

Historical Marker - S721C - William Bakewell (Marker ID#:S721C)



Front - Title/Description

William Bakewell

William Bakewell was born in Joliet, Illinois, in 1888. As a teenager he worked in Upper Peninsula logging camps before making his way to South America. In 1914 he became the only American crewmember of Sir Ernest Shackleton's ship, Endurance, which departed Buenos Aires on an expedition to cross Antarctica. The ship became trapped in ice on the Weddell Sea, drifted for nearly a year, and sank when crushed by the pack ice. After the crew reached Elephant Island, Shackleton and a small party set out in a lifeboat to get help. Four months later, in August 1916, they returned to rescue Bakewell and the rest. Bakewell settled on a farm in Dukes, Michigan, in 1945. He died there in 1969 and is buried in this cemetery. Bakewell Island, on the Antarctic coast is named for him.

Back - Title/Description

NO PHOTO AVAILABLE

Significant Date:

Two World Wars and the Depression (1915-1945)

Registry Year: 2009 **Erected Date:** 2010

Marker Location

Address: 9812 US-41

City: Skandia

State: MI **ZipCode:**

County: Marquette

Township: Skandia

Lat: 46.35244851 / **Long:** -87.22046971

Web URL: