

Mass Co-Operative Company Records MS-429

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Summary Information

Repository	Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections
Creator	Mass Co-Operative Company (Mass, Mich.).
Title	Mass Co-operative Company Records
Date [inclusive]	1918-1969
Extent	0.42 cubic feet 1 manuscript box (letter size), 1 volume
Language	English
Language of Material	English
Mixed materials [Box]	1
Mixed materials [Volume]	1
Abstract	Records, 1918-1969, of the Mass Co-Operative Company of Mass, Michigan with branches in Bruce Crossing and Baraga. Includes an account ledger, bills, receipts, stock certificates, and a check book with canceled checks.

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Biography

The co-operative movement was a characteristic feature of Finnish-American life in the 20th century, material core to the Finnish-American radical tradition. Co-operatives sold goods ranging from coffee to shingles. They were also cultural organizations, social spaces, and very often, radical political nexuses. In 1929, the movement splintered into "red" and "white" camps, the former affiliated, loosely or formally, with the Communist Party of the United States, the latter often affiliated with the Co-Operative League of America. The Mass Co-Operative Company was considered a "red" co-operative.

Collection Scope and Content Summary

This collection consists primarily of financial records including a trial balance account ledger, invoices, stock certificates, and a check book with canceled checks.

Arrangement

This collection has been arranged and described at the collection level. The original arrangement of the alphabetical files containing primarily invoices with some customer records has been maintained. The remainder of the records have been arranged chronologically by record type.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Revision Description

This collection was processed during the NHPRC funded Detailed Processing Project. 5/02/2013

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

A gift consisting of one legal size manuscript box of cancelled checks and stubs, probate records, stock certificates, invoices, and a trial balance account ledger were anonymously donated to the Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections on November 30, 1989.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Mass Co-Operative Company (Mass, Mich.).

Genre(s)

- Certificates
- Checkbooks
- Invoices
- Ledgers (Account books)
- Receipts (Financial records)

Geographic Name(s)

- Baraga (Mich.)
- Bruce Crossing (Mich.)
- Mass City (Mich.)

Subject(s)

- Cooperative societies--Michigan
- Finns--Michigan--Upper Peninsula

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
Alphabetical Files: A 1940-1942	1	1
Alphabetical Files: B 1937-1943	1	2
Alphabetical Files: C 1941-1942	1	3
Alphabetical Files: D 1940-1942	1	4
Alphabetical Files: E-F 1941-1942	1	5
Alphabetical Files: G 1937-1941	1	6
Alphabetical Files: H,I,J 1937, 1941, 1942	1	7
Alphabetical Files: K-L 1941	1	8
Alphabetical Files: M 1941	1	9
Alphabetical Files: V [Budget Book] 1941	1	10
Stock Certificates 1918-1919; 1926-1949; 1964	1	11
Probate Court- Exemplification of Records and Letters Testamentary 1941	1	12

Probate Court- Letters of Administration, Lizzie Wiitala 1941	1	13
Check Stubs 1969	1	14
Cancelled Checks 1969	1	15
		Volume
Trial Balance Ledger with Recapitulation Pages 1944-1961		1