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Marquette County Historical Society.



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Biographical Record of James Silas Babcock Indexed

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?

James Silas Babcock

When were you born?

March 1st 1848

Where were you born?

North Adams Berkshire Co Massachusetts

What was your father's name?

Anson Bad. Babcock

What was your mother's name?

Catharine Martindale

Is either of your parents still living?

No

Where?

When were you married?

June 14/1882

Where?

Marquette Mich.

To whom were you married?

Mary Anna Doerr, Doerr

Is your wife or husband still living?

Yes

When did you come to Marquette County?

Oct 1862

From what place did you come here?

Niles Berrian Co Mich

By what means and what route did you get here?

Mich Cen Ry to Detroit Boat to Marquette

In what work have you engaged, since coming here?

Farming & Grocer

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

Doerr & others

Most of my I have been Engaged with my own business.

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

738 Champion St Marquette

The following information is desired:

Your Children:

One Girl. Four Boys.

NAME

Present age or age
at death.

Residence.

Mrs Irene Mary ^{Patten} Born July 4th 1883. Frankford Mich.
Fredric Giles. Born Feb 22nd 1885. Marquette Mich.
Edwin James. Born June 1st 1893. Age 9 months dead
Allan Anson. Born May 14, 1897. Lac. Ont. Canada.
Russell Milton. Born Jan 23rd 1901. Marquette Mich.

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

Father was Born
in New York State. Ancestors from Wales. Mother was Born
in India. Ancestors from Holland & 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.

My Father came to Marquette, 1857. From his health.
Brought his family. Mother wife & 8 children 1862
came from a Farm. Near Miles Mich.
Father brought Cattle to Marquette. It was the first to
engage in the milk business. Milk was sold at 10¢ qt.
Hay as high as 40 dollars per ton Hard 4 ft moad 4¢ per cord. Cows 5-9
Father bought the Babcock Farm. of Austin Burt. soon
after coming to Marquette. Paid 5000 per acre.
Father traveled in this & other lands for his health.
died at the age of 53. at his Farm home. in Marquette.
The town of Marquette. was new at that time. Population
about 2000. Repaved st. on cement side walks.

The principal business of Marquette was shipping iron ore.
Iron ore was brought to Marquette on the M. H. & O. Ry.
There was no other Ry. at this time. When the boats
quit running (in the fall) we stayed here till spring.
Iron ore was taken below in sailing vessels, coal brought
up in vessels, coal was unloaded from the vessels,
with horse, rope, & bucket. Iron ore, dynamite, barbed wire,
was first brought to Marquette, on sleighs, then on
a Tram Road, small cars drawn by horses,
this Tram Road was being torn up (at this time)
I have a piece of the chan. on which the tram cars run.
Of the Industries of (and near) Marquette, there was
A. R. Harlow, Saw Mill, West End of Washington St.
Harry Turnace, Sidney Adams, Saw Mill, at Harry.
Forest Hill, Turnace. Turnaces used Char. coal,
Business Houses, Peter White Bank, P. M. Everett Bank,
Watson Store, B. Kidhardt tin shop, Wetmore Store,
H. H. Stafford Dry Store, R. Nelson Grocery Store, & others
Wagner Jeweler, Golden Photo, Leading Men, & others
Peter White, P. M. Everett, H. H. Stafford, A. R. Harlow,
A. P. Ely, G. C. Donkerly, Sidney Adams,
J. P. Rendell, Dr. Hewitt, Austin Burt,
Peter Frei, A. M. Barney, & others I could mention
From 1862 to the present time most of my life has
been spent in Marquette. I have it grow from a
small town, to the very beautiful city of Marquette.
No where can you find a better lot of people, on a
better place to live in, especially in the summer.