

Edwin Hulbert Papers

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Summary Information

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| Repository | Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections |
| Creator | Hulbert, Edwin J., 1829-1910 |
| Creator | Kelly, Mackenzie |
| Title | Edwin Hulbert Papers |
| Date [inclusive] | 1868-1912 |
| Extent | 0.7 cubic feet 2 manuscript boxes (legal) |
| Language | English |
| Mixed materials [Box] | 1-2 |
| Abstract | Papers, 1868-1913, financial records, one photograph, and correspondence between Edwin Hulbert and Frederick Mackenzie as well as correspondence to Frederick Mackenzie to other writers. |

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Biographical Note

Edwin J. Hulbert was working in Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula as a surveyor in 1858 when he came across an outcropping of copper in the area of what is now known as the village of Calumet. With limited capital at his disposal, he sought the financial backing of investors from Boston, eventually attracting the support of Quincy A. Shaw. For a brief time, E.J. Hulbert managed the Calumet Mine for Shaw and his partners, but he was replaced in 1866 by Shaw's brother-in-law, Alexander Agassiz. Frederick Mackenzie established a daily version of the newspaper Copper Country Evening News in 1891. It appears that his correspondence with Hulbert pre-dates his involvement with the newspaper, but that letters from E.J. Hulbert were published as letters to the editor in later editions of that newspaper. Hulbert retired to Rome, Italy, and drew a small pension from Calumet & Hecla for the rest of his life. His letters, though difficult to decipher, reveal details about the early operations of the mine, his life, and information about the copper mining industry in Upper Michigan. In his later years, his letters reflect bitterness over having been bought out and removed from C&H investors headed by Shaw.

Collection Scope and Contents Summary

This collection is comprised primarily of correspondence from Edwin Hulbert to Frederick Mackenzie dating from 1868 to 1913. It contains only a few copies of Mackenzie's letters to Hulbert, and a few pieces of miscellaneous correspondence from other writers. Also included in this collection are some financial records and receipts, an unidentified photograph, and a small assemblage of marbled end papers.

Arrangement

MS-883 is arranged into three series with subseries in series one:

Series I, Correspondence, 1876-1913 Subseries 1.1, Letters from Edwin Hulbert to Frederick Mackenzie, 1876-1913 Subseries 1.2, Letters from various writers to Frederick Mackenzie, 1882-1883 Subseries 1.3, Copies of letters from Frederick Mackenzie to Edwin Hulbert, 1899, 1900 Series II, Financial Records, 1868, 1890, 1891 Series III, Photograph, Approximately 1880-1890

Administrative Information

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Revision Description

Fields were updated and additional fields were added to make the finding aid DACS compliant during the NHPRC funded Detailed Processing Project. 6/11/2014

Conditions Governing Access

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Status of Loan

The collection was loaned to the Michigan Tech Archives by Mackenzie Kelly, the grandson of Frederick Mackenzie.

Related Materials

Related Materials

Archival Materials related to MS-883 held in this institution include:

Copper Country Vertical Files: Copper Mines & Mining Companies – Calumet & Hecla Copper Country Photo Files Copper Mines & Mining Companies – Calumet & Hecla

Biographical Files: Shaw, Quincy A. Hulbert, Edwin J. Agassiz, Alexander

Related Collections: MS-002 Calumet & Hecla Collection

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Calumet and Hecla Mining Company.

Genre(s)

- Correspondence
- Financial records
- Payroll records

Personal Name(s)

- Hulbert, Edwin J., 1829-1910
- Kelly, Mackenzie

Subject(s)

- Newspaper publishing--History--Michigan--Copper Country

Correspondence

Collection Inventory

1 Correspondence 1876-1913

1 Letters from Edwin Hulbert to Frederick Mackenzie 1876-1913

Scope and Contents

Letters from Edwin Hulbert to Frederick Mackenzie. Hulbert defends his management choices regarding the early operation of the Calumet & Hecla Mine, or describes his impressions of subsequent company executives. In one letter (Box 2, Folder 14), Hulbert describes an experience in which he felt the presence of a deceased sister in his life.

| | Box | Folder |
|-----------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| Letter, Hulbert to Mackenzie 1876 | 1 | 2 |
| Correspondence 1886 | 1 | 4 |
| Correspondence 1887 | 1 | 5 |
| Correspondence 1888 | 1 | 6 |
| Correspondence 1889 | 1 | 7 |
| Correspondence 1890 | 1 | 8 |

Letters from Edwin Hulbert to Frederick Mackenzie

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|-----------------------------------|---|----|
| Correspondence 1891 | 1 | 9 |
| Correspondence 1892 | 1 | 10 |
| Correspondence 1894 | 1 | 11 |
| Correspondence 1895 | 1 | 12 |
| Correspondence 1899 | 1 | 13 |
| Correspondence Jan-00 | 2 | 1 |
| Correspondence Aug 1900-Sep 1900 | 2 | 2 |
| Correspondence Oct 1900-Dec 1900 | 2 | 3 |
| Correspondence Jan 1901-Mar 1901 | 2 | 4 |
| Correspondence Apr 1901-May 1901 | 2 | 5 |
| Correspondence Jul 1901-Sep 1901 | 2 | 6 |
| Correspondence Oct 1901-Dec 1901 | 2 | 7 |
| Correspondence Jan 1902- Mar 1902 | 2 | 8 |
| Correspondence Apr 1902-Jun 1902 | 2 | 9 |

Letters from various writers to Frederick Mackenzie

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|----------------------------------|---|----|
| Correspondence Nov 1902-Dec 1902 | 2 | 10 |
| Correspondence 1903 | 2 | 11 |
| Correspondence 1913 | 2 | 12 |
| Correspondence Undated | 2 | 13 |
| Spiritualism Undated | 2 | 14 |
| Bound Material Undated | 2 | 20 |

2 Letters from various writers to Frederick Mackenzie 1882-1883**Scope and Contents**

Correspondence addressed to Frederick MacKenzie.

| | Box | Folder |
|--------------------------|------------|---------------|
| Correspondence 1882-1883 | 1 | 3 |

3 Copies of letters from Frederick Mackenzie to Edwin Hulbert 1899, 1900**Scope and Contents**

Items found in this subseries includes copies of correspondence from Frederick MacKenzie to Edwin Hulbert.

| | Box | Folder |
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Financial Records

| | | |
|---|------------|---------------|
| Typescript Correspondence 1899, 1900 | 1 | 14 |
| 2 Financial Records 1868, 1890, 1891 | | |
| | Box | Folder |
| Dept. of Interior Pension Claim 1868 | 1 | 1 |
| Receipts 1890, 1891 | 2 | 15 |
| 3 Photograph Approximately 1880-1890 | | |
| | Box | Folder |
| Photograph App. 1880-1890 | 2 | 18 |