

Who's Who In Wisconsin Rapids

The Who's Who column will be run each Saturday in the Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune. It will include a brief sketch of the life of citizens who have helped make history for Wisconsin Rapids.

Albert Baptiste Bever



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Albert Baptist Bever, Clerk of the Circuit Court, son of John and Barbara (Schwartz) Bever, was born on a farm in Spring Green, June 4, 1878. When he was about two years of age his father sold the homestead and bought another farm about a mile and a half north of Marshfield, where the family resided until 1886. The mother and children then moved to Sherry where young Albert attended the village school until fourteen years old. He then entered the employ of the Sherry Lumber Company doing various jobs in their mill during the summer season and working in the woods during the winters.

Mr. Bever remained in their employ until 1897 when the company made an assignment to J. W. Cameron of Vesper. His next employment was at common labor with the John Arpin Lumber Company at their mill in Arpin, where he worked for one year.

Attends Business College

In the spring of 1898 he went to Wausau where he secured a job as common laborer in the Heineman Lumber company mill. The same fall he entered the Toland Business College in Wausau, taking a course in bookkeeping where he finished in June, 1898.

The following month he accepted a position as office clerk with the John Arpin Lumber company, and came to Wisconsin Rapids to assume his new duties which he well and faithfully performed until December, 1903 when he was appointed deputy register of deeds of Price County which necessitated his removal to the county seat at Phillips. He remained in that office until February 20, 1904, at which time he was appointed clerk of the circuit court of Wood County, by the late Charles M. Webb, judge of the circuit court of Wood County, to fill the unexpired term of Charles A. Podawiltz who had resigned from that office.

Appointed County Clerk

He then returned to Wisconsin Rapids to take up the duties of the office. The next fall he was nominated for the office and was elected at the November election. He is the present incumbent, and has been elected to the office at all terms ever since.

Mr. Bever is a staunch republican and has always voted the entire ticket. He is a member of SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, and is also a member of the Catholic Foresters.

Married in 1906

He was married November 14, 1906 to Miss McCarthy of this city. Five children have been born to them, three of whom are still living, a daughter Homa, and two sons, Lawrence and Martin.

Bert Bever is one of the best known men in Wood County. In his seventeen years of public service as a county officer, he has the reputation of having dealt fairly and honestly by all who have transacted business at his office. He is the type of man who successfully helps to make the history of the community in which they reside.