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I. PUBLICATIONS

The MTU Archives maintains a large collection of published material including genealogical reference books, biographical texts, published family histories, early yearbooks from local high schools and Michigan Technological University, centennial books, and local history titles, as well as numerous magazines and journals.

II. DIRECTORIES

Guides & Business Directories

- 1863-64 Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory (F 564.7 M54 Arch)
- 1887-88 A.H. Holland's Handbook and Guide to Hancock & Houghton, MI (F 574 .H23 H6 Arch)
- 1891 Le Guide Francais des Etats-Unis (French Guide to the United States) 3rd ed. (E 184 .F8 G9 Arch)
- 1910 Guide to the Italians of the Copper Country, published by the Italian Miner. Includes all of Houghton County. (F 572 .H8 G8 1910 Arch)
- 1917-18 Polk's Michigan State Gazetteer including a business directory of Windsor and Walkerville, Ontario with latest map of Michigan, v.45 (F 564.7 .M54 v.45 Arch)
- 1927-28 Polk's Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, v.54 (F 564.7 .M54 v.54 Arch)
- 1947-48 Copper Country Classified Business and Professional Directory including Houghton and major portions of Keweenaw, Ontonagon, and Baraga Counties, distributed by the Daily Mining Gazette. (F 572 .C8 C6 Arch)

Polk City & County Directories

- 1895-96 Polk's Houghton County Directory - missing pages 3-17
- 1897-1908 Polk's Houghton County Directory
- 1910, 1912 Polk's Calumet, Hancock, Houghton, Laurium Directories
- 1916-17 Polk's Houghton County Directory
- 1930 Polk's Calumet Directory including Hubbell, Lake Linden and Laurium

- 1930 Polk's Houghton & Hancock City Directory including Atlantic Mine, Baltic, Dollar Bay, Franklin, Painesdale, Quincy, Ripley, South Range, and Trimountain
- 1939 Polk's Houghton & Hancock City Directory including Atlantic Mine, Baltic, Dollar Bay, Franklin, Painesdale, Quincy, Ripley, South Range, and Trimountain
- 1973-present Polk's Hancock & Houghton Directory including Hurontown and Ripley

Telephone Directories

Houghton & Keweenaw Counties: 1930, 1932-35, 1946, 1962, 1964, 1966-present

Chassell Telephone Directory: 1949

III. CENSUS - UPPER PENINSULA

Federal Census

- 4th 1820 Oakland, Wayne
- 5th 1830 Monroe, Wayne, Oakland, Lenawee, Macomb, St. Clair, Washtenau, St. Joseph, Van Buren, Poccon, Michilimackinac
- 6th 1840 Cass, **Chippewa**, Clinton, Eaton
- 7th 1850 Hillsdale, **Houghton**, Huron, Ingham, Macomb, **Marquette**, Mason, Mackinac, Midland, Oceana, **Ontonagon**, Ottawa, Saginaw
- 8th 1860 Eaton, Emmet, Cheboygan, Presque Isle, Mackinac, Delta, Genesee, **Houghton**, **Marquette**, Schoolcraft, Mason, Osceola, Mecosta, Monroe, Oceana, **Ontonagon**, Ottawa
- 9th 1870 **Houghton**, Huron, **Keweenaw**, Lake, Mecosta, Menominee, Midland, Missaukee, Oceana, Ogamaw, **Ontonagon**, Osceola, Oscoda
- 10th 1880 Allegan, Alpena, Antrim, **Baraga**, Barry, Hillsdale (part), **Houghton**, Ionia (part), Iosco, Isabella, **Isle Royale**, **Keweenaw**, Lake, Lapeer, Leelanau, Macomb (part), Manistee, Manitou, **Marquette**, Mason, Mecosta, Menominee, Midland, Missaukee, Monroe, Ogemaw, **Ontonagon**, Osceola, Oscoda, Otsego, Ottawa

- 11th 1890 The majority of the 1890 census for Michigan was destroyed by fire. Only the schedules enumerating Union veterans & widows of Union veterans of the Civil War are available.
- 12th 1900 Antrim, Arenac, **Baraga**, Barry, Genesee (part), Gladwin, **Gogebic**, **Houghton**, Huron (part), Iosco, **Iron**, Isabella, **Keweenaw**, Lake, Leelanaw, Lapeer, **Ontonagon**, Osceola, Oscoda, Otsego
- 13th 1910 Alpena, Antrim, Arenac, **Baraga**, Gladwin, **Houghton**, **Gogebic**, **Iron**, Kalkaska, Isabella, Kent, **Keweenaw**, Lake, Luce, Mackinac, Macomb, Muskegon, **Ontonagon**
- 14th 1920 **Baraga**, Barry, Benzie, Cass, **Gogebic**, Grand Traverse, Hillsdale, **Houghton**, Ionia, **Iron**, Iosco, Jackson, **Keweenaw**, Livingston, Lake, Lenawee, Ogemaw, Osceola, Oscoda, **Ontonagon**, Presque Isle, Roscommon Counties
- 15th 1930 Alcona, Alger, **Baraga**, Allegan, **Gogebic**, Grand Traverse, Hillsdale, **Houghton**, **Iron**, Isabella, Kent, **Keweenaw**, Livingston, Oceana, , Ogemaw, Osceola, Otsego Counties

State Census

Baraga County	1884, 1894
Houghton County	1864, 1874
Keweenaw County	1884, 1894

IV. INDEXES

F 565 .L55 Arch

Loomis, Frances. *Michigan Biography Index*, Detroit Public Library, 10 volumes (1946-1958).
Microfilm

F 565. M544 V.1 Arch

The Michigan Surname Index, Michigan Genealogical Council Publication No. 4, Vol. 1 (1985).

CS 68. P363 Arch

Filby, P. William. *Passenger and Immigration Lists Index*, Vols. 1-3, Detroit, Mich.: Gale Research Co. (1981)

V. NEWSPAPERS

TITLE	COUNTY	CITY	HOLDINGS
Alger County Independent	Alger	Munising	January 5, 1939 - June 27, 1940
Alger County Republican *Silver Copy	Alger	Munising	March 11, 1892 - December 29, 1893 May 1, 1896 - June 12, 1896
Baraga County Herald	Baraga	L'Anse	December 11, 1928 - May 18, 1933 (incomplete)
Baraga County Republican	Baraga	Baraga	July 4, 1900 - August 29, 1900 (incomplete)
Baraga Journal	Baraga	Baraga	January 15, 1916 - July 8, 1922 (incomplete)
Baraga Review	Baraga	Baraga	August 19, 1899 (incomplete)
Bessemer Herald	Gogebic	Bessemer	October 6, 1894 - June 18, 1970 (incomplete)
Calumet and Red Jacket News	Houghton	Calumet	February 22, 1889 - Feb. 5, 1892 (incomplete)
Calumet News	Houghton	Calumet	October 23, 1907 - June 25, 1938 (incomplete)
Calumet Posten	Houghton	Calumet	August 10, 1901 - December 29, 1917 (incomplete)
Cloverland Magazine	Menominee	Menominee	January 1916 - November 1919 (incomplete)
Cloverland Press	Ontonagon	Ewen	December 20, 1912 - Oct. 29, 1942 (incomplete)
Copper: A Weekly Review of the Lake Superior Mines	Houghton	Houghton	April 4, 1908 - Feb. 4, 1911 (incomplete)
Copper Country Evening News	Houghton	Calumet	January 4, 1896 - October 22, 1907 (incomplete)
Copper Country News	Houghton	Calumet	September 3, 1959 - September 24, 1964 (incomplete)
Copper Country Review F572.C8 C7 (not on microfilm)	Houghton	Hancock	December, 1965 - May 1966 (incomplete)
Copper Island Sentinel	Houghton	Calumet	April 4, 1978 - August 1986 (incomplete)
Copper Miners Journal	Keweenaw	Ahmeek	September 1981 - December 1982 (incomplete)
County News Review	Ontonagon	Rockland	September 26, 1940 (incomplete)
Daily Mining Gazette (see also Portage Lake Mining Gazette)	Houghton	Houghton	September 14, 1899 - present (incomplete)
Diamond Drill	Iron	Crystal Falls	January 22, 1887 - August 7, 1996
Evening Copper Journal	Houghton	Hancock	August 30, 1909 - June 6, 1938

Evening Journal	Houghton	Hancock	June 6, 1904 - May 14, 1909 (incomplete)
Evening News Journal	Houghton	Calumet	June 27, 1938 - May 1, 1943 (incomplete)
Grand Marais Pilot and Pictured Rocks Review *Silver Copy	Alger	Grand Marais	March 17, 1971 - October 11, 1991
Hancock Evening Journal	Houghton	Hancock	July 2, 1901 - June 4, 1904 (incomplete)
Hancock Mining Herald	Houghton	Hancock	February 11, 1885 - February 24, 1886 (incomplete)
Houghton & Keweenaw Trade Review			May 1907; Parts I & II (incomplete)
Independent	Houghton	Calumet	November 5, 1904 (incomplete)
Industrial Age	Baraga	L'Anse	April 25, 1874 - August 15, 1874 (incomplete)
Iron County Reporter	Iron	Iron River	May 2004-April 2013 (incomplete)
Keweenaw Miner	Keweenaw	Mohawk	February 22, 1907 - October 27, 1932 (incomplete)
Lake Superior Journal (title varies)	Keweenaw	Copper Harbor	July 11, 1846 - January 13, 1865 (incomplete)
Lake Superior Miner	Ontonagon	Ontonagon	October 6, 1855 - September 10, 1859 August 31, 1867 - September 10, 1870
L'Anse Sentinel	Baraga	L'Anse	September 27, 1890 - present
Le Courier du Michigan	Houghton	Lake Linden	December 1916 - May 16, 1956 (incomplete)
Luce County Democrat (Newberry)	Luce	Newberry	January 31, 1891 - January 16, 1892
Mackinac Island Town Crier	Mackinac	Mackinac Island	June 4, 1988 - February 16,
Marquette Mining Journal	Marquette	Marquette	November 28, 1868 – December 1897 (incomplete)
Marquette Monthly	Marquette	Marquette	January 2004-Present
Michigan College of Mining Lode	Houghton	Houghton	February 17, 1921 - May 31, 1956
Michigan Copper Journal	Houghton	Hancock	May 12, 1891 - July 29, 1893 (incomplete)
Michigan Tech Lode	Houghton	Houghton	September 28, 1956 – present
Il Minatore Italiano	Houghton	Laurium & Calumet	October 13, 1908 - May 16, 1928 (incomplete)
Miners' Bulletin (1913 Strike)			August 14, 1913 - Aug. 14, 1914
Munising News	Alger	Munising	January 5, 1940 - Dec. 28, 1988
Munising Republican	Alger	Munising	June 19, 1896 - March 23, 1901

*Silver Copy

Native Copper Times	Houghton	Lake Linden	February 28, 1893 - May 26, 1971 (incomplete)
Newberry Enterprise	Luce	Newberry	February 8, 1894 - November 19, 1894
Newberry Independent	Luce	Newberry	May 2, 1889 - January 24, 1891 (incomplete)
Newberry News	Luce	Newberry	June 10, 1886 - January 22, 1997
Northwesterner	Menominee	Menominee	November 1909 - October 1910
Northwestern Farmer	Menominee	Menominee	August 1907 - December 1908
Northwestern Mining Journal	Houghton	Hancock	June 4, 1873 - May 7, 1879 (incomplete)
Ontonagon Herald	Ontonagon	Ontonagon	October 4, 1890 - present (incomplete)
Ontonagon Miner	Ontonagon	Ontonagon	November 2, 1872 - December 28, 1889 (incomplete)
Peninsula News	Houghton	Houghton	January 30, 1994-June 11, 1995
The Pick and Axe	Gogebic	Bessemer	May 16, 1974 - January 4, 1980 (incomplete)
Portage Lake Herald	Houghton	Hancock	May 13, 1884 - January 28, 1885 (incomplete)
Portage Lake Mining Gazette (see also: Daily Mining Gazette)	Houghton	Houghton	July 26, 1862 - October 28, 1897 (incomplete)
Rockland Reporter	Ontonagon	Rockland	January 30, 1903 - October 29, 1920 (incomplete)
Semi-Weekly Copper Journal	Houghton	Hancock	March 22, 1893 - December 30, 1893 (incomplete)
Sidnaw Journal	Houghton	Sidnaw	February 17, 1899 (incomplete)
Sidnaw Record	Houghton	Sidnaw	December 16, 1899 - March 31, 1900 (incomplete)
The St. Ignace News	Mackinac	St. Ignace	July 7, 1988 – December 6, 2001
The St. Ignace News Weekly Wave Edition	Mackinac	St. Ignace	July 7, 1988 - January 18, 1996
Sugar Beet News	Menominee	Menominee	November 15, 1903 - December 15, 1904
Torch Lake Times	Houghton	Lake Linden	May 24, 1887 - February 21, 1893
Truth	Houghton	Lake Linden	November 27, 1913 - July 28, 1917 (incomplete)
Twin City Miner	Ontonagon	Greenland	July 5 & 12, 1902 - June 27, 1903 (incomplete)
L'Union Franco - Americaine	Houghton	Lake Linden	June 24, 1890 (incomplete)
Upper Peninsula Post	Houghton	Houghton	July 1995-March 1996

Valley Independent	Ontonagon	Ontonagon	August 23, 1906 (incomplete)
Wage Slave	Houghton	Hancock	March 20, 1908 - June 19, 1908 (incomplete)
Wakefield Advocate	Gogebic	Wakefield	December 12, 1902 - October 4, 1924 (incomplete)
Wakefield Bulletin	Gogebic	Wakefield	May 19, 1887 - May 19, 1888
Wakefield News	Gogebic	Wakefield	March 5, 1927 - December 29, 1983
Wakefield News and Advocate	Gogebic	Wakefield	October 18, 1924 - February 26, 1927
Wakefield News Review	Gogebic	Wakefield	October 11, 1924

VI. REPORTS OF INSPECTOR OF MINES

Reports and lists of deaths in mining accidents

Dickinson County	1963-1970 (intermittent years)
Gogebic County	1887-1966 (intermittent years)
Ontonagon County	1963-1965
Houghton County	1889-1971 (index available)
Iron County	1900-1971 (intermittent years)
Marquette County	1911-1970 (intermittent years)
Keweenaw County	1927-1971 (intermittent years)

VII. TRACT BOOKS

First purchase of a given parcel of land from the United States Government.

Alger, Baraga, Cass, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Delta, Dickinson, Emmet, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Keweenaw, Luce, Mackinac, Marquette, Menominee, Missaukee, Oscoda, Ogemaw, Ontonagon, Schoolcraft, Wexford Counties.

VIII. ADDITIONAL MATERIAL

Valuable collection of maps including geological, lake survey charts, USGS topographical maps, and local Sanborn-Perris fire insurance maps. Extensive set of vertical files containing clippings, pamphlets, and brochures pertaining to the Copper Country and Michigan Technological University.

The MTU Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections is a Regional Depository for noncurrent state, county and municipal documents in six counties of Michigan's western Upper Peninsula: Iron and Gogebic counties and the four Copper Country counties of Houghton, Keweenaw, Baraga and Ontonagon. Governmental records currently on deposit are predominantly from Houghton and Keweenaw counties and include survey and tax records, voting rolls, circuit court documents (including divorce decrees), jail records and records of district school boards.

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