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**CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT:
Lands and Minerals Division:**

An Inventory of Its Miscellaneous Records

OVERVIEW

- Agency:** Minnesota. Division of Lands and Minerals.
- Series Title:** Miscellaneous Records.
- Dates:** 1864-1882, 1918-1979.
- Abstract:** Miscellaneous materials documenting the wide variety of issues and topics involved in the management of non-forest state lands and their mineral and other resources.
- Quantity:** 12.15 cubic feet (13 boxes, 1 partial box).
- Location:** See Detailed Description section for box locations.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS

Included are correspondence and records documenting the divisional budget and finances, State Trust Fund lands, the division's Hibbing Office, sale and lease of summer and lakeshore home sites and University of Minnesota salt spring lands, Director Ray Nolans's service on the National Resources Planning Board and as Emergency Coordinator of Mining for Minnesota, a 1930s Mud Lake, Marshall County, land acquisition for a combined federal-state migratory bird refuge, iron ore leases, railroad right of way deeds, and inactive mines. There are also assorted reports dealing mainly with mining and iron ore and photographs of mining operations, Reserve Mining Company facilities, and the division's State Fair exhibits.

These files form part of the records of the Minnesota Department of Conservation.

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:

Conservation of natural resources—Minnesota.
Intergovernmental fiscal relations—Minnesota.
Iron mines and mining—Minnesota.
Lakeshore development—Minnesota.
Land use—Minnesota.
Public land sales—Minnesota.
Public lands—Minnesota—Management.
Railroads—Minnesota.
Salt springs lands—Minnesota.
Special funds—Minnesota.
Trust fund lands—Minnesota.
Wildlife refuges—Minnesota.

Persons:

Nolan, Ray D.

Places:

Hibbing (Minn.).
Minnesota—Public lands.
Mud Lake (Marshall County, Minn.).

Organizations:

Duluth and Iron Range Railroad Company.
Duluth & Northeastern Railroad.
Duluth, Missabe, and Northern Railway Company.
Great Northern Railway Company (U.S.).
Mesaba Railway Company (Virginia, Minn.).
Minnesota. Dept. of Conservation.
Minnesota State Fair.
National Research Planning Board.
Reserve Mining Company—Photographs.
University of Minnesota.

Types of Documents:

Photographs—Minnesota.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note the location shown below. Each file consists of one folder unless specified otherwise.

Location

- 103.E.8.8F Bulletin, State Trust Fund Land, circa 1939. 1 item in folder.
Annual Report of Hibbing Office, 1935. 1 volume.
Annual report (typescript carbon copy) of the division's Hibbing office and field organization, sent from Ray D. Nolan, Chief Engineer, to Division Director F. A. Wildes. Summarizes the year's activity in the management of the state's mines and mineral lands, and related duties and activities.
- Record of Receipts for [Sale?] of Summer Homesites and University of Minnesota Salt Spring Lands, 1935-1938. 1 volume.
- Correspondence regarding land matters, 1942-1966. 4 folders.
- Lake shore homesite lease maps, circa 1957-1964. 2 folders.
Maps showing the location and dimensions of homesites on lake shores and indicating whether they are leased or vacant. They depict roads, structures, and natural features. Arranged alphabetically by lake name.
- 154.J.8.6F-2 Journal, 1864-1882. 1 oversize volume.
Ledger, 1864-1882. 1 oversize volume.
Accounts include: permanent school fund, general school fund, cash-principal, cash-interest, stock, stumpage, forfeiture, counties-principal, and counties-interest. The last two are listed by individual county.

Location

- 115.F.11.14F Ledger sheets and leases, 1941-1966. 5 packets.
Cancelled commercial, gravel, and agricultural, 1956-1962. 1 packet.
Cancelled homesites, cabins, roads, pole lines, 1941-1962. 1 packet.
Cancelled leases and permits (various), 1943-1966. 1 packet.
Homesite leases nos. 1-1199, 1945-1966. 2 packets.
- 104.L.20.8F National Resources Planning Board correspondence, 1937-1940. 8 folders.
Possibly the files of Director Ray D. Nolan, who served on the Board's Northern Lakes States Regional Committee. The files include correspondence, reports, and meeting agendas and minutes.
Railroad right of way deed correspondence, 1918-1927. 15 folders.
Files include correspondence, reports of railroad right of way (listing railroad name, purpose of the railroad, land description, acreage used, value per acre, timber, total value, and remarks), and blue line drawings of the railroad line and right of way. Railroads involved were the Duluth & Iron Range Railway Company, Great Northern Railway Company, Duluth, Missabe & Northern Railway Company, Mesaba Railway Company, Duluth & Northeastern Railroad Company, and The Duluth and Iron Range Railroad Company.
- 109.E.13.3B Mud Lake, Marshall County, land acquisition files, circa 1934-1937.
Legal papers, correspondence, maps, photographs relating to the acquisition of land around Mud Lake as part of a combined federal-state project to establish a migratory bird refuge. These materials are basically unprocessed.
- Box 1.
- 109.E.13.4F Box 2.
- 109.E.13.5B Box 3.
- 109.E.13.6F Box 4.
- 109.E.13.7B Box 5.
- 109.E.13.8F Box 6.
- 109.E.13.9B Box 7.
- 109.E.13.10F Box 8.
- 109.K.18.11B Incoming (1938-1979) and outgoing (1934-1979). 2 folders.
Addressed to or generated by the Lands and Minerals Division Director concerning various land and minerals topics.
Memoranda to the File, Director Ray D. Nolan, 1944-1966. 1 folder.

Location

109.K.18.11B

Miscellaneous reports, circa 1920-1974 (bulk 1920-1934). 15 items in 1 folder.

Majority were written by Superintendent of State Mines F. A. Wildes.

Hill Annex Mine, Report on Investigation of Concentrative Possibilities of Cretaceous Lean Ore, 1933.

Iron Mines, History of the Minnesota, circa 1920.

Iron Mining in the Arrowhead, The State's Interest in, 1928.

Iron Ore, Conservation of, 1932.

Iron Ore in Minnesota, circa 1925.

Iron Ore Resources of Minnesota and Their Conservation, 1933.

Minerals and Conservation, 1933.

Minnesota's Lean Ores, circa 1933.

Mineral Lands, 1932.

Mineral Exploration Unit, Current Status and Future of, 1974.

Mining in Minnesota, 1923.

Preview of Work for Division, 1940.

Research Section, General Preview of Future Research Work (Hibbing), 1940.

State Cabin Site and Other Surface Leases, 1931.

State Mineral Lands, 1934.

Photographs, circa 1937-1942. 4 folders.

Approximately 80 prints depicting mining operations in northern Minnesota, Reserve Mining Company facilities, Conservation Department personnel, equipment, and State Fair exhibits. Black and white; various sizes.

Out-going memos: Anton Yngve, 1937-1942.

Compiled lease terms, 1923.

Collection of samples of iron ore lease forms and special provisions inserted in leases by private fee owners. Collected over a period of eighteen years by F. A. Wildes, Superintendent of State Mines, later Lands and Minerals Division Director.

Mine operating companies data sheets, circa 1950.

Record the following data on mines operated by companies: legal land description of mines, tonnage mined, details of lease.

Emergency Coordinator of Mining records, 1941-1945. 4 folders.

Ray D. Nolan, Lands and Minerals Division Director, served as the Emergency Coordinator for the state.

Correspondence, 1941-1945. 2 folders.

Memos and clippings, 1941.

Priority meeting in Duluth, 1941.

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- 109.K.18.11B Inactive mines files, 1928-1939. 24 folders.
 Include engineers' and inspectors' reports, correspondence, maps,
 and photographs for apparently inactive mines.
 Cavour Mine, 1933.
 Deacon Mine, 1930-1937.
 Duncan Mine, 1937.
 Eaton Mine, 1934-1935.
 Fay Mine, 1935-1937.
 Frantz Mine, 1935-1937.
 Hanna Mine, 1929-1937.
 Helmer Mine, 1928-1937.
 Majorca Mine, 1929-1938.
 Margaret Mine, 1929-1938. 2 folders.
- 109.K.18.12F Margaret Mine, 1929-1938. 2 folders.
 Martin Mine, 1935-1938.
 Philbin Mine, 1933-1938.
 Prairie River Mine, 1929-1930.
 Rabbit Lake Mine, 1931-1932.
 Seville Mine, 1934-1935.
 Silver Mine, 1933-1937.
 Wanless Mine, 1928-1938.
 Wheeling Mine, 1929-1938. 2 folders.
 Woodbridge Mine, 1931-1937.
 Yates Mine, 1929-1939.
 Biennial reports, 1934-1976. 2 items in 1 folder.
 Biennial report, Research Section, 1940.
 Biennial budget requests, 1942-1953. 6 volumes.