

# THE DICKINSON COUNTY LIBRARY'S LOCAL AND REGIONAL HISTORY FILES COMPILED BY WILLIAM JOHN CUMMINGS

The following local and regional history files have been compiled and transcribed by William John Cummings, local amateur historian, representing ongoing research for: the Menominee Iron Range; Dickinson County, Michigan; Iron County, Michigan; Menominee County, Michigan (Faithorn, Hermansville); Florence County, Wisconsin; and Marinette County, Wisconsin (Niagara).

Making these files available to the public on the Dickinson County Library website has been a long-time goal to promote our area's rich history and make information long hidden in bound newspaper volumes available to all who have an interest in history and genealogy.

The majority of the information contained herein has been extracted from early contemporary newspapers, as well as other historical resources, over the past several decades. This information has gradually been compiled and transcribed into Word documents which are now being changed to PDF files and placed on the Dickinson County Library's website.

This is a work in progress, and no category is the definitive resource. New material is regularly being added to the compilation as further research is completed. Existing files are continually updated.

Articles have been copied verbatim with errors in spelling and syntax. The term *[sic]* indicates the error as printed, and is usually accompanied by a correction. Sometimes additional information is contained in brackets, such as spelling out abbreviations of organizations – G.A.R. [*Grand Army of the Republic*] – to promote understanding or defining an unfamiliar term.

Microfilms and original bound volumes of most of these newspapers are held by the Dickinson County Library and the Menominee Range Historical Foundation Museum, both located in Iron Mountain, Michigan.

NOTE: *There is a master index for each of the main files.* They are also undated regularly as information is added. Use the accompanying guides for each major division to assist in locating information. Items are broken down by

topic and begin with more general topics and become more specific. The major files are:

**FILE 1: Menominee Iron Range History**

**FILE 2: Dickinson County, Michigan, History**

**FILE 3: Iron County, Michigan, History**

**FILE 4: Menominee County, Michigan, History (Faithorn –  
Hermansville – Powers)**

**FILE 5: Florence County, Wisconsin, History**

**FILE 6: Marinette County, Wisconsin, History (Niagara)**

**FILE 7: Commercial District Designations for Archive Files**

Hopefully logic and common sense will guide the user to find the available information. *Always search from a general topic to more specific topics.* Subject areas are divided into large categories and then subdivided into more detailed sections. These outline indices should help the user determine where the information sought is located.

For example, to find the account of **Buell's Opera House** burning in **Quinnesec** you would search as follows:

1. NOTE: All of the fires recorded in the archive to date are listed under Menominee Iron Range History (File 1), and are arranged by county; city, village or settlement; date and structure(s) burned.
2. Menominee Iron Range History (File 1) – Fires
3. Fires (File 1) – Dickinson County
4. Dickinson County (File 1) – Quinnesec
5. **Quinnesec (File 1) – August 20, 1925 – Buell's Opera House**

Another example, to find information on **Sing Kee's Chinese Laundry** in **Iron Mountain**, you would search as follows:

1. Dickinson County History (File 2)
2. Dickinson County History – City of Iron Mountain (File 2)
3. City of Iron Mountain – Commercial District (File 2) (Here you would want to check File 7 which provides an outline of commercial district designations to help quickly find the proper place to search.)
4. Commercial District – Clothing (File 2)
5. Clothing – Laundries and Dry Cleaners (File 2)
6. **Laundries and Dry Cleaners – Sing Kee, Chinese laundry, 209 East Ludington Street**