

Collection name: C. Patrick Labadie Collection

Collection number: TBRC -1 through 18 [TBRC-3 = CANALS]

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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Contents:**TBRC-3: CANALS****Box 1: A - P***Folders*

1. Beauharnois Canal
2. Burlington Bay Canal
3. Cal-Sag Channel
4. Canada: "Summary of Canal Statistics, 1848-1936"
5. Canal Boats
6. Cornwall Canal
7. Deep Waterways Delegations
8. Desjardin's Canal
9. Erie Canal
10. Georgian Bay
11. Grand Rapids Canal
12. Grand River Navigation Company
13. Great Lakes & Seaway (in general)
14. "Great Lakes and the Great Rivers: Jonathan Carver's Dream of Empire"
15. Hay Lake Channel
16. Hennepin Canal
17. Illinois & Michigan Canal
18. Junction Canals
19. Kalamazoo Canal
20. Lachine Canal
21. "Lake Commerce & Canals, 1816-1824: Nationalism or Sectionalism?"
22. Lake George
23. Lake Michigan to Lake Superior
24. Lake St. Clair to Lake Erie
25. "Lake Transportation Proceedings of the Deep Waterways Convention held at Detroit. Mich., December 17 and 18, 1891"
26. Lime Kilns Crossing
27. Livingstone Channel
28. Long Point Cut
29. Mississippi Canal
30. Miami Canal
31. Murray Canal
32. "Navigation of the Lakes and Navigable Communications Therefrom to the Seaboard, and to the Mississippi River and Relation of the Former to the lines of Railway Leading to the Pacific," 1866
33. Niagara Ship Canal
34. Oswego Canal
35. Portage Lake Canal, Keweenaw Waterway

Box 2: O – Z (excluding St. Mary's Falls Ship Canal and Welland Canal)*Folders*

1. "Revenue, Trade, and Commerce with the British Provinces. Letter from the Secretary of the Treasury. House of Representatives, 1867
2. Rideau Canal
3. "Rules and Regulations...Canals of the Dominion of Canada," 1932
4. Sailing Vessels, Great Lakes to Coast, pre 1860 to 1880, "John E. Poole Great Lakes Marine Collection – Inventory of Microfilmed Notes"
5. Sault Ste. Marie, Canada
6. Ship Railways
7. St. Clair Flats
8. St. Lawrence Seaway, Booklets
9. St. Lawrence Seaway, Maps
10. St. Lawrence Seaway, Newspaper Clippings
11. St. Lawrence Seaway, Photographic Clippings
12. St. Lawrence Seaway, Studies
13. Sturgeon Bay Canal
14. Technical
15. Trade & Tolls
16. "Transportation Economics of the Great Lakes – St. Lawrence Ship Channel," 1925
17. Trent Canal
18. "Water Routes from the Great Northwest," 'Harper's New Monthly Magazine'

Box 3: St. Mary's Falls Ship Canal (Soo Locks), Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, A – N*Folders*

1. "Annual Report of the Superintendent," 1866, 1871, 1873
2. "Annual Report of the Superintendent," 1873, 1874, 1877
3. "Annual Report of the Superintendent," 1878, 1879
4. Booklets & Pamphlets
5. Engineering News
6. Maps
7. Newspaper Clippings, 1840s – 1890s
8. Newspaper Clippings, 1890s – 1900s

Box 4: St. Mary's Falls Ship Canal (Soo Locks), Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, O – Z*Folders*

1. Photographs
2. Photographs
3. Photographs
4. Photographs
5. Photographs
6. Photographs, Copies & Clippings
7. Postcards
8. "Statistical Report of Lake Commerce...," 1904, 1906, 1907
9. "Statistical Report of Lake Commerce...," 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911
10. "Statistical Report of Lake Commerce...," 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915
11. "Statistical Report of Lake Commerce...," 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919
12. "Statistical Report of Lake Commerce...," 1920, 1952

13. "Statement of the Commerce through Ste. Marys Falls Canal for Each Calendar Year...," 1855 – 1897
14. Studies
15. "Traffic Statements"

Box 5: Welland Canal

Folders

1. "A Canadian Enterprise, the Welland Canals, the 'Merrit Day' Lectures," 1978 – 1982
2. Maps
3. "Memories of the Third Welland Canal"
4. Newspaper Clippings, 1820s – 1840s
5. Newspaper Clippings, 1850s – 1900s
6. Photographs & Postcards
7. Photographs, Copies & Clippings
8. Studies, Pamphlets, Statistics