

# William “Doc” Marquis

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Many different horsemen have left their mark in the minds of Wisconsin horsemen, and William “Doc” Marquis was known for his love of trotters. Doc loved the divine trotting gait and had many classy horses over the years. He began racing in the early 1940’s with notable horses Connie P. Gratten and Mona Patch. He loved horses so much that he was one of the last doctors to own a car because he loved making house calls in his horse and buggy.

Doc built a beautiful racetrack near Waunakee, Wisconsin and named it Wilamar Stables. This was the home of many matinee harness races and was truly one of the best racetracks of the time. It was even featured in an article in *Hoof Beats*, entitled “Mardi Gras On The Mendota.” Doc knew how to draw a crowd and conduct a very successful race meet that enhanced the racing program in Wisconsin greatly.

Dr. Marquis took everything to the next level, and his passion for racing was easily seen through his annual races at Wilamar as well as his notable trotters – all with “Mar” in the title.

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