you get here? Boat - White Hall, S. S. Marquette

In what work have you engaged, since coming here? Draying

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

Where are you now living? (Give Post Office address) 428 W. Washington St.

The following information is desired:

Your Children:

NAME	Present age or age at death.	Residence
Mrs. O. Ayatto	57	Marquette
Charles Ruvo	50	"
Mrs. D. Leland	45	"
Mrs. Wheeler	48	Grand Rapids
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From what country did you or your ancestors come to the United States?.....

France

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. Henry Rivers left the State of New York for Marquette in the month of Aug. 1853. He took the boat ^{at} Lake Champlain, landing at White Hall, and from White Hall to Skaneateles, from Skaneateles to Buffalo, from Buffalo to the Soo and from the Soo to Marquette. His journey lasted about eighteen days. When a boy of seventeen years, Mr. Rivers carried water for the M. H. & O. Railroad earning about \$20. a month. This railroad is now known as the Duluth South Shore & Atlantic. The first locomotive arrived in Marquette on a sail vessel called Sabastijale. The second locomotive arrived in a sail vessel called Dunkasley. Mr. Dunkasley was Superintendent of the M. H. & O. the vessel being named after him. The locomotive was used to build the railroad. There were two boats on Lake Superior in 1853. One was called Napoleon. the other one was called Baltimore. After the canal was completed four other boats arrived. they were called, Illinois, North Star, Manhattan & Lady Elgin.

The mail was carried from Marquette to Green Bay, Houghton, St Ignace and the Soo by dog teams. They were driven by the following men: Henry Dawson, Peter White and George Puro. It took eighteen days to make one trip. Mr. Rivers arrived in Marquette on the Steamer Baltimore, landing on a short dock now known as Spear's Dock, Marquette at that time had only a few houses. The main street was nothing but woods. Marquette had a Blue Iron Fodge for making iron. This fodge employed about 75 men, including woodchoppers. This fodge was located where the Depot Street Switch Station now stands. In the winter of 1853 the place was burned to the ground.