



AN INTRODUCTION TO KEWEENAW COUNTY

Extending into Lake Superior the Keweenaw Peninsula first appears on the French Jesuit map of Lake Superior published in 1671. It was visited by French explorers, missionaries and voyageurs beginning in the 17th century. Copper Harbor was settled at the onset of "copper fever" which began in the 1840s. The first immigrants to the county were: Cornishmen, French Canadians, Germans and Irish attracted by the copper mining economy. Others immigrants followed but settlement was concentrated on the southern end of the county in the village Ahmeek located in Allouez Township which abuts "metro" Calumet. For a number of years a French company operated a copper mine to the south of Copper Harbor which was composed of a number of Frenchmen. The county was organized in 1861.

REGULAR & ETHNIC POPULATION OF KEWEENAW COUNTY – 1910			
Political Sub-division	Total Population	Ethnic Population	Percent
Allouez Township	8,419	1,806	21%
Ahmeek Village	733	389	53%
Eagle Harbor Township	193	86	45%
Grant Township	258	107	41%
Houghton Township	448	140	31%
Sherman Township	585	177	30%
TOTAL	9,903	2,705	27%

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Occupation	Canadian	Canadian French	Croatian	Czech (Bohemian)	English	Finn	French	German	Hungarian	Irish	Italian
Barber							1				
Bartender			1			2			2		
Blacksmith								1			
Bottle Dealer						1					
Butcher						1					
Carpenter						5					
Clerk						1					
Cook			3								
Dealer (Retail)			3			3					
Driver											
Fireman		1	1								
Housekeeper	1		1		2			1			
Ice Cream Manufacturer											
Janitor					1						
Laborer						3					
Landlord											
Liveryman											
Merchant				1		1		1			
Mine, Copper											
Bell Ringer											1
Drill Boy			2								
Foreman			1								
Laborer					1	2				1	4
Miner		1	31		8	18			5		3
Pipe man					1						
Timberman			8	1		1					3
Trackman			1			1					
Trammer			25	1		2			15		2
None		2	39	2	2	32			16		10
Painter						6					
Railroad											
Brakeman	1										
Foreman				1							
Operator											
Salesman			1			1					
Servant			5	2		5					
Stage Manager						1					
Tailor			1								
Teamster			1			2					
Unknown		1									
Watchmaker											
TOTAL	2	5	124	8	15	89	1	3	38	1	23

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Occupation	Norwegian	Polish	Russian Yiddish	Slovenian	Swedish	Swiss	TOTAL
Barber							1
Bartender	1				1		7
Blacksmith							1
Bottle Dealer							1
Butcher		1					2
Carpenter	1			3	1		10
Clerk							1
Cook							3
Dealer (Retail)				2			8
Driver				1			1
Fireman							2
Housekeeper					1		6
Ice Cream Mfr					1		1
Janitor				1			2
Laborer					1		4
Landlord						1	1
Liveryman				1			1
Merchant			3	1			7
Mine, Copper							
Bell Ringer							1
Drill Boy							2
Foreman							1
Laborer				2			10
Miner				20	1		87
Pipe man							1
Timberman				4			17
Trackman							2
Trammer				3			48
None		1	4	14	1		123
Painter							6
Railroad							
Brakeman							1
Foreman				1			2
Operator			1				1
Salesman			1				3
Servant	1		1	2			16
Shoemaker		1					1
Stage Manager							1
Tailor				1			2
Teamster							3
Unknown							1
Watchmaker				1			1
TOTAL	3	3	10	57	7	1	389

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Occupation	Austrian	Canadian English	Canadian French	Croatian	Danish	English	Finn	German	Hungarian	Irish
Barber						1				
Blacksmith				1						
Boarding House										
Keeper			1			2	3			
Servant				3						
Book "Branding"				1						
Bookkeeper			1							
Butcher								2		
Candy Shop						1				
Carpenter			2	1		2	3	1		
Cleaning & Drying								1		
Clerk							2		1	
Coachman						1				
Diamond Setter						1				
Dressmaker						1	3			
Engineer						1	2			1
Farm										
Farm Laborer	1						14	1		
Farmer						1	18	1		
Herdsmen							1			
Teamster										
Fireman				1						
Fisherman							2			
Highway Overseer							1			
Housekeeper			1				2			
Janitor	1		1							
Laborer	8		3	2		1	10			1
Laborer-Woods								1		
Laundress							2			
Mail Carrier							1			
Mason, House										
Meat Market Laborer							1			
Merchant										
Mine, Copper										
Bellringer									1	
Blacksmith			1			6	1			
Blocker							1			
Boss, Shift						2				
Captain						1				
Carpenter							9			

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Occupation	Austrian	Canadian English	Canadian French	Croatian	Danish	English	Finn	German	Hungarian	Irish
Clerk						1				
Drill Boy				1			5		1	
Dryman				1		1		1		
Dumper	3						5			
Engine Boy						3	1			
Engineer								1		
Fireman			2				1			
Foreman				1		1	7			1
Hoist Engineer							3			
Hoist Electrician							1			
Hoist Operator	1						1			
Inspector						1				
Laborer	7			2		13	41	1	6	
Lander			1	1			2		1	
Machinist			1			13	18			
Mason	2					1				
Mechanic							1	1		
Miner	10			55		183	188	1	17	2
Mucker							10		1	
Oiler										
Pipeman							2			
Puffer Boy						1				
Pumpman						3				
Rockman							26	1	5	
Superintendent										
Superintenant, Asst.						1				
Surface Foreman								1		
Surfaceman			3				9			
Teamster			2	1						
Timberman			1	7		3	3	1	1	
Trackman				2						
Trammer	5			30			49		58	
Watchman										
Mason, House										
Minister		1		1		1				
None	10	2	15	52	1	152	271	18	17	3
Nurse		1								
Orderman - General Store										
Own Income						1	1			
Painter (House)							1			
Railroad										
Brakeman			1							
Laborer							3			
Round House Laborer				3			2	1		
Section Hand								2		

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Occupation	Austrian	Canadian English	Canadian French	Croatian	Danish	English	Finn	German	Hungarian	Irish
Sailor										
Salesman, Store						3	1			
Servant	1			1			23			
Shoemaker							4			
Shopkeeper										
Tailor							2			
Teamster							2			
Washerwoman								1		
Watchman						2				
TOTAL	49	4	36	167	1	405	759	37	109	8

MICHIGAN, KEWEENAW COUNTY, ALLOUEZ TOWNSHIP, 1910

Occupation	Italian	Norwegian	Polish	Romanian	Russian	Scot	Slovenian	Swede	TOTAL
Drill Boy									7
Dryman	1		1						5
Dumper	1								9
Engine Boy									4
Engineer		1							2
Fireman	2								5
Foreman	1								11
Hoist Electrician									1
Hoist Engineer									3
Hoist Operator									2
Inspector									1
Laborer					1				71
Lander	1								6
Machinist	1							1	34
Mason	6								9
Mechanic									2
Miner	23	9	1		5		9	8	511
Mucker									11
Oiler	1								1
Pipeman									2
Puffer Boy	1								2
Pumpman									3
Rockman									32
Superintendent Assistant									1
Surface Foreman									1
Surfaceman		1						2	15
Teamster									3
Timberman	1						3		20
Trackman							1		3
Trammer	9			1	1		10		163
Watchman	1	1							2
Mason, House	1								1
Minister									3
None	31	23	3	2	4	1	5	14	624
Nurse									1
Orderman - General Store		1							1
Own Income									2
Painter (House)									1
Railroad									
Brakeman									1
Laborer					1				4
Roundhouse Laborer			1						7
Section Hand								1	3
Sailor		1							1
Salesman								1	5
Servant						1		1	27

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Occupation	Italian	Norwegian	Polish	Romanian	Russian	Scot	Slovenian	Swede	TOTAL
Shoemaker									4
Shopkeeper	1								1
Tailor									2
Teamster						1			3
Washerwoman									1
Watchman									2
TOTAL	89	43	6	3	15	4	39	32	1806

MICHIGAN, KEWEENAW COUNTY, EAGLE HARBOR TOWNSHIP,
1910

Occupation	Canadian English	Canadian French	Czech (Bohemian)	English	Finn	French	German	Irish	Norwegian	Scot	Swede	Swiss	TOTAL
Blacksmith							1						1
Bookkeeper							1						1
Farmer (Garden)					1								1
Fisherman		1			4 Isle Royal				2 Isle Royal		15 Isle Royal		41
Light House Keeper									1 Passage Island				1
Lumber Camp													
Chopper, Wood	1			1		1				1			4
House Keeper	1												1
Logging	1												1
Saw Filer	1												1
Mason			1										1
Miner				1	2								3
None		2	1	1	6		4	2	1		9		26
Odd Jobs	1				1							1	3
Stage Driver	1												1
TOTAL	6	3	2	3	14	1	6	2	23	1	24	1	86

MICHIGAN, KEWEENAW COUNTY, GRANT TOWNSHIP, 1910

Occupation	Canadian English	Canadian French	Canadian Irish	Croatian	English	Finn	Irish	Italian	Norwegian	Polish	Scot	Slovenian	Swede	TOTAL
Blacksmith					1									1
Boss		1												1
Butcher									1					1
Carpenter						2								2
Choreman		1												1
Cook		1												1
Fisherman						8			2					10
Laborer		1			2	13							2	18
Light House Keeper		1								1				2
Lumber Camp Laborer		5					1			1		1		8
Manager, Boarding House					1									1
Mine, Copper														
Blacksmith					1									1
Captain					1									1
Engineer	1													1
Laborer				2		12								14
Miner				2		3		1			1			7
Timberman													1	1
No Job						1								1
None	1		1	1		17		2						22
Railroad, Keweenaw Central														
Fireman	1													1
Laborer						3								3
Road Laborer						2								2
Saloon														
Employee													1	1
Proprietor													2	2
Servant						1								1
Summer Cottage Employee		1												1
Superintendent		1												1
Working Out for Private Family						1								1
TOTAL	3	12	1	5	6	63	1	3	3	2	1	1	6	107

MICHIGAN, KEWEENAW COUNTY, HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP, 1910

Occupation	Canadian English	Canadian French	Croatian	Czech (Bohemian)	English	Finn	German	Irish	Italian	Norwegian	Slovenian	Swede	TOTAL
Blacksmith							1					1	2
Carpenter							2					2	4
Care Taker of Isle Royal Resort												1	1
Engineer, Stationary					1								1
Farm Laborer				1		1							2
Farmer					2	1		1	2				6
Farmer (Garden)	1			1									2
Fisherman on Isle Royal					1					10			11
Grocer, Retail							2						2
House Keeper					2								2
Jail, Inmate								1					1
Light House Keeper					1								1
Lumber Camp													
Laborer (Isle Royal)						1					1	1	3
Lumberman		1											1
Manager	1												1
Miner					5	8						1	14
None	1	4	1	3	6 1 on Isle Royal	22	8	1	2	3 on Isle Royal		3 1 Isle Royal	54
Odd Jobs		1	1			2	1				1		6
Physician	1												1
Railroad					1								1
Brakeman					1								1
Equipment Operator					1								1
Laborer			3			8	1						12
Superintendent	1												1
Saloon Keeper		1											1
Servant (Private Family)						2							2
Teamster		1											1
Unknown	1	1			3	1			4	13	1	9	6
TOTAL		9	5	5	23	46	15	3	4	13	1	9	140

MICHIGAN, KEWEENAW COUNTY, SHERMAN TOWNSHIP, 1910

Occupation	Canadian English	Canadian French	Danish	English	Finn	Finn Swede	German	Irish	Italian	Norwegian	Polish	Scot	Scot Irish	Swede	TOTAL
Boarding House Laborer												1			1
Carpenter									1						1
Dock Laborer		2													2
Fisherman					1										1
Laborer										1					1
Mill, Copper Stamp															
Blacksmith		1													1
Carhandler						3									3
Carpenter		1													1
Cooper		1													1
Fireman		1													1
Foreman		1			1			1							3
Laborer		20			39		4	1	3	2	1	1		1	72
Painter													1		1
Teamster					2										2
Mine, Copper															
Surface Boss					1										1
Surfaceman					6										6
None		13	5	2	22	1		3		11	1			3	61
Physician	1														1
Principal, School	1														1
Pumphouse Laborer		1								1				1	3
Mineral Range Railroad															
Car Repair											1				1
Engineer at Pumping Station				1											1
Foreman, Section			1											1	2
Laborer					4					1	1				6
Servant in Private Family					3										3
TOTAL	2	41	6	3	79	4	4	5	4	16	4	2	1	6	177