

Earl Gagnon Photograph Collection

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Summary Information

Repository	Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections
Creator	Gagnon, Earl J., d. 1984
Title	Earl Gagnon Photograph Collection
Date [inclusive]	1864-1982
Extent	5.06 cubic feet 11 manuscript boxes
Language	English
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Mixed materials [Box]	1-11
Abstract	Photograph collection, 1864-circa 1976, of Earl Gagnon, a resident of Ripley, Michigan and staff writer and photographer for the Daily Mining Gazette of Houghton, Michigan. Includes images of ships, railroads, lighthouses, schools, copper mines and minings and buildings as well as local sports teams, local residents and Keweenaw scenery. Also includes photographs of the construction and installation of the Bishop Baraga monument on Keweenaw Bay.

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Biography

Before Earl J. Gagnon became a fixture at the Daily Mining Gazette in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, he was an elementary teacher at the Ripley (Mich.) Elementary School. He joined the Daily Mining Gazette in 1952, when he was 49, and began covering everything from copper mine strikes to collectors of old license plates. Gagnon was also responsible for a local history section of the newspaper titled "The Green Sheet" and printed on green newsprint paper. For 38 years, he also was the Upper Michigan correspondent for The Milwaukee Journal. In addition to the articles, he also took his own pictures. Gagnon retired in 1981, and died of a heart attack three years later at the age of 81.

Collection Scope and Content Summary

Photograph collection, includes images of ships, railroads, lighthouses, schools, copper mines and minings and buildings as well as local sports teams, local residents and Keweenaw scenery. Also includes photographs of the construction and installation of the Bishop Baraga monument on Keweenaw Bay.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged into seven series: 1. Buildings and Structures. 2. Portraits. 3. Churches and Religious Photographs. 4. Copper Mines and Mining. 5. Transportation. 6. Records and Articles. 7. Miscellaneous Local Photography.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Revision Description

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Acquisition

The Earl Gagnon Collection consisting of photographs, negatives, pamphlets maps, clippings, and scrapbooks was donated to the Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections by Joan Schroeder on June 29, 1988.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Daily Mining Gazette.
- Milwaukee Journal (Firm).

Genre(s)

- Negatives (Photographic)
- Photograph albums
- Photographs

Geographic Name(s)

- Upper Peninsula (Mich.)

Subject(s)

- Copper mines and mining--Michigan--Upper Peninsula
- Lighthouses--Michigan
- Local history
- Railroads
- School buildings--Michigan--Upper Peninsula
- Ships

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Series I, Buildings and Structures

Collection Inventory

Series I, Buildings and Structures 1864-1980 (Bulk, 1950-1980)

Scope and Contents

Black-and-white photographic prints and negatives of buildings and structures from throughout Houghton and Keweenaw counties. Included in this series are photographs of local businesses, warehouses, government buildings, residential buildings, schools, water towers, light houses, mills, bridges, and various machinery.

	Box	Folder
Buildings-Water Towers undated	1	1
Buildings-Warehouses Circa 1960	1	2
Buildings-Government Circa 1960	1	3
Buildings-Houses and Homes Circa 1960	1	4
Buildings-Stores and Businesses 1900-1910, 1950-1970, 1980 (Bulk, 1950-1970)	1	5
Buildings-Steel Structures Approximately 1950-1970	1	6
Bridges 1959, undated	1	6

Series II, Portraits

Lighthouses 1946, undated	1	8
Mills 1864-1867, circa 1960 (Bulk, 1955-1965)	1	9
Schools Circa 1960, undated	1	10
Schools-MCM Ford Forestry Center Circa 1950	1	11
Various Machinery undated	1	12
Interior of Coliseum, Calumet, Michigan undated	5	2
Buildings-Negatives undated	5	3

Series II, Portraits 1864-1980 (Bulk, 1950-1980)**Scope and Contents**

Black-and-white photographic prints and negatives of individual and group portraits of citizens from Houghton and Keweenaw counties. The group portraits include named and unnamed couples, groups, and local sports teams, and unnamed business meetings awards/demonstrations, and gatherings.

	Box	Folder
Portraits-Named-Single 1864-1884, 1920-1980	1	13
Portraits-Named-Groups/Couples Approximately 1950-1970	1	14
Portraits-Named-Displays/Demos Approximately 1944-1970	1	15

Series II, Portraits

Portraits-Named-Sports Approximately 1960-1980	1	16
Portraits-Unnamed-Singles (folder 1 of 2) Approximately 1960-1976	1	17
Portraits-Unnamed-Singles (folder 2 of 2) Approximately 1950-1970	1	18
Portraits-Unnamed-Groups (folder 1 of 5) 1894-1910, 1940-1970	1	19
Portraits-Unnamed-Groups (folder 2 of 5) 1913, Approximately 1940-1980 (Bulk, 1940-1980)	1	20
Portraits-Unnamed-Groups (folder 3 of 5) Approximately 1940-1970	2	1
Portraits-Unnamed-Groups (folder 4 of 5) Approximately 1940-1970	2	2
Portraits-Unnamed-Groups (folder 5 of 5) Approximately 1950-1970	2	3
Portraits-Unnamed-Awards/Demos (folder 1 of 2) Approximately 1950-1970	2	4
Portraits-Unnamed-Awards/Demos (folder 2 of 2) 1930, Approximately 1960-1980 (Bulk, 1960-1980)	2	5
Portraits-Unnamed-Sports undated	2	6
Portraits-Negatives [1965]	5	4
Oversize-Hockey (folder 1 of 3) 1897-1906	6	2

Series III, Churches and Religious Photographs

Oversize-Hockey (folder 2 of 3) 1904-1907, 1924 (Bulk, 1904-1907)	6	3
Oversize-Hockey (folder 3 of 3) 1900-1904, 1929-1930	6	4
Oversize-Baseball and Track 1897, 1911-1922 (Bulk, 1911-1922)	6	5

Series III, Churches and Religious Photographs 1950-1970**Scope and Contents**

Black-and-white photographs and negatives of churches and religious groups from Houghton and Keweenaw counties. Identified Photographs of interest include those of the Bishop Baraga Shrine construction, the Central Mine Methodist Church, the Phoenix Church in Keweenaw County, St. Ignatius Church in Houghton, and St. Joseph Catholic Church in Hancock.

	Box	Folder
Bishop Baraga Construction 1972-1973	2	7
Churches and Religious (folder 1 of 2) Approximately 1960-1970	2	8
Churches and Religious (folder 2 of 2) Approximately 1950-1970	2	9
Churches and Religious-Negatives undated	5	5

Series IV, Copper Mines and Mining undated, 1950-1970**Scope and Contents**

Series V, Transportation and Street Scenes

Black-and-white photographic prints related to copper mining and other types of mining that was done in Houghton and Keweenaw counties. Mines identified in this series includes Quincy Mine, Baltic Mine, Champion Mine, Red jacket Shaft, Calumet and Hecla, Zenmac Mine located between Rosspport and Schreiber in Ontario, Adventure Copper Mine, White Pine Mining Co., and Arcadian Copper Mine.

	Box	Folder
Copper Mines and Mining Related (folder 1 of 2) Approximately 1950-1970	2	10
Copper Mines and Mining Related (folder 2 of 2) 1864, Approximately 1950-1970 (Bulk, 1950-1970)	2	11
Copper Mines and Mining Related-Mine Entrances Approximately 1950-1970	2	12
Copper Mines and Mining Related-Dredges undated	2	13
Red Jacket Shaft, Calumet undated	5	1
Copper Mines and Mining Related-Negatives undated	5	6
Mining Photographs-Red Jacket Shaft and North Kearage undated	6	1

Series V, Transportation and Street Scenes 1858-1981 (Bulk, 1950-1981)**Scope and Contents**

Black-and-white photographs and negatives of various modes of transportation including ships, railroads, and street cars as well as black-and-white photographs of street scenes and signage from around Houghton and Keweenaw counties. Also included in this series are railroad maps and schedules

Series V, Transportation and Street Scenes

from Keewenaw Central Railroad, Lake Superior Transit Company, the Soo Line, the Mineral Range Railroad, and Copper Range and scrapbooks containing photographs of ships. Companies represented in this series include Franklin Tram Road Inc., Copper Range, Erie Mining Company, Arcadian Copper Mine, Sperry Rail Service, Escanaba and Lake Superior Railroad, and the Soo Line.

	Box	Folder
Railroads (folder 1 of 2) Approximately 1960-1980, undated	2	14
Railroads (folder 2 of 2) Approximately 1950-1970	2	15
Railroads-Depots Approximately 1940-1970	2	16
Railroads-Maps and Schedules 1909, 1949-1980 (Bulk, 1949-1980)	2	17
Ships (folder 1 of 5) 1897-1914, undated	3	1
Ships (folder 2 of 5) Approximately 1950-1960	3	2
Ships (folder 3 of 5) 1958, undated	3	3
Ships (folder 4 of 5) undated	3	4
Ships (folder 5 of 5) 1867, 1953-1981 (Bulk, 1953-1981)	3	5
Signs undated	3	6
Street Scenes 1850-1875, 1950-1970 (Bulk, 1950-1970)	3	7

Series VI, Research and Articles

Various Vehicles 1926, undated	3	8
Scrapbook-Photographs of Ships 1895-1956	4	1
Scrapbook-Photographs of Ships 1873-1954	4	2
Scrapbook-Photographs of Ships 1884-1933	4	3
Transportation-Negatives undated	5	7
Oversize-Ships undated	6	1
Oversize-Ships (folder 1 of 2) 1858, 1964	6	6
Oversize-Ships (folder 2 of 2) 1910-1917, undated	6	7
	Box	Volume
Scrapbook-Photographs of Ships Approximately 1901-1955	7	1
Journal-Shipping 1894/11/01- 1895/12/09	10	1
Shipping and Receiving Detail Log Sep 1891-Nov 1896	11	1

Series VI, Research and Articles 1864-1982 (Bulk, 1920-1960)

Scope and Contents

Documents, clippings, correspondence, scrapbooks, and ephemera pertaining to Gagnons' research and publications, including his research on Anthony F. Glaza. Also housed in this series are mining stock

Series VII, Miscellaneous Local Photography

certificates from the Houghton Copper Company, Champion Copper Company, Hancock Consolidated Mining Company, and the National Mining Company and a 1923 Northern Normal School Yearbook.

	Box	Folder
Nonphoto-A.J. Glaza 1939, 1966	3	9
Nonphoto-Correspondence Regarding Gazette 1864-1914, 1942-1982 (Bulk, 1942-1982)	3	10
Nonphoto-Mining Stocks Related 1927, undated	3	11
Nonphoto-Northern Normal School Yearbok 1923	3	12
	Box	Volume
Scrapbook-Newspaper Articles 1920-1960	8	1
Scrapbook-Newspaper Articles, Photographs, Correspondence 1920-1956	9	1
Scrapbook-Newspaper Articles (Primarily Ripley) [1928-1939]	10	2

Series VII, Miscellaneous Local Photography 1913-1970 (Bulk, 1939-1970)**Scope and Contents**

Black-and-white photographs and negatives representing citizens of Houghton and Kweenaw counties, rural scenes, domestic and wild animals and oversize landscapes of the Copper Country.

	Box	Folder
Rural Scenes undated	3	13

Series VII, Miscellaneous Local Photography

Animals and Items on Display 1913, bulk undated	3	14
Miscellaneous Approximately 1939-1970	3	15
Miscellaneous Local Photography-Negatives undated	5	8