

Who was who in Washburn

Edward Jackson Jacobs was born on February 10 1892, in Washburn, the son of John A. and Margaret Toner Jacobs. He grew up in Washburn, attending local schools until age 16, when he began a long career sailing the Great Lakes, beginning as a deckhand. In 1918 he earned his mate's license and in 1924 his master's license. In 1936 he received his first command, the steamer Sweden, and in the following years commanded several other vessels. In 1955 he assumed command of the J. Burton Ayers, at 600 feet one of the largest bulk carriers on the Great Lakes. He retired at the end of the 1956 season, after 44 years sailing the Great Lakes, from deck hand to master. During off-season months and after retiring he enjoyed his hobbies of trout fishing, sports, and reading. He was a member of the St. Louis Catholic Church and the Holy Name Society. He died on January 7 1968.

Max C. Knake was born on July 6 1884 in Germany and came to the United States as an infant with his family. While attending school he began work, in May 1898, as a laboratory boy at the Du Pont Company plant in Gibbstown, New Jersey, beginning a 51 year career with the company. He graduated from the Drexel Institute of Art, Science and Industry in Philadelphia, with a degree in engineering in



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1907. In 1909 he became the superintendent of acid operations at the Du Pont plant in Louviers, Colorado, moving to the Barksdale Works as general superintendent in 1914. The following year he was sent to the company's plant at Ramsey, Montana as assistant manager. He returned to the Barksdale Works in 1921 as assistant manager, then went to the plant at Ashburn, Missouri as manager in 1922. In 1928 he came back to the Barksdale Works for the third time as plant manager, retiring on August 1 1949 after 21 years in that position. He was active in community and civic affairs and was instrumental in securing the company's contributions to the new Du Pont Grade School in 1942, and to the Red Cross, and other causes. He was a member of the Ashland

Rotary Club, and a long-time member of the board of trustees of Northland College. After retirement he moved to Ashland, where he resided until his death on September 14 1974. He married Mary Johnson in 1909; she died on January 31 1962. In 1964 he married Gladys Irons Corbett from Minneapolis. The Knake house is the former plant manager's house at 229 Third Street East.

Simon and Stella Schultz family. Simon Schultz was born on October 28 1864 in Galicia, Austria-Hungary. He immigrated to the United States, arriving in Washburn about 1890. Stella Ladzinski Schultz was born on May 18 1878 in Grabowa, Gemany. At the age of 12 years she immigrated to the United States, first to Duluth, then moving to Washburn 1895. They met in Duluth and were married in Washburn, on January 12 1897. Over the years they raised 17 children (ten daughters and seven sons), an extraordinary achievement for a family of modest means, and were highly regarded members of the community. The family held reunions during the homecomings in 1929, 1939, and 1981, and on other occasions. Simon died on April 16 1944 and Stella, on July 26 1952. The Schultz home is located at 614 Third Avenue East.

Elizabeth Hawkes was born on November 22

1906, in Washburn, the daughter of Richard and Maria Louisa Van Frank Hawkes. She attended school in Washburn, graduating in 1922 at the age of 15. After graduation she attended Superior State Teachers College and Boston University, receiving a law degree from National University in Washington, D.C. She served as secretary to congressmen for several years, then was admitted to the Wisconsin bar in September 1937. She opened a law office in Washburn, serving as U.S. court commissioner for four years and as district attorney for Bayfield County in 1941 and 1942. She was active in Democratic Party politics, standing as an unsuccessful candidate for election to Congress in 1944 and for state attorney general in 1946, and attending national party conventions in 1960 and 1964. She was appointed to the State College Board of Regents in 1961, serving until 1966, the final year of her term as president of the board, the first woman to hold that position. In October 1969 a residence hall at Wisconsin State University at Superior was named Hawkes Hall in her honor. She died in Washburn on February 8 1978. In January 1947 she constructed a building for her law office at 100 Bayfield Street West; the Hawkes' house is located at 5 Third Street West.