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Summary Information

Repository:	Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections
Title:	Brockway Photograph Collection
ID:	MS-019
Date [inclusive]:	1843-1979
Date [bulk]:	1883-1960
Physical Description:	9.37 Cubic Feet 14 manuscript boxes (legal size), 1 manuscript (1/2 letter size) 1 print box, 2 index card boxes, and 6 flat boxes
Language of the Material:	English
Mixed Materials [box]:	1-24
Abstract:	Photograph collection, 1843-1979 (bulk 1883-1960), of several generations of Brockway descendants, an early merchant and community building family in Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula. Includes many photographs of the descendants of Daniel D. and Lucena Brockway, including members of the extended Farwell, Gardner and Childs family lines.

Preferred Citation

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Biography

Daniel D. Brockway was born in Morrisville, Vermont May 2, 1815, but many of the details of his early life are unclear. As a youth, he moved with his family to Franklin County, New York, and then Chicago, Illinois, before arriving in Washtenaw County in Lower Michigan in 1831. It seems likely that he moved to Kalamazoo County, Michigan, in the early 1830's as he was married to Lucena Harris in Kalamazoo County, Michigan on January 21, 1836. Lucena was the daughter of Dr. James Harris, a noted pioneer in the Galesburg area of Kalamazoo County.

The Brockways spent several years (probably 1837-1839) back in Franklin County, New York, farming and smithing. In August of 1843, Daniel and Lucena moved to L'Anse, where he had been appointed government blacksmith and mechanic at the federal Indian Center. Daniel's brother, William, was serving as chaplain at Fort Brady in Sault Ste. Marie at the time and may have had an impact on the couple's decision to assist the Indians in this remote region of Michigan. While in L'Anse the Brockways had three children; the first, Sarah, is reputed to be one of the first white children born in Lake Superior region.

Michigan's newly-discovered copper lands to the north of L'Anse were opened to mining in 1844 and by May 1846, the Brockways and their three children moved to Copper Harbor. They are reported to have built the town's first house, which Daniel operated as a hotel for many years (he would later operate the Phoenix Hotel in Eagle River). Although the family moved back to Galesburg from 1869-1872, the Brockways developed a variety of businesses throughout the Upper Lakes region over the next five decades. Daniel became involved in the operations of various mining companies, both in Michigan and in other western mining regions. He was still agent for the Cliff Mine at the time of his retirement in the mid 1890s. He was involved in a great number of land ownership arrangements, individually and with other members of his family. These holdings included land in the Upper Michigan counties of Houghton, Keweenaw, and Marquette, in the Lower Michigan counties of Kalamazoo and Washtenaw (where he had various business dealings with a brother in Flint, Michigan), as well as Tennessee, New York, and Ontario, Canada. Daniel Brockway is perhaps best known for his mercantile activity. He operated an early store, Brockway and Perry, in Copper Harbor with his son-in-law G.W. Perry. This operation likely ceased when Daniel moved the family to Lower Michigan in 1869, but upon his return to the district in 1872, Brockway opened a new store, D.D. Brockway & Son, at the Cliff mine with son Albert. The store changed location several times over the next twenty-five years and serviced many of the mines in Keweenaw County. He held several patents and purchased rights for the resale of several other patented items. Brockway was also involved in various public offices and political activities, including service on the L'Anse Bay and State Line Road Commission, the Mineral State Road Commission, and the Kalamazoo County Road Commission; as delegate to the Republican state convention; and several stints as postmaster at Copper Harbor / Fort Wilkins. He also organized the first school in Copper Harbor, contracting Susan Warren to teach his children in the front room of the family house in 1849.

In 1895, at age 80, Daniel retired with wife Lucena to Lake Linden. Lucena died on March 3, 1899, with Daniel following two months later on May 9, 1899. They are buried in Lakeview Cemetery near Calumet, Michigan. The Brockways had six children, Charlotte L. (Farwell), Delia H. (Perry), Sarah ("Sallie") L. (Scott), Anna B. (Gray), Albert A., and Daniel Brockway, Jr. All except Daniel Jr. survived to adulthood.

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Collection Scope and Content Summary

Photograph collection of several generations of Brockway descendants, an early merchant and community building family in Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula. Includes photographs of the descendants of Daniel D. and Lucena Brockway, including members of the extended Farwell, Gardner and Childs family lines. Also found in this collection are photographs document the Copper Country's natural and urban landscapes, area mines, and various military units.

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Arrangement

MS-019 has been arranged into six series:

Series I, Group and Individual Portraits, 1843-1979 Series II, Postcards, 1898-1923; 1939-1960
Series III, Landscapes and Wildlife, 1866; 1883-1972 Series IV, Mining, 1858-1865; 1887-1956
Series V, Military, 1911-1919 Series VI, Brockway Family Records, 1883-1979

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Acquisition

An initial gift consisting of books, photographs, albums, negatives, stereoscopic cards, maps, postcards, correspondence, family legal and financial records, records from Michigan Mining Company, Brockway & Perry, and the Atlas Mining Company was donated to the Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections by Olive Farwell on December 15, 1983. Additional gifts were received in 1984 and 1990 consisting of correspondence, diaries belonging to members of the Brockway family, and records from family business ventures were donated by Oliver Farwell and Jerry Gardner. Records from these donations were split into separate collections including the MS-010: Brockway Diary Collection, MS-016: Daniel Brockway Family Collection, MS-019: Brockway Photograph Collection, and MS-799: Oliver A. Farwell Papers.

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Related Materials

Related Archival Materials

Additional records of members of the Brockway family held by this institution include:

MS-010: Brockway Diary Collection

MS-016: Daniel Brockway Family Collection

MS-636: William H. Brockway Research Papers

MS-799: Oliver A. Farwell Papers

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Controlled Access Headings

- Photograph albums
- Postcards

- Landscapes -- Michigan -- Upper Peninsula
- Families -- Portraits
- Buildings -- Michigan -- Upper Peninsula
- Copper mines and mining -- Michigan -- Upper Peninsula
- Keweenaw Peninsula (Mich.)
- Copper Harbor (Mich.)
- Eagle River (Mich.)
- Photographs
- Portraits

Collection Inventory

Series I, Group and Individual Portraits, 1843-1979, (1870-1920)

Scope and Contents

Group and individual portraits of the Brockway, Farwell, Gardner, and Childs families.

Title/Description	Instances	
Brockway Portraits, 1895, 1898	box 1	folder 1
Portraits- Daniel and Lucena Brockway, 1843-1885	box 1	folder 2
Portraits- Farwell 1/2, 1884-1896	box 1	folder 3
Portraits- Farwell 2/2, 1896-1900	box 1	folder 4
Portrait- Oliver Farwell, 1872-1913	box 1	folder 5
Portraits- Olive Farwell, 1901	box 1	folder 6
Portraits- Winifred Farwell, 1892-1909	box 2	folder 1
Portraits- Octave Gardner, 1882- 1901	box 2	folder 2
Portraits- Harris, Circa 1895	box 2	folder 3
Portraits, Circa 1895	box 2	folder 4
Portraits, Approximately 1870-1891	box 2	folder 5
Portraits, 1850-1906	box 2	folder 6
Portraits, 1846-1913	box 2	folder 7
Portraits, 1877-1891	box 3	folder 1
Portraits, Approximately 1880-1900	box 3	folder 2
Portraits, 1886-1915	box 3	folder 3
Portraits, Approximately 1880-1900	box 3	folder 4
Portraits, Approximately 1880-1918	box 3	folder 5

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People- Gardner, 1911	box 4	folder 1
People- Gardner, 1907-1917; 1949	box 4	folder 2
Portraits, Approximately 1880-1915	box 4	folder 3
Portraits, Approximately 1880-1915	box 4	folder 4
Portraits, Approximately 1860-1900	box 4	folder 5
Portraits, Approximately 1880-1903	box 4	folder 6
People- D.D. Brockway, 1918-1947	box 5	folder 1
People- Gardner, 1960	box 5	folder 2
People- Gardner- Color Photographs, 1972, 1978, 1979	box 5	folder 3
People- Gardner, 1911-1967	box 5	folder 4
People- Gardner, 1911-1955	box 5	folder 5
People- Gardner, 1896-1914; 1978	box 5	folder 6
People- Gardner, Approximately 1890-1915	box 5	folder 7
People- Gardner, 1907-1919	box 5	folder 8
People- Gardner, 1907-1909	box 5	folder 9
Album, Family Portraits, Approximately 1870-1900	box 6	folder 1
Album, Family Portraits, Approximately 1870-1900	box 6	folder 2
Portraits, [Circa 1895?]; 1959, 1961	box 7	folder 1
Small Photo Albums- Gardner, 1959-1960	box 7	folder 2
Small Folder Albums- Gardner- Misc. Photographs, 1947, 1951, 1952	box 7	folder 3
People- Farwell, 1910-1932	box 7	folder 4
People- Miscellaneous, 1910-1941	box 7	folder 5
People- Miscellaneous, 1902-1915; 1935, 1941	box 7	folder 6
People- Miscellaneous, 1913-1941	box 7	folder 7
People- Miscellaneous, Approximately 1908-1937	box 7	folder 8
Negatives- Van Gardner's Retirement Party, Undated	box 18	folder 1
Negatives- Miscellaneous, Undated	box 18	folder 2
Negatives- Miscellaneous, Undated	box 18	folder 3
Negatives- Miscellaneous, Undated	box 18	folder 4
Negatives- Miscellaneous, Undated	box 18	folder 5
Negatives- Miscellaneous, Undated	box 18	folder 6
Glass Print- Portrait, Approximately 1880-1900		

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	box 19	item 1
Framed Portrait of an Unidentified Older Man, Approximately 1880-1900	box 19	item 2
Framed Portrait of an Older Woman, Approximately 1880-1900	box 19	item 3
Framed Portrait [Olive Farwell?], Approximately 1890-1910	box 19	item 4
Portrait of an Unidentified Older Man, Approximately 1880-1900	box 19	item 5
Album, Black and White Photographs, Undated	box 20	item 1
Album, Black and White Photographs, Undated	box 20	item 2
Album, Black and White Photograph, Undated	box 20	item 3
Album, Olive and Oliver Farwell, Approximately 1920-1930	box 21	folder 1
Album [Farwell Family?], Approximately 1920-1930	box 21	folder 2
Miscellaneous Photographs from Album 21-1, Undated	box 21	folder 3
Miscellaneous Photographs from Album 21-2, Approximately 1925-1940		
People- Gardner, Approximately 1905-1920	box 21	folder 5
People- Gardner, Circa 1912	box 21	folder 5
"Miscellaneous Photographs from Album 1-3", Approximately 1910-1930	box 22	folder 1
Miscellaneous Photographs and Clippings from Album 22-3, 1922-1966	box 22	folder 2
Album, Black and White Photographs, 1911-1929	box 22	folder 3
Portraits, Undated	box 23	folder 1
People- Douglas Houghton, Undated	box 23	folder 2
People- Miscellaneous, Undated	box 23	folder 2
Portrait- Gardner- Oversize, [Approximately 1910-1920?]	box 24	folder 1

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Series II, Postcards, 1898-1923; 1939-1960, (1898-1923)

Scope and Contents

Postcards received by members of the Brockway and related families.

Title/Description

Instances

Postcards from Album 7.10, 1898-1906

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	box 7	folder 9
Post Card Album, 1900-1905	box 7	folder 10
Postal Card Album, 1900-1905	box 8	folder 1
Post Card Album, 1902-1905	box 8	folder 2
Postcards from Album 8.01, 1905, 1907, 1913	box 8	folder 3
Postcards from Album 8.02, 1913, 1923, 1941	box 8	folder 4
General Postcards, Undated	box 9	folder 1
Addressed Postcards, 1898-1956	box 9	folder 2
Postcards- House, "Agowabiwin", 1910-1915	box 9	folder 3
Postcards- Mines and Miners, 1939	box 9	folder 4
Postcards- Houghton Memorial and Fort Wilkins, Undated	box 9	folder 5
Military Postcards, 1913, 1919	box 9	folder 6
Snow Scenes- Postcards, 1909, 1939	box 9	folder 7
Postcards- Commercial Prints, Circa 1955	box 10	folder 1
Panoramic Postcards, [1944?]	box 11	folder 1

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Series III, Landscapes and Wildlife, 1866; 1883-1972, (1910-1948)

Scope and Contents

Photographs and negatives of landscapes and wildlife in Houghton and Keweenaw counties.

Title/Description	Instances	
General Negative Albums, 1929, 1932	box 10	folder 2
Buildings- General, 1911, 1941, 1960, 1961	box 11	folder 2
Buildings- General, [Approximately 1900-1920?]; 1939, 1942, 1954	box 11	folder 3
Buildings- Houses, 1929-1937; 1972	box 11	folder 4
Buildings- Houses, Circa 1895; 1929	box 11	folder 5
Buildings- Houses- Calumet, 1910-1943	box 11	folder 6
Buildings- Houses- Eagle River, 1910-1960	box 11	folder 7
Scenes- Cities/ Towns, 1915-1941	box 12	folder 1
Scenes- Roads, Streets, Nature, 1923-1941; Circa 1955	box 12	folder 2
Scenes- Roads, Streets, Nature, Approximately 1890-1915	box 12	folder 3

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Scenes- Transportation, 1886-1913	box 12	folder 4
Scenes- Snow, 1933-1939	box 12	folder 5
Scenes- Mountains/ Caves, Circa 1895; 1941	box 12	folder 6
Scenes- Lakes, Rivers, 1883-1960	box 12	folder 7
Scenes- Lakes/ Rivers, Approximately 1898-1948	box 13	folder 1
Scenes- Lakes/ Rivers, 1933-1939	box 13	folder 2
Scenes- Lakes/ Rivers, 1910-1946	box 13	folder 3
Scenes- Lakes/ Rivers, Undated	box 13	folder 4
Scenes- Lakes/ Rivers, Approximately 1910-1955	box 13	folder 5
Scenes- Animals, Approximately 1900-1937	box 13	folder 6
Buildings- Eagle River, 1910, 1943	box 14	folder 1
Buildings- Houses- Exterior, 1899, 1932, 1955	box 14	folder 2
Buildings- Houses- Interiors, 1899-1955	box 14	folder 3
Buildings- Offices, Undated	box 14	folder 4
Buildings- Calumet and Hecla library, Approximately 1900-1920	box 14	folder 5
Buildings- Fort Wilkins, Approximately 1910-1924	box 14	folder 6
Buildings- Bridges, 1932	box 14	folder 7
Buildings- Lighthouses, Circa 1900	box 14	folder 8
Buildings- L.G. Armory, Undated	box 14	folder 9
Scenes, Animals, Pets, 1912; 1928-1960	box 14	folder 10
Scenes- Plants/ Flowers, 1908, 1932, 1971	box 14	folder 11
Scenes- Panoramic (1/2), 1934, 1944	box 14	folder 12
Scenes- Panoramic (2/2), 1933-1934	box 14	folder 13
Scenes- Panoramic- Negatives (1/2), 1944	box 14	folder 14
Scenes- Panoramic- Negatives (2/2), [1944?]	box 15	folder 1
Scenes- Miscellaneous, 1908, 1937	box 15	folder 2
Miscellaneous Photographs, 1957-1961	box 15	folder 3
Miscellaneous Photographs, 1903-1929	box 15	folder 4
Miscellaneous Photographs, 1909, 1932	box 15	folder 5
L.G. Armory, 1907	box 23	folder 3
Lighthouses, Undated	box 23	folder 4
Buildings- Statues/ Monuments, 1912-1914		

	box 23	folder 5
General Natural Photographs, [Circa 1918?]	box 23	folder 6
Buildings- Houses, 1866, 1914	box 23	folder 7
Scenes- Cities/Towns, 1915	box 23	folder 8
Scenes- Roads, Streets, Nature, 1908	box 23	folder 9
Scenes- Transportation, Undated	box 23	folder 10
Scenes- Winter, 1933-1939	box 23	folder 11
Scenes- Mammoth Cave, Feb 1908	box 23	folder 12
Scenes- Lakes/ Rivers, Undated	box 24	folder 2
Scenes- Lakes/ Rivers, Approximately 1909	box 24	folder 3
Pets and Wildlife, Undated	box 24	folder 4
General Oversize, Undated	box 24	folder 7

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Series IV, Mining, 1858-1865; 1887-1956, (1903-1920)

Scope and Contents

Photographs and negatives of mining in the Copper Country. Items of particular interest include images from the 1913 Copper Miners Strike.

Title/Description	Instances	
Mines/ Mining- General, 1906-1920	box 15	folder 6
Mines/ Mining- Mines, 1890-1956	box 15	folder 7
Military, 1913	box 15	folder 8
Miners/ Mining- Machinery, 1858-1865; 1903-1939	box 15	folder 9
Miners/ Mining- Railroad, Undated	box 15	folder 10
Miners/ Mining- Snow, 1946	box 15	folder 11
Miners/ Mining- Maps, Undated	box 15	folder 12
Mines/ Mining- Mines- Cliff, 1907, 1937, 1939	box 16	folder 1
Mines/ Mining- Mines and Employees, 1890, 1913, 1937	box 16	folder 2
Mines/ Mining- General, 1860, 1865; 1887-1914	box 23	folder 13
Mine Employees, 1913-1918	box 23	folder 14
Cliff Mine, 1911-1912	box 23	folder 15
Mines- Oversize, Undated	box 24	folder 5

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Series V, Military, 1911-1919

Scope and Contents

Photographs and negatives of members of the United States military. Items of particular interest include images from the military occupation during the 1913 Copper Miners Strike.

Title/Description	Instances	
Military, 1916-1919	box 16	folder 3
Military- Strike of 1913, 1913	box 16	folder 4
Military- Strike of 1913, 1913	box 16	folder 4
Military- Strike of 1913, 1913	box 16	folder 5
Military- Panoramic, 1918	box 23	folder 16
Military, 1911, 1916	box 23	folder 17
Military- Oversize, 1913, 1916	box 24	folder 6

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Series VI, Brockway Family Records, 1883-1979, (1893-1957)

Scope and Contents

Items in this series include, but are not limited to newsprint, correspondence, financial and legal records, field books, drawings and paintings and documents regarding the Strike of 1913.

Title/Description	Instances	
Documents- Articles, 1883, 1905, 1974	box 17	folder 1
Documents- Letters, 1914, 1935, 1956	box 17	folder 2
Documents- Cards, 1893-1936	box 17	folder 3
Documents- Drawings/ Paintings, 1898-1906	box 17	folder 4
Documents- Stocks/ Bonds, 1921-1949	box 17	folder 5
Documents- Birth Record, Olive Farwell, 1966	box 17	folder 6
Documents- Calling Cards, Undated	box 17	folder 7
Documents- Maps, 1957	box 17	folder 8
Documents- Pamphlets/ Brochures, 1915, 1916	box 17	folder 9
Documents- Strike of 1913, 1913	box 17	folder 10
Documents- Field Books, 1905-1910; 1956		

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	box 17	folder 11
Wilvan Gardner Oral History Interview, Mar 9, 1979	box 17	folder 12
Schirmer's Library Vol. 684, Mastersongs by Great Composers, Schumann 18 Songs, Vol. 1, Ed. for Low Voice, 1902	box 17	folder 13

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