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## Brockway Diary Collection

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections
<b>Title:</b>	Brockway Diary Collection
<b>ID:</b>	MS-010
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1866-1897
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1.19 Cubic Feet 7 manuscript boxes
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Mixed Materials [box]:</b>	1-7
<b>Abstract:</b>	Diary collection, 1866-1897, of the Brockway family, including Daniel D. Brockway, his wife Lucena Brockway, J. N. Scott and his wife Mrs. J. N. Scott. It is probable that this last individual is the Brockway's daughter, Sarah L. Scott, one of the earliest white persons to have been born in the Lake Superior region. The majority of the diaries (twenty-seven of the thirty-two items) are by Lucena Brockway.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biography

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Daniel D. Brockway was born in Morrisville, Vermont on May 2, 1815, and moved with his brother to Washtenaw County in Lower Michigan in 1831. Lucena Brockway was born in May 1816, in Eden, New York, the daughter of Dr. James Harris. The two were married in Kalamazoo County, Michigan on January 21, 1836. In 1843, Daniel and Lucena moved to L'Anse, where he had been appointed government blacksmith and mechanic. It was their hope to assist the Indians in this remote region of Michigan.

In May 1846, the Brockways and their three children relocated to Copper Harbor and built the town's first house, which was operated as a hotel for many years. For the next two decades, Daniel became involved in many different business ventures in what is now known as Keweenaw County. He became agent of the North West Mine (later named the Delaware), discovered and served as agent for the Cape Mine, operated the Phoenix Hotel in Eagle River, operated a store (Brockway and Perry) in Copper Harbor with his son-in-law G.W. Perry, and also had associations with the Atlas Mining Company and the Michigan Mining Company. Daniel moved the family again to Lower Michigan in 1869, only to return in 1872 to start a store (D.D. Brockway and Son) at the Cliff mine with his son Albert Brockway was appointed agent of the Cliff Mine in 1881, and served in this capacity through 1895 (Brockway's relationship with the Cliff Mine was enhanced through the marriage of his daughter, Charlotte, to Oliver Farwell, an earlier agent of the mine).

In 1895, Daniel and Lucena retired to Lake Linden. Lucena died on March 3, 1899, with Daniel following two months later on May 9, 1899.

The Brockways had six children: Charlotte L. (Farwell), Delia H. (Perry), Sarah L. (Scott), Anna B. (Gray), Albert A., and Daniel Brockway, Jr. All except Daniel survived to adulthood.

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## Collection Scope and Content Summary

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Diaries, 1866-1897, of the Brockway family, including Daniel D. Brockway, his wife Lucena Brockway, J. N. Scott and his wife Mrs. J. N. Scott. It is probable that this last individual is the Brockway's daughter, Sarah L. Scott, one of the earliest white persons to have been born in the Lake Superior region. The majority of the diaries (twenty-seven of the thirty-two items) are by Lucena (Lucinda) Brockway. The large portion of the collection centers on Lucena's diaries and, on one level, they provide valuable insights into her husband's business activities and the people and events of her time. On another level they reflect one woman's perspective on the many challenges of life in a remote, rural region.

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## Arrangement

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MS-010 is arranged into three series, which have been further arranged chronologically. The three series are:

1. Diaries of Daniel D. Brockway, 1868, 1887
2. Diaries of Lucena Brockway, 1866-1897
3. Diaries of Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Scott, 1896, 1877

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Diaries and photographs belonging to members of the Brockway family were donated to the Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections by Jerry Gardner on May 29, 1990.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Archival Materials

MS-016: Daniel Brockway Family Collection

MS-019: Brockway Photograph Collection

MS-636: William H. Brockway Research Papers

MS-799: Oliver A. Farwell Papers

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Copper Harbor (Mich.)
- Women -- Social life and customs -- 19th century -- Michigan
- General stores -- Michigan -- Clifton
- Copper mines and mining -- Michigan -- Keweenaw Peninsula
- Diaries
- Eagle River (Mich.)

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## Collection Inventory

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### Series I, Diaries of Daniel D. Brockway, 1868, 1887

#### Scope and Contents

This series contains two diaries belonging to Daniel D. Brockway.

Title/Description	Instances	
D.D. Brockway, 1868	box 1	folder 1
D.D. Brockway, 1887	box 1	folder 2

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### Series II, Diaries of Lucena Brockway, 1866-1897

#### Scope and Contents

This series includes diaries belonging to Lucena (Lucinda) Brockway.

Title/Description	Instances	
Lucena Brockway, 1866	box 1	folder 3
Lucena Brockway, 1867		

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	box 1	folder 4
Lucena Brockway, 1869	box 1	folder 5
Lucena Brockway, 1871	box 1	folder 6
Lucena Brockway, 1872	box 2	folder 1
Lucena Brockway, 1873	box 2	folder 2
Lucena Brockway, 1874	box 2	folder 3
Lucena Brockway, 1875	box 2	folder 4
Lucena Brockway, 1876	box 2	folder 5
Lucena Brockway, 1878	box 3	folder 1
Lucena Brockway, 1879	box 3	folder 2
Lucena Brockway, 1880	box 3	folder 3
Lucena Brockway Vol. A, 1881	box 3	folder 4
Lucena Brockway Vol. B, 1881	box 3	folder 5
Lucena Brockway , 1882	box 4	folder 1
Lucena Brockway Vol. A, 1884	box 4	folder 2
Lucena Brockway Vol. B, 1884	box 4	folder 3
Lucena Brockway , 1885	box 4	folder 4
Lucena Brockway Vol. A, 1886	box 5	folder 1
Lucena Brockway Vol. B, 1886	box 5	folder 2
Lucena Brockway , 1887	box 5	folder 3
Lucena Brockway , 1889	box 5	folder 4
Lucena Brockway , 1890	box 6	folder 1
Lucena Brockway , 1891	box 6	folder 2
Lucena Brockway , 1892	box 6	folder 3
Lucena Brockway , 1893	box 6	folder 4
Lucena Brockway , 1897	box 7	folder 1

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**Series III, Diaries of Mr. & Mrs. J.N. Scott, 1869, 1877**

## Scope and Contents

This series contains the diaries of Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Scott. Mrs J.N. Scott is presumed to be Daniel D. Brockway's daughter, Sarah L. Scott.

Title/Description	Instances	
J.N. Scott, 1869	box 7	folder 2
Mrs. J.N. Scott, 1877	box 7	folder 3

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