



ONTONAGON COUNTY TOWNSHIPS & TOWNS
(Bergland Township was created after 1910)

AN INTRODUCTION TO ONTONAGON COUNTY

Many early French and English travelers during the colonial era visited the future Ontonagon County to see the famed Ontonagon Boulder. The French and English beginning in the 1730s attempted to develop the copper deposits in the area. The English probably brought along Cornish miners. After Douglass Houghton reported on the copper in the county the area was opened to settlement. The county was created in 1843 and organized in 1846. There was a demand for laborers and the first immigrants – Cornish, French Canadians, Germans and Irish – came to settle and work in the mines and related industries.

Later in the nineteenth century mining continued. However the timber and related industries were developed. After a disastrous fire in 1896 the village of Ontonagon slowly recovered. The major industries in the twentieth century were the production of timber and the manufacture of paper.

REGULAR & ETHNIC POPULATION OF ONTONAGON COUNTY - 1910			
Political Sub-division	Total Pop.	Ethnic Pop.	Percent
Bohemia Township	207	108	52%
Carp Lake Township	139	81	58%
Greenland Township	1,826	726	39%
Haight Township	210	46	22%
Interior Township	479	175	36%
Matchwood Township	554	121	22%
McMillan Township	458	114	25%
Ontonagon Township	2,434	772	31%
Ontonagon Village	1,964	476	24%
Rockland Township	1,842	602	32%
Stannard Township	498	216	43%
TOTAL	8,647	3,437	39%

MICHIGAN, ONTONAGON COUNTY, BOHEMIA TOWNSHIP, 1910

Occupation	Canadian	Canadian English	Canadian French	Czech (Bohemian)	Danish	English	Finn	German	Irish	Polish	Scot	Swede	TOTAL
Boarding House Mistress			1										1
Farm													
Farm Laborer	2		1			1	13						17
Farm Section Foreman	1												1
Farmer	1		2		1		22			1			27
Truck Farmer								1					1
General Store Proprietor			1										1
Inspector			1										1
Laborer			1										1
Bohemian Mining Co Laborer						1	1					1	3
NL Lumber Co laborer	1	2	2	3			3					2	13
E&B Lumber Co Laborer			1				1						2
Indiana Mining Co Laborer			1				2				1	1	5
Mine Laborer							2						2
None			2				29						31
Railroad													
Laborer									1				1
Section Laborer								1					1
TOTAL	5	2	13	3	1	2	73	2	1	1	1	4	108

MICHIGAN, ONTONAGON COUNTY, CARP LAKE TOWNSHIP,
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Occupation	Canadian English	Canadian French	English	Finn	German	Irish	Polish	Swede	TOTAL
Cook				1					1
Farm									
Farm Laborer				3					3
Farmer				3	1				4
Highway Laborer				1		1			2
Home Laborer				1					1
Lumber Camp									
Book Keeper		1							1
Farmer				1					1
Laborer	2	2		36	2		1	1	44
Timber Cruiser	1								1
Mine, Copper Laborer	1		1	3		1		1	7
None				13	2				15
Storekeeper							1		1
TOTAL	4	3	1	62	5	2	2	2	81

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Occupation	Austrian	Canadian English	Canadian French	Croatian	English	Finn	Finn Swede	German	Indian: English & Irish	Irish
Agent for Brewery		1								
Barber						1				
Banker & Real Estate Agent										
Bar Tender				1		1				
Blacksmith						1				
Blacksmith Apprentice										
Boarding House Keeper					1	2				
Bookkeeper						2				
Carpenter (House)						2				
Cashier										
Clergyman (Lutheran)						1				
Clerk, General Store		1		1		3				
Clothing Store, Proprietor					1					
Confectioner (Own Shop)										
Decorator, House						1				
Drayman (General Store)					1	1				
Farmer		1	1			14	1	2		1
Hardware Store, Owner						1				
Hotel Keeper		1								
Housekeeper (Private Family)		1								
Laborer (Odd Jobs)		2	2	1	2	14				4
Lumber Camp										
Contractor		1								1
Cook		1			1					2
Foreman		1								1
Laborer						5				5
Logger						1				1
Merchant (Retail)						5				
Mine, Copper										
Blacksmith					1	1				

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Occupation	Austrian	Canadian English	Canadian French	Croatian	English	Finn	Finn Swede	German	Indian: English & Irish	Irish
Brakeman										
Carpenter		1			1	1				
Diamond Drill Assistant		1								
Diamond Drill Helper						4				
Diamond Drill Runner		1								
Fireman		1								
Foreman	1	1			1					
Janitor (Mine Dry)					1					
Laborer						1				
Lander						1				
Machinist					1					
Mason										
Miner	1		2	6	19	82		1		1
Miner Apprentice					1					
Pay Master		1								
Rock House Foreman					1					
Shift Boss				1						
Stationary Engineer		1			1					
Surface Laborer					3	12				
Teamster				1						
Timber Boss				1						
Timber Man				2		1				
Time Keeper						1				
Tram Boss										
Trammer				10	1	18				
None	2	15	6	15	32	173	2	4	2	13
Own Income			4		9	1		4		1
Physician		1								
Post Office Clerk		1								
Priest (Roman Catholic)			1							

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Occupation	Austrian	Canadian English	Canadian French	Croatian	English	Finn	Finn Swede	German	Indian: English & Irish	Irish
Railroad										
Brakeman	1	1								
Car Inspector						1				
Crossing Flagman		1								
Section Foreman			1			2				1
Section Laborer						10				
Real Estate Agent						1				
Saloon Proprietor	1		1	1		2				
Schools, Public										
Janitor		1								
Superintendent		1								
Teacher		1			1					
Servant				1		13				
Shoemaker						2				
Tailor						1				
Teamster (General Store)						1				
TOTAL	6	38	18	41	79	382	3	11	2	21

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Occupation	Italian	Moroccan	Norwegian	Polish	Russian Yiddish	Scot	Slovenian	Swede	Welsh	TOTAL
Railroad										
Brakeman										2
Car Inspector										1
Crossing Flagman										1
nSection Foreman								1		5
Section Laborer			1							11
Real Estate Agent										1
Saloon Proprietor										5
Schools, Public										
Janitor										1
Superintendent										1
Teacher										2
Servant										14
Shoemaker										2
Tailor										1
Teamster (General Store)										1
TOTAL	28	2	5	14	2	5	32	23	1	726

MICHIGAN, ONTONAGON COUNTY, HAIGHT TOWNSHIP, 1910

Occupation	Canadian English	Canadian French	English	German	Finn	Norwegian	Polish	Swede	TOTAL
Bartender					1				1
Farm Laborer								1	1
Farm Manager						1			1
Farmer	3	2					2	8	15
Laborer				2	3			4	9
Logging								1	1
None	3		1	1	3	1		4	13
Own Income								3	3
Saloon Keeper				1					1
Stock Raising				1					1
TOTAL	6	2	1	5	7	2	2	21	46

MICHIGAN, ONTONAGON COUNTY, INTERIOR TOWNSHIP, 1910

Occupation	Canadian	Canadian English	Canadian French	Danish	English	Finn	German	Irish	Norwegian	Polish	Swede	TOTAL
Cook			1			1						2
Engineer											1	1
Farmer	1	2			1	23						27
Fireman	1						1		1			3
Foreman			1									1
Housekeeper	1											1
Laborer	6	4	3		1	27	4	1	1	23	4	74
None	8	2	2	1	1	35	4				1	54
Salesman	1					1						2
Sawyer			1									1
Scaler		1										1
Servant						1					1	2
Superintendent				1								1
Teacher		1										1
Unemployed					2	1		1				4
TOTAL	18	10	8	2	5	89	9	2	2	23	7	175

MICHIGAN, ONTONAGON COUNTY, MATCHWOOD TOWNSHIP,
1910

Occupation	Belgian (Walloon)	Canadian	Canadian English	Canadian French	Danish	English	Finn	Finn Swede	German	Irish	Norwegian	Polish	Scot	Swede	Swiss	TOTAL
Bartender				1												1
Blacksmith				1			1									2
Carpenter				1												1
Clerk														2		2
Cook						1				1						2
Farmer		1	2		2		2		4					1		12
Fireman							1									1
Fisherman				1												1
Foreman			1		1						1					3
Homesteader															1	1
Hotel Keeper	1		1													2
Laborer		1	5	3	1		21	10	1	1	13	2		15		73
Merchant			1											1		2
Mill Wright											1					1
None		4	3	5	5		8	4	4	1	10	1	2	11		58
Saloon Keeper			1													1
Servant		1		2	1		1				1					6
Teacher			1													1
Unemployed							1									1
TOTAL	1	7	15	14	10	1	35	14	9	3	26	3	2	30	1	171

MICHIGAN, ONTONAGON COUNTY, McMILLAN TOWNSHIP, 1910

Occupation	Austrian	Canadian	Canadian English	Canadian French	Croatian	Czech (Bohemian)	Danish	English	Finn	German	Irish	Norwegian	Polish	Swede	TOTAL
Barber												1			1
Carpenter														1	1
Clerk				1											1
Driver											1				1
Farmer	1	1	7	12	4			1		3	2	1	2	3	37
Laborer	1		3											1	5
Lodger												1			1
Lumberman										1					1
Milliner			1												1
Minister								1							1
No Job										1					1
None	3		8	13	3	2	2	2		10	3		1	3	50
Priest (Catholic)										1					1
Proprietor			2												2
Railroad															
Section Foreman										1				1	2
Section Man									1						1
Real Estate Agent														1	1
Saloon Keeper		1									1				2
Servant							1								1
Unknown														1	1
Washerwoman										1					1
Well Digger				1											1
TOTAL	5	2	21	27	7	2	3	4	1	18	7	3	3	11	114

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Occupation	Austrian	Belgian (Walloon)	Canadian	Canadian English	Canadian French	Chinese	Czech (Bohemian)	Danish	English	Finn	Finn Swede
				1							
Edgeman				1							
Engineer									1		
Fireman								1	1		
Foreman				1							
Inspector				1							
Laborer											
Millwright				1	1						
Piler										2	1
Sawyer (Shingles)				1							
Scaler				2	1						
Setter											
Watchman					1			1			
Saleslady				1							
Seamstress				1							
Servant				3						4	2
Stone Surface Man											
Tailor				1	2					1	
Teacher				3							
Teamster				5	3					1	
Washerwoman											1
Work at Home					2						
TOTAL	4	1	7	157	59	1	3	5	33	217	35

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Occupation	German	Hungarian (German)	Irish	Italian	Norwegian	Polish	Scot	Slovenian	Swede	Swiss	TOTAL
Boss			1								2
Edgeman											1
Engineer											1
Fireman	1		1								4
Foreman			2		1						4
Inspector											1
Laborer									1		1
Millwright											2
Piler									2		5
Sawyer (Shingles)											1
Scaler											3
Setter						1					1
Watchman	1					1					4
Saleslady									1		2
Seamstress											1
Servant	1					2		1	3	1	17
Stone Surface Man						1					1
Tailor	3										7
Teacher											3
Teamster					1	1					11
Washerwoman	1					1			1		4
Work at Home						1					3
TOTAL	44	3	39	1	10	89	4	5	52	3	772

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Occupation	Belgian (Walloon)	Canadian	Canadian English	Canadian French	Chinese	Czech (Bohemian)	Danish	English	Finn	Finn Swede	French	German	Hungarian	Irish
Laborer		1		4				1	8			2		
Laborer - Odd Jobs				7						1				
Lath Mill														
Foreman														1
Laborer			1											
Laundry					1									
Lighthouse Keeper			1											
Lumber Camp														
Blacksmith		1												
Clerk				1										
Cook		1												
Engineer, Woods Loader														
Laborer		1	3											
Lumberman			4											
Sawyer			1											
Scaler			1											
Lumber Company														
Barn Boss														1
Bookkeeper														1
Director														
Lumber Yard														
Foreman														
Inspector			1											
Laborer				1					3	4			1	
Piler									2	1				
Teamster												1		
Meat Dealer, Retail								1						
Mine, Copper, Laborer														1
Minister (Methodist)								1						
Minister of the Gospel								1						
Musician								1						
None	1	4	59	14		1	1	10	20	15	1	10	1	13
Own Income		1						3				2		1
Pensioner				1										
Photographer												1		

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Occupation	Belgian (Walloon)	Canadian	Canadian English	Canadian French	Chinese	Czech (Bohemian)	Danish	English	Finn	Finn Swede	French	German	Hungarian	Irish
Planning Mill Fireman												1		
Railroad														
Engineer								1						
Fireman								1						1
Foreman														1
Roomer				1				1				1		
Sales Lady (Dry Goods)			1											
Sales Lady (Own Store)			1					1						
Saloon Proprietor			1	1					2					
Saw Mill														
Barn Boss														1
Blacksmith		1												
Edgeman		1	1											
Filer			1											
Fireman							1							
Grader														
Laborer		1	9	4		2			7	2		3		4
Machinist														
Mill Wright			1	1										
Sawyer			2											
Scaler				1				1						
Setter														
Tail Sawyer														
Teamster			3	1										
Watchman							1					1		
Seamstress			1											
Servant									3	2				
Shingle Mill														
Foreman			1											
Sawyer			1											
Tailor			1	1					1			3		
Teacher			3											
Teamster			3	2										
Trapper									1					
Unknown														
Washer Woman									1					
TOTAL	1	13	122	47	1	3	4	26	33	32	1	29	3	28

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Occupation	Norwegian	Polish	Russian German	Scot	Slovenian	Swede	Swiss	Yiddish German	Yiddish Russian	TOTAL
Janitor		1								2
Jeweler								1		1
Laborer		4								20
Laborer – Odd Jobs		5								13
Lath Mill										
Foreman										1
Laborer						1				2
Laundry										1
Lighthouse Keeper										11
Lumber Camp										
Blacksmith										1
Clerk										1
Cook										1
Engineer, Woods Loader	1									1
Laborer		2				1				7
Lumberman						1				5
Sawyer										1
Scaler										1
Lumber Company										
Barn Boss										1
Bookkeeper										1
Director										1
Lumber Yard										
Foreman						1				1
Inspector										1
Laborer						1				10
Piler						2				5
Teamster										1
Meat Dealer, Retail										1
Mine, Copper, Laborer										1
Minister (Methodist)										1
Minister of the Gospel										1
Musician										1
None	2	25		3	2	9	2	1	1	195

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Occupation	Norwegian	Polish	Russian German	Scot	Slovenian	Swede	Swiss	Yiddish German	Yiddish Russian	TOTAL
Trapper										1
Unknown		1								1
Washer Woman		1				1				3
TOTAL	6	60	1	5	4	38	3	3	1	476

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Occupation	Austrian	Belgian (Flemish)	Canadian	Canadian English	Canadian French	Croatian	Czech (Bohemian)	English	Finn	Finn Swede
Barber				1						
Bartender				1					2	
Blacksmith								1		1
Boarding House Kpr								1	2	1
Carpenter				1	1				2	2
Cigar Maker										
Clerk									1	
County School Commissioner				1						
County Treasurer					1					
Dressmaker									1	
Farmer									29	
Hired Girl									1	
Hotel Keeper										
House Keeper				1					1	
Janitor									1	
Laborer					12			3	39	2
Lumber Camp										
Lumberman					1					
Wood Cutter								1	2	
Mine, Copper										
Boss					1				1	
Captain								1		
Dryman				1						
Engineer				1	4					
Fireman										
Foreman				1						
Machinist									1	
Miner	1			3	5	7		12	63	9
Timberman						1		1		
Trammer		2				1			29	
Minister								1		
No Job				1					1	1
None		3	1	10	17	17	1	15	126	12
Priest (Catholic)										
Saloon Keeper					1	1				
Servant									5	2
Shoemaker									1	
Stage Driver									1	
Steward				1						
Stone Mason										
Store Keeper								1	1	
Tailor							1			
Teamster				2	1					
Washerwoman									1	
TOTAL	1	5	1	25	44	27	2	37	311	30

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Occupation	French	German	Irish	Italian	Norwegian	Scot	Slovenian	Swede	Swiss	TOTAL
Barber										1
Bartender										3
Blacksmith					1			1	1	5
Boarding House Keeper								1		5
Carpenter								4		10
Cigar Maker		1								1
Clerk										1
County School Commissioner										1
County Treasurer										1
Dressmaker										1
Farmer	1	3	1						1	35
Hired Girl										1
Hotel Keeper			1					2		3
House Keeper								2	1	5
Janitor										1
Laborer	1	1						8	2	68
Lumber Camp										
Lumberman			1							2
Wood Cutter										3
Mine, Copper										
Boss			1							3
Captain										1
Dryman										1
Engineer		1						2		8
Fireman								1		1
Foreman										1
Machinist			1					3		5
Miner		4	3	3			6	6		122
Timberman					1					3
Trammer								1		33
Minister										1
No Job										3
None		13	6		3	1	2	20	2	249
Priest (Catholic)		1								1
Saloon Keeper										2
Servant								1		8
Shoemaker										1
Stage Driver										1
Steward										1
Stone Mason		1								1
Store Keeper								2		4
Tailor										1
Teamster										3
Washerwoman										1
TOTAL	2	25	14	3	5	1	8	54	7	602

MICHIGAN, ONTONAGON COUNTY, STANNARD TOWNSHIP, 1910

Occupation	Canadian English	Canadian French	Czech (Bohemian)	Danish	English	Finn	Finn-Swede	German	Irish	Norwegian	Polish	Scot	Swede	Volga German	TOTAL
Bartender									1						1
Blacksmith		1				1									2
Carpenter						3									3
Cook					1	1									2
Domestic						1									1
Farmer	3	3		2	2	64	1	1		1	4		4	5	90
Laborer	1	1	1			3			1			1	2	3	13
Merchant (Retail)						1									1
No Job														1	1
None	2	2				74		2		2	3			13	98
Postmaster	1														1
Railroad															
Section Foreman													1		1
Saloonkeeper	1														1
Typewriter						1									1
TOTAL	8	7	1	2	3	149	1	3	2	3	7	1	7	22	216