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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>	Meinardi family
<b>Title:</b>	Meinardi family papers
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<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1908-1975
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1.54 cubic feet (3 manuscript boxes, 1 flat box, and 1 oversize folder)
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .
<b>Mixed Materials [box]:</b>	1-4
<b>Mixed Materials [folder]:</b>	1
<b>Abstract:</b>	Papers, 1908-1975, of the Meinardi Family of Hancock, Michigan.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical / Historical

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John B. Meinardi was born in San Giorgi, Canavese, Torino, Italy on June 2, 1875 to Guiseppi and Maria Meinardi. Meinardi immigrated to the U.S. in 1899, moving to the Copper Country and found work at the Arcadian Mine and then Osceola Mine (later Baltic Mine). In 1905 he married Victoria Algostino at St. Mary Church in Atlantic Mine. Three years later Meinardi opened his own tavern at 214 Quincy Street. By 1918 Meinardi shifted his business focus and purchased the Lyric Theatre in Houghton (107 Shelden St.). However, due to the spread of the Spanish Influenza, the Lyric was no longer screening films. Meinardi sold the Lyric and

for a period of time worked for the Scott Laundry until he opened his own grocery in 1920 at 322 Quincy Street in Hancock. In 1937 he entered into a partnership with his son, Joseph P. Meinardi, who eventually took over management of the store following his death in 1968. Among his personal activities, Meinardi served as Secretary of Sons of Columbus and Citizens Italian Society.

Joseph P. Meinardi (1906-1976) was born April 4, 1906 in Baltic to John and Vittoria Meinardi. He graduated from St. Patrick's Parochial School in 1926 and began working at the family grocery in Hancock of which he eventually became a partner with his father until his retirement in 1975. Joseph Meinardi was married to Cristina Enrico of San Giorgio, Canavese, Italy in 1948.

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## Scope and Contents

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Papers, 1908-1975, of the Meinardi Family of Hancock, Michigan. The collection principally contains the business records of John Meinardi, an Italian immigrant and owner of Meinardi's grocery store of Hancock. Records include stock inventories, licenses and permits; tax records and other financial records documenting the business of the store. Also included are records pertaining to Meinardi's other business ventures prior to the establishment of the grocery store and include financial records pertaining to his work in the wine and liquor industry and the running of the Lyric Theatre in Houghton.

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## Arrangement

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Collection is arranged into two series. SERIES I: Business Records and SERIES II: Fraternal Organization Records. The business records series contain records related to the Meinardi Family business ventures in the Copper Country, particularly Hancock, Michigan, and document their ownership and operations for the Lyric Theatre, grocery store, and other liquor and retail sales operations. The fraternal organization records series primarily documents John Meinardi's involvement and association with local Italian-American fraternal organizations, including the Citizens League of Mutual Aid (Lega Cittadina di Mutuo Soccorso) and the Sons of Columbus Mutual Aid societies (Figli di Colombo di Mutuo Soccorso). The series includes organizational rules and regulation books, financial records, membership pins and ribbons, and newspaper clippings.

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- Business records
- Business enterprises -- Michigan -- Hancock
- Grocers
- Italian American grocers
- Italians -- Michigan -- Upper Peninsula
- Italian Americans -- Societies, etc. -- Michigan -- Upper Peninsula
- Italians -- Michigan -- Copper Country
- Hancock (Mich.)
- Meinardi family

## Collection Inventory

<b>Business records, 1908-1975</b>		
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Day book, 1908-1918	box 1	folder 1
Receipts, retail liquors, 1912-1917	box 1	folder 2
Lyric Theatre, general, 1918	box 1	folder 3
Lyric Theatre, promotional material for "Number, Please?", 1920	folder 1	item 2
Advertising display cards, undated	box 1	folder 4
Check book, 1927-1928	box 1	folder 5
Establishing and operating a grocery store, U.S. Department of Commerce publication, 1946	box 1	folder 6
Inventories, stock, undated	box 1	Folder 7
License, liquor, 1937-1975	box 1	Folder 8
License, sales tax, 1944-1975	box 1	Folder 9
License, state sausage, 1943-1953	box 1	Folder 10
Living quarters permits, 1939-1970	box 1	Folder 11
Meinardi's store exterior, photograph, undated	box 1	folder 12
Receipts for stock, undated, 1938-1950	box 2	folder 1
Receipts, water department, City of Hancock, 1938, 1956-1958, ((bulk 1956-1958))	box 2	folder 2
Sales tax records, Michigan, 1933-1948	box 2	Folder 3
Sales tax schedule, Michigan, 1937	box 2	folder 4
State rules and regulations, business and liquor sales, 1937-1942	box 2	Folder 5
Tax, alcohol, 1943	box 2	folder 6
Tax, cigars and cigarettes floor, 1943	box 2	folder 7
Tax receipts, City of Hancock, 1930-1938	box 2	folder 8
Tax stamp, special, 1937-1974	box 2	folder 9
Tax, wine, 1941	box 2	folder 10

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Title/Description	Instances	
Check and receipt book, S. R. Citizens League and Sons of Columbus, undated	box 3	folder 1
Citizen's League for Mutual Help, member badge, undated	box 4	item 2
Costituzione e regolamento della lega cittadina di Hancock, Michigan, undated	box 3	folder 2
Costituzione e regolamento delle societa' riunite lega cittadina e figli di colombo, Hancock, Michigan, undated	box 3	folder 3
Costituzione statuto e regolamento della societa riunite figli di colombo di mutuo soccorso, 1917	box 3	folder 4
Day and month cash business ledge, 1920-1949	box 4	item 1
Financial statements and articles of dissolution, 1937-1956	box 3	folder 5
Gli Italiani del Copper Country I remember you, copper plates	box 3	folder 6
Grande celebrazione del Columbus Day, newspaper advertisement, 1925	folder 1	item 2
Principles of the Italo-American Society of the Upper Peninsula, approximately 1913	box 3	folder 7
Program, Italo-American Federated Societies, convention and reunion, June 1930	box 3	folder 8
Rituale della lega cittadina, undated	box 3	folder 9
Sega cittadina, Hancock (Mich.), undated	box 3	folder 10
S. R. Citizens League and Sons of Columbus, Hancock, Mich., pin and ribbon, undated	box 4	item 3
Statuto e regolamento della lega cittadina di mutuo soccorso no. 2 per le contee di Houghton, Keweenaw, e Ontonagon, 1908	box 3	folder 11
Upper Peninsula Italo-American Federation newspaper clipping, undated	box 3	folder 12

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