

# Literature of the Upper Peninsula course audio recordings MTU-252

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# **Summary Information**

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

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1.75 cubic feet 5 boxes

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**Description:** 

Language of the

English.

**Material:** 

**Audio [box]:** 1-5

**Abstract:** Audio cassettes, 1973, containing oral histories and course

lectures prepared for HU 450: Literature of the Upper Peninsula.

#### **Preferred Citation**

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# **Scope and Content Summary**

Audio cassettes, 1973, containing oral histories and course lectures prepared for HU 450: Literature of the Upper Peninsula. Students in the course, instructed by Michael H. Johnson, interviewed residents of the Upper Peninsula, producing histories addressing a variety of topics related to the peninsula's towns, industries, disasters, and culture. Interviewees also discussed their experiences with national events, such as the Great Depression. An additional oral history is drawn from January 1979 and presumably conducted outside of coursework. The collection is completed by recordings of the course lectures, including both Johnson's presentations to the class and visits by guest instructors.

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### Arrangement

Materials in MTU-252 are arranged in two series on the basis of content:

I. Oral histories II. Course lectures

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# **Controlled Access Headings**

- Oral histories
- Audiocassettes
- Copper mines and mining
- Street-railroads
- Logging -- Michigan -- Upper Peninsula
- Italian Hall Disaster, Calumet, Mich., 1913
- Cornish Americans -- Michigan
- Finns -- Michigan -- Upper Peninsula
- Alston (Mich.)
- Hancock (Mich.)
- Iron River (Mich.)
- Crystal Falls (Mich.)
- Baraga County (Mich.)
- Eagle River (Mich.)
- Hurontown (Mich.)
- Great Depression
- Pequaming (Mich.)
- Chassell (Mich.)
- Copper Miners' Strike, Mich., 1913-1914

# **Collection Inventory**

| Title/Description                           | Instances |          |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| David T. Halkola (interviewer: Bruce Abbey) | box 1     | folder 2 |
| Ann and Jack Aho (interviewer: Robert Aho)  | box 1     | folder 3 |
| Contents                                    |           |          |
| Topics: Lumbering and mining                |           |          |
| r. Saari (interviewer: Michael Alder)       | box 1     | folder 4 |
| Contents                                    |           |          |
| Topic: mines                                |           |          |
|                                             | box 1     | folder 5 |

| Topic: | the | Huell | Fires |
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| Lydia Holmes (interviewer: Ken Berta)                                                                            | box 1 | folder 6  |
| Contents                                                                                                         |       |           |
| Topic: the Depression                                                                                            |       |           |
| Mr. and Mrs. William Kouhonen (interviewer: Wayne Boss)                                                          | box 1 | folder 7  |
| Ray Hosking (interviewer: Lesley Brown)                                                                          | box 1 | folder 8  |
| Contents                                                                                                         |       |           |
| Topic: transportation - street cars                                                                              |       |           |
| Wallace Anderson (interviewer: Barbara Butlin)                                                                   | box 1 | folder 9  |
| Contents                                                                                                         |       |           |
| Topics: lumber companies, strike of 1913 at Calumet and Hecla, Pequaming in 1876                                 |       |           |
| Carlos Haug (interviewer: Brian Butlin)                                                                          | box 1 | folder 10 |
| Contents                                                                                                         |       |           |
| Topic: hockey in Houghton                                                                                        |       |           |
| Unnamed man (interviewer: Russ Danielson)                                                                        | box 1 | folder 11 |
| Contents                                                                                                         |       |           |
| Topic: copper and iron mines                                                                                     |       |           |
| John Buggie/Mr. and Mrs. August Frickie (interviewer:<br>Celeste M. Denton)                                      | box 1 | folder 12 |
| Two unknown women (interviewer: Debbie Edwards)                                                                  | box 1 | folder 13 |
| Mrs. Romonelli (interviewer: Brian Eldschuk)                                                                     | box 1 | folder 14 |
| Contents                                                                                                         |       |           |
| Topic: her early life in mining                                                                                  |       |           |
| Bill Riutta, Randy Peterson, Jeff Linna, Randy Lorenz, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wiitanen (interviewer: Judy Hemp) | box 2 | folder 1  |
| Laurie Waati (interviewer: Mary Ellen Hansen)                                                                    | box 2 | folder 2  |
| Contents                                                                                                         |       |           |
| Topics: Italian Hall tragedy, mining life                                                                        |       |           |
| Matt Kangas (interviewer: Emil Gruth)                                                                            | box 2 | folder 3  |

Topics: Jacobsville, jobs in the UP, mines

| James Bendry Ibbotson/Louisa Crebassa (interviewer: Stella Getzen)              | box 2 | folder 4  |  |
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| Contents                                                                        |       |           |  |
| Topics: Baraga (side 1, Ibbotson), L'Anse trading post (side 2, Crebassa)       |       |           |  |
| Lawrence Erickson (interviewer: Leslie L. Emblad)                               | box 2 | folder 5  |  |
| Contents                                                                        |       |           |  |
| Topics: "Big Eric" Erickson, logging                                            |       |           |  |
| Martin Britz (interviewer: Gregory L. Higgins)                                  | box 2 | folder 6  |  |
| Contents                                                                        |       |           |  |
| Topic: his life                                                                 |       |           |  |
| Unknown (interviewer: Mike Hudson)                                              | box 2 | folder 7  |  |
| Contents                                                                        |       |           |  |
| Topic: Copper Country lore                                                      |       |           |  |
| Al Harvey (interviewer: Mark T. Johnson)                                        | box 2 | folder 8  |  |
| Contents                                                                        |       |           |  |
| Topics: lumbering, mining, sports                                               |       |           |  |
| John Hermanson, Carl Erickson, and Lawrence Westola (interviewer: Sue Kaupilla) | box 2 | folder 9  |  |
| Contents                                                                        |       |           |  |
| Topics: Iron River, Crystal Falls, Italian Hall, mining, pasties, bloodletting  |       |           |  |
| Lodi Mihelich and Mr. and Mrs. Alex Young (interviewer:<br>Candy Koski)         | box 2 | folder 10 |  |
| Contents                                                                        |       |           |  |
| Topics: Callithumpian, Italian Hall disaster, mining, 1920s                     |       |           |  |
| Bill Siira (interviewer: Linda Koski)                                           | box 2 | folder 11 |  |

| Jazzy Jurra (interviewer: Steve Kultz)                          | box 2 | folder 12 |  |
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| Topic: sports in the UP                                         |       |           |  |
| Earl Richards (interviewer: Markus Ladd)                        | box 3 | folder 1  |  |
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| Topic: Hancock High, Hancock                                    |       |           |  |
| John Hunter (interviewers: Barbara and John Lewis)              | box 3 | folder 2  |  |
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| Topic: Tahquamenon River area                                   |       |           |  |
| Liz DeWeese (interviewers: Barbara and John Lewis)              | box 3 | folder 3  |  |
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| Topic: logging camp school                                      |       |           |  |
| Reuben Rowe (interviewers: Barbara and John Lewis)              | box 3 | folder 4  |  |
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| Topic: Cornish customs                                          |       |           |  |
| Tony Paulson (interviewer: Roger Lewis)                         | box 3 | folder 5  |  |
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| Topic: mining                                                   |       |           |  |
| Al Harvey (interviewer: Rick Miller)                            | box 3 | folder 6  |  |
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| Topics: Tamarack fire, the sinking of the Marlin and Maplehurst |       |           |  |
| Helen Huotari and Alice Luoma (interviewer: Lorraine Palmer)    | box 3 | folder 7  |  |
| Contents                                                        |       |           |  |
| Topic: the Barnes-Hecker Mine disaster                          |       |           |  |
| August Fricke (interviewer: Kenneth Poucher)                    | box 3 | folder 8  |  |

Topics: Hurontown shooting, Fourth of July fair, Isle

| Royale mines                                                                  |       |           |  |
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| Edward and Anne Sauvola (interviewers: Elaine and Wayne Pushie)               | box 3 | folder 9  |  |
| Contents                                                                      |       |           |  |
| Topics: early Copper Country history, lumbering companies                     |       |           |  |
| Emil Haanpaa (interviewer: Laura Schooley)                                    | box 3 | folder 10 |  |
| Contents                                                                      |       |           |  |
| Topic: history of the Pequaming area                                          |       |           |  |
| Alex Kinnunen (interviewer: Marlene Seppanen)                                 | box 3 | folder 11 |  |
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| Topic: history of Alston                                                      |       |           |  |
| Francis Eckdahl (interviewer: Gail Stasil)                                    | box 4 | folder 1  |  |
| Contents                                                                      |       |           |  |
| Topic: modern historical and folklore tragedy                                 |       |           |  |
| Joe Bacon (interviewers: Rose Storhok and Michael Johnson)                    | box 4 | folder 2  |  |
| Contents                                                                      |       |           |  |
| Topic: Harbor Springs Medical Care Facility                                   |       |           |  |
| A.B. Newton/Capt. Russel Bergh (interviewer: Bill Sundstrum)                  | box 4 | folder 3  |  |
| Contents                                                                      |       |           |  |
| Topics: 1913 strike (side 1, Newton), experiences of a sailor (side 2, Bergh) |       |           |  |
| Ailie Junkarri (interviewer: Cindy Szymanski)                                 | box 4 | folder 4  |  |
| Contents                                                                      |       |           |  |
| Topics: high school and activities of youth in Chassell (1920s and 1930s)     |       |           |  |
| Reuben Rowe (interviewer: David Thomas)                                       | box 4 | folder 5  |  |

Topic: his life

| Peter Collins (interviewer: Terrence Thompson), 1979       | box 4 | folder 6  |
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| Contents                                                   |       |           |
| Topics: Chassell area and lumber camp experiences          |       |           |
| Laurie Waati and Ruth Barth (interviewer: Sharon Torgeson) | box 4 | folder 7  |
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| Topics: Italian Hall, blood stopping                       |       |           |
| Alfred Harvey (interviewer: Mark, surname unknown)         | box 4 | folder 8  |
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| Topics: Italian Hall, WPA, copper, Mr. Hemingway           |       |           |
| August Fricke (interviewer: Joann Wagner)                  | box 4 | folder 9  |
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| Topic: copper mining                                       |       |           |
| Edith Jokie and August Fricke (interviewer: Dianna Walker) | box 4 | folder 10 |
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| Topics: Eagle River, Hurontown                             |       |           |
| Ken Hamar (interviewer: Graham Wise)                       | box 4 | folder 11 |
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| Topics: logging, Chassell life                             |       |           |
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| Inventory of lectures, undated                                                                   | box 5     | folder 1 |
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| Story of a woman who married a toad (program #3)/ethnic jokes (program #6)                       | box 5     | folder 3 |

| Chief Herbert Walsh on Indian lore and culture (program #4)                                                                                              | box 5 | folder 4  |  |
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| Name calling, Cousin Jacks, local terms (program #5)                                                                                                     | box 5 | folder 5  |  |
| Readings from "When Pine was King" on origin of U.P. (program #7)                                                                                        | box 5 | folder 6  |  |
| Bear walk, reading from "Boom Copper," origin of the Copper Country (program #8)/Reading from Harrison's "Wolf" false memoir, virgin copper (program #9) | box 5 | folder 7  |  |
| More from "Boom Copper" (program #10)/1913 copper strike, Italian Hall disaster (program #11)                                                            | box 5 | folder 8  |  |
| Closing out copper mining in the UP (program #12)/<br>Contemporary writing in the UP (program #13)                                                       | box 5 | folder 9  |  |
| Nick Fuller, Houghton County in the Civil War (program #14)/"Anatomy of a Murder" (program #15)                                                          | box 5 | folder 10 |  |
| Local military history, "Anatomy of a Murder" (program #16)/Discussion of "Anatomy of a Murder" (program #17)                                            | box 5 | folder 11 |  |
| Donald Kinsey's "Drill Cores" (program #18)/Ano (Hap)<br>Footnin reads (program #19)                                                                     | box 5 | folder 12 |  |
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