

Brockway Photograph Collection

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Summary Information

Repository	Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections
Creator	Brockway, Daniel D., 1815-1899
Title	Brockway Photograph Collection
Date [bulk]	Bulk, 1883-1960
Date [inclusive]	1843-1979
Extent	9.37 cubic feet 14 manuscript boxes (legal size), 1 manuscript (1/2 letter size) 1 print box, 2 index card boxes, and 6 flat boxes
Language	English
Language of Material	English
Mixed materials [Box]	1-24
Abstract	Photograph collection, 1843-1979 (bulk 1883-1960), of several generations of Brockway descendants, an early merchant and community building family in Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula. Includes many photographs of the descendants of Daniel D. and Lucena Brockway, including members of the extended Farwell, Gardner and Childs family lines.

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Biography

Daniel D. Brockway was born in Morrisville, Vermont May 2, 1815, but many of the details of his early life are unclear. As a youth, he moved with his family to Franklin County, New York, and then Chicago, Illinois, before arriving in Washtenaw County in Lower Michigan in 1831. It seems likely that he moved to Kalamazoo County, Michigan, in the early 1830's as he was married to Lucena Harris in Kalamazoo County, Michigan on January 21, 1836. Lucena was the daughter of Dr. James Harris, a noted pioneer in the Galesburg area of Kalamazoo County. The Brockways spent several years (probably 1837-1839) back in Franklin County, New York, farming and smithing. In August of 1843, Daniel and Lucena moved to L'Anse, where he had been appointed government blacksmith and mechanic at the federal Indian Center. Daniel's brother, William, was serving as chaplain at Fort Brady in Sault Ste. Marie at the time and may have had an impact on the couple's decision to assist the Indians in this remote region of Michigan. While in L'Anse the Brockways had three children; the first, Sarah, is reputed to be one of the first white children born in Lake Superior region. Michigan's newly-discovered copper lands to the north of L'Anse were opened to mining in 1844 and by May 1846, the Brockways and their three children moved to Copper Harbor. They are reported to have built the town's first house, which Daniel operated as a hotel for many years (he would later operate the Phoenix Hotel in Eagle River). Although the family moved back to Galesburg from 1869-1872, the Brockways developed a variety of businesses throughout the Upper Lakes region over the next five decades. Daniel became involved in the operations of various mining companies, both in Michigan and in other western mining regions. He was still agent for the Cliff Mine at the time of his retirement in the mid 1890's. He was involved in a great number of land ownership arrangements, individually and with other members of his family. These holdings included land in the Upper Michigan counties of Houghton, Keweenaw, and Marquette, in the Lower Michigan counties of Kalamazoo and Washtenaw (where he had various business dealings with a brother in Flint, Michigan), as well as Tennessee, New York, and Ontario, Canada. Daniel Brockway is perhaps best known for his mercantile activity. He operated an early store, Brockway and Perry, in Copper Harbor with his son-in-law G.W. Perry. This operation likely ceased when Daniel moved the family to Lower Michigan in 1869, but upon his return to the district in 1872, Brockway opened a new store, D.D. Brockway & Son, at the Cliff mine with son Albert. The store changed location several times over the next twenty-five years and serviced many of the mines in Keweenaw County. He held several patents and purchased rights for the resale of several other patented items. Brockway was also involved in various public offices and political activities, including service on the L'Anse Bay and State Line Road Commission, the Mineral State Road Commission, and the Kalamazoo County Road Commission; as delegate to the Republican state convention; and several stints as postmaster at Copper Harbor / Fort Wilkins. He also organized the first school in Copper Harbor, contracting Susan Warren to teach his children in the front room of the family house in 1849. In 1895, at age 80, Daniel retired with wife Lucena to Lake Linden. Lucena died on March 3, 1899, with Daniel following two months later on May 9, 1899. They are buried in Lakeview Cemetery near Calumet, Michigan. The Brockways had four children, Charlotte L. (Farwell), Sarah ("Sallie") L. (Scott), Anna B. (Gray), and Albert A. Brockway.

Collection Scope and Content Summary

Photograph collection of several generations of Brockway descendants, an early merchant and community building family in Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula. Includes photographs of the descendants of Daniel D. and Lucena Brockway, including members of the extended Farwell, Gardner and Childs family lines. Also found in this collection are photographs document the Copper Country's natural and urban landscapes, area mines, and various military units.

Arrangement

MS-019 has been arranged into six series:

Series I, Group and Individual Portraits, 1843-1979 Series II, Postcards, 1898-1923; 1939-1960 Series III, Landscapes and Wildlife, 1866; 1883-1972 Series IV, Mining, 1858-1865; 1887-1956 Series V, Military, 1911-1919 Series VI, Brockway Family Records, 1883-1979

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Acquisition

An initial gift consisting of books, photographs, albums, negatives, stereoscopic cards, maps, postcards, correspondence, family legal and financial records, records from Michigan Mining Company, Brockway & Perry, and the Atlas Mining Company was donated to the Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections by Olive Farwell on December 15, 1983. Additional gifts were received in 1984 and 1990 consisting of correspondence, diaries belonging to members of the Brockway family, and records from family business ventures were donated by Oliver Farwell and Jerry Gardner. Records from these donations were split into separate collections including the MS-010: Brockway Diary Collection, MS-016: Daniel Brockway Family Collection, MS-019: Brockway Photograph Collection, and MS-799: Oliver A. Farwell Papers.

Related Materials

Related Archival Materials

Additional records of members of the Brockway family held by this institution include:

MS-010: Brockway Diary Collection

MS-016: Daniel Brockway Family Collection

MS-636: William H. Brockway Research Papers

MS-799: Oliver A. Farwell Papers

Controlled Access Headings

Family Name(s)

- Brockway family
- Childs family
- Farwell family

- Gardner family

Genre(s)

- Photograph albums
- Photographs
- Portraits
- Postcards

Geographic Name(s)

- Copper Harbor (Mich.)
- Eagle River (Mich.)
- Keweenaw Peninsula (Mich.)

Personal Name(s)

- Brockway, Lucena Harris, 1816-1899

Subject(s)

- Buildings--Michigan--Upper Peninsula
- Copper mines and mining--Michigan--Upper Peninsula
- Families--Portraits
- Landscapes--Michigan--Upper Peninsula

Series I, Group and Individual Portraits

Collection Inventory

Series I, Group and Individual Portraits 1843-1979 (Bulk, 1870-1920)

Scope and Contents

Group and individual portraits of the Brockway, Farwell, Gardner, and Childs families.

	Box	Folder
Brockway Portraits 1895, 1898	1	1
Portraits- Daniel and Lucena Brockway 1843-1885	1	2
Portraits- Farwell 1/2 1884-1896	1	3
Portraits- Farwell 2/2 1896-1900	1	4
Portrait- Oliver Farwell 1872-1913	1	5
Portraits- Olive Farwell 1901	1	6
Portraits- Winifred Farwell 1892-1909	2	1
Portraits- Octave Gardner 1882- 1901	2	2
Portraits- Harris Circa 1895	2	3

Series I, Group and Individual Portraits

Portraits Circa 1895	2	4
Portraits Approximately 1870-1891	2	5
Portraits 1850-1906	2	6
Portraits 1846-1913	2	7
Portraits 1877-1891	3	1
Portraits Approximately 1880-1900	3	2
Portraits 1886-1915	3	3
Portraits Approximately 1880-1900	3	4
Portraits Approximately 1880-1918	3	5
People- Gardner 1911	4	1
People- Gardner 1907-1917; 1949	4	2
Portraits Approximately 1880-1915	4	3
Portraits Approximately 1880-1915	4	4
Portraits Approximately 1860-1900	4	5

Series I, Group and Individual Portraits

Portraits Approximately 1880-1903	4	6
People- D.D. Brockway 1918-1947	5	1
People- Gardner 1960	5	2
People- Gardner- Color Photographs 1972, 1978, 1979	5	3
People- Gardner 1911-1967	5	4
People- Gardner 1911-1955	5	5
People- Gardner 1896-1914; 1978	5	6
People- Gardner Approximately 1890-1915	5	7
People- Gardner 1907-1919	5	8
People- Gardner 1907-1909	5	9
Album, Family Portraits Approximately 1870-1900	6	1
Album, Family Portraits Approximately 1870-1900	6	2
Portraits [Circa 1895?]; 1959, 1961	7	1
Small Photo Albums- Gardner 1959-1960	7	2

Series I, Group and Individual Portraits

Small Folder Albums- Gardner- Misc. Photographs 1947, 1951, 1952	7	3
People- Farwell 1910-1932	7	4
People- Miscellaneous 1910-1941	7	5
People- Miscellaneous 1902-1915; 1935, 1941	7	6
People- Miscellaneous 1913-1941	7	7
People- Miscellaneous Approximately 1908-1937	7	8
Negatives- Van Gardner's Retirement Party Undated	18	1
Negatives- Miscellaneous Undated	18	2
Negatives- Miscellaneous Undated	18	3
Negatives- Miscellaneous Undated	18	4
Negatives- Miscellaneous Undated	18	5
Negatives- Miscellaneous Undated	18	6
	Box	Item
Glass Print- Portrait Approximately 1880-1900	19	1

Series I, Group and Individual Portraits

Framed Portrait of an Unidentified Older Man Approximately 1880-1900	19	2
Framed Portrait of an Older Woman Approximately 1880-1900	19	3
Framed Portrait [Olive Farwell?] Approximately 1890-1910	19	4
Portrait of an Unidentified Older Man Approximately 1880-1900	19	5
Album, Black and White Photographs Undated	20	1
Album, Black and White Photographs Undated	20	2
Album, Black and White Photograph Undated	20	3
	Box	Folder
Album, Olive and Oliver Farwell Approximately 1920-1930	21	1
Album [Farwell Family?] Approximately 1920-1930	21	2
Miscellaneous Photographs from Album 21-1 Undated	21	3
Miscellaneous Photographs from Album 21-2 Approximately 1925-1940		
	Box	Folder
People- Gardner Approximately 1905-1920	21	5
People- Gardner Circa 1912	21	5

Series II, Postcards

"Miscellaneous Photographs from Album 1-3" Approximately 1910-1930	22	1
Miscellaneous Photographs and Clippings from Album 22-3 1922-1966	22	2
Album, Black and White Photographs 1911-1929	22	3
Portraits Undated	23	1
People- Douglas Houghton Undated	23	2
People- Miscellaneous Undated	23	2
Portrait- Gardner- Oversize [Approximately 1910-1920?]	24	1

Series II, Postcards 1898-1923; 1939-1960 (Bulk, 1898-1923)

Scope and Contents

Postcards received by members of the Brockway and related families.

	Box	Folder
Postcards from Album 7.10 1898-1906	7	9
Post Card Album 1900-1905	7	10
Postal Card Album 1900-1905	8	1
Post Card Album 1902-1905	8	2

Series III, Landscapes and Wildlife

Postcards from Album 8.01 1905, 1907, 1913	8	3
Postcards from Album 8.02 1913, 1923, 1941	8	4
General Postcards Undated	9	1
Addressed Postcards 1898-1956	9	2
Postcards- House, "Agowabiwin" 1910-1915	9	3
Postcards- Mines and Miners 1939	9	4
Postcards- Houghton Memorial and Fort Wilkins Undated	9	5
Military Postcards 1913, 1919	9	6
Snow Scenes- Postcards 1909, 1939	9	7
Postcards- Commercial Prints Circa 1955	10	1
Panoramic Postcards [1944?]	11	1
Series III, Landscapes and Wildlife 1866; 1883-1972 (Bulk, 1910-1948)		
Scope and Contents		
Photographs and negatives of landscapes and wildlife in Houghton and Keweenaw counties.		
	Box	Folder

Series III, Landscapes and Wildlife

General Negative Albums 1929, 1932	10	2
Buildings- General 1911, 1941, 1960, 1961	11	2
Buildings- General [Approximately 1900-1920?]; 1939, 1942, 1954	11	3
Buildings- Houses 1929-1937; 1972	11	4
Buildings- Houses Circa 1895; 1929	11	5
Buildings- Houses- Calumet 1910-1943	11	6
Buildings- Houses- Eagle River 1910-1960	11	7
Scenes- Cities/ Towns 1915-1941	12	1
Scenes- Roads, Streets, Nature 1923-1941; Circa 1955	12	2
Scenes- Roads, Streets, Nature Approximately 1890-1915	12	3
Scenes- Transportation 1886-1913	12	4
Scenes- Snow 1933-1939	12	5
Scenes- Mountains/ Caves Circa 1895; 1941	12	6
Scenes- Lakes, Rivers 1883-1960	12	7

Series III, Landscapes and Wildlife

Scenes- Lakes/ Rivers Approximately 1898-1948	13	1
Scenes- Lakes/ Rivers 1933-1939	13	2
Scenes- Lakes/ Rivers 1910-1946	13	3
Scenes- Lakes/ Rivers Undated	13	4
Scenes- Lakes/ Rivers Approximately 1910-1955	13	5
Scenes- Animals Approximately 1900-1937	13	6
Buildings- Eagle River 1910, 1943	14	1
Buildings- Houses- Exterior 1899, 1932, 1955	14	2
Buildings- Houses- Interiors 1899-1955	14	3
Buildings- Offices Undated	14	4
Buildings- Calumet and Hecla library Approximately 1900-1920	14	5
Buildings- Fort Wilkins Approximately 1910-1924	14	6
Buildings- Bridges 1932	14	7
Buildings- Lighthouses Circa 1900	14	8

Series III, Landscapes and Wildlife

Buildings- L.G. Armory Undated	14	9
Scenes, Animals, Pets 1912; 1928-1960	14	10
Scenes- Plants/ Flowers 1908, 1932, 1971	14	11
Scenes- Panoramic (1/2) 1934, 1944	14	12
Scenes- Panoramic (2/2) 1933-1934	14	13
Scenes- Panoramic- Negatives (1/2) 1944	14	14
Scenes- Panoramic- Negatives (2/2) [1944?]	15	1
Scenes- Miscellaneous 1908, 1937	15	2
Miscellaneous Photographs 1957-1961	15	3
Miscellaneous Photographs 1903-1929	15	4
Miscellaneous Photographs 1909, 1932	15	5
L.G. Armory 1907	23	3
Lighthouses Undated	23	4
Buildings- Statues/ Monuments 1912-1914	23	5

Series IV, Mining

General Natural Photographs [Circa 1918?]	23	6
Buildings- Houses 1866, 1914	23	7
Scenes- Cities/Towns 1915	23	8
Scenes- Roads, Streets, Nature 1908	23	9
Scenes- Transportation Undated	23	10
Scenes- Winter 1933-1939	23	11
Scenes- Mammoth Cave Feb 1908	23	12
Scenes- Lakes/ Rivers Undated	24	2
Scenes- Lakes/ Rivers Approximately 1909	24	3
Pets and Wildlife Undated	24	4
General Oversize Undated	24	7

Series IV, Mining 1858-1865; 1887-1956 (Bulk, 1903-1920)**Scope and Contents**

Photographs and negatives of mining in the Copper Country. Items of particular interest include images from the 1913 Copper Miners Strike.

Series IV, Mining

	Box	Folder
Mines/ Mining- General 1906-1920	15	6
Mines/ Mining- Mines 1890-1956	15	7
Military 1913	15	8
Miners/ Mining- Machinery 1858-1865; 1903-1939	15	9
Miners/ Mining- Railroad Undated	15	10
Miners/ Mining- Snow 1946	15	11
Miners/ Mining- Maps Undated	15	12
Mines/ Mining- Mines- Cliff 1907, 1937, 1939	16	1
Mines/ Mining- Mines and Employees 1890, 1913, 1937	16	2
Mines/ Mining- General 1860, 1865; 1887-1914	23	13
Mine Employees 1913-1918	23	14
Cliff Mine 1911-1912	23	15
Mines- Oversize Undated	24	5

Series V, Military**Series V, Military 1911-1919****Scope and Contents**

Photographs and negatives of members of the United States military. Items of particular interest include images from the military occupation during the 1913 Copper Miners Strike.

	Box	Folder
Military 1916-1919	16	3
Military- Strike of 1913 1913	16	4
Military- Strike of 1913 1913	16	4
Military- Strike of 1913 1913	16	5
Military- Panoramic 1918	23	16
Military 1911, 1916	23	17
Military- Oversize 1913, 1916	24	6

Series VI, Brockway Family Records 1883-1979 (Bulk, 1893-1957)**Scope and Contents**

Items in this series include, but are not limited to newsprint, correspondence, financial and legal records, field books, drawings and paintings and documents regarding the Strike of 1913.

Series VI, Brockway Family Records

	Box	Folder
Documents- Articles 1883, 1905, 1974	17	1
Documents- Letters 1914, 1935, 1956	17	2
Documents- Cards 1893-1936	17	3
Documents- Drawings/ Paintings 1898-1906	17	4
Documents- Stocks/ Bonds 1921-1949	17	5
Documents- Birth Record, Olive Farwell 1966	17	6
Documents- Calling Cards Undated	17	7
Documents- Maps 1957	17	8
Documents- Pamphlets/ Brochures 1915, 1916	17	9
Documents- Strike of 1913 1913	17	10
Documents- Field Books 1905-1910; 1956	17	11
Wilvan Gardner Oral History Interview Mar 9, 1979	17	12
Schirmer's Library Vol. 684, Mastersongs by Great Composers, Schumann 18 Songs, Vol. 1, Ed. for Low Voice 1902	17	13