

Marquette County Historical Society

Date

March 21, 1923.

Biographical Record of

L. M. Spencer



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?

Le Roy Milton Spencer

When were you born?

Febr. 10, 1846

Where were you born?

Hamlet, Chataqua Co. New York

What was your father's name?

Ezra Milton Spencer

What was your mother's name?

Emory Lucy Ward

Is either of your parents still living?

no

Where?

When were you married?

April 14, 1870

Where?

Marquette Mich.

To whom were you married?

Anna Elizabeth Clout.

Is your wife or husband still living?

yes.

When did you come to Marquette County?

Sept. 9, 1865

From what place did you come here?

Follersville, Livingston Co. Mich.

By what means and what route did you get here?

stage to Detroit, M. C. Det. to Chicago. Co. N. Y. to New York, steamer Dunlop to Escanaba, Mich. to Marquette.

In what work have you engaged, since coming here?

General miscellaneous.

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

Business for myself

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

520 N. Front St. Marquette Mich

The following information is desired:

Your Children:

NAME	Present age or age at death.	Residence
Wilton Clark Spencer	52	Chicago Ill.
Emily L. Spencer	48	Quosno Mich
Frank R. Spencer	43	Fort Wayne Ind.
Edith L. Spencer	41	Marquette Mich
Bessie L. Spencer	16-	
Emy Milton Spencer	33	Washington D. C.

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

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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 1873, when I moved into my present home at 520 N. Front St, it was then the wilderness, at that time there was only an old trail running by the house, there was one house over on Hewitt Ave and high st, belonging to Patnaude, this was the only other house up this way. I had a store where I manufactured harness on Superior St, East of Front. This was originally a wooden building but it burnt and I built a brick building in 1876, at this time the only Railroad was the M. & O and it only ran as far as Ishpeming. In the winter this Railroad did not run and we had to stage it to Ishpeming. The snow was so deep sometimes that we had to have turn outs where we would go in and blow horns to let the other stage know we were there. Timothy T. Hurley, grandfather of the present time Hurley, used to operate the stage coaches and run a livery stable.

There was a Catholic church when I first came to Marquette a Methodist, and a Baptist. The Methodist church was up on West Wash. St. the Baptist on Front St where the Cleveland Garage is now.

In these days the merchants all got their winter supplies in in the fall before Detroit by Boat. There was one dock called Repley Dock where these boats used to land. North of Michigan St. was wilderness and the boys used to snare 'rallits' and hunt where E. Hewitt Ave. now is.