



The Keweenaw Guide



Cora Reynolds Anderson of L'Anse. Image Courtesy of the Michigan State Capitol Collection. Portrait by Joshua Adam Risner.



Portrait of Maggie Walz, circa 1910. Keweenaw NHP Archives, Andrew Curto Collection

Women Making a Difference

2020 marked a momentous anniversary: women's right to vote was established by law on August 18, 1920, when the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified. Celebrating this milestone gives us the opportunity to honor the trailblazing women who led the long fight for suffrage and women's rights, from national leaders like Sojourner Truth and Susan B. Anthony to less-well-known women who worked with perseverance, commitment, and vision to change society's outdated attitudes.

Two Copper Country women embodied the grit and determination the struggle demanded: Maggie Walz and Cora Belle Anderson. Both personified different elements of the Keweenaw's unique history.

Maggie Walz was an immigrant. Born in Finland in 1861, she came to the Keweenaw in 1881 seeking new opportunities. She learned English at night school after working all day as a domestic servant, and quickly moved on to a job as a door-to-door salesperson. She was good at sales, and it inspired her to go to business school. When she returned to Calumet in 1894, she established herself as an entrepreneur and newspaper editor, earning a place—and a voice—as a leader in the community. She used her position as a successful businessperson to advocate for temperance, suffrage, and social reform.

Walz chose to live an independent life at a time when society expected women to marry and work inside the home. As a self-directed entrepreneur and immigrant advocate, she provided other women—mostly young, unskilled Finnish immigrants—with opportunities to make their own choices to work, go to school, and improve the qualities of their own lives. Walz helped immigrants like herself become American, and fought for women's right to vote so they could exercise the responsibility of full citizenship.

Cora Belle Reynolds was born in L'Anse in 1881, and was Ojibwa, a member of the Keweenaw Bay community.

She attended local schools and, empowered by the education she received, went to Kansas to earn a teaching certificate from the Haskell Institute. She came back to Keweenaw Bay and taught at Zeba for several years until 1903, when she married Charles Anderson. This required her to leave the classroom—at the time, female teachers could not be married—but she joined her husband running their hotel in L'Anse. She continued to spend time in public service: by bringing the first public health service to Baraga County.

Driven by the desire to help those in need, Reynolds Anderson decided to run for state office in 1924. She won her seat, representing Baraga, Houghton, Keweenaw, and Ontonagon counties. In doing so, she became the first woman elected to Michigan's House of Representatives, just six years after women in Michigan had won the right to vote. Male voters approved Michigan's amendment to the state constitution giving full voting rights to women in 1918. Gov. Sleeper had also signed a bill giving women full voting rights in 1917. Serving in government enabled Anderson to return to her educational roots, as she chaired and sat on various committees overseeing schools, including what is now Northern Michigan University. She carried on her public health advocacy after her term, and fought for the recognition of Ojibwa treaty fishing rights in Huron Bay.

Walz and Reynolds Anderson reveal how two Copper Country women challenged the status quo, fought for equality, and inspired social change in their communities. They came from very different backgrounds, but both took risks, worked hard, and persevered to help others around them live better lives. They have left legacies that encourage people today. Which women inspire you to make a difference?

By: Jo Holt, Park Historian



Visitor Services and Facilities

Keweenaw National Historical Park
 25970 Red Jacket Road
 Calumet, MI 49913
 Park Headquarters: 906-337-3168
 Calumet Visitor Center:
 906-483-3176
 Fax: 906-337-3169
 Website: www.nps.gov/kewe
 Social Media:
www.facebook.com/keweenawNHP
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[instagram.com/keweenawnps](https://www.instagram.com/keweenawnps)

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FOOD AND RESTAURANTS

A variety of restaurants and grocery stores are located throughout the Keweenaw Peninsula.

CAMPING



Camping options are available across the Keweenaw Peninsula. Community-operated and private campgrounds are also available. For more information, contact the Keweenaw Convention and Visitors Bureau at 1-800-338-7982 or visit www.keweenaw.info.

LODGING



A full range of lodging can be found across the Keweenaw Peninsula. Contact the Keweenaw Convention and Visitors Bureau for more information 1-800-338-7982 or www.keweenaw.info.

Accessibility



The Calumet Visitor Center and Park Headquarters are accessible. Some National Park Service facilities located in historic structures, as well as several Keweenaw Heritage Sites, are not accessible at this time. Information about which sites have accessible facilities is located in the centerfold of the newspaper. Sites indicated as accessible may require assistance in certain areas. Other parts of the site may not be accessible. Contact sites directly for further information on accessibility prior to visiting.

WALKING



Self-guided walking tours in each park unit provide opportunities to learn about the area's cultural and industrial heritage.



CALUMET VISITOR CENTER



Bookstore purchases (books, games, posters, postcards, shirts, hats, patches, and more) support the park. Located at 98 Fifth Street in Calumet. Please call 906-483-3176 or visit the park website at www.nps.gov/kewe for the latest information on days and hours of operation. Let park rangers provide area information to help you plan your visit.

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Keweenaw Mileage Chart

	Hanka Homestead	Calumet/Laurium	Central	Chassell	Copper Harbor	Delaware	Eagle Harbor	Eagle River	Greenland	Hancock	Houghton	Lake Linden	Ontonagon	Phoenix	Quincy Hill	South Range	Victoria	Porcupine MWSP
Hanka Homestead	-	35	53	15	70	58	59	51	60	24	22	36	73	49	26	55	72	89
Calumet/Laurium	35	-	18	20	35	23	24	16	51	11	13	4	51	14	11	22	63	82
Central Mine	53	18	-	38	17	5	14	6	69	29	31	22	55	4	29	40	81	95
Chassell Heritage	15	20	38	-	55	43	44	36	45	9	7	21	58	34	11	12	57	74
Copper Harbor	70	35	17	55	-	12	14	22	86	46	43	39	72	21	46	57	98	111
Delaware	58	23	5	43	12	-	19	11	74	36	38	27	60	9	34	45	86	105
Eagle Harbor	59	24	14	44	14	19	-	8	75	35	37	28	88	10	35	46	87	106
Eagle River	51	16	6	36	22	11	8	-	67	27	29	20	80	2	27	38	79	98
Adventure Mine	60	51	69	45	86	74	75	67	-	40	38	52	13	65	42	33	12	29
Hancock	24	11	29	9	46	36	35	27	40	-	2	12	53	25	2	7	52	69
Houghton	22	13	31	7	43	38	37	29	38	2	-	14	51	27	4	5	50	67
Lake Linden	36	4	22	21	39	27	28	20	52	12	14	-	65	37	14	19	64	81
Ontonagon	73	51	55	58	72	60	88	80	13	53	51	65	-	78	55	46	16	16
Phoenix	49	14	4	34	21	9	10	2	65	25	27	37	78	-	25	36	77	96
Quincy Hill	26	11	29	11	46	34	35	27	42	2	4	14	55	25	-	11	54	71
Copper Range	55	22	40	12	57	45	46	38	33	7	5	19	46	36	11	-	45	62
Old Victoria	72	63	81	57	98	86	87	79	12	52	50	64	16	77	54	45	-	32
Porcupine MWSP	89	82	95	74	111	105	106	98	29	69	67	81	16	96	71	62	32	-

Photo: Nathan Miller

Winter Fun

Winter in the Keweenaw means fewer crowds, frigid temperatures, and snow – lots of snow. Pack your skis, ice skates, fat-tire bikes, snowshoes, or load up the snowmobiles because winter recreation abounds as rivers and lakes freeze, and snowstorms transform the region into a winter wonderland. Winter is also a great time to dig into the history of the Copper Country.

Many of Keweenaw National Historical Park's heritage sites are open or allow for access throughout the winter. So when you're ready to come in from the cold, consider digging deeper into the geological story at the A.E. Seaman Mineral Museum or take a self-guided tour of the historic Calumet Theatre, and if you're lucky, take in a show. It is always a good idea to contact individual sites to confirm hours of operation. Contact information can be found on the map in the center of this publication.

The park visitor center offers an array of exhibits that will help you better understand the history and life in the Keweenaw. The park visitor center is open on a reduced winter schedule. Please contact the park headquarters (906-483-3176) for details on hours of operation from Labor Day until Memorial Day.

By: Valerie Newman, Interpretive Specialist



Welcome to Keweenaw National Historical Park! The Anishinaabe Ojibwa people have called this land home since time immemorial, and we are honored to join their descendants in the stewardship of this place.

When I first visited the Keweenaw, I enjoyed discovering landscapes and learning about the area's history. As places become familiar, I am amazed that no trail or shoreline, or ruin is ever the same. Such places are like old friends, each visit bringing something new and comforting.

Coming out of the isolation many of us felt during the height of the Covid-19 Pandemic, it feels good to be getting out, moving and breathing the fresh air. Spend some time immersing yourself in the exploration of rocky shorelines, wooded trails, homesteads, mining ruins and museums. It feels good to slow down and take notice of the details that surround us, from the history to the abundant stars that follow a peaceful sunset.

We hope your visit to Keweenaw National Historical Park allows you time to learn why this place is significant to our history as a nation - as Park resources can aid in this learning process: the park web page and the new National Park Service App, books and other educational resources sold by the Isle Royale and Keweenaw Parks Association, and ranger-guided programs are all available. Park social media pages are also an excellent source of the latest information.

Thank you for visiting, and thank you for helping us keep it litter and vandalism free so that it is here for all time, for all to discover.

Wyndeth Davis, Superintendent



Keweenaw NHP Minecraft Project

History is not the stuff of dusty books and ivory towers. It is an active process in which everyone can participate. The Keweenaw NHP Minecraft Project is a groundbreaking effort to co-create a lasting educational re-creation of historic Calumet using the video game Minecraft. The park invites people of all ages to participate in this re-creation of Calumet's history. We use a wide-range of historical resources to complete the work, including maps, photographs, and census and city directories. Combining these resources provides our builders with the information they need to build a historical re-creation.

The Keweenaw NHP Minecraft Project developed as a natural convergence of previous historical outreach efforts. Missing in the Copper Country, designed by Lynette Webber, is a program of multi-faceted social media posts, temporary exhibits, ranger-guided programs, and interactive youth activities. Historical photographs overlaid onto modern landscapes illustrate the past and educate viewers on the location's history. A second project is the Minecrafting Archaeology, developed by James Schwaderer. This project uses Minecraft as a virtual platform to re-create an



archaeology excavation unit at the French colonial mission and fur trading post of Fort St. Joseph. Players excavate an archaeological unit and learn about archaeology and French colonial history.

The Keweenaw NHP Minecraft Project has two phases that involve public engagement. The first phase is the re-creation of Calumet circa 1917. Builders of all ages work with park rangers to re-create the buildings and landscape of historic Calumet. The second phase is a longer-term project that will produce multiple copies of the completed map with integrated tours, scavenger hunts, and games. Content will target corresponding grade levels and curriculum with a focus on the history of Calumet and the people who lived and worked there. To learn more about this project, visit the park website at: www.nps.gov/kewe/learn/education/keweenaw-nhp-minecraft.htm

By: James Schwaderer, Interpretive Ranger

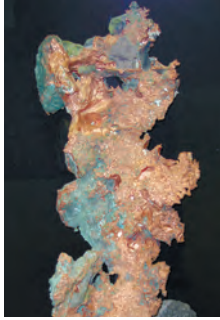
Keweenaw Heritage Sites



A.E. Seaman Mineral Museum



Discover the mineral heritage of the Keweenaw Peninsula native copper district and more at the A.E. Seaman Mineral Museum. The museum showcases minerals from the Great Lakes region and around the world. Location: Michigan Tech University, 1404 E. Sharon Avenue, Houghton Website: www.museum.mtu.edu Admission: \$8.00 Adult, \$7.00 senior (65+), \$4.00 student w/ID, \$3.00 Junior (9 – 17 years old), and children 8 and under free with adult. Free parking at museum. 906-487-2572



Adventure Mining Company

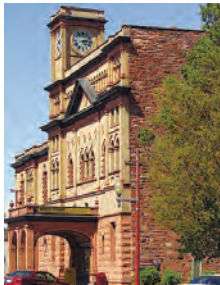
Visit Adventure Mine and experience rappelling down a mine shaft, underground drilling and blasting workshops, or an easy guided walking tour. We accommodate all ages, skill levels, and interests. Our 60- and 90-minute guided tours and 3-hour rappel tours are offered daily. The 6-hour underground tours and workshops are by advance reservation. Location: 200 Adventure Avenue, Greenland Website: www.adventuremine.com Social Media: <https://www.facebook.com/adventureminingco> Fees: 60-minute tour \$18.00 adults, \$8.00 children (6 to 12 years old), under 6 free. Contact for rates on other tour options. (906) 883-3371



Calumet Theatre



Opened in 1900, this historic proscenium-arch opera house offers a variety of theatrical, musical, and community events year-round. Guided and self-guided tours. Location: 340 Sixth Street, Calumet Website: www.calumettheatre.com Social Media: <https://www.facebook.com/calumettheatre> Fees: Guided tour \$6.00 adults, \$3.00 children (3 to 15 years), under 3 free; Self-guided tour \$4.00 adults, \$2.00 children, under 3 free (906) 337-2610 or (906) 337-2166



Carnegie Museum

The Carnegie Museum of the Keweenaw shows changing exhibits about the area's cultural and natural history. Founded in 2006, the museum is housed in the former Houghton public library building, which was built in 1910. Location: 105 Huron Street, Houghton Website: www.carnegiekeweenaw.org Social Media: <https://www.facebook.com/Carnegie-Museum> Fees: Free for exhibits, Fees for special events from \$10 - \$25 per person. Member discount. (906) 482-7140



Chassell Heritage Center

Exhibits follow Chassell's history from a logging camp to today. A collection of vintage clothing provides a glimpse into people's lives. Location: 42373 Hancock Street, Chassell Website: www.chassellhistory.org Social Media: <https://www.facebook.com/ChassellHeritageCenter> Fees: Donations appreciated. (906) 523-1155



Copper Country Firefighters History Museum



Built in 1898, the historic Red Jacket Fire Station features displays dedicated to the history of fire fighting in Michigan's Copper Country. The historic fire trucks appeal to people of all ages. Location: 327 Sixth Street, Calumet Website: www.coppercountryfirefightershistorymuseum.com Social Media: <https://www.facebook.com/CopperCountryFirefightersHistoryMuseum> Fees: \$3.00 per person, children under 12 free. (906) 523-5228



Copper Range Historical Museum

Artifact-rich displays depict people's lives and work experiences in the range towns of southern Houghton County during the copper mining era. Location: 44 Trimountain Ave. (Business District), South Range Website: www.pasty.com/crhm Social Media: <https://www.facebook.com/Copper-Range-Historical-Society-Museum> Fees: \$1.00 for adults. Children & members are free. Group tours welcome by appointment. Please call (906) 482-3097 or (906) 482-6125



Coppertown Mining Museum



Housed in the former Calumet & Hecla pattern shop, this museum features exhibits on the former copper mining giant's operations. Location: 25815 Red Jacket Road, Calumet Website: www.uppermichigan.com/coppertown Social Media: <https://www.facebook.com/Coppertown-USA-Mining-Museum> Fees: \$4.00 adults, \$2.00 6 to 15 years old, under 6 free. \$3.00 tour groups & Golden Age passport. (906) 337-4354



Delaware Copper Mine

At Delaware Mine, visitors can take a self-guided tour of one of the oldest underground copper mines on the Keweenaw Peninsula. Location: Off U.S. Highway 41, 12 miles south of Copper Harbor Website: www.delawarecopperminetours.com Social Media: <https://www.facebook.com/delawarecopperminetours> Fees: \$11.00, Ages 13 & up; \$7.00, ages 6 thru 12, 5 and under free. (906) 289-4688



Finnish American Heritage Center



Located on the campus of Finlandia University, the Finnish American Heritage Center houses the Finnish American Historical Archive and Museum, a theater, an art gallery, and the offices of **The Finnish American Reporter**. Regular performances and art exhibits highlight Finnish culture. Location: 435 Quincy Street, Hancock Website: www.finlandia.edu/fahc.html Social Media: <https://www.facebook.com/Finnish-American-Heritage-Center> Fees: Free for Archives and museum, fee for scheduled performances. (906) 487-7302



Fort Wilkins Historic State Park



The U.S. Army built Fort Wilkins in 1844 to keep the peace in Michigan's Copper Country. It now serves as an example of mid-19th century army life on the northern frontier. Today, 19 buildings survive, including 12 original structures from 1844. The park also includes copper mine sites, museum exhibits, lighthouses and outdoor interpretive trails. Location: 15223 U.S. Highway 41, Copper Harbor Website: www.michigan.gov/historicfortwilkins Social Media: <https://www.facebook.com/FortwilkinsHSP> Fees: Michigan Recreation Passport required. (906) 289-4215



Hanka Homestead Museum

Herman Hanka settled here with his family after he was injured in a copper mining accident. Volunteers, when available, provide guided tours of this 1920s-era Finnish Farm. A self-guided brochure is also available. Call ahead for large groups. Location: Six miles west of U.S. Highway 41, off Tower Road, Pelkie Website: www.hankahomesteadmuseum.org Social Media: <https://www.facebook.com/hankahomestead> Fees: Adults \$4.00, ages 13-17 \$1.00, 12 and under free. (906) 334-2575



Houghton County Historical Museum

Explore this seven-building complex, which includes a museum containing artifacts and photographs spanning 100 years, one-room schoolhouse, log cabin, railroad depot, research center and an operating Plymouth gas/electric train engine. Location: 53150 Michigan State Highway 26, Lake Linden Website: www.houghtonhistory.org Social Media: <https://www.facebook.com/houghtonhistory> For additional events visit our website. (906) 296-4121



Keweenaw County Historical Society

The Historical Society maintains 11 sites in Keweenaw County. The Eagle Harbor Lighthouse Museum Complex includes the lighthouse, Maritime, Keweenaw History, and Commercial Fishing Museums. Other sites include Rathbone School, Lifesaving Station, Central Mine, Phoenix Church, Bamert Blacksmith Shop, Eagle River Museum, and the Historic School at Gay. Location: Lighthouse Drive, Eagle Harbor Website: www.keweenawhistory.org Social Media: <https://www.facebook.com/kchsnews> Fees: Lighthouse \$5.00 adults, 16 years & under free with adult. Please see website for hours and fees for specific sites. (906) 289-4990



The Keweenaw Heritage Sites are official partners of Keweenaw National Historical Park. Each site interprets and preserves an important aspect of the area's copper mining history and provides a unique visitor experience. During the summer and fall of 2021, many sites have altered their pre-existing visitor experiences to better accommodate social distancing measures. For detailed Heritage Site information and days and hours of operation, please research each site's webpage or social media page for current information.

Keweenaw Heritage Center



Located at the head of downtown Calumet's commercial district, the Keweenaw Heritage Center, formerly St. Anne's Church, is a pivotal structure of the Calumet Downtown National Historic Landmark District.
 Location: Corner of Fifth & Scott Streets in Calumet
 Website: www.keweenawheritagecenter.org
 Social Media: <https://www.facebook.com/Keweenaw-Heritage-Center>
 Fees: \$3.00 adults, 18 and under free with an adult
 (906) 337-2410



Old Victoria

Log cabins built at the Victoria Mine in 1899 served as homes to waves of copper miners and their families. Today visitors to Old Victoria can explore four historically furnished homes and hear stories about the men, women, and children who once lived there.
 Location: 25401 Victoria Dam Road, Rockland
 Social Media: www.facebook.com/oldvictoria
 Fees: Guided Tours – \$5.00 adults, \$2.00 ages 6-17, under 5 free.
 Self-guided – donations please.
 (906) 886-2617



Laurium Manor Mansion Tours

Thomas Hoatson Jr., owner of the Calumet & Arizona Mining Company, built this 45-room, 13,000 sq.ft. home in 1908 using the finest and rarest building materials available. Mansion tour is self-guided and takes 30-60 minutes. Printed guide and smartphone audio tour included. Lodging available year round in mansion. Check website Laurium.info for specials. Celebrating 30 years in business 1989 - 2019.
 Location: 320 Tamarack Street, Laurium
 Website: www.laurium.info
 Social Media: <https://www.facebook.com/Laurium-Manor-Inn>
 Tour Fees: \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for ages 17 and under and students.
 (906) 337-2549



Ontonagon County Historical Society Museum



The museum features exhibits on area mining, logging, farming, marine, and social memorabilia. Tours are provided of the nearby lighthouse.
 Location: 422 River Street, Ontonagon
 Website: www.ontonagonmuseum.org
 Social Media: <https://www.facebook.com/OntonagonMuseum>
 Museum Fees: Adults \$3.00, 13 and under free;
 Lighthouse fees: Adults \$5.00, \$1.00 13 years and under.
 (906) 884-6165



Michigan Tech Archives



The Michigan Tech Archives house print, graphic, and manuscript resources. The department's holdings include collections from the Quincy Mining Company and Calumet & Hecla Mining Company, and resources on local and university history.
 Location: Garden Level, Michigan Tech Van Pelt & Opie Library, Houghton
 Website: www.mtu.edu/library/archives
 Social Media: <https://www.facebook.com/Michigan-Tech-Archives>
 Tours: By appointment
 (906) 487-2505



Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park



In addition to wild forests and lakeshores, Michigan's largest state park has numerous historic copper mining sites. The 59,020-acre park offers summer and winter recreational pursuits and interpretive programs.
 Location: 15 miles west of Ontonagon
 Website: www.mi.gov/porkiesvc
 Social Media: <https://www.facebook.com/PorcupineMountains>
 Fees: Michigan Recreation Passport required.
 (906) 885-5275



Quincy Mine Tours



On a two-hour tour, visitors take a guided walk through the hoist house, ride a cog-rail tram, and enter the mine to learn about mining life. Shorter, surface-only tours are also available.
 Location: 49750 U.S. Highway 41, Hancock
 Website: www.quincymine.com
 Social Media: <https://www.facebook.com/quincyminehoistassociation>
 Fees: Full tour \$35.00 adults, \$20.00 youth/student (with id), under 5 free
 Quincy Smelter: Tours run late spring-early fall
 (906) 482-3101



Isle Royale and Keweenaw Parks Association

Join, Save, Support

Do you wonder how you can support your favorite national park on the Keweenaw Peninsula? Here's a suggestion: join IRKPA! The Isle Royale & Keweenaw Parks Association is the member-supported, nonprofit cooperating association that partners with Isle Royale National Park and Keweenaw National Historical Park. Our mission is to promote public understanding, appreciation, and enjoyment of OUR national parks.

Tax-deductible membership dues and donations, along with sales of interpretive products, fund educational programs and visitor services. Examples are the park newspapers and Youth Historian and Copper TRACES programs. Each year the Isle Royale and Keweenaw Parks Association supports the parks with about \$25,000 in cash and in-kind services.

Membership

Tax-deductible membership levels are:

Life	\$1200 (payable in 4 installments)
Patron	\$250
Sustaining	\$100
Supporting	\$50
Household	\$35
Individual	\$25



Call 1-906-483-8877, or join online at www.irkpa.org

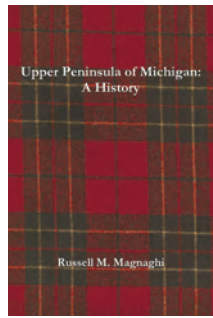
Benefits

- * 10% discount when you shop at IRKPA sales outlets or other participating US public lands visitor centers.
- * Special invitations and discounts for IRKPA programs, trips, and events.

Featured Selections

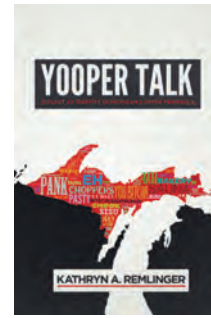
Want to learn more about Keweenaw National Historical Park? Check out these items available from the Isle Royale and Keweenaw Parks Association. Sales outlets are located at the Calumet Visitor Center in Calumet, the Quincy Mine Hoist Association gift shop, and the Isle Royale National Park Visitor Center in Houghton.

Shop today at www.irkpa.org or by phone: 1-906-483-8877. Become a member and receive a 10% discount!



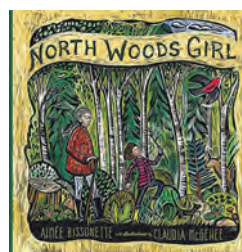
Upper Peninsula of Michigan: A History
by: Russell M. Magnaghi **\$24.99**

Russell Magnaghi, noted area historian from Northern Michigan University, gives us a fascinating look at the sometimes WILD history of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.



Yooper Talk: Dialect as Identity in Michigan's Upper Peninsula
by: Kathryn Remlinger **\$17.95**

A fresh look at how the idea of a unique Yooper dialect emerged via history, ethnicity, environment, economic factors, and tourism. Emblazoned on t-shirts and bumper stickers, Yoopers are proud of their Yooper Talk!



North Woods Girl
by: Aimee Bissonette **\$16.95**
Illustrations by: Claudia McGehee

A hike through Grandma's woods engages all of the senses: hearing wood frogs peep, choosing the best skipping stone, watching squirrels gathering nuts, and breathing crisp, cold air. North Woods Girl shares a message of appreciating the treasures of our natural surroundings.



The Forever Sky
by: Thomas Peacock
Illustrations by: Annette Lee **\$17.95**

In this lushly illustrated Ojibwe tale for young people, two young brothers look to the stars and spin stories, some inspired by Uncle, some of their own making. The best one involves their grandmother and her place in the forever sky.



Keweenaw National Historical Park Stormy Kromer
\$49.95

The original Stormy Kromer, a U.P. classic, with the name of the park neatly stitched on the side. Available in five sizes. Made out of wool.



Original Quincy No. 2 Baseball Cap
\$14.95

Show your support for Keweenaw National Historical Park with this locally designed and printed distressed-style baseball cap, featuring the iconic Quincy No. 2 shaft-rockhouse as it originally looked. This comfortable twill cap features embroidered details

Planning Your Visit

Visiting us? Here's the 2021 schedule for the Calumet Visitor Center:

May 18th-28th
Tues, Thurs, Sat 10AM-2PM (Closed for lunch 12-12:30)

June 1st-July 3rd
Tues, Thurs, Sat 10AM-4PM (Closed for lunch 12-12:30)

July 7th-September 4th
Wed-Sat 9AM-4PM (Closed for lunch 12-12:30)

September 8th-October 16th
Wed-Sat 10AM-3PM (Closed for lunch 12-12:30)

Dates and hours subject to change.



Photo: Nathan Miller

You can also visit us (or any park) virtually! Download the official NPS App from your app store for park maps, self-guided tours, park news and more.

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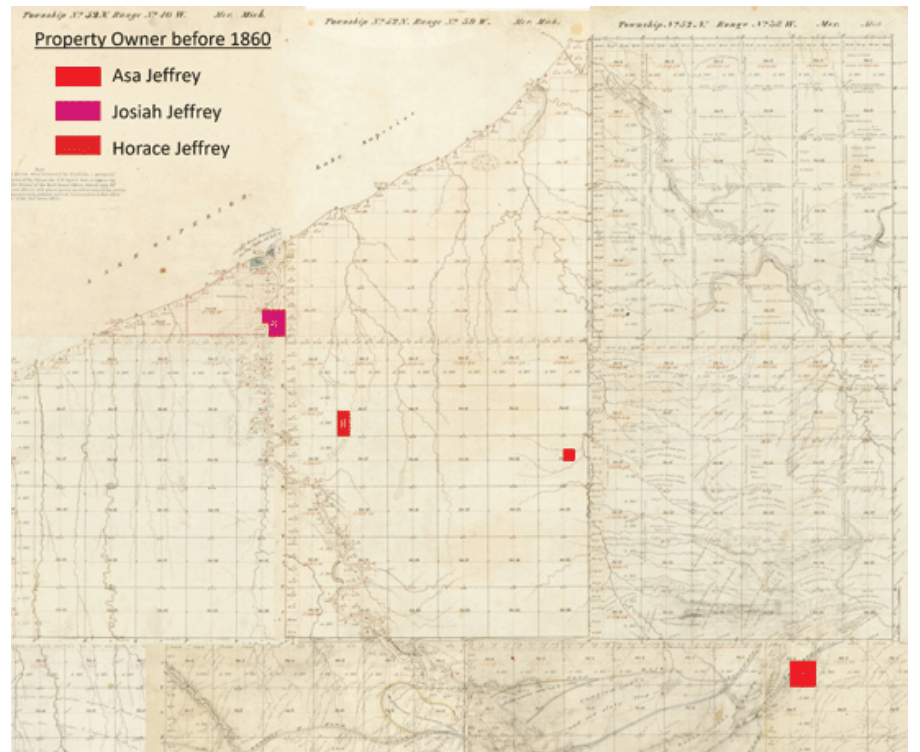
Discovering Untold Stories

New information leads to more questions. While reading *Forbidden Fruit: Love Stories from the Underground Railroad*, non-fiction by journalist Betty DeRamus, I noticed this passage: “Around 1849, the family of Asa Jeffrey became among the few blacks to settle on the Ontonagon frontier at the extreme western end of the Upper Peninsula.” Growing up in Ontonagon, Michigan, I already knew the names of some pioneering residents: James K. Paul, Daniel Cash, Martin Beaser, John G. Parker, Asa and Josiah Jeffrey. All are listed among the area’s first property owners. When I see their names, they catch my eye.

Was Ontonagon pioneer Asa Jeffrey of African descent? Federal census records are a good place to look for clues. Asa Jeffrey and wife Elizabeth are recorded in Ontonagon on the 1850 records. Listed by age and birthplace without mention of occupation or race, Asa is noted as owner of \$1000 of real estate. This is good information but doesn’t answer my question. A look at the next census might help. In the 1860 census of the Village of Houghton, Asa Jeffrey is found to be a barber born in Connecticut and clearly the same man as in 1850 Ontonagon. In the race column is the letter “M” for “Mulatto,” an historical term implying African descent. Neither census shows another Asa Jeffrey nearby. Eureka, I have found him!

With all of the tools of the modern age at my disposal, I look to the internet for “Asa Jeffrey, Ontonagon.” Political records, a scan of an Upper Peninsula history from 1883, and DeRamus’ book result as links on my screen. Examining these accounts, I learn that Asa and Josiah Jeffrey both purchased federal land in Ontonagon County in the early 1850s. Both were electors at Ontonagon Township’s first election of 1849. At that same election, Asa Jeffrey was elected to an official position as Director of the Poor.

Was it common for men of African descent to vote in 1849 Michigan? Were others elected to public office? As I comb through



Ontonagon area properties of the Jeffrey brothers prior to 1860 shown on this partial map of the county. 1845 U.S. GLO Survey Maps/Author’s edits

records, I find a trend in the references to Jeffrey. When he’s mentioned, Jeffrey is either an early elected official in Ontonagon or an African American, but not both.

This leads me to believe that Jeffrey’s story is neither common nor well-known. What circumstances led to his suffrage and election? Are there others like him, waiting in the records to be discovered anew? Why are Ontonagon and the Keweenaw Peninsula so rarely mentioned in African American histories? These questions and more remain to be investigated as untold stories are slowly revealed. The more I learn, the more I realize how little I knew to begin with.

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NPS Coronavirus Response

As the NPS monitors and responds to the COVID-19 pandemic, we work closely with the NPS Office of Public Health to use the latest science to guide our decision making. To protect the health of those who live, work, and visit America’s national parks, face masks are required in all NPS buildings and facilities. Masks are also required on NPS-managed lands when physical distancing cannot be maintained, including narrow or busy trails, overlooks, and historic homes. Additional public health measures are in place across the National Park System, from capacity limits to one-way trails or temporary closures in response to local conditions. Modifications to park operations are adjusted on a unit-by-unit basis as park managers monitor local conditions and evaluate each



facility function and service with the support of public health professionals. Most of the 423 units of the National Park System are available to visitors, however some facilities and services may be limited. Check with individual parks for specific details about their operations.

Visiting Calumet



Photo by Lynette Webber

The Calumet Unit of Keweenaw National Historical Park tells the story of an immigrant community. Here you can discover the interactions of many historical forces at play, including social, ethnic, commercial, and paternalistic practices.

At the center of the unit is the Calumet National Historic Landmark District, where you can visit the Calumet Visitor Center, Keweenaw Heritage Center at St. Anne's, Coppertown Mining Museum, Copper Country Firefighters Museum, Calumet Theatre, and the Italian Hall Memorial Park. The park headquarters and Keweenaw History Center are also located nearby. Visitors can take part in self-guided walking tours of the downtown or the industrial core, or accompany a National Park Service ranger on a guided tour. For tour information, please contact the park or visit our website.

Calumet Unit



Visiting Quincy



Photo by Nathan Miller

Exploring the Quincy Unit of Keweenaw National Historical Park is fun for all ages and interests! Designated a National Historic Landmark District in 1989, the National Park Service, Quincy Mine Tours, and the Quincy Smelter Association partner to offer a variety of experiences. Quincy Mine Tours provides guided tours of the underground mine and hoist house, along with self-guided tours of the #2 shaft-rockhouse. Outside exploration of the site is free of charge and open to the public.

Also contained within the Quincy Unit, near the Portage Lake lift bridge, is the Quincy Smelting Works. Although currently enclosed by fencing, everyone is welcome to explore the perimeter of the property. You may also explore inside the fence on guided tours led by the Quincy Smelter Association and the Quincy Mine Hoist Association. Many buildings remain on the site, making it a one-of-a-kind industrial complex. In recent years, some stabilization and preservation work has been accomplished with the hope that the site will be open to more visitors in the future.

Quincy Unit

