

Collection name: C. Patrick Labadie Collection

Collection number: TBRC -1 through 18 [TBRC-4 = OWNERS]

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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Drawer 4: PL – Z

Platt – Ziegele

Box 1: A – BL*Folders*

1. American Steel Barge Company
2. American Transportation Company
3. Anchor Line (Erie & Western Transportation Company)
4. Ann Arbor Railroad
5. Arnold Transportation Company
6. Ashley, W. O.
7. Ballentine, J. M. & Co.
8. Barry Lines
9. Blodgett, O. W.
10. Blodgett, O. W.
11. Blodgett, O. W.
12. Blodgett, O. W.
13. Blodgett, O. W.

Box 2: BO – C*Folders*

1. Boland, John J.
2. Booth, A.
3. Boutell, Benjamin
4. Bradley, Alva
5. Calvin, D.D.
6. Canadian Government Vessels
7. Canada Steamship Lines
8. Canadian Pacific Railroad
9. Canadian Pacific Railroad
10. Cleveland & Buffalo Transit Co.
11. Cleveland Cliffs Fleets
12. Commercial Line
13. Corrigan, James & John
14. Crosby Transportation Co.

Box 3: D – E*Folders*

1. Davidson, James
2. Detroit & Cleveland Steam Navigation Co., Brochures
3. Detroit & Cleveland Steam Navigation Co., Menus, Tickets,...
4. Detroit & Cleveland Steam Navigation Co., Newspaper Clippings, Vessels Lists, Advertisements, Studies
5. Detroit & Cleveland Steam Navigation Co., "The Story of the D & C"
6. Detroit & Milwaukee Railway Co.
7. Detroit & Windsor Ferries
8. Eddy & Shaw Fleets
9. Englemann, Nathan (North Western Transportation Co.)
10. Englemann, Nathan (North Western Transportation Co.)
11. Englemann Transportation Co.
12. Ensign, Charles (People's Line)
13. Erie Railroad Steamboat Company
14. Evans Lines

Box 4: F – HA*Folders*

1. Gilchrist, F. W.
2. Gilchrist, Joseph C.
3. Goodrich Transportation Co., Advertisements, Studies
4. Goodrich Transportation Co., Newspaper Clippings
5. Goodrich Transportation Co., Vessel Listings
6. Graham & Morton Transportation Co.
7. Great Lakes Towing Co.
8. Great Lakes Transit Corporation
9. Grummond, Stephen B.
10. Hall, George
11. Hanna, M. A.
12. Hannah, Lay & Co.
13. Hart Steamboat Line
14. Hawgood Fleets

Box 5: HI – ME*Folders*

1. Hines, Edward (Lumber Co.)
2. Hudson, E. W.
3. Hurd, J. L.
4. Hutchinson, John T.
5. Inman Fleet
6. Inter Ocean Transportation Company
7. Kelley Island Lime & Transportation Co.
8. Lackawanna Transportation Co.
9. Lake Michigan & Lake Superior Transportation Company
10. Lake Navigation Co.
11. Lake Superior Transit Co.
12. Leathem & Smith Towing & Wrecking Co.

13. Lehigh Valley Transportation Company
14. Leopold & Austrian Lake Superior People's Line
15. Mathews, J. & J. T.
16. McKnight's Lake Superior Line (Whiting, J.T. – Independent Lake Superior Line)
17. Merchants' ...Line
18. Merrick, Fowler, & Esselsytne

Box 6: MI – Northern Steamship*Folders*

1. Michigan Central Railroad Line
2. Michigan Southern Railroad Line
3. Mills Transportation Co.
4. Minch, Philip
5. Minnesota Iron Company
6. Mitchell Steamship Company
7. Montreal Transportation Co.
8. Neff Fleets
9. Newberry, Oliver
10. New England Transportation Company
11. New York Central Railroad Line
12. New York & Erie Railroad (Propeller Line)
13. Northern Michigan Transportation Company
14. Northern Navigation Company
15. Northern Steamship Co., Advertisements, Photographs, Studies, Vessel Listings
16. Northern Steamship Co., Newspaper Clipping

Box 7: Northern Transportation Company*Folders*

1. Correspondences, William Palmer, Rose Palmer
2. Newspaper Clippings, 1840s – 1860s
3. Newspaper Clippings, 1870s – 1890s
4. Newspaper Clippings, 1835 – 1898
5. Newspaper Clippings, etc. from Steve Harold
6. Photographs, Advertisements
7. Studies
8. Vessel Listings

Box 8: Northern Transportation Company*Volumes*

1. "Chamberlin's White Pipe Fleet, A History of the Northern Transportation Company and Northern Transit Company, 1849 – 1881" by William P. Palmer

Box 9: Northern Transportation Company*Volumes*

1. Chamberlin's Boats, A History of the Northern Transportation Company and Northern Transit Company, 1849 – 1881" by William P. Palmer

Box 10: Northwest – P*Folders*

1. Northwest Fur Co.
2. Northwest Transportation Company, Histories

3. Northwest Transportation Company, Correspondences, Advertisements, Vessel Lists, Newspaper Clippings
4. Northwest Transportation Company, Newspaper Clippings – Detroit Free Press, 1870
5. Northwest Transportation Company, Newspaper Clippings – Detroit Free Press, 1871
6. Northwest Transportation Company, Newspaper Clippings – Detroit Free Press, 1872
7. Northwest Transportation Company, Newspaper Clippings – Detroit Free Press, 1873
8. Northwest Transportation Company, Newspaper Clippings – Detroit Free Press, 1874
9. Northwest Transportation Company, Newspaper Clippings – Detroit Free Press, 1875
10. Northwest Transportation Company, Newspaper Clippings – Detroit Free Press, 1877
11. Old Oswego Line (Fitzhugh & Littlejohn)
12. Park and Company
13. Parker & Millan Fleets
14. Pere Marquette Line
15. Peshtigo Company
16. Pickands, Mather, & Co.
17. Pittsburgh Steamship Company
18. Pittsburgh Steamship Company
19. Pridgeon, John

Box 11: R – U. S. Government*Folders*

1. Reed, Charles H.
2. Reid, James
3. Richardson, W.C.
4. Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Company
5. Rutland Transit Company
6. Seymour Bros.
7. Spencer, Albert T.
8. Star Lines
9. Trowbridge, C. C.
10. Union Steamboat Co., Newspaper Clippings
11. Union Steamboat Co.
12. U. S. Government Vessels, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Corps of Topographical Engineers, Dredge Boats
13. U. S. Government Vessels, Coast Guard
14. U. S. Government Vessels, Coast Guard, "Guardians of the Sea, History of the United States Coast Guard, 1915 to Present"
15. U. S. Government Vessels, Coast Guard, "List of Logs of United States Coast Guard Vessels in the National Archives, 1790-1941"
16. U. S. Government Vessels, U. S. Lake Survey

Box 12: U. S. Government – Z*Folders*

1. U. S. Government Vessels, U. S. Life Saving Service
2. U. S. Government Vessels, U. S. Lighthouse Service, Lighthouse Tenders
3. U. S. Government Vessels, U. S. Mail Line
4. U. S. Government Vessels, Photographs (misc.), Newspaper Clippings (misc.)
5. U. S. Government Vessels, U. S. Navy, Warships
6. U. S. Government Vessels, U. S. Revenue Cutter Service

7. Wabash Fleet (Lake Erie Transportation Company)
8. Ward Lines, Advertisements, Vessel Lists, Originals, Studies
9. Ward Lines, Newspaper Clippings
10. Western Transportation Co.
11. Western Transportation Co.
12. Weston, Charles
13. Whitney, David
14. Wilson, Capt. Thomas
15. Winslow Fleets