

# Dan Behnke Photograph Collection MS-1037

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## **Summary Information**

**Repository:** Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper

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**Creator:** Behnke, Dan

**Title:** Dan Behnke photograph collection

**ID:** MS-1037

**Date [inclusive]:** 1971-2009

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**Abstract:** Collection, 1971-2009, of slides, print photographs, and

mounted images created and maintained by photographer, Dan

Behnke.

#### **Preferred Citation**

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## **Biographical Note**

Daniel (Dan) Walter Behnke was born in 1932 to Walter and Sophie Behnke in Chicago, Illinois. Behnke graduated from Loyola University with a degree in Social Work and began his career as Assistant Director of Cook County Public Aid followed by Deputy Director for

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the Illinois Law Enforcement Commission and then worked as Deputy Director for the Illinois Department of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse.

Beyond his career, Behnke was an avid photographer with a deep interest in microminerals, mineralogy, and book collecting. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Friends of Mineralogy (1990-1993), Micromount chairman of the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical Society (1981-1988), among other accolades. Behnke was an avid collector of microminerals and amassed a collection numbering over 14,000 specimens from localities throughout the world. As a photographer, his photographs were used in the illustration of many articles and journals and featured in notable publications such as The Mineralogical Record, for which he was an Associate Photographer. Behnke was inducted into the Micromounters Hall of Fame in 2007 and passed away in January 2020.

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## **Scope and Contents**

Collection, 1971-2009, of slides, print photographs, and mounted images created and maintained by photographer, Dan Behnke. Includes images of mine sites, structures, and minerals; as well as research notes and publications associated with copper mining in Michigan and elsewhere. The scope of the collection predominantly documents mines in Houghton, Keweenaw, and Ontonagon Counties within the Upper Peninsula. Also included in the collection are a series of maps from the Geological Survey of Michigan's Annual Report for 1909, mostly relating to copper mining operations in the Copper Country and Isle Royale; as well as one mineralogical sample of Chalcocite from the Flambeau Mine.

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### Arrangement

Arranged in 2 series: 1. Slides and research files, dates. 2. Maps, 1909.

The collection is arranged in two series. The contents of series 1 are arranged alphabetically, while the contents of series 2 are arranged numerically by figure number.

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