

# Richard M. Hoar Correspondence MS-065

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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>	Hoar, Richard M., (Richard Martin), 1831-1903
<b>Title</b>	Richard M. Hoar Correspondence
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1859-1910
<b>Extent</b>	0.35 cubic feet 1 manuscript box (letter size)
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Language of Material</b>	English
<b>Mixed materials [Box]</b>	1
<b>Abstract</b>	Correspondence, 1859-1910, received and sent by Richard M. Hoar, a prominent early citizen of Houghton, Michigan. Includes correspondence pertaining to his business with his brother, J. Hoar & Brother, a general merchandise business, as well as other business related correspondence, bills and receipts. Also includes correspondence from his capacity as a member of the Michigan state legislature and Houghton town official.

### Preferred Citation

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## **Collection Scope and Content Summary**

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## **Arrangement**

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This collection is arranged into three series: 1. Business Enterprises, 2. Political and Community Involvement, and 3. Legal and Financial Documentation.

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Publication Information**

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### **Revision Description**

This collection was processed during the NHPRC funded Detailed Processing project. 6/05/2012

### **Conditions Governing Access**

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### **Conditions Governing Use**

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### **Acquisition**

The correspondence, bills, and receipts of Richard M. Hoar were donated to the Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections by Carlos Wenberg on November 16, 1988.

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## **Related Materials**

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### **Separated Materials**

The following materials were separated from this collection: MTU-015 Trailertown Collection, MS-064 Copper Country Boat Club Collection, MS-066 Snow Removal Photograph Collection, MS-067 Carlos Wenberg Collection.

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **Corporate Name(s)**

- J. Hoar & Brother (Houghton, Mich.).
- Michigan. Legislature. House of Representatives.

### **Genre(s)**

- Correspondence
- Invoices
- Receipts (Financial records)

### **Geographic Name(s)**

- Houghton (Mich.)

### **Personal Name(s)**

- Hoar, Richard M., (Richard Martin), 1831-1903

**Subject(s)**

- Business enterprises--Michigan--Houghton
- General stores--Michigan--Houghton
- Legislators--Michigan--Houghton
- Railroads--Michigan--Upper Peninsula
- Shipping--Great Lakes (North America)

## Series I, Business Enterprises

## Collection Inventory

### Series I, Business Enterprises 1859-1910

#### Collection Scope and Contents

Correspondence, invoices, and various other records relating to John Hoar and Brother General Merchandise and Hoar's ventures into quarry stripping, shipping, and railroads. Records of particular interest included those relating to the steam ship, Ivanhoe and the Marquette, Houghton, and Ontonagon Railroad (later known as the Duluth, South Shore, and Atlantic Railroad.) Also of note is correspondence with local mining and lumber companies including letters from William Parnall, superintendent of National Mine.

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
John Hoar and Brother/ Richard M. Hoar Successor 1867-1890	1	1
Customer Account Correspondence 1886-1892	1	2
Local Merchants and Manufacturers 1880-1896	1	3
Invoices (1 of 2) 1859-1869	1	4
Invoices (2 of 2) 1873-1910	1	5
Contractors 1885-1896	1	6
Lumber Companies 1885-1896	1	7

**Series II, Political and Community Involvement**

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Mining Companies 1878-1896	1	8
Quarries-Stripping 1887-1897	1	9
Railroads 1885-1893	1	10
Road Construction 1885	1	11
Shipping Companies 1885-1895	1	12
Steamships 1880-1887	1	13
Transportation Companies 1876-1880	1	14

**Series II, Political and Community Involvement 1885-1901****Collection Scope and Contents**

Correspondence and various other documents relating to Hoar's involvement in clubs and associations as well as his contribution to local and state politics. Documents of particular interest include letters from Michigan Governor, John Rich, and correspondence concerning his time serving on the Marquette State Prison Branch Board of Control and the Michigan State Legislature.

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Clubs and Associations 1885-1897	1	15
Houghton Fire Department 1893-1899	1	16



**Series III, Legal and Financial Documents**

<b>Marquette State Prison Board of Control 1894-1901</b>		
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Michigan Republican Party 1886-1897	1	18
Government Agencies/ Military Correspondence 1890-1894	1	19
Political Affairs 1894, 1896	1	20

**Series III, Legal and Financial Documents 1880-1897****Collection Scope and Contents**

Correspondence and various other documents pertaining to Hoar's legal and financial obligations. Records relating to Hoar's property, insurance policies, lawsuits, and miscellaneous financial matters can be found in this series.

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Insurance Policies and Correspondence 1887, 1890, 1893	1	21
Legal Correspondence 1885-1895	1	22
Bank Statements and Correspondence 1886-1897	1	23
Property Related Correspondence 1884-1897	1	24
Miscellaneous Correspondence 1880-1888	1	25