

MR. MARTIN VAN BUREN

Dayton, Washington



Mr. Martin Van Buren, if a pen picture could be accurately delineated his characteristics, might be given in these words; a progressive spirit ruled by more than ordinary intelligence and good judgment; a deep earnestness impelled and fostered by indomitable perseverance; a native justice expressing itself in correct principle and practice. He was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, and attended the public schools of that city. In 1898 he enlisted in the United States Army and was assigned to Co. L. 25th Infantry; served thirteen years and six months and was honorably discharged. He moved to Spokane, Washington, in 1903, remained two years and six months, he then located in Dayton, Washington, and opened a shoe repairing business which occupation he is engaged in at the present time. Mr. Van Buren is interested in a number of patents which he has invented; one is an ink-well which is quite a novelty; a carpet cleaner called "The Van Buren Carpet Beating Machine," and several other devices when perfected he will place on the market. His interest aside from his business centers in civic affairs, and he gives much time to the public good, reaching out through thought and activities into those fields which have to do with public matters of concern and progress. He was united in marriage to Miss Virginia Payne in 1913, and resides in their comfortable home in Dayton, Washington.

P. S. Mr. Van Buren and wife are the only members of our group in that city.