

Longyear Spitsbergen Collection

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Summary Information

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| Repository | Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections |
| Creator | Longyear, John Munro, 1850-1922 |
| Title | Longyear Spitsbergen Collection |
| Date [inclusive] | 1819-1978 |
| Extent | 2.62 cubic feet ; 7 manuscript boxes |
| General Physical Description note | 3.0 cubic feet6 manuscript boxes |
| Language | English |
| Mixed materials [Box] | 1-6 |
| Abstract | Collection, 1819-1978, of John Munro Longyear relating to the coal operations of the Svalbard Archipelago in the Arctic Ocean north of Norway, especially on Spitsbergen, the largest island. Includes photographs, publications, newspaper clippings, maps, and correspondence. Some published items are in various non-English languages; English translations are available for a portion of the publications. |

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Biography

John Munro Longyear was twenty-three years old when he came to Marquette, Michigan from Lansing in 1873. He was a tall, rangy fellow who stood six foot two in his stocking feet. Influential friends secured a job for him surveying state mineral lands in the Upper Peninsula enabling him to gain valuable knowledge of the timber and mineral possibilities in the area. During the panic of 1873, he did not have enough money to buy himself a pair of boots. After the panic, he invested all his earnings in lands for development which turned out to be rich in minerals. He gave unstintingly of his time and money to further any worthy civic project. Many of the advantages the people of Marquette enjoy today are due to his interest and foresight. Mr. Longyear donated the site on which the Peter White Public Library was built and contributed money for its establishment. Mr. Longyear was a prominent figure in the development of the Upper Peninsula and one of the wealthiest men in Michigan. He was the founder and president of the Huron Mountain Club, President of the Marquette County Historical Society and was appointed a member of the Board of Control of the Michigan College of Mines (now Michigan Technological University) in 1893. He served as the mayor of Marquette in 1890-1891. Mr. Longyear was born in 1850 and passed away in 1922 at the age of 72.

Collection Scope and Content Summary

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Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Access

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

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Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Arctic Coal Company.

Genre(s)

- Clippings (Information artifacts)
- Correspondence
- Maps
- Photographs
- Publications

Geographic Name(s)

- Spitsbergen Island (Norway)

Personal Name(s)

- Turner, Scott, 1880-1972

Subject(s)

- Coal mines and mining--Norway--Spitsbergen Island

Correspondence and Business Records

Collection Inventory

| MS-031.001 Correspondence and Business Records 1906-1921 | | |
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| | Box | Folder |
| General Report on the Operations of Spitsbergen Properties for the Year Ending October 15th, 1909 1909 | 4 | 11 |
| Report Covering Geological Field Work and Surface Exploration and Development During the Summer Season - Arctic Coal Co. - Advent Bay - Spitsbergen 1912 | 4 | 12 |
| General Manager's Report Arctic Coal Company Covering Operations During the Year 1912-1913 | 4 | 13 |
| Reports Covering Year 1912-1913 Ayer & Longyear Green Harbor Tract 1912-1913 | 4 | 14 |
| Annual Report Covering Year September 1, 1913 to May 31, 1914 Arctic Coal Company by Scott Turner, Manager 1913-1914 | 4 | 15 |
| Correspondence Regarding Spitzbergen Publications N/A | 4 | 16 |
| Correspondence 1906 | 4 | 17 |
| Correspondence 1907 | 4 | 18 |

Correspondence and Business Records

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| Correspondence 1908 | 4 | 19 |
| Correspondence 1909 | 4 | 20 |
| Correspondence (January - April) 1910 | 4 | 21 |
| Correspondence (May - August) 1910 | 4 | 22 |
| Correspondence (September - December) 1910 | 4 | 23 |
| Correspondence (January - February) 1911 | 4 | 24 |
| Correspondence (April - November) 1911 | 5 | 1 |
| Correspondence (January - February) 1912 | 5 | 2 |
| Correspondence (March - May) 1912 | 5 | 3 |
| Correspondence (June - December) 1912 | 5 | 4 |
| Correspondence (January - May) 1913 | 5 | 5 |
| Correspondence (June - September) 1913 | 5 | 6 |
| Correspondence (October - December) 1913 | 5 | 7 |
| Correspondence 1914 | 5 | 8 |

Photographs

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| Correspondence 1915 | 5 | 9 |
| Correspondence 1916 | 5 | 10 |
| Correspondence 1920 | 5 | 11 |
| Correspondence 1921 | 5 | 12 |
| Correspondence No Date | 5 | 13 |
| Catalogs of Equipment/Correspondence Regarding Same N/A | 5 | 14 |
| Alfred C. Lane Correspondence - Books on Spitsbergen N/A | 5 | 15 |
| Correspondence: Alfred C. Lane and Grace G. West, Translator N/A | 5 | 16 |
| Privatarkiv Nr. 101 - Arkivkatalog Statsarkivet I Tromso 1906-1916 | 5 | 17 |
| MS-031.002 Photographs 1909-1921 | | |
| | Box | Folder |
| Photographs 1909-1910 | 1 | 1 |
| Photographs - various locations around Spitsbergen 1921 | 1 | 2 |
| Photographs - miscellaneous N/A | 1 | 3 |

Published Items, English Language

MS-031.003 Published Items, English Language 1819-1978

| | Box | Folder |
|--|------------|---------------|
| Description of a View of the North Coast of Spitsbergen 1819 | 1 | 4 |
| Adventures of Four Russian Sailors at the Island Of Spitsbergen 1822 | 1 | 5 |
| Rich Coal Seams of Spitsbergen 1865 | 1 | 6 |
| Miocene Flora of Spitsbergen 1869 | 1 | 7 |
| Mining Laws and Regulations for Gold-Mining in Norway 1888 | 1 | 8 |
| Vaste Deposits of Coals on the Spitsberg Island Secured for Drontheim Account (Splendid Analysis) 1903 | 1 | 9 |
| Recent Geology of Spitzbergen 1905 | 1 | 10 |
| Separate Impression from Tschermak's Mineralogical and Petrographical Communications 1907 | 1 | 11 |
| No Man's Land - Spitzbergen 1907 | 1 | 12 |
| Report in the Matter of Coal Properties in Spitzbergen of the Arctic Coal Company - Frederick Ayer and John M. Longyear 1909 | 1 | 13 |
| Notes on Fish Remains from the Lower Trias of Spitzbergen 1909 | 1 | 14 |

Published Items, English Language

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| Geological Excursion to Central Spitzbergen 1910 | 1 | 15 |
| Stockholm to Spitsbergen: The Geologists' Pilgrimage 1910 | 1 | 16 |
| Geochronology of the Last 12000 Years 1910 | 1 | 17 |
| Notes on Relationships of Marine Saurian Fauna 1911 | 1 | 18 |
| Shelly Moraine of the Sefstrom Glacier and other Spitsbergen Phenomena 1911 | 1 | 19 |
| British Work in Spitzbergen: Some Historical Notes 1911 | 2 | 1 |
| Glacial Features in Spitsbergen in Relation to Irish Geology 1911 | 2 | 2 |
| Report in the matter of Coal Properties in Spitzbergen of the Arctic Coal Company - Frederick Ayer and John M. Longyear 1911 | 2 | 3 |
| Draft of a Convention Concerning Spitzbergen 1911 | 2 | 4 |
| Extracts from Report of General Manager for Season - Exhibit B 1912 | 2 | 5 |
| Letter in Reference to Conference at Christiania 1914 | 2 | 6 |
| Convention Relative to Establishment of an International Administration for Spitzbergen 1914 | 2 | 7 |
| Spitsbergen: Past and Present 1914 | 2 | 8 |

Published Items, English Language

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| Coal Properties in Spitzbergen of the Arctic Coal Company 1914 | 2 | 9 |
| The North Pole Aftermath Speech 1915 | 2 | 10 |
| Spitsbergen: Notes to Accompany Map 1915 | 2 | 11 |
| Report of Sale to Central-Banken for Norge in Christiania 1916 | 2 | 12 |
| Spitsbergen: The World's Most Northerly Coal Bin 1917 | 2 | 13 |
| Spitzbergen's Mineral Wealth 1918 | 2 | 14 |
| Ammonites from Spitsbergen and The Sequence Across Central Spitsbergen 1921 | 2 | 15 |
| A Woman's Winter on Spitsbergen 1928 | 2 | 16 |
| Spitsbergen Mines Coal Again 1948 | 2 | 17 |
| Norway's Strategic Arctic Islands 1978 | 2 | 18 |
| The Development of Spitsbergen N/A | 2 | 19 |
| An excursion to the Isfiord, XI Session, Int'l. Geological Congress N/A | 2 | 20 |
| Spitzbergen Trip of the International Geological Congress N/A | 2 | 21 |

Published Items, Non-English Language with English Translations

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| Account of the Arctic Regions - Captain Scoresby N/A | 2 | 22 |
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MS-031.004 Published Items, Non-English Language with English Translations 1882

| | Box | Folder |
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| Arctic Coal Company's Coal Fields of Spitzbergen (Translation) N/A | 2 | 23 |
| Spitzbergen and the Surrounding Islands (Translation) N/A | 2 | 24 |
| Concerning the Tertiary Shells Collected During the Swedish Geological Expedition 1882 | 2 | 25 |

MS-031.005 Published Items, Non-English Language without English Translations

| | Box | Folder |
|---|------------|---------------|
| Reis Naar Ijsland, Jan Mayen En Spitsbergen 1856 | 2 | 26 |
| Reiche Steinkohlenlager in Spitzbergen 1865 | 2 | 27 |
| Die Miocene Flora von Spitzbergen 1869 | 2 | 28 |
| Miocene Flora and Fauna Spitsbergens (Handwritten English Translation) 1869 | 3 | 1 |
| Histoire Du Pays Nomme Spitsberghe 1613 1872 | 3 | 2 |
| Om Trias - Forsteningar Fran Spetsbergen 1876 | 3 | 3 |

Published Items, Non-English Language without English Translations

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| Ymer Tidskrift 1900 | 3 | 4 |
| Mineralogischen Und Petrographischen Mitteilungen 1907 | 3 | 5 |
| Observations Sur La Vitesse D'Ecoulement et Sur L'Ablation du Glacier Lilliehook Au Spitsberg 1907-1912 | 3 | 6 |
| Beitrage Zur Geologie Der Baren-Insel, Spitzbergens Und Des Konig-Karl-Landes 1910 | 3 | 7 |
| Der Oberkarbone Foraminiferensapropelit Spitzbergens 1910 | 3 | 8 |
| Projet de Convention - Concernant le Spitsbergen 1910 | 3 | 9 |
| Ein Paar Labyrinthodontenreste Aus Der Trias Spitzbergens 1910 | 3 | 10 |
| Die Spitzbergenfahrt des Internationalen Geologischen Kongresses 1910 | 3 | 11 |
| Ichthyosaurier Aus Der Trias Spitzbergens 1910 | 3 | 12 |
| Esursione Geologica da Stoccolma all'Isfiord (Spitzberg) 1911 | 3 | 13 |
| Spitsbergens Natur Og Historie 1911 | 3 | 14 |
| Zur Kenntnis Der Karbonablagerungen Des Westlichen Spitzbergens 1911 | 3 | 15 |
| Ymer Tidskrift 1912 | 3 | 16 |

Published Items, Non-English Language without English Translations

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| Uber Mixosaurus Cornalianus Bass. Sp. 1912 | 3 | 17 |
| Nouvelles Observations Sur Le District Volcanique Du Spitsberg Du Nord 1914 | 3 | 18 |
| Store Norske Spitsbergen Kulkompani 1916 | 3 | 19 |
| Bibliographia de Geeriana 1881-1918 | 3 | 20 |
| Expeditions Norvegiennes au Spitsberg 1919-1921 | 3 | 21 |
| Det Norske Geografiske Selskabs Aarbok XXVIII-XXX 1916-1919 1921 | 4 | 1 |
| Spitsbergen - Norge 1921 | 4 | 2 |
| Spitsbergen-Bjornoykullene Og Norges Braendselsforsyning 1922 | 4 | 3 |
| Spitsbergens Og Bjornoyas Kulforekomster 1922 | 4 | 4 |
| Resultater Av De Norske Statsunderstottede Spitsbergenekspeditioner Bind 1 Nr. 2 1922 | 4 | 5 |
| Resultater Av De Norske Statsunderstottede Spitsbergenekspeditioner Bind 1 Nr. 3 1922 | 4 | 6 |
| Store Norske Spitsbergen Kulkompani Aktieselskap 1933-1934 | 4 | 7 |
| Extrait La Geographie Bulletin N/A | 4 | 8 |

Newspaper Clippings

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|---|---------------|---------------|
| Ethnographie Voyages Martinus Nijhoff Catalogue #386 N/A | 4 | 9 |
| A La Faculte Des Sciences De Paris 1912 | 6 | 1 |
| Prince Albert 1er - Campagnes Scientifiques - Fascicule XL - Exploration Spitsberg - I 1912 | 6 | 2 |
| Prince Albert 1er - Campagnes Scientifiques - Fascicule XLI - Exploration Spitsberg - II 1913 | 6 | 3 |
| Prince Albert 1er - Campagnes Scientifiques - Fascicule XLIII - Exploration Spitsberg - IV 1912 | 6 | 4 |
| Prince Albert 1er - Campagnes Scientifiques - Fascicule 1913 | 6 | 5 |
| XLIV - Exploration Spitsberg - V | | |
| MS-031.006 Newspaper Clippings | | |
| | Box | Folder |
| Newspaper Clippings on Spitsbergen (Various Sources) | 4 | 10 |
| MS-031.007 Maps 1897-1912 | | |
| | Box | Folder |
| Maps N/A | 5 | 18 |
| | Drawer | Folder |

Maps

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| Overall map of Spitsbergen (two copies) 1897 | 59 | G |
| Topographic Map of a portion of tract No. 1, Arctic Coal Co., West Spitsbergen 1912 | 59 | G |
| Detail from Topographic Map, Showing Arctic Coal Co., Mining Location in Longyear Valley 1912 | 59 | G |