

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 a prolific and fast fly tier.

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 classic fly tiers.

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

A display of his tying can be seen at the Department of Natural Resources, Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center located in Roscommon, Michigan.

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