



History on the Hill

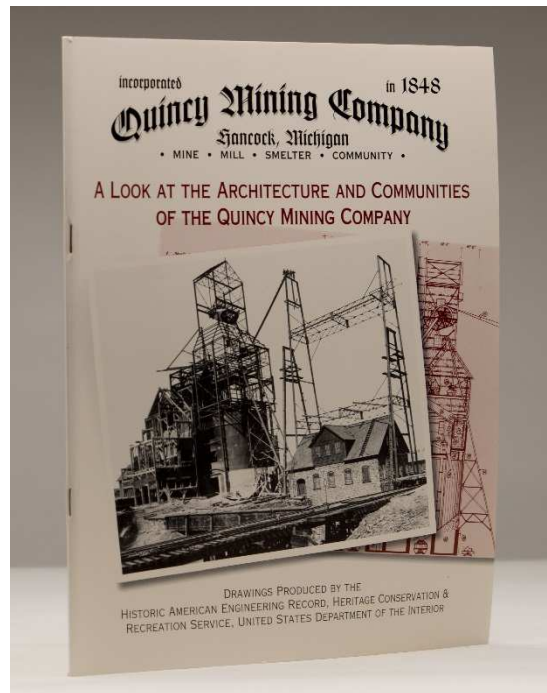
**The National Park Service
Arrives on Quincy Hill, 1978
July 26th 7:00 pm**

**Presented by Larry Lankton,
Educator, Historian, Author**

Forty years ago, in the summer of 1978, the film “Grease” arrived at the Lode Theater in Houghton, and a team from the Historic American Engineering Record (HAER), a part of the National Park Service, came to the Keweenaw for ten weeks to study the social history of the Quincy Mining Company and its mining, milling, and smelting practices.

The HAER team collected 278 photographs, produced 34 measured drawings and maps, and wrote 681 pages of historical text. All this material was made available to the general public by being deposited in the Library of Congress and the Michigan Tech Historical Collections and Copper Country Archives. The HAER project led directly to the publication of the book, Old Reliable: An Illustrated History of the Quincy Mining Company, and contributed to several other important publications about the Lake Superior Copper District. The HAER project persuaded the Quincy Mining Company to contribute its vast collection of historical records to the Michigan Tech Archives, and a bit later, all this work on Quincy helped assure that the Quincy Mine would be included within the boundaries of the Keweenaw National Historical Park.

Larry Lankton led HAER’s Quincy Mine Recording Team in 1978 and moved to the Keweenaw in 1981 to continue his research and writing about the local copper industry. In this talk, he will reminisce about how the HAER study came about, what it discovered, and how its results are still being used today.



History on the Hill are presentations on local and regional history. Programs are presented at the Quincy Mine 1894 Hoist House and are free and open to the Public. For more information, including directions or site accessibility, contact the Quincy Mine at (906)482-3101.