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## Summary Information

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| <b>Repository:</b>               | Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections |
| <b>Title:</b>                    | William J. Sproule papers  |
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| <b>Date [inclusive]:</b>         | 1966-2012  |
| <b>Physical Description:</b>     | 1.08 cubic feet (3 manuscript boxes and 1 oversize folder)                           |
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| <b>Abstract:</b>                 | Research materials and personal papers, 1966-2012, 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, 1966-2012, 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. 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.

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