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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections
<b>Creator:</b>	Sproule, William J.
<b>Title:</b>	William J. Sproule papers
<b>ID:</b>	MS-1009
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1956-2019
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<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .
<b>Mixed Materials [box]:</b>	1-3
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<b>Abstract:</b>	Research materials and personal papers, 1956-2019, of William "Bill" J. Sproule.

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## Biographical Note

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William "Bill" J. Sproule is a Professor Emeritus, Civil and Environmental Engineering, at Michigan Technological University. Sproule holds a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Michigan Tech and an M.Eng. in Civil Engineering from the University of Toronto; as well as a Ph.D. in Civil Engineering from Michigan State University. Bill joined the Michigan Tech faculty in 1996 and has taught coursework in traffic engineering, transportation planning, airport

planning, highway design, public transit, and consulting engineering and was an integral part of the development of the Rail Transportation Program at Michigan Tech. Sproule is a recognized local author, hockey historian, and Faculty Athletic Representative for Michigan Tech.

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## Scope and Contents

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Research materials and personal papers, 1956-2019, of William "Bill" J. Sproule. The contents of this collection principally document Sproule's interest, involvement, and research related to the topic of transportation (historical and contemporary) in the Copper Country and hockey history. The collection includes parking and transportation studies for Michigan Technological University and the Keweenaw National Historical Park; as well as reports and papers on transportation systems completed by Sproule's students in the department of Civil Engineering. Also included in the collection is Sproule's research for his book *Copper Country Streetcars* (2013), which include original photographs and photographic reproductions, newspaper clippings, reports, and maps related to Copper Country streetcars and the Houghton County Traction Company.

The collection also documents Sproule's research and affiliations related to hockey, specifically in the Copper Country. Included are research files, team posters, ephemera, programs, and photographs related to Sproule research. Also include are board minutes and other documents related to the Blue Line Club, a club that provides resources and sponsorship to Michigan Tech's hockey program.

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- Cable cars (Streetcars)
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- Hockey -- Michigan -- Copper Country
- Professional associations -- Michigan -- Upper Peninsula
- Transportation
- Transportation -- Michigan -- Houghton County -- History
- Audiovisual materials
- Clippings (Information artifacts)
- DVDs
- Feasibility studies
- Maps (Documents)
- Personal papers
- Photographs
- Reports
- Research (Document genres)
- Term papers
- Copper Country (Mich.) -- History
- Houghton County Traction Company (Houghton, Mich.)
- Keweenaw National Historical Park (Mich.)
- Michigan Technological University

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## Collection Inventory

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### Research files

## Hockey history research

Title/Description	Instances	
Development of hockey in the Copper Country, newspaper scrapbook, 1898-1904	box 3	folder 7
Hockey programs, 2001-2005	box 3	folder 8
Hockey research, undated	box 3	folder 9
Kraft Hockeyville USA credential and lanyard, 2019	box 7	item 1-2
Michigan Tech hockey home schedule and team poster, 1999-2000	folder 1	item 1
Michigan Tech hockey home schedule and team poster, 2000-2001	folder 1	item 2
Michigan Teck hockey home schedule and team poster, 2001-2002	folder 1	item 3
Origins and development of the International Hockey League and its effect on the sport of professional ice hockey in North America, Daniel Scott Mason, 1994	box 3	folder 10-11
Portage Lake Hockey Team photographs, 1906	folder 1	item 4

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Research books, photocopies, 1989-2014	box 3	folder 12
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## Streetcars and transportation research

Title/Description	Instances	
Building an electric railway, L. W. Serrell, 1969	box 2	folder 1
Campus transportation and parking plan final report, Carl Walker, Inc., October 2011	box 2	folder 2
Copper Country 2013 over the past 100 year..., Daily Mining Gazette, 2013	folder 1	item 6
Feasibility study for Calumet vintage trolley system as part of the Keweenaw National Historic Park, Limitless Design, Inc., 2022	box 2	folder 3
"Fresh look" scenarios plan report, Michigan Technological University, December 2006	box 2	folder 4
Highway classification in Michigan, State of Michigan Department of State Highways, 1970	box 2	folder 5
Keweenaw National historical Park alternative transportation study, undated	box 2	folder 6

Keweenaw National historical Park final general management plan and environmental impact statement, 1998	box 2	folder 7
Keweenaw National Historical Park funicula, report, 2005	box 2	folder 8
Keweenaw National Historic Park welcome center, JDR Consulting, Inc., 2001	box 2	folder 9
Planning a visitor transportation system for the KNHP Quincy unit, report, Joshua Pudelko, 2003	box 2	folder 10
Planning a bus service for the Keweenaw National Historical Park, report, Lindsay Sundberg, 2004	box 2	folder 11
Planning an interurban system for the Keweenaw National Historical park, report, Chad M. Hewitt, 1999	box 3	folder 1
Parking study for Michigan Technological University for facilities management, Carl Walker, Inc., January 2000	box 3	folder 2
Quincy Mine Hoist Association revives historical heritage at hancock, Mich., Skillings Mining Review, September 1995	box 3	folder 3
Transportation research, 1956-2019	box 3	folder 4
US 41 pedestrian study at MTU, safety review and recommendations, prepared for MDOT, undated	box 3	folder 5
A vintage rail system for the Keweenaw National Historical Park, feasibility study, Julie Weyand, Kelly Fodrocy, Roberto Renteria, and Jeff Rozema, November 1999	box 3	folder 6
Wolverine station, photograph, 1910	folder 1	item 5
Copper Country road trips, Larry Molloy, 2001	box 1	folder 1
Copper Country streetcards, copy photoprints, undated	box 1	folder 2
Houghton County Traction Company research file, 1966-2012	box 1	folder 3
Streetcars research, 1962-2012	box 1	folder 4
Trammers and tracks of the Quincy Mine: a historical tour of the Quincy Mining Company and the Quincy and Torch Lake Railroad, Larry Molloy, 2001	box 1	folder 5
A visitor's guide to the historic Quincy Mine, Lawrence J. Molloy, 2007	box 1	folder 6

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## Professional affiliations

Title/Description	Instances	
Michigan Tech blue line club board, 2005-2013	box 4	folder 1-2
Michigan Tech blue line club board, 2009-2015	box 4	folder 3-4
Michigan Tech blue line club board, financial reports and other material, 2005-2012	box 4	folder 5

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## Audiovisual materials

Title/Description	Instances	
1975 NCAA hockey champs, DVD-R, undated	box 5	item 1
2007 ASEE North Midwest Section Conference, DVD, 2007	box 5	item 2
Celebrating the history of the WCHA decade by decade, 1950s-1990s, DVDs, undated	box 5	item 3-8
Civil and environmental engineering, Michigan Tech, DVD, undated	box 5	item 14
Houghton County Memorial Airport, VHS, undated	box 5	item 9
Pro hockey in the Copper Country, CD-R (4), 2004	box 5	item 10-13
The rich history of professional hockey in the Copper Country presented by Bill Sproule, VHS, November 11, 2003	box 6	item 1
Safe winter driving, Michigan Tech KRC, DVD, undated	box 6	item 2
USA vs. Michigan Tech at Houghton, MI, Olympic highlights, 1924-1928, VHS, January 20, 1960	box 6	item 3

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