Mason Family Collection
MS-670
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## Summary Information

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<td>Abstract</td>
<td>Collection, 1913-1982, of the Mason family of Painesdale, Michigan. Includes papers and printed ephemera from Diadama Mason, a school teacher at Adams Township schools as well as year books from Mason's Hilltop Cabins.</td>
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### Preferred Citation

MS-670, Mason Family Collection, Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections, Houghton, Michigan.
**Biography**

The Mason family operated Mason's Hill Top Cabins and Mason's Gas Station in Painesdale, Michigan. Diadama Mason was a teacher in Adams Township, working at Jeffers High School and South Range.

**Collection Scope and Content Summary**

Includes papers and printed ephemera from Diadama Mason, a school teacher in the Adams Township schools, as well as year books from Mason's Hilltop Cabins.

**Arrangement**

MS-670 has been arranged into three series:

Series I, General Records, 1913-1979  
Series II, Diadama Mason Education Records, 1926-1982  
Series III, Year Books, 1940-1955

**Administrative Information**

**Publication Information**

Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections 1/25/2010

**Revision Description**

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Acquisition

A gift of one cubic feet consisting primarily of programs, journals, year books, and newsprint was donated to the Michigan Technological University and Copper Country Historical Collections by David Mason on June 21, 2001.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Jeffers High School (Painesdale, Mich.).
- Mason's Gas Station (Mich.).
- Mason's Hilltop Cabins (Mich.).

Genre(s)

- Clippings (Information artifacts)
- Contracts
- Ledgers (Account books)
- Printed ephemera

Geographic Name(s)

- Painesdale (Mich.)

Personal Name(s)
• Mason, Diadama, circa 1908-2000

Subject(s)

• Business enterprises--Michigan--Painesdale
• Teachers--Michigan--Painesdale
Collection Inventory

Series I, General Records 1913-1979  (Bulk, 1919-1962)

Scope and Contents

Items found in this series includes Atlantic Ladies Aide books, programs and Trinity Evening Guild and Auxiliary minutes from Trinity Episcopal Church in Houghton, newspaper articles about members of the Mason Family, and various programs from churches in the Copper Country and the Houghton, Michigan centennial.

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Series II, Diadama Mason Education Records 1926-1982

Scope and Contents
This series contains records from Diadama Mason's career as an educator in Adams Township. Items found in this series include Adams Township Contracts/ Agreements, composition books containing teaching notes, daily memorandum books, Jeffers High School programs and alumni directory, lesson plans, a Milk Program book, teacher meeting notes, financial notes, and newspaper articles.

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**Scope and Contents**

This series contains year books that appear to hold guest information and notes on daily staff activities from Hill Top Cabins located in Painesdale, which were owned by the Mason Family. Some of the year books were used as diaries for members of the Mason family.

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