

Selected Collections Inventory Upper Peninsula Heritage Organizations

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Alger County Historical Society (Munising)

Creator / Collection Title	Extent	Inclusive dates	Format	Content Note	Finding Aid / Catalog record?	Finding Aid published or online?	Access Restrictions	Copyright?	Processing Status	Donor file?	Condition
General Photographic Collection	15,000 items	1885-2000	photograph print. Negatives	The collection is arranged by broad categories by family surnames, geographic place names, business, activities, commercial activities, etc. Duane believes that he has digitized 95 percent of the photographs. The negatives are crossed referenced to the print. Record of cross reference is maintained on PastPerfect. Includes items of the CCC camp in Wetmore.	PastPerfect accession record	No finding aid online	no restrictions	No record of copyright after	Processed	Yes	very good.
Alger County Survey Notebooks		1850-1855	digital	Burt survey of the UP. Duane doesn't know where he got the original records.							
Alger County and Township Government Records	60 volumes	1890-1950	paper. Leather bound volumes	Tax assessment roles, treasurer's reports, bonds and oaths, justice dockets, cash books. Plat books. Various vital records, marriage and births.	no finding aid	na	no restrictions	No record of copyright after	Processed	na	good
Knights of Columbus records	25 volumes	1938 -2005	paper. Leather bound volumes	Organization meeting minutes	no finding aid	na	no restrictions	na	Processed	yes	good
Radeliffe Correspondence	4 cubic feet	1948-1957	paper.	Reports of timber curising surveys. Many appear to be for CCL.			No restrictions				
Verne Floria plat maps	1 volume	1928.00	paper	Floria involved in real estate business and chamber of Commerce.							
Schoolcraft Iron Company Correspondence	1 cubic foot	1869-1973	paper	Letters out and received describing general business activities.	no finding aid	na	no restrictions	na	Processed	yes	excellent
Camp Shaw records	1 cubic foot	1930-1939	paper	Camp Shaw was a MSU extension service experimental agricultural station. It is still in operation in Chatham. Records include annual activity reports, photographs, publications, and correspondence. The photographs are digitized.							
Alger County Oral History Collection	200	unknown	cassette and reel-to-reel	Faye Swanberg traveled Alger County conducting interviews with standard questions. Duane has a surname list of all of the recordings. Approximately 10 percent of the recordings have transcriptions.	Inventory by interviewee surname	na	no restrictions	yes. They have signed release forms.	Processed	Yes	good
Munising Girl Scout Organization minute books	7 volumes	1929-1951	paper	Meeting minutes of the organization board of directors	no finding aid	na	no restrictions	yes. They have signed release forms.	Processed	Yes	good

Baraga County Historical Society (Baraga)

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Oral History of Indian Gaming	15 interviews		digital audio	Oral histories documenting the development of Indian gaming in Baraga County. The recordings are digital and maintained on an external hard-drive available in the reading room. They are backed up on google drive. They do have hardcopy transcripts.	yes. Basic inventory	no	no	yes	yes	yes	Donors signed basic release form.
Sirard Brothers Lumber Company records	2 cubic feet	1930s-40s	paper	The collection consists of general business records. Contracted with ford but documents many other customers	No	No	NA	NA	unprocessed	No	Poor. Evidence of mold and mildew
Bernard Lambert Collection	3 gray legal size	1950s - 1960s	paper	Lambert was a local author and politician. He was very active in the Democratic Party. Lambert was the author of "Sheppard in the Wilderness." The collection consists of correspondence, research notes, handwritten manuscripts.	A basic box and folder inventory	no	none	no donor agreement. Lambert was a hst soc member and just left it here.	Yes	No	very good
Baraga Township / County Election Records	20 volumes	1890 - 1920	paper	Collection consists of election polling books signed by individual voters. Includes precinct election results.	basic box and folder inventory	no	none	na	na	no	good

Captain James Bendry papers

12 ledger boxes 1850s - 1880s

Bendry was an entrepreneur from England. He arrived in the United States sometime in the 1840s and worked on a transport ship that would eventually purchase. Bendry transported supplies and trade goods to Sault Ste. Marie. In 1850, Bendry arrived in Keweenaw Bay and purchased land. He built a sawmill and brick yard. Bendry was a friend of Bishop Baraga. Collection includes Bendry's shipping and general business records.

no collection finding aid. no Basic inventory in PastPerfect.

none

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no

material donated by his granddaughter, an historical society member.

Cliffs Shaft Iron Mining Museum (Ishpeming)

Creator / Collection Title	Extent	Inclusive dates	Format	Content Note	Finding Aid / Catalog record?	Finding Aid published or online?	Access Restrictions	Copyright?	Processing Status	Donor file?	Condition
Leo LaFond papers	30 cubic feet	1940s - 2010	paper, photograph, VHS, newspaper clippings	Leo LaFond was an amateur historian of local iron mining. He was well known for his informative and entertaining presentations. The material is an artificial and scattered collection of historical memorabilia that LaFond used in his public presentations. It also includes a collection of photographs from the original Childs Art Gallery of mining activity. Also included are some recordings of LaFond's presentations.	Hardcopy and Past Perfect inventory			Does not have copyright. They don't really know who has copyright to what.	unprocessed	Yes. Past Perfect	good
Cleveland Cliffs Iron Mining Company Shift Forman Notebooks	50 volumes	1900-1960	paper	Records document worker time and shift activities. Extent and quality of information varies; notes on "condition of farms" extent of cultivation.	No finding aid or inventory	NA	no restrictions	No. CCI abandoned the material. The Museum has no donor agreement.	unprocessed	No	poor. Material maintained in a non-climate controlled storage room. Evidence of mold damage.
Cleveland Cliffs Iron Mining Company Engineering Department Weekly Summaries	4 volumes	1950s-1960s	paper	Collection contains correspondence, memorandum, and summary reports of department activities.	No finding aid or inventory	NA	no restrictions	No. CCI abandoned the material. The Museum has no donor agreement.	unprocessed	No	poor. Material maintained in a non-climate controlled storage room. Evidence of mold damage.
Cleveland Cliffs Iron Mining Company Employment Records	60 volumes	1900s-1960s	paper, bound	Detailed information that records vital information, family members, mines worked, length of employment; date and reason for leaving employment, accidents and injuries, workers compensation payments, benefit funds, etc. Whether reads, writes, spoken language	No finding aid or inventory	na	no restrictions	No. CCI abandoned the material. The Museum has no donor agreement.	unprocessed	na	poor. Material maintained in a non-climate controlled storage room. Evidence of mold damage.
Cleveland Cliffs Iron Mining Company Personal Injury Reports	2 cubic feet	1912-1948	paper	Detailed information that includes name of miner, nationality, family members, ability to read, write, and speak english; residence, nature of the accident, cause of death if fatality.	No finding aid or inventory	na	no restrictions	No. CCI abandoned the material. The Museum has no donor agreement.	unprocessed	na	poor. Material maintained in a non-climate controlled storage room. Evidence of mold damage.
Cleveland Cliffs Iron Mining Company Maritime Shipping Letter Books	20 volumes	1914-1940	paper	Letters sent and received. Documenting the shipping of iron ore on ore boats out of Marquette.	No finding aid or inventory	na	no restrictions	No. CCI abandoned the material. The Museum has no donor agreement.	unprocessed	na	poor. Material maintained in a non-climate controlled storage room. Evidence of mold damage.
Cleveland Cliffs Map Collection	Indeterminate	1875-1960s	vellum, paper, onion skin, blueprint	Negaunne, Ishpeming, and Munising plat maps; railroad right of ways, transmission lines, buildings and boat plans, Construction plans, misc. town maps.	No finding aid or inventory	na	no restrictions	No. CCI abandoned the material. The Museum has no donor agreement.	unprocessed		maintained in metal flat storage with dirt, rust, and mold damage.

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Delta County Historical Society (Escanaba)

Creator / Collection Title	Extent	Inclusive dates	Format	Content Note	Finding Aid / Catalog record?	Finding Aid published or online?	Access Restrictions	Copyright?	Processing Status	Donor file?	Condition
Local Government records	200 volumes	1890-1930	paper	Mainly Delta County and City of Escanaba records. The bulk of the material (80 percent) are county and city tax assessment roles. The remainder are police incident reports and various publications.	No finding aid or basic inventory.	NA	NA	NA	NA	No. DCHS has no record of transfer to the Archives. They also have no record of a depository agreement with the state or the local governments.	good.
House of Luddington records	2 cubic feet	1920-1970	paper, audio-visual	This collection documents the history of the Luddington House in downtown Escanaba. The collection includes correspondences, financial records, meeting minutes, and photographs.	No finding aid or basic inventory.	NA	No access restrictions	Yes	Partially processed	Yes. Donor file includes a donor form and accession record	good.
Brotherhood of Railroad Engineers Union records	10 cubic feet	1950-1980	paper, audio-visual	This collection documents the history of the railroad engineers union. The collection includes, contracts, charters, correspondences, financial records, meeting minutes, event planning records, strike records, and photographs.	No finding aid or basic inventory.	NA	No access restrictions	Yes	Partially processed	Yes. Donor file includes a donor form and accession record	good.

Ironwood Historical Society (Ironwood)

Creator / Collection Title	Extent	Inclusive dates	Format	Content Note	Finding Aid / Catalog record?	Finding Aid published or online?	Access Restrictions	Copyright?	Processing Status	Donor file?	Condition
Ironwood High School Construction photographs	20 images	1926	Digital, jpeg	This collection consists of a series of digital photographs documenting the construction of the local high school. The original images are in the archives.	No finding aid or inventory	NA	NA	NA	Processed	No donor file. No provenance.	good

Solomon Curry papers	4 cubic feet	1886 - 1920	paper	This collection documents Solomon Curry's iron mining activities and businesses. Curry arrived in the Goebic Iron Range in 1886 and opened the first of a series of iron mines. He became president of the Metropolitan Iron and Land Company, which he sold to the Oliver Mining Company in 1897. Curry ran for governor in 1896. The collection includes correspondence, financial material, family memorabilia, and political records.	No finding aid or inventory	NA	NA	NA	Not processed	No donor file. No good provenance.	
General Photographic Collection	6 cubic feet	Unknown	photographic	The general photographic collection is maintained in plastic drawers arranged by broad categories and geographic locations. Items are added haphazardly without any accession record.	No finding aid or inventory. Staff find relevant items from the exterior box label.	NA	NA	NA	Partially processed.	No donor file. No good provenance.	good

IXL Historical Museum (Hermansville)

Creator / Collection Title	Extent	Inclusive dates	Format	Content Note	Finding Aid / Catalog record?	Finding Aid published or online?	Access Restrictions	Copyright?	Processing Status	Donor file?	Condition
General Photographic Collection	10 3-ringed binders	unknown	paper and photographic	Artificial collection. Binders are organized by very broad subjects: "the business", individuals, families, and area scenes, such as structures and landscapes. There is a mixture of originals and duplicates. Originals supposedly are in the "vault" but Joan doesn't know where. They have a CD of digitized photographs of the Hermansville area that are marked "UM Bentley." Joan doesn't know if they are originals here at the museum or at the Bentley.	No finding aid	na	no restrictions	na	unprocessed	the basic accession record	good
General Reference Vertical files	1 file cabinet drawer	unknown	paper and photographic	Artificial collection. Organized alphabetically by surname. Miscellaneous material, including newspaper clippings.							
Wisconsin Land and Lumber / IXL Company records	Well over 200 cubic feet of material scattered throughout the building in metal and wooden file cabinets.	1878-1980s; appears to bulk up 1920s-1970s	paper and photographic	A fantastic collection documenting the two major UP lumber and land companies. The collection contains, but is not limited to, general administrative correspondence; Marketing records; accounting department records; reference material; forest product purchases; correspondence with other lumber companies in the area; Additional wooden cabinets of approximately 20 cubic feet in the "president's office" contain "log contracts" from the early 20th century; land purchase records; "letters to politicians"; personal correspondence and family financial records of G. Harold Earle (company president); records related to Blaney Park; correspondence with professional trade organizations; workers compensation and injury report records (1920s-1960s)	No finding aid	NA	Unknown.	NA	Partially processed	No donor file.	Excellent condition.
Digital Photographic Collection	1 cubic foot	unknown	digital jpeg.	In the past, Judy Meintz ("archivist") did digitize photographs of area families and saved the digital record on a collection of CDs. Families loaned the IXL the material and Meintz returned the material after digitization. Meintz did the work in 2004-2005. No backups exist. Personal family correspondence. Scattered roles of maps and plans, including land ownership maps.	Basic surname inventory organized alpha.	No finding aid	Unknown.	Unknown	NA	No donor file.	good

Les Cheneaux Historical Society (Cedarville)

Creator / Collection Title	Extent	Inclusive dates	Format	Content Note	Finding Aid / Catalog record?	Finding Aid published or online?	Access Restrictions	Copyright?	Processing Status	Donor file?	Condition
General Photographic collection.	1,000+ items	1890s - present (approximate)	prints, negatives	slides, negatives, prints. The collection is disorganized. Nancy is trying to process the material. No donation or accession record. Trying to organize alpha by family, individual, business, organization, etc.	no finding aid or inventory	NA	NA	no record of copyright	unprocessed	no donor file	good
Hudson Family papers	50 letters	1910-1930	paper	Documents a prominent family personal and business history through correspondence. Documents activities in Hessel and Cedarville and the islands.	no finding aid or inventory	NA	NA	NA	unprocessed	yes	good
Islington Hotel records	12 volumes; 4 cubic feet	unknown.	bound ledgers	The collection documents the basic administrative history of the hotel. Bound financial and payroll ledgers comprise the collection.	no finding aid or inventory	NA	NA	NA	unprocessed	no donor file	good
General subject vertical file	25 metal edge boxes	unknown.	paper, photographic	File folders of general reference material and some photographs organized by general local subject headings.	no finding aid or inventory	no	na	na	processed	no donor file	good
Les Cheneaux Public School records	2 volumes, 1 cubic foot	1920-1940	paper, photographic	A general artificial collection of miscellaneous material. Some of the material documents the Hessel school house. Yearbooks, photographs, some class rosters.	no finding aid or inventory	no	na	na	unprocessed	no donor file	good

Les Cheneau Breezes	5 editions	1945-1950	paper	The Les Cheneau Breezes was a standard local promotional magazine highlighting the area and designed to attract tourism and economic investment. Collection may be the only complete set.	no finding aid or inventory	na	na	na	na	na	good
Guy Hamel papers	1 metal edge box	1918-1936	photographs, paper	Most significant collection of personal papers in the archives. Hamels was a prominent real estate developer and businessman. The collection documents some of his personal and business activities and includes correspondence and photographs.	no finding aid or inventory	no	no	yes	unprocessed	na	good
Oliver Birges Boat Plans	1 cubic foot	1920-1930	Blueprint plans	Oliver Birges was a renown artist, painter, and wood carver. However, he was best known for boat plans. Plans are rolled up or flat in a flat wooden cabinet.	inventory of plans with dates	no	no	na	no.	Yes.	good

Luce County Historical Society (Newberry)

Creator / Collection Title	Extent	Inclusive dates	Format	Content Note	Finding Aid / Catalog record?	Finding Aid published or online?	Access Restrictions	Copyright?	Processing Status	Donor file?	Condition
Newberry Fire Department records	2 cubic feet	1930s-1950 (approximate)	paper	Various administrative records, including meeting minutes, correspondence, and financial material.	No finding aid or inventory	NA	No restrictions	NA	unprocessed	NA	good
Luce County Sheriff Daybook Log	1 cubic foot	1950-1970	paper	Records daily department activities, including incident reports and responses.	No finding aid or inventory	NA	No restrictions	NA	unprocessed	NA	good
Luce County Township records	20 volumes	1920-1950 (approximate)	paper, bound volumes	Various administrative records, including meeting minutes, correspondence, and tax assessment rolls.	No finding aid or inventory	NA	No restrictions	NA	unprocessed	NA	good
Newberry School District records	1 cubic foot	1885-1900 (approximate)	paper	Various administrative and financial records with some correspondence. No student grade reports.	No finding aid or inventory	NA	No restrictions	NA	unprocessed	NA	good
Newberry State Bank records	6 volumes	1920-1940 (approximate)	paper, bound volumes	Financial ledgers. No individual depositor records	No finding aid or inventory	NA	No restrictions	NA	unprocessed	NA	good
Luce County and Circuit Court records	Multiple volumes and file drawers	1870 - 1950 (approximate)	paper, bound volumes	Civil and criminal court records; ledgers; appeals court dockets.	No finding aid or inventory	NA	No restrictions	NA	unprocessed	NA	good
Luce County Marriage Licence Affidavits	Multiple drawers	1870 - 1950 (approximate)	paper	Marriage affidavits folded and maintained vertically in letter sized wall drawers.	No finding aid or inventory	NA	No restrictions	NA	unprocessed	NA	good
Charcoal Iron Company records	3 cubic feet	1920-1944 (approximate)	paper, bound volumes	Charcoal Iron Company operated a pig iron furnace and also produced charcoal for the furnace. Records include financial ledgers, administrative correspondence, production records, and vouchers. The collection also includes photographs of plant and operations	No finding aid or inventory	NA	No restrictions	NA	unprocessed	NA	good
General Photographic Collection	Two file cabinet drawers; 10 albums; 5 boxes; oversized	1886-1960 (approximate)	paper, bound volumes	Numerous file folders, boxes, and volumes organized by general subject, local authority categories. See list of subject headings. Collection includes Charcoal Iron Company images and panoramic oversize photographs of logging operations in the early 20th century.	Basic list of subject headings.	NA	No restrictions	NA	unprocessed	NA	good
Sprague Taylor Document Collection	One file cabinet (4 drawers)	1940-1970 (approximate)	paper	Taylor was a local amateur historian who began compiling a research collection following service in WWII. The collection includes research notes, photocopies of newspaper articles, photographs, and correspondence. The files are arranged by subjects created and maintained by Taylor. The Museum uses the collection as a reference subject vertical file.	Basic list of subject headings.	NA	No restrictions	NA	unprocessed	NA	good

Menominee County Historical Society (Menominee)

Creator / Collection Title	Extent	Inclusive dates	Format	Content Note	Finding Aid / Catalog record?	Finding Aid published or online?	Access Restrictions	Copyright?	Processing Status	Donor file?	Condition
Menominee County records	500 volumes	1863 - 1973	paper	Probate, assessment rolls, sale of real estate, record of claims, marriage licenses, criminal docket, jail record, orphan and guardianship records. Menominee Co. pays them each year for storage. They have no idea if they are an established local government records depository.	no inventory or finding aids	na	na	na	na	No record of official transfer or deposit.	good. Volumes are maintained on original shelving with rollers for easy access/retrieval.
City of Menominee records	150 volumes	1873-1968	paper	Municipal court dockets, criminal and civil justice dockets, jail records.	no inventory or finding aids	na	na	na	na	na	good. Volumes are maintained on original shelving with rollers for easy access/retrieval.
Chet Krohn papers	12 cubic feet	Unknown	paper	Research materials; local amateur historian and later volunteer. Files contain all of Krohn's research notes, original documents, some small manuscript collections, and published material. See photograph	no inventory or finding aids	na	na	na	unprocessed.	No donor file or agreement.	Appears to be in good condition. Disorganized.
General Photographic Collection	four file cabinet drawers	Unknown	8x10; 4x5 paper	General photographic collection organized alpha by broad subjects, topical and geographic. Includes individual and family surnames. Folders include textual material such as letters, newspaper clippings, other publications, and hand written notes.	no inventory or finding aids	na	na	na	na	na	Good. Most of the photographs have been placed in acid free folders and sleeves.

Menominee Women's Club records	20 cubic feet, 35 scrapbooks	1970 -2000	paper	Collection documents the activities of the Women's Club. The collection includes scrapbooks, organizational materials, such as correspondence, financial records, photographs.	no inventory or finding aids	na	not accessioned.	na	unprocessed.	Collection appears to be on "deposit" or simply in storage.	Unknown.
World War II photographs and scrapbooks	1 volume	1942-1945	photographic paper, 8x10	Photographs documenting local veterans in the Pacific theatre. No record of provenance or donation. Scrapbooks include newsclippings and photographs.	no inventory or finding aids	na	no restrictions	na	unprocessed.	No record of official transfer, donation, or deposit.	good.

Michilimackinac Historical Society (St. Ignace)

Creator / Collection Title	Extent	Inclusive dates	Format	Content Note	Finding Aid / Catalog record?	Finding Aid published or online?	Access Restrictions	Copyright?	Processing Status	Donor file?	Condition
Standard Reference Vertical File	Several file drawers	NA	paper	The vertical file is organized alphabetically by topic, business name, family surname, or geographical location. The files contain newspaper clippings and miscellaneous publications.	no finding aid beyond accession record in PP	no	na	na	na	na	good
Genealogical Subject File	Several file drawers	NA	paper	An artificial collection compiled by the staff from online or newspaper research. Some original materials may include correspondence, photographs, family memorabilia.	no finding aid beyond accession record in PP	no	na	na	na	na	good
General Photographic Collection	Extent is unknown, but a cursory examination suggests the number is well over a thousand individual photographs	1890s-1960s	paper; tintype; deguaratypes, negatives	The collection documents a number of different individuals, families, organizations, and activities. The collection is organized by broad subjects. Provenance not recorded. The collection also includes unorganized photographs literally piled in boxes.	no finding aid beyond accession record in PP	no	na	na	unprocessed	Yes but sporadic in extent	good
Litzner family papers	2 cubic feet	1880s - 1970s	paper; photographs	Litzner was a genealogist and collector. He conducted extensive genealogical research and collected material documenting families in the Mackinac Straits area. The collection includes research notes and correspondence, ledgers, and photographs.	they have a rudimentary no inventory done by the local genealogical group.		no	na	unprocessed	na	good