Finding Aid: C. Patrick Labadie Collection

**Collection name:** C. Patrick Labadie Collection

**Collection number:** TBRC -1 through 18 [TBRC-1 = CARGO]

**Dates:** Late 18th Century to early 20th Century.

**Quantity:** 385 linear feet + 6 (5 draw) map cabinets.

**Provenance note:** Collection gathered & researched since early adulthood. Donated by C. Patrick & June Labadie in 2003 to NOAA; housed and managed by the Alpena County Library.

**Biographical & Historical Information:** The son and grandson of shipyard workers, Charles Patrick Labadie was reared in Detroit and attended the University of Detroit. He began his career with the Dossin Great Lakes Museum, became director of the Saugatuck Marine Museum, then earned a master’s license for tugs and worked for Gaelic Tugboat Company in Detroit. He directed Duluth’s Canal Park Museum (now Lake Superior Maritime Visitors Center) from its founding in 1973 until 2001. In 2003, he was appointed historian for the NOAA’s Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary in Alpena, Michigan.

**Scope & Content:** This is an extensive 19th Century Great Lakes maritime history collection. The vessel database is accessible through library’s website. See the library’s card catalog to search the book collection. The major components of the collection are: vessels, cargo, biographical, canals, owners, ports, technology / shipbuilding = broken down by vessels types (i.e. sail, tugs, propellers), and machinery. Files include photographs, newspaper accounts, publications, vessel plans, maps & charts, and research notes.

**Access:** Open to research.

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TBRC-1: CARGO

Box 1: Coal

Folders

1. Company Advertisements
2. Industry Miscellaneous
3. Newspaper Articles
4. Newspaper Articles (transcribed)
5. Photographs
6. Photographs
7. Photographs
8. Photographs
9. Photographs
10. Photographs
11. Photographs (clippings)
12. Photographs (copies)
13. Postcards
14. Technical

Box 2: Grain

Folders

1. “American Grain Trade of the Great Lakes, 1825-1873”
2. Corn, Oats, Barley, Rice, Rye,...
4. Flour
5. Grain Elevators
6. Grain Elevators & Loading Docks Photographs
7. Grain Elevators & Loading Docks Photograph Clippings
8. Grain Elevators & Loading Docks Photograph Copies
9. Grain Elevators & Loading Docks Postcards
10. “Grain Movements in the Great Lakes”
11. Newspaper Articles
12. Newspaper Articles (transcribed)
13. “Joseph Dart and the Emergence of Buffalo as a Grain Port, 1820-1860”
14. Laborers and Regulations
15. Miscellaneous Documents and Articles
16. Wheat
17. Vessel being Loaded, Oversized Photograph (not in box)

Box 3: Iron Ore, A – Technical

Folders

1. Bills of Lading for Vessel G.C. CRAWFORD, 1970
2. Bills of Lading & Vessel Cargo Logs, Vessels include: J.B. COWLE, SIR DENYS LOWSON, CURRY, WILLIAM, SERVIA, MORLEY, HAWGOOD, MORAVIA, EWEN, ONTONAGON
3. Company Advertisements
4. Company Letterheads
5. Maps
6. Mines & Mining, American Iron Ore Association
7. Mines & Mining, Canada
9. Mines & Mining, Gogebic Range
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10. Mines & Mining, Lake Superior Region
11. Mines & Mining, Marquette Range
12. Mines & Mining, Minnesota
13. Mines & Mining, Missabe (Mesabi) Range
14. Mines & Mining, Photographs & Postcards
15. Mines & Mining, Upper Peninsula, Michigan
16. Newspaper Articles, Cleveland Newspapers
17. Newspaper Articles, Duluth Newspapers
18. Newspaper Articles, Detroit Free Press
19. Newspaper Articles, Marquette Daily Mining Journal
20. Newspaper Articles, Miscellaneous Newspapers
21. Statistics
22. Steel
23. Taconite
24. Technical

Box 4: Iron Ore, Technical – Z

Folders
1. Technical
2. Tourist Attractions
3. Transportation, Laborers
4. Transportation, Photographs
5. Transportation, Photographs
6. Transportation, Photographs
7. Transportation, Photographs
8. Transportation, Photographs
9. Transportation, Photographs
10. Transportation, Photographs
11. Transportation, Postcards
12. Transportation, Postcards
13. Transportation, Photographs (copies & clipping)
14. Transportation, Railroads & Vessels
15. Transportation, “Railroads of Marquette”; The Soo Line Historical and Technical Society
16. Vessel Schedules

Box 5: Lumber, A – N

Folders
1. Barons
2. Canadian Lumber Histories
3. Company Advertisements
4. Forestry
5. Freight Statistics
6. Great Lakes Lumber Histories
8. Maritime Related Lumber Histories
9. Michigan Lumber Histories
10. Minnesota Lumber Histories
11. Miscellaneous
12. Newspaper Clippings, 1834-1875
13. Newspaper Clipping, 1876-1891
14. Newspaper Clippings 1891-1975
15. Newspaper Clippings (transcribed)
16. North America Lumber Histories
Box 6: Lumber, Photographs

Folders

1. Photographs, Dock Scenes Loading Lumber
2. Photographs, Dock Scenes Loading Lumber
3. Photographs, Dock Scenes Loading Lumber
4. Photographs, Dock Scenes Loading Lumber
5. Photographs, Dock Scenes Loading Lumber
6. Photographs, Dock Scenes Loading Lumber
7. Photographs, Dock Scenes Loading Lumber
8. Photographs, Dock Scenes Loading Lumber (copies)
9. Photographs, Logging & Log Jams in Rivers
10. Photographs, Lumber Mills
11. Photographs, Lumbering (Great Lakes Historical Society Picture File copies), 1939-1944
12. Photographs, Miscellaneous
13. Photographs, Rafts & Rafting

Box 7: Lumber, Photographs – Z

Folders

1. Photographs, Vessels loaded with Lumber
2. Photographs, Vessels loaded with Lumber
3. Photographs, Vessels loaded with Lumber
4. Photographs, Vessels loaded with Lumber
5. Photographs, Vessels loaded with Lumber
6. Photographs, Vessels loaded with Lumber, Grounding Accidents
7. Photographs, Vessels loaded with Lumber (copies)
8. Rafts & Rafting, Histories
9. Rafts & Rafting, Legislation
10. Rafts & Rafting, Miscellaneous
11. Rafts & Rafting, Newspaper Clippings
12. Rafts & Rafting, Newspaper Clippings (transcribed)
13. Rafts & Rafting, Technical

Box 8: Miscellaneous Cargo, A – M

Folders

1. Automobiles
2. Brick
3. Cement
4. Chemicals
5. Copper, Manifests
6. Copper, Mine Plans
7. Copper, Newspaper Clippings
8. Copper, Photographs
9. Copper, Studies
10. Fish, Brochures
11. Fish, ”Diary of a Norwegian Fisherman”
12. Fish, Newspaper Clippings
13. Fish, Photographs
14. Fish, Studies, ”A Great Lakes Fisherman”
15. Fish, Studies, Miscellaneous
16. Fish, Studies, ”North Shore Commercial Fishing, 1849-1870”
17. Fish, Studies, ”Norwegian Immigrants and the Development of Commercial Fisheries Along the North Shore of Lake Superior, 1870-1895”
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18. Fish, Studies, “Our Changing Fish Species History”
19. Fish, Studies, “Seines to Salmon Charters: 150 Years of Michigan Great Lakes Fisheries”
20. Fish, Studies, “Through the Years” from ‘The Great Lakes Fisherman,’ 1983-1985
21. Fish, Technical
23. Food & Beverage
24. Fur
25. “Great Lakes Transportation Industry, 1880-1914)
26. Hay
27. Ice
28. Lime
29. Livestock
30. Locomotives
31. Mail
32. Metals
33. Miscellaneous: Ashes, Cannon, Fire Engine, Garbage, Pipes/Sewer Pipes, Sperm Oil, Stave
Bolts, Christmas Trees

Box 9: Miscellaneous Cargo, N – Z

Folders

1. Oil
2. Package Freight/General Cargo, Cargo Handling
3. Package Freight/General Cargo, Company Advertisements
4. Package Freight/General Cargo, Manifests
5. Package Freight/General Cargo, Newspaper Clipping
6. Package Freight/General Cargo, Photographs
7. Package Freight/General Cargo, Studies
8. Paper
9. Passengers, Company Advertisements
10. Passengers, Menues & Tickets
11. Passengers, Newspaper Clippings, 1820s – 1870s
12. Passengers, Newspaper Clipping, 1880s – 1910s
14. Passengers, Photographs
15. Passengers, Studies
16. Powder (explosives)
17. Railroad Rails
18. Salt
19. Sand
20. Silver
21. Stone
22. Textiles
Gary Steel Works, General Services Division