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Summary Information

Repository:	Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections
Title:	Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Company Forest Survey Records
ID:	MS-435
Date [inclusive]:	1896-1943
Physical Description:	2.4 Cubic Feet 5 manuscript boxes
General Physical Description note:	2.0 cubic feet 2 paige boxes
Language of the Material:	English .
Mixed Materials [box]:	1-5
Abstract:	Forest survey records, 1896-1943, describing land owned by the company on Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Along with the survey notes are copies of notes prepared by Henry S. Graves in 1896 as part of his working plan for the management of the company's forest lands and a copy of a report on forest management of the area in the 1930s, written by J. W. Toumey. The land described in these records extends from the edge of the Ottawa National Forest to Sault Ste. Marie.

Preferred Citation

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Biography

In 1847, a group of men from the Cleveland area pooled their money and their minds to create the Cleveland Iron Company. Their objective was to explore for minerals in the remote wilderness of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, just three years after iron ore was discovered

near what is now Negaunee in 1844. The articles of agreement to form this new company were drawn up on November 9, 1847, and the first stock in the new venture was issued on November 27, 1847. Reborn as Cleveland-Cliffs Inc. in the mid-1980s, and Cliffs Natural Resources in 2008, the company has remained in the forefront of the North American iron ore business since opening its first mine in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan in 1850, achieving longevity by successfully adapting its operations to major changes that drove many competitors out of business. In the early 21st century, Cliffs was a pre-eminent global producer and merchant of iron ore and other steel-related products (excerpted from <http://www.cliffsnaturalresources.com/About/Pages/History.aspx>, accessed January 2011).

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Access

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Controlled Access Headings

- Forest management -- Michigan -- Upper Peninsula
- Upper Peninsula (Mich.)
- Forests and forestry -- Michigan -- Upper Peninsula
- Field notes
- Surveys (Documents)
- Iron mines and mining -- Michigan -- Upper Peninsula

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Forest Survey Records - Cleveland Cliffs Iron Co., Jan 1919 - Aug 1919	box 1	folder 1
Forest Survey Records - Cleveland Cliffs Iron Co., Aug 1919 - Nov 1919, Jun 1923 - Dec 1923	box 1	folder 2
Forest Survey Records - Cleveland Cliffs Iron Co., Jul 1923 - Dec 1923	box 1	folder 3
Forest Survey Records - Cleveland Cliffs Iron Co., Jan 1924 - Apr 1924	box 1	folder 4
Forest Survey Records - Cleveland Cliffs Iron Co., Apr 1924 - Sep 1924	box 1	folder 5
Forest Survey Records - Cleveland Cliffs Iron Co., Sep 1924 - Mar 1925	box 1	folder 6
Forest Survey Records - Cleveland Cliffs Iron Co., Mar 1925 - Jul 1925	box 1	folder 7
Forest Survey Records - Cleveland Cliffs Iron Co., Aug 1925 - Jan 1926	box 2	folder 1
Forest Survey Records - Cleveland Cliffs Iron Co., Jan 1926 - Apr 1926	box 2	folder 2
Forest Survey Records - Cleveland Cliffs Iron Co., May 1926 - Dec 1926	box 2	folder 3

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Forest Survey Records - Cleveland Cliffs Iron Co., Dec 1926 - Jun 1927	box 2	folder 4
Forest Survey Records - Cleveland Cliffs Iron Co., Jun 1927 - Dec 1927	box 2	folder 5
Forest Survey Records - Cleveland Cliffs Iron Co., Dec 1927 - Mar 1928	box 2	folder 6
Forest Survey Records - Cleveland Cliffs Iron Co., Mar 1928 - Jul 1928	box 2	folder 7
Forest Survey Records - Cleveland Cliffs Iron Co., Jul 1928 - Oct 1928	box 3	folder 1
Forest Survey Records - Cleveland Cliffs Iron Co., Nov 1928 - Apr 1929	box 3	folder 2
Forest Survey Records - Cleveland Cliffs Iron Co., Apr 1929 - Jul 1929	box 3	folder 3
Forest Survey Records - Cleveland Cliffs Iron Co., Jul 1929 - Sep 1929	box 3	folder 4
Forest Survey Records - Cleveland Cliffs Iron Co., Sep 1929 - Jan 1930	box 3	folder 5
Forest Survey Records - Cleveland Cliffs Iron Co., Jan 1930 - Apr 1930	box 3	folder 6
Forest Survey Records - Cleveland Cliffs Iron Co., May 1930 - Nov 1930	box 4	folder 1
Forest Survey Records - Cleveland Cliffs Iron Co., Sep 1930 - Feb 1931	box 4	folder 2
Forest Survey Records - Cleveland Cliffs Iron Co., Mar 1931 - Jun 1931	box 4	folder 3
Forest Survey Records - Cleveland Cliffs Iron Co., Jun 1931 - Nov 1931	box 4	folder 4
Forest Survey Records - Cleveland Cliffs Iron Co., Nov 1931 - Jan 1934	box 4	folder 5
Forest Survey Records - Cleveland Cliffs Iron Co., Apr 1934 - Aug 1934	box 4	folder 6
Note Books: 1 & 2, Sep 1934 - Jan 1935	box 5	folder 1
Note Books: 3 & 4, Jan 1935 - May 1935	box 5	folder 2
Note Books: 5 & 6, May 1935 - Aug 1935	box 5	folder 3
Note Books: 7 & 8, Aug 1935 - Feb 1936	box 5	folder 4
Note Books: 9 & 10, Feb 1936 - Jun 1936	box 5	folder 5
Note Books: 11 & 12, Jun 1936 - Oct 1936	box 5	folder 6

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Note Books: 19 & 20, Oct 1939 - Jan 1940	box 5	folder 10
Note Books: 21 & 22, Feb 1940 - Jun 1940	box 5	folder 11
Note Books: 23 & 24, Jul 1940 - Dec 1940	box 5	folder 12
Note Books: 25 & 26, Dec 1940 - Jun 1941	box 5	folder 13
Note Books: 27 & 28, Jun 1941 - Jan 1942	box 5	folder 14
Note Books: 29 & 30, Jan 1942 - Jun 1942	box 5	folder 15
Note Books: 31 & 32, Jun 1942 - Feb 1943	box 5	folder 16
Note Books: 33 & 34, Mar 1943 - Dec 1943	box 5	folder 17
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Special Report for Dr. Rakestraw on the Lands Owned by the Cleveland Cliffs Iron Company by Eric Paavilainen and Additional Reports, 1887 - 1969	box 5	folder 19