Finnish Farmers Association Collection

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Summary Information

Repository: Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections
Title: Finnish Farmers Association and Finnish Farmers' Milling Company Collection
Identifier: MS-964
Date: 1905-2016
Physical Description: 0.01 Cubic Feet (1 folder)
Container: Sc_box 6, Folder: 14 (Mixed Materials)

Conditions Governing Access

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

Language of Materials

English

Conditions Governing Use

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Overview

Collection, 1905-2016, of reproduced primary sources and articles pertaining to the Finnish Farmers Association and Finnish Farmers' Milling Company of Houghton County.
Collection Scope and Content Summary

Collection, 1905-2016, of reproduced primary sources and articles pertaining to the Finnish Farmers Association and Finnish Farmers' Milling Company of Houghton County. Items in the collection include copies of capital stock certificates, legal papers for both groups, and topographical maps showing the location of the latter organization’s mill. Also present are two articles written by Dana Richter in 2016 on the activities of these Finnish farmers--especially those associated with the mill--and copies of other reminiscent pieces from the Daily Mining Gazette.

Historical Note

The Finnish Farmers Association was officially established by nine Finnish men, who served as the organization’s first trustees, on March 26, 1914. Under the leadership of these initial directors, the group sought to improve its knowledge and agricultural ability, emphasizing scientific techniques, pricing strategies, bargaining methods, familiarity with laws affecting farmers, and fraternal cooperation among the farmers.

Finnish farmers gathering together to promote their agricultural interests was hardly new to Houghton County, however. The association followed the precedent set by a group of men who had gathered at Salo in 1905 to incorporate the Finnish Farmers’ Milling Company. On Boston Creek, they constructed what a later writer hypothesized to be the first water-driven grain grist mill in Houghton County; there, they would “grind and manufacture all kinds of grain, flour, and feed,” per their Articles of Association, and sell the fruits of their labors. At its peak, the mill—which operated only in the autumn and early spring, as water levels permitted--could grind forty barrels of flour in a day for its customers. The mill operated successfully until the 1930s. Electrically-powered mills had emerged as a more convenient alternative, providing the opportunity for farmers to grind their crops at all times of the year. When the term of incorporation of the Finnish Farmers’ Milling Company expired, its directors filed to dissolve the company on September 15, 1937.

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- Agriculture--Houghton County (Mich.)
- Articles of incorporation
- Clippings (Information artifacts)
- Finnish American farmers
- Legal documents
- Salo (Mich.)
- Stock certificates

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