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Summary Information

Repository:	Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections
Title:	Gundlach Family Collection
ID:	MS-827
Date [inclusive]:	Circa 1890- 2018
Physical Description:	60.48 Cubic Feet 46 manuscript boxes, 1 map drawer, 1 oversize folder
Language of the Material:	English .
Mixed Materials [folder]:	66 C
Mixed Materials [box]:	5
Mixed Materials [box]:	1-46
Mixed Materials [drawer]:	89
Abstract:	Collection, circa 1890s-2003, of the Gundlach family of Houghton, Michigan. Includes business papers and records from the Herman Gundlach, Inc. construction company and the Barbara Kettle Gundlach Shelter Home as well as personal papers, photograph albums, notebooks, clipping albums, audiovisual materials, and other printed ephemera.

Preferred Citation

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Biography

A native of Houghton, Michigan, Herman 'Winks' Gundlach was born in 1913. He received his baccalaureate in civil engineering from Harvard University in 1935. During his student years, he played varsity football and lacrosse for the Crimson and captained the 1934 football team. He was named to various All-Eastern and All-American football teams and played for the College All-Star Squad against the Chicago Bears in the 1935 All-Star Game. Following graduation, he played professional football with the Boston Redskins for a brief period before returning to Houghton to manage his family's construction business. From 1941 to 1946, he served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and was discharged with the rank of Major. Following the war, he returned to Houghton and built Gundlach Construction into one of the largest and most respected general contracting firms in Michigan. From 1946 until he retired in 1988, Gundlach Construction built many, if not most, of the major structures in the Upper Peninsula. Among the buildings constructed by Gundlach are many of the Michigan Tech buildings including Dillman Hall, the home of the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department. Herman was President of Copper Country Concrete Corporation, President of Douglass House Hotel Corporation, Chair and President of Houghton National Bank and served on the boards of several other corporations. Included in Mr. Gundlach's impressive list of honors are: Past President and Honorary Life Member of the Michigan Chapter, Associated General Contractors; Fellow of ASCE; Director and Chair, Barbara Kettle Gundlach Shelter Home; Upper Peninsula Sports Hall of Fame; Dial Help Outstanding Service Award; National Organization for Women, Outstanding Service Award; Harvard Sports Hall of Fame; and others too numerous to mention. Herman was a member of the Michigan Tech President's Club, received the Michigan Tech Distinguished Service Award in 1983, and was elected to the Michigan Tech Sports Hall of Fame in 1988. Over the years, he has been a special friend of the civil and environmental engineering students at Michigan Tech. Herman was married to Barbara Kettle Gundlach who passed away in 1983. He has four daughters and four grandchildren. Herman Gundlach passed away in 2005 (excerpted from <http://www.cee.mtu.edu/alumni/academy/photos-jpg/14Gundlach.html>, accessed June 3, 2010).

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Controlled Access Headings

- Audiovisual materials
- Clippings (Information artifacts)
- Photograph albums
- Scrapbooks
- Journals (Accounts)
- Ledgers (Account books)
- Financial records
- Houghton County (Mich.)
- Families -- History
- Local history -- Michigan -- Copper Country
- Printed ephemera

Collection Inventory

Business Papers		
Title/Description	Instances	
5 Albums of News Articles, 1 Album Building Photos	box 1	
5 Albums of News Articles, 1 Album Building Photos	box 2	
5 Albums of News Articles	box 3	
Loose Maps & Papers Regarding Landscaping, 5 Photos Of Wells Fargo	box 7	
Various Business Related Papers, Schematics, and Photos	box 20	
30 Motion Picture Reels	box 21	
3 Bound Cash Journal Logs	box 22	
2 Bound Cash Journals, 1 Folder & 1 Box Photos of Const. Projects	box 23	
3 Bound Ledgers, 2 Binders Company History, 1 Box of Papers	box 28	
2 Bound General Ledgers, 2 Bound Cash-Journals, 1 Bound Ledger	box 29	
4 Bound varying Ledgers (Payroll, General, Cash-Journal)	box 30	
Ledger, papers, Ruppe residence construction papers	box 33	
5 Varying Business Ledgers (Pay-Roll Record, Business Expenditure, etc.)	box Loose	
Package Containing 1 Time Book & Stack of Loose Ledger Pages	box Loose	
Buildings, lists, 1923, 1991-1993, 2005	box 47	folder 1
Correspondence, Harold A. Grumann, 1947-1948	box 47	folder 2
Gundlach Champion, Inc., 100th anniversary, 1998	box 47	folder 3
Gundlach, Inc., correspondence, 1904-1915, (1904-1905)	box 47	folder 4
Gundlach, Inc., history, 1919, 1948-2016	box 47	folder 5
Gundlach, Inc., records, 1921-1954	box 47	folder 6
Daily Mining Gazette newspaper, Memorial Union dedication, June 6, 1953	folder 1	item 2
Amerikan Suometar newspaper, including article about Emil Tikkanen, September 21, 1948	folder 1	item 4

Language of the Material: Finnish.

Photographs

Title/Description	Instances	
Early Herman Gundlach construction projects, copy prints, undated	box 48	folder 1
Herman Gundlach, Inc. buildings Michigan Tech, 1950-1969, 2003	box 48	folder 2
Herman Gundlach ironwork construction, undated	box 48	folder 3
Local businesses, exterior views, undated	box 48	folder 4
Painesdale High School, 1910	box 48	folder 5
Unidentified excavation site, undated	box 48	folder 6

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Personal Papers

Title/Description	Instances	
8 Albums Personal Photos, 1 Sleeve & 4 Loose Personal Photos	box 5	
6 Albums Personal Photos, 1 Landscape Textbook, 15 Loose Pamphlets	box 6	
8 Albums Personal Photos, 1 Album Awards Ceremony, 1 Film Splincher	box 9	
12 Albums Personal & Kettle-Gundlach Residence Dedication Photos	box 10	
Photo albums, 16 mm film, audio tape	box 13	
9 Audio Reels, 18 Motion Picture Reels, Loose Papers Of Reel Contents	box 14	
27 Motion Picture Reels (16mm)	box 15	
24 Motion Picture Reels (16mm)	box 16	
26 Motion Picture Reels (16mm)	box 17	
11 VHS Family History Videos, 9 Family Movies (2 Copies, DVD&VHS)	box 19	
Photo albums, misc. papers, Kettle family memorabilia	box 31	
35 + Oversize Photographs	box Loose	
6 Diplomas & Certificates, Herman Jr. & Sr.	folder 66 C	

Gundlach property, block 6, Village of Houghton, blueprint, August 1930	folder 1	item 3
Gustav Gundlach, music and mass, undated, 1992-2001	box 48	folder 7

Herman Gundlach, Sr.

Title/Description	Instances	
Football team photograph, copy print, undated, 1910	box 48	folder 8
High school and carpentry, 1890-1900	box 48	folder 9-12
American Red Cross recognition of service, 1944-1947	box 49	folder 1
Selective Service medal certificate, undated	folder 1	item 1

Herman "Winks" Gundlach, Jr.

Football

Title/Description	Instances	
Football, 1927, 1934-2018	box 49	folder 2
Football and President Gerald Ford, 1934, 1999-2003	box 49	folder 3
Football, NFL contract and telegrams, undated, 1935	box 49	folder 4
Harvard, undated, 1935, 2013	box 49	folder 5
Harvard, A.A. News, November 10, 1935	box 49	folder 6
Harvard football publications, 1997, 2004	box 49	folder 7

Awards and recognitions

Title/Description	Instances	
Houghton Rotary and Rotary International, undated	box 49	folder 8
Michigan Construction Hall of Fame, 2004	box 49	folder 9
Newspaper clippings, 1974-2003	box 49	folder 10

Subject files

Title/Description	Instances	
Barbara Kettle Gundlach Shelter Home, 1983-2005	box 49	folder 11
Kettle-Gundlach university residence and sustainability demonstration house, 1979, 2018	box 49	folder 12
Read to Ride, 2001-2003	box 49	folder 13
Salvation Army of the Copper Country, 18th annual Civic Dinner honoring Ken Seaton, May 12, 2004	box 49	folder 14

Salvation Army of the Copper Country, 18th annual Civic Dinner honoring Ken Seaton, DVD, May 12, 2004	box 49	folder 15
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Speeches and interviews

Title/Description	Instances	
Commencement address, Michigan Tech, 1971	box 49	folder 16
Houghton, 1900-1940, reminiscences by Herman Gundlach, undated	box 49	folder 17
Interview, Keweenaw National Historical Park, 2002	box 49	folder 18
Interview remarks, Detroit Free Press, March 1985	box 49	folder 19
Speeches, 1973, 2002	box 49	folder 20

Miscellaneous

Title/Description	Instances	
High school days in the early life and times of Herman "Winks" Gundlach, Ralph H. Raffaelli, undated	box 49	folder 21
Family and friends, 1930-2005	box 50	folder 1
Father George Pernaski, 1947	box 50	folder 2
Herman Gundlach, Jr., obituaries, 2005	box 50	folder 3
Herman Gundlach, Sr., obituaries, 1945	box 50	folder 4
Property titles, 1951-1969	box 50	folder 5
Resume, undated, 2001	box 50	folder 6

Photographs

Title/Description	Instances	
Copper Country, miscellaneous, undated, 1921	box 50	folder 7
Douglass Avenue, Houghton with view of Quincy Mine, 1906	box 50	folder 8
Ernst Zenner, copy prints, undated	box 50	folder 9
Herman Gundlach, Sr., family, and friends, 1900-1910	box 50	folder 10
Miscellaneous photographs related to Herman Gundlach, Sr., copy prints, undated	box 50	folder 11
Portage Lake hockey team, United States champions, postcard, 1902-1903	box 50	folder 12
West Houghton and Hancock, 1906	box 50	folder 13
View of Houghton (?) from Hancock, undated	box 50	folder 14

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Mixed Business and Personal Papers

Title/Description	Instances	
4 Albums of News Articles, 1 Album Personal Photos	box 4	
8 Albums Personal Photos, 1 Album Business Photos (EERC Topping Off)	box 8	
1 Album Stonington, 2 Albums Hannah Powell, 12 Videos (Per. & Bus.)	box 11	
Photo albums, misc. papers, correspondence, clippings	box 12	
19 Motion Picture Reels, 450+ Color Slides	box 18	
1 Folder of Various Const. Projects, 17 Audio & Visual Tapes of Misc. Items	box 24	
Large Collection Of Various Sized Photos	box 25	
Collection Of Loose and Framed Photos, Box of Personal Notebooks	box 26	drawer 89
Collection of Newspaper Articles, Magazines, Business Papers, etc.	box 27	
3 Wooden Boxed Cameras	box Loose	
Photo albums	box 32	
Photograph, unidentified portrait of a man, undated	box 50	folder 15

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