

Clarence Roberts

Clarence A. Roberts (1916-1984) lived and worked in Grayling, Michigan. He was a Conservation Officer for the state of Michigan back in the 1950's and 1960's. He is said to have been an expert fisherman, a professional tier and a river guide. He was such a prolific and fast tier, it has been said that Clarence's two children's college education was for the most part paid for through the efforts of Clarence's fly tying.

Clarence was also responsible, in part, for encouraging a young man by the name of Bob Smock to take up the art of fly tying. Bob went on to become another of Michigan's great classis fly tiers.

Clarence had many famous Michigan patterns attributed to him including the Robert's Yellow Drake, the Robert's Brown Drake, the Robert's Deer Hair Hopper and the Robert's Black Drake, to name a few.

A display of his tying can be seen at the main building of the Department of Natural Resources, at Higgins Lake, Michigan.

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