

Collection name: John McConnell Collection

Collection number: JMC-1; JMC-2

Dates: 1883-1917, 1981-1995

Quantity: JMC-1 = 4 boxes; JMC-2 = 14 boxes, 3 (4"- 3 ring) binders

Provenance note: Local historical maritime research compiled by creator John McConnell, along with documentation gathered during his involvement in Michigan's underwater preserves, particularly Thunder Bay, Lake Huron. Collection was donated to library in 2009.

Biographical & Historical Information: John McConnell is a maritime enthusiast, hobbyist, and diver who has devoted several years to researching the local historical maritime community including the lighthouse / life-saving stations and area shipwrecks. He, also, played a significant role in the area's underwater preserve designation and in the development of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary (TBNMS). He has been a member of the Michigan Underwater Preserve Council, the Thunder Bay Island Lighthouse Preservation Society, and an advisory member to the TBNMS, and a vessel research member to the Great Lakes Maritime database managed through the library.

Scope & Content: JMC-1: Copies of Middle Island Life-Saving Station logbooks (1883-1917); TBNMS development activities (1993-95). JMC-2: City of Alpena aerial photographs (1970s); Michigan Underwater Preserve Council Meeting papers; Michigan Underwater Salvage & Preserve Committee papers; local shipwreck research; steamer NEW ORLEANS Site Plan & Project documentation; TBNMS development documentation; local commercial fishing history; local maritime families.

Access: Open for research.

Preferred Citation: John McConnell Collection, Alpena County Geroge N. Fletcher Public Library.

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JMC-1

Box 1: Middle Island Life Saving Station*Folders*

1. Middle Island Life Saving Station: Wreck Report (August 1883 – October 1887) *copy*
2. Middle Island Life Saving Station: Wreck Report (May 1888 – November 1890) *copy*
3. Middle Island Life Saving Station: Wreck Report (May 1891 – October 1896) *copy*
4. Middle Island Life Saving Station: Wreck Report (June 1905 – September 1917) *copy*

Box 2: Middle Island Life Saving Station*Folders*

1. Middle Island Life Saving Station: Wreck Report (August 1883 – October 1887) *4 audio cassettes*
2. Middle Island Life Saving Station: Wreck Report (October 1887 – November 1890) *3 audio cassettes*
3. Middle Island Life Saving Station: Wreck Report (May 1891 – July 1894) *3 audio cassettes*
4. Middle Island Life Saving Station: Wreck Report (July 1894 – October 1896) *3 audio cassettes*
5. Middle Island Life Saving Station: Wreck Report (June 1905 – July 1911) *3 audio cassettes*
6. Middle Island Life Saving Station: Wreck Report (July 1811 – September 1917) *3 audio cassettes*

Box 3: Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary & Underwater Preserve*Folders*

1. TBNMS&UP: ALPENA (vessel)
2. TBNMS&UP: Correspondence
3. TBNMS&UP: "Designate & manage" (T.B. workshop 12/1993)
4. TBNMS&UP: "Development of management alternatives"
5. TBNMS&UP: "Discussion of dredging & disposal activities" (Thunder Bay Core Group 12/1993)
6. TBNMS&UP: "Discussion of fishing resources & activities" (TBCG 12/1993)
7. TBNMS&UP: "Discussion of military aviation activities" (TBCG 12/1993)
8. TBNMS&UP: "Discussion of oil & gas activities" (TBCG 12/1993)
9. TBNMS&UP: "Discussion of proposed boundary alternatives" (TBCG 12/1993)
10. TBNMS&UP: "Discussion of wetland resources" (TBCG 12/1993)
11. TBNMS&UP: "Diving Times" (4-5/1981; 8-9/1981; 12-1/1982)
12. TBNMS&UP: "Draft management / regulatory alternatives" (6/1995)
13. TBNMS&UP: "Draft management / regulatory alternatives" (6/1995)
14. TBNMS&UP: Ephemera
15. TBNMS&UP: "Education action plan" & summary
16. TBNMS&UP: "Graveyard at Thunder Bay" video proposal
17. TBNMS&UP: "Great Lakes underwater cultural resources: important information for shaping our future" (proceedings of the Great Lakes Regional Conference on Underwater Cultural Resource Policy; Michigan State University, 1993)

Box 4: Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary & Underwater Preserve*Folders*

1. TBNMS&UP: Issue Papers: Vessel traffic; Aquatic nuisance species; Endangered, threatened or rare species; scuba diving; discharge/intakes; public access; submerged cultural resources
2. TBNMS&UP: Lighthouses
3. TBNMS&UP: Magazine articles
4. TBNMS&UP: Meeting agendas & minutes
5. TBNMS&UP: Millecoquin River wreck in Lake Michigan, Upper Peninsula (w/ photographs)
6. TBNMS&UP: Navigation charts of Thunder Bay *copies*
7. TBNMS&UP: Newsletters

8. TBNMS&UP: Newspaper clippings
9. TBNMS&UP: "Overview of the sanctuaries & reserves division" (3/1995)
10. TBNMS&UP: Old Woman Creek Workshop (12/1993)
11. TBNMS&UP: "Preliminary review of the resource assessment" (12/1994)
12. TBNMS&UP: "Reconnaissance & preliminary assessment of the shipwreck THREE BROTHERS at South Manitou Island" by Kenneth J. Vrana
13. TBNMS&UP: "Revisiting recommendations & guidelines" (TBCG 12/1993)
14. TBNMS&UP: "Selection of the preferred alternative"
15. TBNMS&UP: Shipwrecks
16. TBNMS&UP: "Submerged cultural resources action plan" & summary
17. TBNMS&UP: "Thunder Bay Core Group" meeting proceedings (12/1994)
18. TBNMS&UP: "WELLS BURT project: report of the survey of a submerged 19th Century schooner"
19. TBNMS&UP: Zebra mussels

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Box 1:*Folder*

1. Aerial Photographs: City of Alpena, 1957?
2. Aerial Photographs: City of Alpena, Series GS-VCSE, 1971
3. Aerial Photographs: City of Alpena, Series 4CAC3, 1973
4. Aerial Photographs: City of Alpena, Series 4HAC3, 1973
5. Aerial Photographs: City of Alpena, Series 5CAC4
6. Aerial Photographs: City of Alpena, Series 5EAC4
7. Aerial Photographs: City of Alpena, Series 5FAC4
8. Aerial Photographs: City of Alpena, Series 5GAC5
9. Aerial Photographs: City of Alpena, Series IAC, 1973
10. Aerial Photographs: City of Alpena, Series JAC, 1973
11. Aerial Photographs: City of Alpena, Series KAC, 1973
12. Aerial Photographs: City of Alpena, series NAC thru RAC, 1973
13. Aerial Photographs: City of Alpena, Series FY, 1977
14. Aerial Photographs: City of Alpena, Series FZ, pt.1, 1977
15. Aerial Photographs: City of Alpena, Series FZ, pt.2, 1977
16. Aerial Photographs: City of Alpena, Series FZ, pt.3, 1977
17. Aerial Photographs: City of Alpena, Series FZ, pt.4, 1977
18. Aerial Photographs: City of Alpena, Series GE, 1980

Stereoscope in separate box.

Box 2:*Folder*

1. Diving Michigan's Underwater Preserves, 1993-94, 1998-99, 2001
2. Michigan Underwater Preserve Council: Meeting & Misc. Papers
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Box 4:*Folder*

1. Archaeology projects
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3. Brief Maritime History of Thunder Bay and Alpena, Michigan by Jay Martin, 1992
4. Journal (Paxton – maritime; shipwreck of schooner SPARROW), 1848-1874
5. Lights That Failed: Lost Precursors of Today's Icons by John Halsey, 2001
6. Michigan Great Lakes Shipwreck database project, 1997
7. Newspaper articles (maritime)
8. Newspaper articles (maritime)
9. Newspaper articles ("Miami of Lake Erie" maritime excerpts, 1836,1844-46
10. Photograph use permission letters w/ underwater negatives
11. Thunder Bay Island photograph copies from Ted Richardson
12. TRELFA, Tom C. & Fred R., Collection at Clarke Historical Library, CMU

Box 5:*Folder*

1. Steamer NEW ORLEANS Site Plan & Project (Comparative Archaeological Sites)
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3. Steamer NEW ORLEANS Site Plan & Project (Curriculum Project)
4. Steamer NEW ORLEANS Site Plan & Project (Curriculum Project)
5. Steamer NEW ORLEANS Site Plan & Project (Curriculum Project)
6. Steamer NEW ORLEANS Site Plan & Project (Fly-Over VHS, #1 & #2)
7. Steamer NEW ORLEANS Site Plan & Project (Measurements, Data, Drawings, Notes)

Box 6:*Folder*

1. Steamer NEW ORLEANS Site Plan & Project (Notes, etc.)
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Box 7:*Folder*

1. Steamer NEW ORLEANS Site Plan & Project (Photographs – Aerial)
2. Steamer NEW ORLEANS Site Plan & Project (Photographs – Underwater)
3. Steamer NEW ORLEANS Site Plan & Project (Photographs – Underwater + negatives)
4. Steamer NEW ORLEANS Site Plan & Project (Photographs – Underwater Slides)
5. Steamer NEW ORLEANS Site Plan & Project (Preliminary Archaeological Site Report, Historic Shipwreck NEW ORLEANS, Site Number 20UH209, Kenneth Vrana – editor, June 2004)
6. Steamer NEW ORLEANS Site Plan & Project (Preliminary Archaeological Site Report, Historic Shipwreck NEW ORLEANS, Site Number 20UH209, Kenneth Vrana – editor, June 2004)

Box 8:*Folder*

1. Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary (Core Group)
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4. Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary (Education Subcommittee)
5. Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary (Informal Advisory Group)
6. Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary (Work Group, 1991)
7. Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary (Work Group, 1992)
8. Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary (Work Group – Thunder Bay Resource Inventory Draft, 1992)
9. Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary (Work Group, 1993)
10. Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary (Preliminary Draft Document, 1992)

Box 9:*Folder*

1. Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary (Beneath the Waves – Newsletter of the Thunder Bay Proposed National Marine Sanctuary, 1994-2002)
2. Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary (Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary – Final Environmental Impact Statement/Management Plan)
3. Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary (Dedication – October 6-7, 2000)
4. Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary (Draft Environmental Impact Statement)
5. Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary (Draft Environmental Impact Statement, cont.)
6. Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary (Draft Environmental Impact Statement, cont.)
7. Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary (Economic Assessment of the Cost of Compliance for Publicly Owned Treatment Works Under the Great Lakes Initiative, Dec. 1991)
8. Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary (Fathoming Our Past: Historical Contexts of the National Marine Sanctuaries)
9. Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary (Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary – Final Environmental Impact Statement/Management Plan)
10. Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary (Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory)
11. Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary (Management Strategies for the Proposed National Marine Sanctuary)
12. Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary (National Estuarine Research Reserve System)
13. Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary (National Maritime Heritage Act – Remote Sensing Proposal)

Box 10:*Folder*

1. Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary (Newspaper articles)
2. Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary (Newspaper articles)
3. Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary (NOAA updates on proposed Sanctuary)
4. Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary (Notes, etc.)
5. Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary (Notes, etc.)
6. Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary (Notes, etc.)
7. Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary (Oceanus, Vol. 36, #3, Fall 1993 – Marine Protected Areas)
8. Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary (Preliminary Comparative & Theme Study of National Historic Landmark Potential for Thunder Bay, Michigan by Jay Martin)
9. Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary (Shipwreck Survey)
10. Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary (Shipwreck Survey)

Box 11:*Folder*

1. Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary (Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary – Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Management Plan)
2. Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary (Thunder Bay Biological Monitoring)
3. Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary (Thunder Bay Underwater Park & National Shipwreck Sanctuary: a Business Plan, 1999)
4. Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary (Underwater Preserve – history)
5. Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary (Upwellings – news of the Great Lakes...from Michigan Sea Grant College Program, 1996-2002)
6. Intentional Vessel Sinking Guidelines – Draft
7. Intentional Vessel Sinking Guidelines – Final
8. Public Program Analysis of Operations & Impacts of the Texas Liberty Ship Reef Program by John D. Schwartz, 1980
9. 1989/90 Sport Diving Survey Results – Implications for Charter Operators by Stephen R. Stewart
10. 1990 Skin Diver Ad Conversion Study Results & Report

Box 12:*Folder*

1. Commercial Fishing – Thunder Bay, Lake Huron (An Archaeological Survey of the Commercial Fisheries, Life-Saving Station, and Lighthouse Complex on the Thunder Bay Island Group, Lake Huron, MI by Erin Williams, 1998 w/ slides)
2. Commercial Fishing – Thunder Bay, Lake Huron (includes local photographs)
3. Local Maritime Families: CROSS
4. Local Maritime Families: CROSS
5. Local Maritime Families: CROSS (VHS)
6. Local Maritime Families: DUTCHER
7. Local Maritime Families: DUTCHER (VHS)
8. Local Maritime Families: (HARTLEP) EDDY, Esther – Middle Island (audio tape)
9. Local Maritime Families: NORSTRAND

Box 13:*Folder*

1. Book notes – remembrances
2. Maps – info – State of MI Library; loran/lat. Long – vessel locations
3. NOAA automated wreck & obstruction information area
4. Thunder Bay, Lake Huron – Stories
5. Thunder Bay Sanctuary Research Collection
6. Vessels Built or Owned in Alpena, MI area

Box 14:*Folder*

1. Shipwrecks: Alpena Boat Harbor – shipwreck move
2. Shipwrecks: Alpena Boat Harbor – shipwreck move (photographic slides)
3. Shipwrecks: Investigation of the sunken schooner barge, NEWELL A. EDDY, in Lake Huron by Guy meadows, 1992
4. Shipwrecks: NORDMEER wreck light & side-scan sonar study
5. Shipwrecks: Ossineke Beach wreck site (transom)
6. Shipwrecks: Presque isle / Middle Island area
7. Shipwrecks: Rockport to Black River, etc. (includes photographs & slides)
8. Shipwrecks: Rockport to Black River, etc. (slides)
9. Shipwrecks: Thunder Bay, Lake Huron (includes photographs & slides)
10. Shipwrecks: Thunder Bay, Lake Huron (Lighthouses, Life-Saving Service, Coast Guard for Middle Island & Thunder Bay Island)
11. Shipwrecks: Thunder Bay, Lake Huron
12. Shipwrecks: Thunder Bay, Lake Huron (TBI lifeboat pictures; slides of steamer ALBANY, Hubbard Lake Dam, etc.)
13. Shipwrecks: Thunder Bay Island / North Point area

Binders 1 – 3: SHIPWRECK / VESSEL Research in Three 3-ring Binders