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## AUDITOR Land Department

# An Inventory of Its Clippings Relating to State Mines and Mineral Lands

### OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Agency:** Minnesota. State Auditor. Land Department.
- Series Title:** Clippings relating to state mines and mineral lands,
- Dates:** 1903, 1910-1928.
- Abstract:** Photocopied newspaper and magazine clippings concerning Minnesota's iron ranges.
- Quantity:** 1 folder, containing ca. 120 pages.
- Location:** 111.B.20.7B

### SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Photocopied newspaper and magazine clippings concerning Minnesota's three iron ranges (Vermilion, Mesabi, and Cuyuna), primarily between 1912 and 1920. Many of the sources are unidentified, but articles from the Duluth News-Tribune, the Duluth Herald, the St. Paul Pioneer Press, the St. Paul Dispatch, Skillings' Mining Review, and the Iron Trade Review were spotted.

Among the prevailing topics are ore shipments from mines on state-owned land and the royalties of 25 cents per ton collected on this ore, which went into the permanent school, university, and swamp land funds. Other articles concern manganese ore experiments, taxation and railroad rates, iron ore shipping on the Mississippi River, activities of the Oliver Iron Mining Company, building of the Duluth steel plant, ore docks in the Duluth-Superior harbor, construction of ore concentrating plants on the Mesabi Range, and the pioneering work of E. W. Davis in taconite development. A few articles concern world iron ore resources, the Brazilian iron industry, Minnesota peat resources, costs of producing ore for use, North Dakota lignite coal, a proposed Lake Superior - Mississippi River canal, and gold in Itasca County. By checking several articles, researchers can also determine ore shipments from Minnesota's iron ranges from 1884 through 1925.

## OTHER FINDING AIDS

Includes a brief (incomplete) subject index, filed at the front of the folder.

## INDEX TERMS

*This collection is indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.*

### Topics:

Gold--Minnesota--Itasca County.  
Iron mines and mining--Minnesota.  
Iron ores--Royalties.  
Iron ores--Transportation.  
Iron ores.  
Lignite--North Dakota.  
Manganese.  
Peat--Minnesota.  
Special funds--Minnesota.  
Taconite.

### Places:

Duluth (Minn.)--Harbor.

### Persons:

Davis, Edward W. (Edward Wilson), 1888-1973.

### Organizations:

Oliver Iron Mining Company (Duluth, Minn.).

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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