

Burleigh Rapp, cum laude 1956 UMD graduate and social studies major now teaching mathematics in Hermantown junior high school, will speak on "The Life of George R. Stuntz" at 8 p.m. Tuesday (Feb.24) in the St. Louis County Historical society museum, 2228 East Superior street.

The program is open free to the public.

Mr.Rapp prepared the paper as a candidate for the M.A. degree at UMD. One of the earliest settlers at the Head of the Lakes, Stuntz established a trading post on Minnesota Point before the land was open for permanent white settlement.

After the Civil War, Stuntz undertook construction of a road from Duluth to purported commercial gold fields on Lake Vermilion. Although the gold find fizzled, in process of the road construction he uncovered iron ore on the Vermilion range.

Stuntz was identified closely with real estate, mining and railroading throughout the Head of the Lakes region.

Rapp lives at 527 North Forty-third avenue west—property once included in Stuntz's real estate holdings. The UMD student discovered the coincidence while doing research for the paper.

Rapp is former president of Phi Alpha Theta, honorary history fraternity, and was named to "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities." He attended UMD under a James Wright Hunt scholarship.