



**AN INTRODUCTION TO LUCE COUNTY**

Luce County was created in 1887. It was a center of the logging industry which began during the Civil War. In 1882 the Newberry Lumber and Chemical Company Plant was created as a charcoal kiln and iron furnace operation. By the 1890s the process had been improved and wood alcohol and lime acetate were produced. In 1910 a sawmill was added. At one point Dutch muck farmers developed celery cultivation which proved successful. Hundreds of immigrants were attracted to the county because of the lumber industry.

<b>REGULAR &amp; ETHNIC POPULATION OF LUCE COUNTY - 1910</b>			
<b>Political Sub-division</b>	<b>Total Pop.</b>	<b>Ethnic Pop.</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Columbus Township	411	106	25%
Lakefield Township	454	146	32%
McMillan Township	1,811	194	10%
Newberry City	1,182	400	34%
Pentland Township	1,378	730	53%
TOTAL	5,186	1,576	30%



## MICHIGAN, LUCE COUNTY, COLUMBUS TOWNSHIP, 1910

Occupation	Canadian English	Canadian French	English	Finn	German	Irish	Lithuanian	Norwegian	Polish	Russian German	Scot	Swede	TOTAL
Bartender	1												1
Boarding House Cook				1									1
Boarding House Servant				2									2
Carpenter	1												1
County Clerk	1												1
Farm Laborer	3												3
Farmer	3										1		4
Iron & Chemical Works Superintendent								1					1
Laborer	9	1			1								11
Livery Station Proprietor		1											1
Livery Station Superintendent		1											1
<b>Lumber Camp</b>													
Cutter				24									24
Laborer				7		1							8
Merchant										1			1
Minister (Methodist Episcopal)			1										1
None	17	1	1	6						2		1	28
Nurse (Private Home)			1										1
<b>Railroad</b>													
Section Foreman							1					1	2
Section Laborer				2					1				3
Servant (Private Home)				1									1
Shingle Weaver	1												1
<b>Stave Mill</b>													1
Fireman					1								1
Laborer	2			4		2							8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>106</b>

## MICHIGAN, LUCE COUNTY, LAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP, 1910

Occupation	Canadian English	Canadian French	Danish	English	Finn	German	Scot	Swede	Swiss	TOTAL
Carpenter	2									2
Farm Laborer	4	4							1	9
Farm Manager		1								1
Farmer	15		1	1		2	1		1	21
Housekeeper						1				1
Laborer	1								1	2
Lumber Camp Laborer	1				65					66
Mason (Stone)	1					1				2
Medicine Agent							1			1
None	13			1	18			1	5	38
Post Master							1			1
Servant (Boarding House)					1					1
Servant					1					1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>146</b>



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Occupations	Canadian English	Canadian French	Danish	Dutch	English	Finn	German	Irish	Norwegian	Polish	Scot	Swede	TOTAL
Wagon Driver												1	3
<b>Lumber Mill</b>													
Engineer	1												1
Laborer		1											1
Mill Wright		1											1
None	23	5	1	1	4	18			1		2	8	63
Nursery Agent	1												1
Poor House, County Priest									1				1
<b>Railroad</b>													
Foreman												1	1
Round House Foreman								1					1
Section Laborer		1										7	8
Salesman (Dry Goods)						1							1
Servant (Private Family)						1							1
<b>Shingle Mill</b>													
Cedar Maker	1												1
Filer	2												2
Laborer	1												1
Teamster								1					1
Veterinarian	1												1
Well Driller											1		1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>194</b>



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Occupation	Canadian English	Canadian French	Chinese	Danish	English	Finn	Finn Swede	German	Irish
Laborer						2			
Lumberman	2	1							
<b>Lumber Mill</b>									
Bookkeeper		1							
Edgeman									
Laborer	2	1			1	3			
Lumberman	1								
Night Watchman						1			
Mason	1			1					
Merchant, Retail, Dry Goods						1	1		
Newspaper Editor	1								
None	55	19			7	33	12	3	2
Nurse (Private Family)	1								
Operator, Telephone	1								
Photographic Studio	1								
Physician	1								
Pool Room Proprietor	1								
Post Master, Assistant	1								
Preacher					1				
Priest (Roman Catholic)									
<b>Railroad</b>									
Agent	1								
Laborer						1			
Locomotive Engineer						1			
Section Foreman									
Section Man							1		
Salesman	2					1			
Saloon Proprietor	1	2				2			
Servant (Private Family)		3			1	4	1		
Shoemaker									
Street Laborer	1								
Teacher (Public School)	2								
Treasurer, Township		1							



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Occupation	Canadian English	Canadian French	Chinese	Danish	English	Finn	Finn Swede	German	Irish
Washerwoman	1	1				2	2		
Well Driller									
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>



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Occupation	Norwegian	Polish	Russian German	Russian Yiddish	Scot	Scot Irish	Slovak	Swede	Swiss	TOTAL
Engineer										2
Laborer										1
Livery Stable										1
<b>Lumber Camp</b>										
Laborer										2
Lumberman										3
<b>Lumber Mill</b>										
Bookkeeper										1
Edgeman								1		1
Laborer								2		9
Lumberman										1
Night Watchman										1
Mason										2
Merchant, Retail, Dry Goods				5						7
Newspaper Editor										1
None	1	9	1	5	1		1	24		173
Nurse (Private Family)										1
Operator, Telephone										1
Photographic Studio										1
Physician										1
Pool Room Proprietor										1
Post Master, Assistant										1
Preacher										1
Priest (Roman Catholic)									1	1
<b>Railroad</b>										
Agent										1
Laborer								1		2
Locomotive Engineer										1
Section Foreman								1		1
Section Man										1
Salesman				1						4
Saloon Proprietor								2		7

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Occupation	Norwegian	Polish	Russian German	Russian Yiddish	Scot	Scot Irish	Slovak	Swede	Swiss	TOTAL
Servant (Private Family)								1		10
Shoemaker				1				1		2
Street Laborer										1
Teacher (Public School)										2
Treasurer, Township										1
Washerwoman										6
Well Driller					1					1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>400</b>

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Occupations	Austrian	Belgian (Flemish)	Bulgarian	Canadian English	Canadian French	Croatian	Czech (Bohemian)	Danish	Dutch	English	Finn	Finn Swede
Carpenter				1								
<b>Farm</b>												
Dairy												
Farmer				13	3						2	3
Laborer				6	1					1	2	
Manager					1							
Truck				1								
<b>Hospital</b>												
Attendant				7						1	2	
Barnman				1								
Chef										1		
Cook				1								
Farmer												
Fireman												
Inmate	10	1	2	57	31	1	3	5	2	41	155	1
Laundry				1								
None				1								
Nurse				1								
Sales										1		
Stenographer				1								
Laborer				3								1
<b>Lumber Camp</b>												
Choreboy												
Clerk				1								
Contractor				1								1
Cook												1
Laborer				3							4	2
Scaler				1								
Teamster				1								
Wood Chopper				1							4	
None				23	1					1		
Railroad Engineer										1		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>9</b>

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Occupations	Romanian	Russian Greek	Scot	Serbian	Swede	Swiss	TOTAL
Carpenter					1		2
<b>Farm</b>							
Dairy					1		1
Farmer			9		6		39
Laborer			1		5		16
Manager							1
Truck							1
<b>Hospital</b>							
Attendant					3		15
Barnman							1
Chef							1
Cook							1
Farmer							1
Fireman			1				1
Inmate	1	2	4	1	95	1	557
Laundry			1				2
None							1
Nurse							1
Sales							1
Stenographer							1
Laborer					1		5
<b>Lumber Camp</b>							
Choreboy							1
Clerk							1
Contractor							2
Cook							3
Laborer					13		23
Scaler							1
Teamster			1				2
Wood Chopper							5
None			13				40
Railroad Engineer							4
<b>TOTAL</b>	1	2	30	1	125	1	730

