

Anatomy of a Murder

Events Time Line

Jun. 29, 1903	John Voelker (author of <i>Anatomy of a Murder</i>) is born.
Dec. 5, 1906	Otto Preminger (producer/director) is born.
Apr. 30, 1907	Eve Arden (Maida Rutledge) is born.
Mar. 29, 1908	Arthur O'Connell (Parnell McCarthy) is born.
May 20, 1908	James Stewart (Paul Biegler) is born.
1934	Voelker becomes Marquette County Prosecutor and holds the position for 14 years.
Dec. 14, 1935	Lee Remick (Laura Manion) born.
Feb. 13, 1951	Voelker and John E. McDonald, Marquette Municipal Judge open a law firm with offices in Marquette's Longyear building and Ishpeming's Woolworth building.
1952	Murder of Maurice "Mike" Chenoweth at the Lumberjack Tavern in Big Bay. Trial takes place in the Marquette County Courthouse. Voelker is the defense attorney for Army Lt. Coleman Peterson, accused of the crime.
1956	Voelker becomes Michigan Supreme Court Justice.
1958	Publication of <i>Anatomy of a Murder</i> (under the pen name Robert Traver) by Dell Publishing Co. Book spends 65 weeks on national best seller lists.
1958	Preminger, owner of Carlyle Productions, obtains the film rights to <i>Anatomy</i> .
Mar. 3, 1959	Lana Turner quits role as Laura Manion over a costume dispute. Lee Remick takes role.
Mar. 19, 1959	First interview session at Marquette City Hall for local residents to earn roles in the film as spectators, jurors, lawyers, prisoners in jail, officials and waitresses.
Mar. 22, 1959	Cast arrives in Ishpeming, MI to begin filming. Gov. G. Mennen Williams introduces cast to the public at the 72nd Annual Ski Tournament.
Mar. 23, 1959	Filming begins at the Marquette County Courthouse. Local residents as extras are paid \$10 per day.
Apr. 12, 1959	Stars of <i>Anatomy</i> appear at a fundraising event at the Palestra to benefit Bay Cliff.
Apr. 16, 1959	Actor Arthur O'Connell (Parnell McCarthy) treated at Bell Memorial Hospital in Ishpeming for a viral infection.
Apr. 20, 1959	Filming of opening movie scenes at the Ishpeming railroad depot. Kathryn Grant arrives in the U.P.
Apr. 24, 1959	Filming of outdoor street scene by Marquette County Courthouse in which Biegler meets Manion.
Apr. 1959	Ten stars of the film, director, and author set their foot and handprints in cement to be placed in walk of new Marquette Chamber of Commerce building.
May 2, 1959	End of three days of filming in Big Bay, some scenes inside the Lumberjack Tavern. Stars eat lunch in the school gymnasium.
May 8, 1959	Duke Ellington appears and plays at Delta Sigma NU Sorority Dinner Dance held at the Mather Inn.
May 1959	Filming continues at several locations in Ishpeming (Voelker's former home, Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library, and Nault's Bar.
May 1959	Filming in Big Bay (Perkins Park), Michigamme (street scenes and in a beauty shop-school classes are cancelled to celebrate the occasion), and at Mt. Shasta Lodge are dependent on the weather.
May 9, 1959	Testimonial dinner held at Negaunee Memorial Gym to honor Voelker. The governor and other state officials, heads of Upper Peninsula industry, and Michigan State University president attend.
May 14, 1959	Law library housed at Northern Michigan College (NMU) is moved to Ishpeming library for filming.
Jun. 29, 1959	Advance film premier showing of <i>Anatomy</i> is show simultaneously in Ishpeming (Butler Theater) and Marquette (Nordic Theater) as a benefit for Bay Cliff Health Camp.
Jul. 2, 1959	World premier showing of <i>Anatomy</i> in Detroit at the United Artists Theater as a benefit for the United Nations Association.
Jul. 14, 1959	Chicago Police Censor Board decision that <i>Anatomy</i> was immoral (due to harsh language) is overruled by U.S. District Judge Julius H. Miner.
Feb. 27, 1960	<i>Anatomy of a Murder</i> receives 7 Oscar Nominations. Duke Ellington wins a Grammy for the score.
Jul. 18, 1960	A nine million dollar libel suit filed against Dell Publishing and Columbia Pictures charging invasion of privacy by former wife of Mike Chenoweth, murdered owner of Lumberjack Tavern. Denied.
Oct. 9, 1960	Joseph Welch (Judge Weaver) dies
May 18, 1981	Arthur O'Connell dies
Apr. 23, 1986	Otto Preminger dies
Nov. 12, 1990	Eve Arden dies
Mar. 18, 1991	John Voelker dies
Jul. 2, 1991	Lee Remick dies
Jul. 2, 1997	James Stewart dies
June 29, 2009	John Pepin documentary "Anatomy 59: The Making of a Classic Motion Picture" premieres on all PBS stations in Michigan.