

# Hiram "Doc" Masterson

Inducted 1996

Hiram "Doc" Masterson's racing career began at the age of 16 and spanned the next four decades. Doc missed a few years while serving his country during WWI. His horsemanship skills were utilized by Uncle Sam even then. Doc was a caisson rider for the 117th Field Artillery in France.

He won the first race he was ever in, in 1904. Racing and training horses was a family operation. His brothers, Edmund and Harry, were also trainers and drivers. Doc packed up the stable and headed west before the war. He shipped to Stockton, California in 1912. Doc's horses were well traveled; he raced in Wisconsin, Missouri, Michigan, Texas and Maine. He also shipped to the Canadian Provinces of Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Alberta.

Doc's racing career was "scratched" during his tour of duty with the 31st Infantry. At the end of the war, Doc returned to his native Wisconsin, headed north, became a successful businessman and found time to train and race his horses at the fairs in Wisconsin and Michigan. Doc did some officiating after his driving days were over. He judged at Maywood and Aurora and also worked a number of county fair tracks.

Nominated by J.H. "Doc" Masterson