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# Marquette County Historical Society.



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Biographical Record of Peter Boyer

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? Peter Boyer

When were you born? March 10 1848

Where were you born? Johnstown New York

What was your father's name? Richard Boyer

What was your mother's name? \_\_\_\_\_

Is either of your parents still living? No Where? \_\_\_\_\_

When were you married? 1878 Where? Marquette Mich

To whom were you married? Miss Jeanne La Fevre

Is your wife or husband still living? Yes

When did you come to Marquette County? 1863

From what place did you come here? Johnstown N. Y.

By what means and what route did you get here? Rail to Detroit - boat from there

In what work have you engaged, since coming here? Powder making. Saloonkeeper

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

Where are you now living? (Give Post Office address) 415 Rock St. Marquette

The following information is desired:

Your Children: 4

NAME

Present age or age  
at death.

Residence.

Beatrice Boyer	22	St. Paul
Richard Boyer	25	Cherry Creek Mich
Peter Boyer Jr.		" " "
Wm. Boyer		Detroit

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

Irish & Mother Canadian

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

When at the age of 14 I ran away from my New York home to join some boy comrades who had with their families gone to Marquette. Marquette was nothing but a wild settlement when I reached and was very tough. But the people were kind hearted & gave me much sympathy. They found me my friends and they found me employment working for the powder mill. This was very interesting work (making charcoal.) Altho there were no large railroads comming into here the town increased.

in population very rapidly. They came in sail boats across the lake.

I staid with the Dupont people for 25 yrs. and when I resigned was head powder maker. I then bought a saloon & went into buisness. The people in those days were generally quick to drink but slow to pay. However I made good at it.

The country here has changed very much especially the forest which has no large trees left & very little game.

The first people were mostly canadains or New Yorkers.