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Summary Information

Repository:	Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections
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Preferred Citation

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Biography

The Michigan Mining School was established in Houghton in 1885 to educate mining engineers at a high standard and in keeping with modern innovations. At the time, Houghton lay in the midst of one of the world's most profitable mining districts, and many early graduates would find their first jobs not far from their alma mater. Twenty-four students enrolled in the inaugural courses, which were held in the Houghton Fire Hall on Montezuma Street. In 1889,

the mining school moved to land donated by Jay A. Hubbell a little east of downtown. As the institution's reputation grew and its population expanded, it assumed the name Michigan College of Mines in 1897. In reflection of its diversifying curriculum, in 1927 the college became the Michigan College of Mining and Technology, a moniker it would maintain for almost forty years. It gained the affectionate shorthand "Michigan Tech" not long after.

Marshman Edward Wadsworth, a prominent geologist, led the Michigan Mining School beginning in 1887. Under Wadsworth, the college became the nation's first engineering program to offer elective courses. Fred Walter McNair, his successor, served from 1899 to 1924, guiding the Michigan College of Mines through challenging times marked by the 1913-1914 Copper Country strike, World War I, and the collapse of copper prices in the early 1920s. William Otis Hotchkiss, president from 1925 to 1935, steered the new Michigan College of Mining and Technology through the early tumult of the Great Depression; during his tenure, programs in forestry and additional types of engineering—chemical, electrical, civil, and mechanical—enrolled their first students. Grover C. Dillman assumed the presidency after Hotchkiss's departure and remained in the office until 1956. Bolstered by the GI Bill and other incentives, the student body at Michigan Tech expanded to 2,000 students at Houghton and Sault Ste. Marie campuses by 1948.

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Collection Scope and Content Summary

College administrative records, 1885-1956, largely of the Michigan College of Mines (now Michigan Technological University) in Houghton, Michigan. Also included are records produced during the institution's operations as the Michigan Mining School (1885-1897) and the Michigan College of Mining and Technology (1927-1964). Materials consist of applications for admission, student degree plans, scholarship and loan records, correspondence, documentation on student involvement in the two world wars, and other items.

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Arrangement

Materials in MTU-166 are arranged in five series:

I. Campus Life and Alumni Affairs, 1910-1953 II. Correspondence, 1889-1928 III. Financial Matters, 1888-1956 IV. Student Records, 1885-1925 V. War Files, 1917-1954 (bulk 1917-1942)

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Access

Available for use in the Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections.

Processing History

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Controlled Access Headings

- Universities and colleges -- Administration
- Houghton (Mich.)
- School records
- Records (Documents)
- Transcripts
- Financial records
- Application forms
- Office files
- Clippings (Information artifacts)
- Printed ephemera
- Correspondence
- World War, 1914-1918
- Universities and colleges -- Admission

- World War, 1939-1945

Prior Collection Name

MTU-166 was originally processed under the name Michigan Mining School Administrative Records. In March 2023, the name of the collection was changed to Michigan College of Mines Administrative Records to more accurately reflect the institution under which the bulk of the records were created.

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Collection Inventory

Campus Life and Alumni Affairs, 1910-1953

Title/Description	Instances	
Reunion and Quarter Centennial celebration, 1910-1911	box 2	folder 22
Michigan Tech yells and songs, circa 1911-1950	box 3	folder 3
Art exhibits, 1952-1953	box 3	folder 5
Alumni affairs and quarter centennial celebration, 1911	box 3	folder 12
Michigan Engineering Society, 1950-1951	box 4	folder 7

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Correspondence, 1889-1928

Title/Description	Instances	
F.W. McNair correspondence re: Prof. Koenig, 1913	box 2	folder 1
F.W. McNair correspondence, 1920	box 2	folder 3
F.W. McNair correspondence, 1903	box 2	folder 4
F.W. McNair correspondence, 1899	box 2	folder 5
F.W. McNair correspondence, 1900-1902	box 2	folder 6
F.W. McNair correspondence, 1911	box 2	folder 7
F.W. McNair correspondence, 1919-1920	box 2	folder 8
F.W. McNair correspondence, 1918	box 2	folder 9

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F.W. McNair correspondence, 1904	box 2	folder 10
F.W. McNair correspondence with Heinrich Ries, 1901	box 2	folder 11
F.W. McNair correspondence with D.F. Charlton, 1902-1903	box 2	folder 12
F.W. McNair correspondence with L.S. Austin, 1902-1903	box 2	folder 13
F.W. McNair correspondence, 1900-1905	box 2	folder 14
F.W. McNair correspondence, 1904-1906	box 2	folder 15
F.W. McNair correspondence with William Kelly, 1906-1909	box 2	folder 16
William Kelly correspondence (mostly with F.W. McNair), 1909	box 2	folder 17
F.W. McNair correspondence with William Kelly, 1910	box 2	folder 18
F.W. McNair correspondence with William Kelly, 1913	box 2	folder 19
F.W. McNair correspondence with William Kelly, 1912	box 2	folder 20
F.W. McNair correspondence with William Kelly, 1911	box 2	folder 21
F.W. McNair correspondence, circa 1904-1913	box 2	folder 24
F.W. McNair correspondence, 1913-1914	box 2	folder 25
Correspondence on academic standards and tuition, 1915-1916	box 2	folder 27
W.O. Hotchkiss correspondence (includes letter from Herbert Hoover), 1925-1926	box 2	folder 28
W.O. Hotchkiss correspondence, 1927-1928	box 2	folder 30
F.W. McNair correspondence and administrative matters, circa 1911-1920	box 2	folder 31
M.E. Wadsworth correspondence, 1890-1916	box 3	folder 4
F.W. McNair correspondence (includes letter from W.E.B. DuBois), 1908-1913	box 3	folder 6
F.W. McNair correspondence, 1904-1907	box 3	folder 7
M.E. Wadsworth correspondence and administrative files (folder 1 of 2), 1889-1897	box 3	folder 8
M.E. Wadsworth correspondence and administrative files (folder 2 of 2), 1889-1897	box 3	folder 9
M.E. Wadsworth correspondence, 1888-1892	box 3	folder 10

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Student Records, 1885-1925

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Student degree schedules and academic plans, 1924-1925	box 2	folder 32
Student degree schedules and academic plans, 1923-1924	box 2	folder 33
Student degree schedules and academic plans, 1922-1923	box 2	folder 34
Student degree schedules and academic plans, 1921-1922	box 2	folder 35
Student degree schedules and academic plans, 1920-1921	box 2	folder 36
Student degree schedules and academic plans, 1919-1920	box 2	folder 37
Student degree schedules and academic plans, 1918-1919	box 2	folder 38
Student degree schedules and academic plans, circa 1905-1918	box 2	folder 39
Student degree schedules and academic plans, 1916-1917	box 2	folder 40
Student degree schedules and academic plans, 1915-1916	box 2	folder 41
Student degree schedules and academic plans, 1914-1915	box 2	folder 42
Student degree schedules and academic plans, 1913-1914	box 2	folder 43
Student degree schedules and academic plans, 1912-1913	box 2	folder 44
Student degree schedules and academic plans, 1911-1912	box 2	folder 45
Student degree schedules and academic plans, 1910-1911	box 2	folder 46
Student degree schedules and academic plans, 1909-1910	box 2	folder 47
Student degree schedules and academic plans, 1908-1909	box 2	folder 48
Records of students enrolling, 1903	box 3	folder 2
Student degree schedules and academic plans, 1907-1908	box 4	folder 1
Student degree schedules and academic plans, 1906-1907	box 4	folder 2
Student degree schedules and academic plans, 1905-1906	box 4	folder 3
Student degree schedules and academic plans, 1904-1905	box 4	folder 4
Student degree schedules and academic plans, 1903-1904	box 4	folder 5
Student entrance papers (folder 1 of 2), 1885-1891	box 5	folder 1
Student entrance papers (folder 2 of 2), 1885-1891	box 5	folder 2
Student entrance papers (folder 1 of 2), 1892	box 5	folder 3
Student entrance papers (folder 2 of 2), 1892	box 5	folder 4
Student entrance papers, 1893	box 5	folder 5
Student entrance papers, 1894	box 5	folder 6
Student entrance papers, 1895	box 5	folder 7
Student entrance papers, 1896	box 5	folder 8

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Student entrance papers, 1897	box 5	folder 9
Student entrance papers, 1898	box 5	folder 10
Student entrance papers, 1899	box 5	folder 11
Student entrance papers, 1900	box 5	folder 12
Student entrance papers (folder 1 of 2), 1901-1902	box 5	folder 13
Student entrance papers (folder 2 of 2), 1901-1902	box 5	folder 14
Student entrance papers (folder 1 of 2), 1902	Box 6	folder 1
Student entrance papers (folder 2 of 2), 1902	Box 6	folder 2
Student entrance papers (folder 1 of 2), 1903	Box 6	folder 3
Student entrance papers (folder 2 of 2), 1903	Box 6	folder 4
Student entrance papers (folder 1 of 4), 1904	Box 6	folder 5
Student entrance papers (folder 2 of 4), 1904	Box 6	folder 6
Student entrance papers (folder 3 of 4), 1904	Box 6	folder 7
Student entrance papers (folder 4 of 4), 1904	Box 6	folder 8
Student entrance papers (folder 1 of 4), 1905	Box 6	folder 9
Student entrance papers (folder 2 of 4), 1905	Box 6	folder 10
Student entrance papers (folder 3 of 4), 1905	Box 6	folder 11
Student entrance papers (folder 4 of 4), 1905	Box 6	folder 12
Student entrance papers (folder 1 of 3), 1906	Box 7	folder 1
Student entrance papers (folder 2 of 3), 1906	Box 7	folder 2
Student entrance papers (folder 3 of 3), 1906	Box 7	folder 3

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War Files, 1917-1954, (1917-1942)

Title/Description	Instances	
F.W. McNair correspondence with alumni in service, 1918	box 2	folder 23
World War I, 1918	box 3	folder 1
World War I: students and alumni in service, 107th Enginers, other engineering divisions, 1917-1918	box 3	folder 11
World War I: draft and service of engineering students, 1917-1919	box 3	folder 13
World War I: correspondence with alumni in service, 1917-1918	box 3	folder 14

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Veterans and casualties, 1917-1952	box 3	folder 15
Alumni war casualties and causes of death (WWI, WWII, Korea), 1954	box 3	folder 29
War information topical file: A, 1942	box 3	folder 16
War information topical file: C, 1942	box 3	folder 17
War information topical file: D, 1942	box 3	folder 18
War information topical file: E, 1942	box 3	folder 19
War information topical file: F, 1942	box 3	folder 20
War information topical file: I, 1942	box 3	folder 21
War information topical file: L, 1942	box 3	folder 22
War information topical file: M-N, 1942	box 3	folder 23
War information topical file: O-P, 1942	box 3	folder 24
War information topical file: R, 1942	box 3	folder 25
War information topical file: S, 1942	box 3	folder 26
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