



GUILLAUME BARRETTE, 1829-1916

First Lay Trustee of the Diocese.

Served as Supervisor, town of Ahnape, & Chairman, Board of Supervisors, towns of Lincoln & Red River, Kewaunee County, Wisconsin (WI)

- 1829** Born 18 February in Melain, Belgium, son of François & Marie-Josephte, nee Guillaume.
- 1858** Came to America with wife Eugénie née Gosin (1839-1889) and family. Settled on a farm in Dyckesville (Kewaunee County), WI.
- 1862** Erected store, cheese factory and dwelling. Purchased a pier and a mill on the bay shore (sold to his son William in 1895).
- 1887** St. Mary's church built in front of his store, on the other side of the street.
- 1890** Elected church trustee, he is an incorporator of the Diocese on Feb 13, with Mr. E. Debecker, Bishop Elect J.R. Vilatte, the Rev. J.B. Gauthier and the Rev. B.E. Harding.
- 1890** Post office established in his store, across from the church, with him as postmaster. Named *Duval Post-Office* for Joseph Duval, a leading lumber manufacturer who obtained the appointment for him. Mr. Duval came to the area from Nicolet (Quebec), Canada.
- 1893** Co-author of the book *Ecclesiastical Relations between Old Catholics of America and Foreign Churches* with E. Debecker and A. Marchand.
- 1916** Passed away on June 4. Buried in the parish cemetery.

References:

J. & L. Rentmeester, *Our Marchant Relatives*, 1995, p. 181-182; 247-248.
Obituary, *Kewaunee Enterprises* newspaper, June 9, 1916.