

St. Cloud State University

## The Repository at St. Cloud State

---

WPA Biographic Summaries

University Archives

---

9-18-1936

### Magnuson, Edward (1876 - )

Dean Nelson

Follow this and additional works at: <https://repository.stcloudstate.edu/wpabio>

---

#### Recommended Citation

Nelson, Dean, "Magnuson, Edward (1876 - )" (1936). *WPA Biographic Summaries*. 810.  
<https://repository.stcloudstate.edu/wpabio/810>

This Interview is brought to you for free and open access by the University Archives at The Repository at St. Cloud State. It has been accepted for inclusion in WPA Biographic Summaries by an authorized administrator of The Repository at St. Cloud State. For more information, please contact [tdsteman@stcloudstate.edu](mailto:tdsteman@stcloudstate.edu).

Edward Magnuson was born in Ishpeming, Michigan September 9, 1876, son of Andrew G. and Sophia (Johnson) Magnuson.

In 1877 Andrew took his family and moved to Nebraska where he took a claim. He farmed here until the claim was justified and then came directly to St. Cloud, Minnesota. Here Andrew was employed as an Engineer in the granite industry. Andrew and Sophia (Johnson) Magnuson were both natives of Sweden and came to the United States to find better living conditions. Andrew died in 1914 in St. Cloud and Sophia in 1908.

Edward Magnuson, the subject of this sketch attended public schools in St. Cloud and then found employment in Benson Brothers grocery store.

He worked there thirteen years and then became a member of the firm now known as the New Clothes Store. Since that time he has remained with the firm and devoted his time to the business and its improvements. The New Clothes Store is one of St. Cloud's finest men's clothiers.

Edward Magnuson was married to Inga Hurley in St. Cloud and they have five children, Harvey of Chicago, Vernon of Ann Harbor, Aline (Magnuson) Muller, James of St. Cloud, and Edward Jr. of St. Cloud.

Edward states, "When we first moved to St. Cloud we lived at 327 7th Avenue South (in the olden days it was near the corner of Jefferson and Chapel Streets). At that time there was no bridge over the ravine and the woods were quite dense around there. We had to walk on board planks to cross the ravine and go into the woods to get our cattle. There were very few houses beyond ours, and so we fenced off a piece of land for our stock."

"My present home at 107 1st South East is built exactly on the spot where the "Middle Ferry" landed on the east side of the river. The paths and road leading to the landing are the basis for my present rock garden and I still have one of the steel fasteners used to hold the guide cable. This piece of steel was attached to a tree in my yard and I removed it as

MAGNUSON, EDWARD

Page 2

a relic of the old ferryboat days."

Interviewed: Edward Magnuson  
Date: September 18, 1936  
By Dean Nelson

Publication Granted

FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE  
FOR THE EDWARD MAGNUSON BIOGRAPHY

DEATH RECORD BOOK G. PAGE 9 LINE 298

Andrew Magnuson Born in Sweden May 26, 1839

Son of Anderson Magnuson

Died May 18, 1914

Age 74 years 11 months and 22 days