

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.

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Among the most substantial and well known business men of Wisconsin Rapids is Samuel Williams Howard. Mr. Howard was born in the city of Chicago, Ill., April 3, 1882. He is a son of Edward L. and Fanny M. Howard, both of Columbus, Ohio. At the age of seven years, he moved with his parents to Evanston, a suburb of Chicago.

Schooling in Evanston

He attended the Evanston high school and the Northwestern Prep school, finishing his education at the age of eighteen years. His first employment was in Chicago where he worked for a short time with the Cable Co., now the Cable Piano Co.

He next entered the employ of the Chicago Varnish Co., remaining in their service three years.

Owged Waupaca Store

At the end of the three years service with the Chicago Varnish Co., Mr. Howard engaged in the dry goods business at Waupaca in partnership with J. E. Christy, remaining in the service one year, when he sold his interest to Mr. Christy and went to New York City where he lived for only a short time.

With Large Firm

Mr. Howard then returned to Chicago with his bride of a few months and secured occupation as house salesman for Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co. During his service with this company, he also formed a copartnership with his father in a dry goods store at LaPorte, Indiana. At the end of four years he sold his interest to leave for the west to "grow up with the country."

Arriving in Great Falls, Mont., he was engaged to take care of the dry goods department in the Thisted Suit & Coat So. At the expiration of his contract, which ended in a year's time, he left the company to accept a position with the Toggeries Co. Inc., who had a chain of nine stores in the northwest, with headquarters at Phoenix, Ariz. He was employed by this company for one year.

Moved to Oregon

His next residence was at Hood River, Ore., where he was employed four years, as buyer for the F. A. Cram Dry Goods Co. Mr. Cram is today one of the richest cattle men in the northwest. Following his service with the Cram Dry Goods Co. he left the state of Oregon, and on May 15, 1913 he came to this city, where he and his father bought the Curtis Variety Store located in the building on Second street south where Mr. Howard has conducted the same business ever since under the name of Howard's Variety Store.

Mr. Howard is a member of the Masonic order, a member of the Elks lodge, serving as its secretary, and being one of its most ardent and enthusiastic workers. He is a Rotarian, and a member of the Interstate branch of the Chicago Association of Commerce.

He is very fond of outdoor sports, and often enjoys a game of golf at the country club, of which he is one of the charter members.

Married in 1905

His marriage to Miss Mabel F. MacMillan of New York City, took place there on February 20, 1905. Three children have been born to them two sons, Francis M. and Edward M. and their little daughter, Patsy M.

Mr. Howard has made many friends here since becoming a resident of this city. He is one of those "hail fellows well met" who are always popular wherever they are known. He is a good booster and a loyal citizen.