Eagle Harbor School District Records
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Summary Information

Repository  Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections
Creator  Eagle Harbor School District (Eagle Harbor, Mich.).
Title  Eagle Harbor School District Records
Date [inclusive]  1853-1917
Extent  0.28 cubic feet 1 flat box
Language  English
Language of Material  English
Mixed materials [Box]  1

Abstract  Records, 1853-1917, of the Eagle Harbor School District No. 1 in Eagle Harbor, Michigan. One volume contains minutes from 1853-1895, including minutes from the meeting establishing the school district. Also included in the volume are expense records from 1871-1917 for the school district.

Preferred Citation
Biography

Eagle Harbor Township is a civil township of Keweenaw County in the U.S. state of Michigan. The irregularly-shaped township is located on the Keweenaw Peninsula and also includes the southern half of Isle Royale. As of the 2000 census, the township population was 281. Justus H. Rathbone, a native of the state of New York, taught at the one room schoolhouse from 1858 to 1859. It was during this time that he wrote the ritual for the Order of Knights of Pythias. Known as the Pythian Shrine, the schoolhouse is listed as a Michigan Historical Commission Registered State Site and is also listed on the National Register of Historic Places. In 1983 the building was deeded to the Keweenaw County Historical Society by the Knights of Pythias. The historical society began restoration work of the site in 1984 and it was reopened in 1986 as a multipurpose museum.

Collection Scope and Content Summary

One volume containing minutes from 1853-1895, including minutes from the meeting establishing the school district. Also included in the volume are expense records from 1871-1917 for the school district. Included in these minutes is the approval of the hiring of Justice H. Rathbone, the founder of the Knights of Pythias, as schoolmaster in 1860.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections 12/29/2009

Revision Description

This collection was processed during the NHPRC funded Detailed Processing project. 5/10/2013

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

One ledger containing minutes from the Eagle Harbor School District was donated to the Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections by Marcia Greise Ellis on July 16, 1986.

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Financial records
- Minutes

Geographic Name(s)

- Eagle Harbor (Mich.)

Subject(s)

- School districts--Finance
- School districts--Michigan--Eagle Harbor
## Collection Inventory

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Eagle Harbor School District Minutes and Expense Records 1853-1917