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## Ernest Townsend Collection MTU-014

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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>                    | Ernest Townsend Collection  |
| <b>ID:</b>                       | MTU-014   |
| <b>Date [inclusive]:</b>         | 1920-1981   |
| <b>Physical Description:</b>     | 3.28 Cubic Feet 8 manuscript boxes  |
| <b>Language of the Material:</b> | English .   |
| <b>Mixed Materials [box]:</b>    | 1-8   |
| <b>Abstract:</b>                 | Collection, 1920-1981, of Ernest Townsend, a professor at the Michigan College of Mining and Technology (now Michigan Technological University) in Houghton, Michigan. Includes personal diaries or date books of Ernest and his wife Libby, awards, photographs, and playbills as well as information about the various organizations he was part of and about his years of employment and service to the college. |

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## Biography

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Ernest J. Townsend was born in 1904 in Grawn, Michigan and in 1927 enrolled at the Michigan College of Mining and Technology in Houghton, Michigan, graduating with a B.S. in mining technology in 1930 and a M.S. in mining engineering in 1931. He also completed graduate studies at the University of Chicago in business administration. He joined the faculty at the Michigan College of Mining and Technology as an instructor in mining engineering. In 1945, he was appointed head of the newly-established engineering administration department and in 1947 was named assistant treasurer of the College. He assumed full-time

duties as controller and treasurer in 1949, and in 1968 was named the first Vice President of Finance and Business of the recently renamed Michigan Technological University. He retired in 1969 and was awarded the University's Distinguished Service Award, the Alumni Association's Distinguished Service Award, and the Clair M. Donovan Service Award of the Blue Key Fraternity. For a time he was active in community affairs and local government, serving with the Houghton Village Council and the Houghton City Charter Commission. The city recognized his service by naming a street Townsend Drive, along which Michigan Technological University is situated. Ernest Townsend passed away in 1982.

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## Collection Scope and Content Summary

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Universities and colleges -- Faculty -- Michigan -- Houghton
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- Diaries
- Houghton (Mich.)
- Photographs
- Awards
- Cookbooks
- Playbills
- Memorabilia

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## Collection Inventory

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| Title/Description                                   | Instances |           |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Agassiz Park (layout)                               | box 1     | folder 2  |
| Commission on Aging                                 | box 1     | folder 1  |
| Calumet Order of the Eastern Star                   | box 1     | folder 2  |
| City of Houghton Centennial 1961                    | box 1     | folder 3  |
| Reunions; MTU and Houghton High School              | box 1     | folder 4  |
| MTU Commencement 1964, 1974                         | box 1     | folder 5  |
| S.A.N.D.S   | box 1     | folder 6  |
| Michigan Tech Fund and Presidents Club              | box 1     | folder 7  |
| Employment at Michigan Tech                         | box 1     | folder 8  |
| Various Shows and Playbills                         | box 1     | folder 9  |
| Diary; December 1936-June 1937                      | box 1     | folder 10 |
| "The Adjustment of a Quadrilateral" Thesis 1931     | box 1     | folder 11 |
| "Mayors" Views by J. T. Nachazel, Village President | box 1     | folder 12 |

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|---------------------------------------|-------|-----------|
| Copper Country Community Arts Council | box 2 | folder 1  |
| U. P. Attraction Brochures            | box 2 | folder 2  |
| Various Sno-Ball Booklets             | box 2 | folder 3  |
| U. P. Ventures Folder 1 of 2          | box 2 | folder 4  |
| U. P. Ventures Folder 2 of 2          | box 2 | folder 5  |
| War Ration Books                      | box 2 | folder 6  |
| Various Photographs                   | box 2 | folder 7  |
| Various Postcards                     | box 2 | folder 8  |
| Miscellaneous Material                | box 2 | folder 9  |
| Original Accession Sheets             | box 2 | folder 10 |
| Newspaper clippings, 1968-1981        | box 2 | folder 11 |
| Special teacher's certificate, 1938   | box 2 | folder 12 |
| Diary, 1950                           | box 3 |           |
| Diary, 1951                           | box 3 |           |
| Diary, 1954                           | box 3 |           |
| Diary, 1955                           | box 3 |           |
| Diary, 1956                           | box 3 |           |
| Diary, 1957                           | box 3 |           |
| Diary, 1958                           | box 3 |           |
| Diary, 1959                           | box 3 |           |
| Diary, 1960                           | box 4 |           |
| Diary, 1961                           | box 4 |           |
| Diary, 1962                           | box 4 |           |
| Diary, 1963                           | box 4 |           |
| Diary, 1964                           | box 4 |           |
| Diary, 1965                           | box 4 |           |
| Diary, 1966                           | box 4 |           |
| Diary, 1967                           | box 4 |           |
| Diary, 1968                           | box 4 |           |
| Diary, 1969                           | box 4 |           |
| Diary, 1970                           | box 5 |           |
| Diary, 1971                           | box 5 |           |

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| Diary, 1972   | box 5 |
| Diary, 1974   | box 5 |
| Diary, 1975   | box 5 |
| Handwritten Mining Notes  | box 5 |
| Handwritten Mining Notes  | box 5 |
| MCMT Book of Matches  | box 6 |
| Address Book  | box 6 |
| Friendship Book - Greetings from Friends  | box 6 |
| Diary 1920  | box 6 |
| Diary 1921  | box 6 |
| Diary 1922  | box 6 |
| Diary 1924  | box 6 |
| Diary 1926  | box 6 |
| Diary 1927  | box 6 |
| Diary from Parents to Libbie 1931-1934  | box 6 |
| Calumet Women's Club; "Copper Country Recipes" 1952   | box 6 |
| Calumet Women's Club; "Copper Country Recipes" 1966   | box 6 |
| Tech Wives; "Instant Success" Cookbook  | box 6 |
| "Copper Country Cooking" 1946 by the First Presbyterian Church Circle   | box 6 |
| "Copper Country Cooking" Undated by the First Presbyterian Church Circle  | box 6 |
| "Copper Kettle Cookbook" by the Keweenaw Playhouse  | box 6 |
| "500 Recipes of the Copper Country's Finest Cooking" 1959   | box 6 |
| Various Photographs   | box 6 |
| Piece of Metal  | box 6 |
| Letter Blanket Presented to Ernie Townsend by Students  | box 7 |
| Air Force Reserve Officer's Training Corps : Honorary Cadet Colonel of the 400th Air Force ROTC (Oct. 31, 1960)                     | box 7 |
| Honorary Varsity Letter from the Athletic Board (May 28, 1968)  | box 7 |
| Citation : Tireless Efforts and Outstanding Leadership as Chairman of the Charter Commission of the Village of Houghton (1969-1970) | box 7 |

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| Clair M. Donovan Outstanding Service Award : In Recognition of His Outstanding Service to MTU During the 1968-1969 Academic Year (May 19, 1969)   | box 7             |          |
| MTU Has Conferred the Title : Vice President Emeritus for Loyal, Outstanding and Dedicated Service to the University and Its Students   | box 7             |          |
| State of Michigan Legislature : A Concurrent Resolution of Tribute to Ernie Townsend on the Occasion of His Retirement as Vice President of Finance and Business (House : May 22, 1969; Senate : June 11, 1969) | box 7             |          |
| MTU Pennant   | box 7             |          |
| Houghton Centennial String Bow Tie 1861-1961  | box 7             |          |
| Houghton Centennial Buttons (5)   | box 7             |          |
| MTU Hockey Button (1)   | box 7             |          |
| MTU Winter Carnival Button 1976 (1)   | box 7             |          |
| Holy Redeemer by Alice Reynolds; Church Painted on Tile   | box 7             |          |
| Drawing Set (Incomplete)  | box 7             |          |
| MTU Campus Views and Housing  | box 8             | folder 1 |
| Winter Carnival 1960s   | box 8             | folder 2 |
| Picnics and Office Parties  | box 8             | folder 3 |
| Keweenaw Days   | box 8             | folder 4 |
| Fort Leonard Wood   | box 8             | folder 5 |
| Various Places  | box 8             | folder 6 |
| Various People  | box 8             | folder 7 |
| Photographs, 1946-1961  | box 8             | folder 8 |
| 30th Anniversary Kappa Delta Psi Paddle; 1969   | drawer 30 G<br>14 | folder A |
| State of Michigan Legislature Tribute to Ernie Townsend on his retirement   | drawer 30 G<br>14 | folder B |
| MTU Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award; 1931  | drawer 30 G<br>14 | folder C |
| Golden M Club Card for being an alumni for 50+ years  | drawer 30 G<br>14 | folder D |
| MTU Life Members Card   | drawer 30 G<br>14 | folder E |