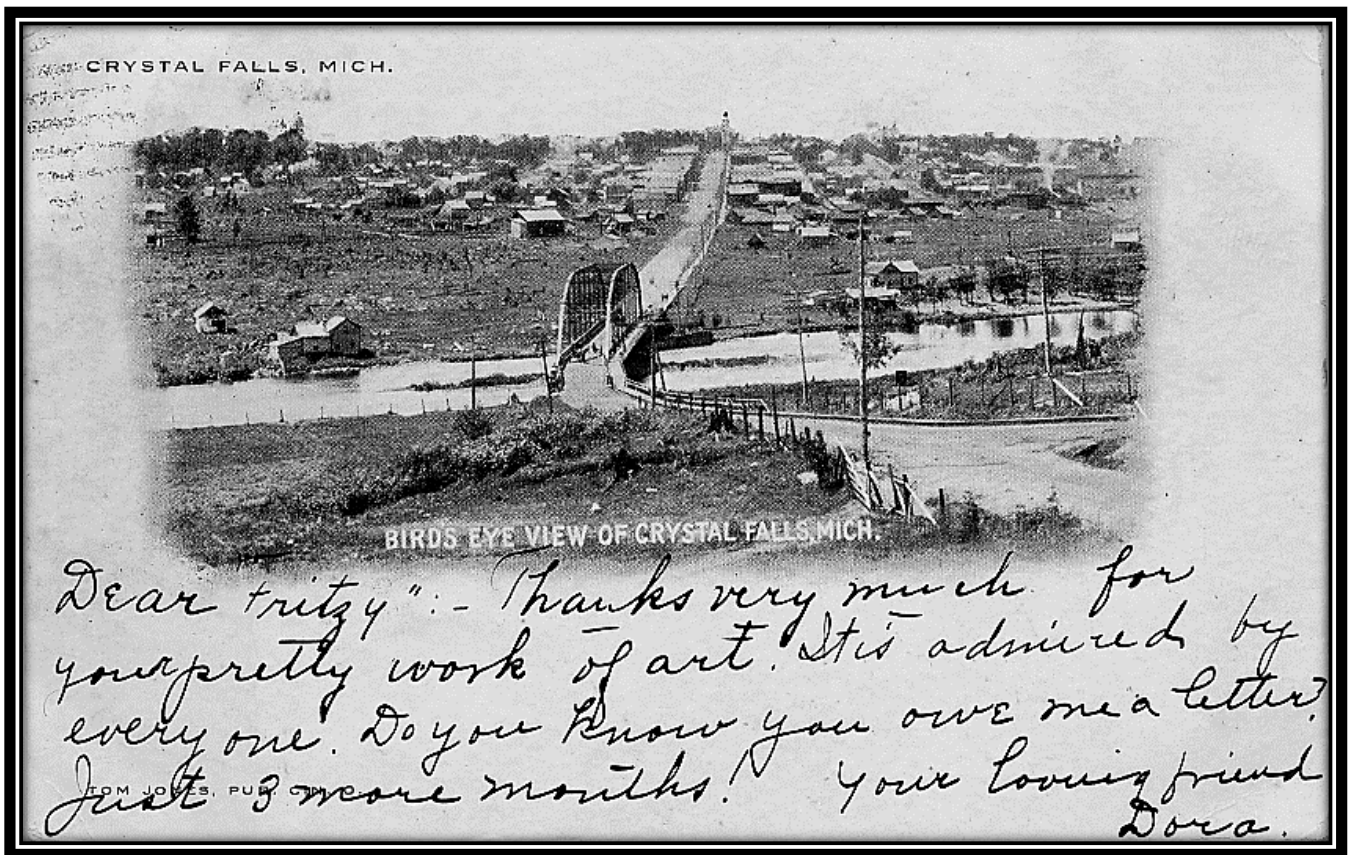


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CRYSTAL FALLS, Iron County: Crystal Falls was located on the NE ¼ of Section 29, Township 43, Range 32 of Marquette County, Michigan, in when founded in 1880 by **George Runkel**, **Samuel D. Hollister** and **William Morrison**. The village was platted for Mr. Runkel and **James H. Howe** by **John Pumpelly** in 1881, named by Mr. Runkel from the crystal beauty of the falls (Crystal Falls) on the **Paint River** running by it. His daughter, **Julia Runkel**, became the first postmaster on September 28, 1881. Iron County was set off in 1884 (but not organized until 1885), and **Henry C. Kimball** became the first postmaster with the office in Iron County on July 1, 1884. Crystal Falls, the county seat, was incorporated as a village in 1889 and as a city in 1899.

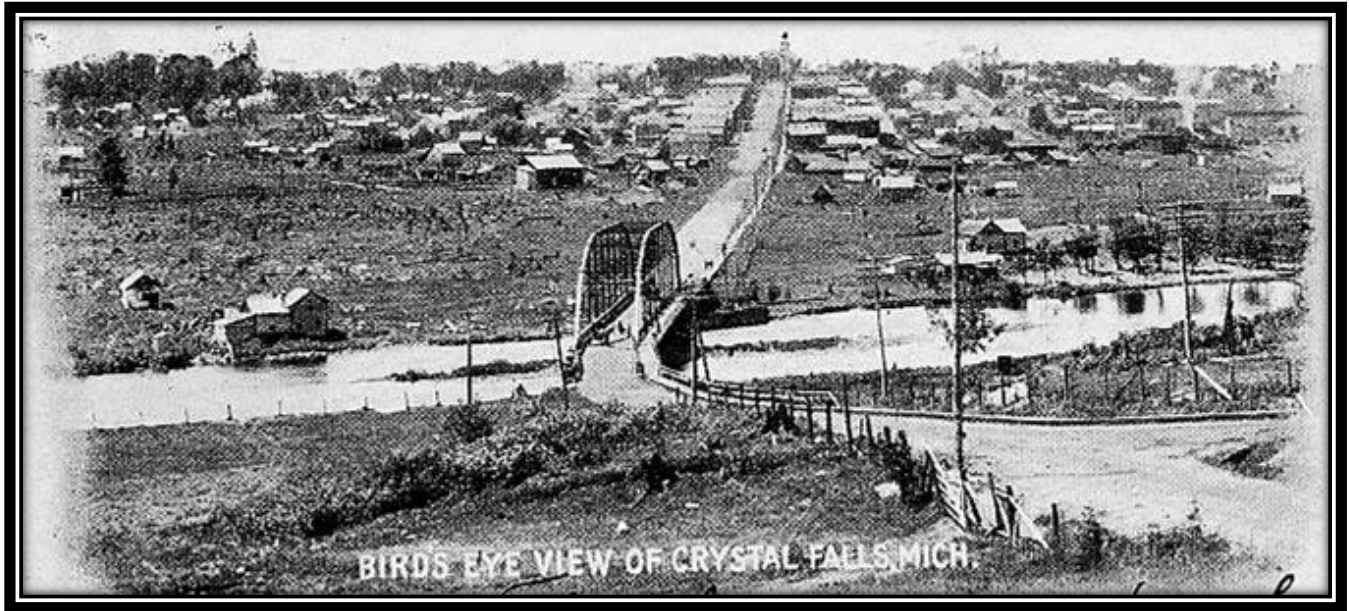
THE VILLAGE OF CRYSTAL FALLS, on the N.E. ¼ of Section 29, Township 43, Range 32, Marquette county, Michigan, has been laid out by the Crystal Falls Iron company, and lots are now offered for sale at low prices and on reasonable terms. The village derives its name from the Falls of [the] Paint River near which it is situated.



Bird's Eye View of Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1907: This black-and-white halftone postcard view, identified as "**Bird's Eye View, Crystal Falls, Mich.**" and postmarked Crystal Falls, Michigan, March 14, 1907 was published by Tom Jones. This is an undivided back postcard, and the white space on the picture side was where messages legally had to be written. [William J. Cummings]

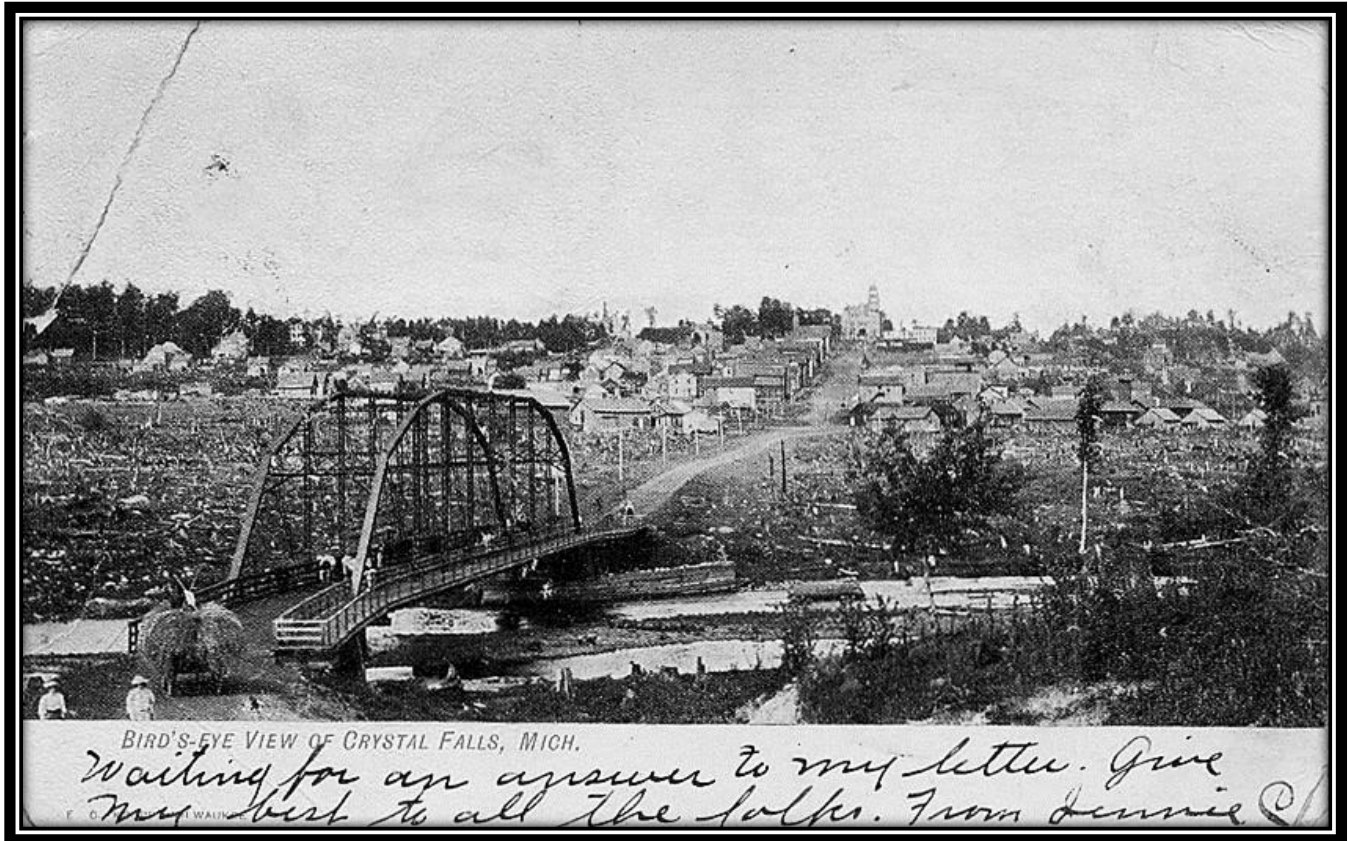
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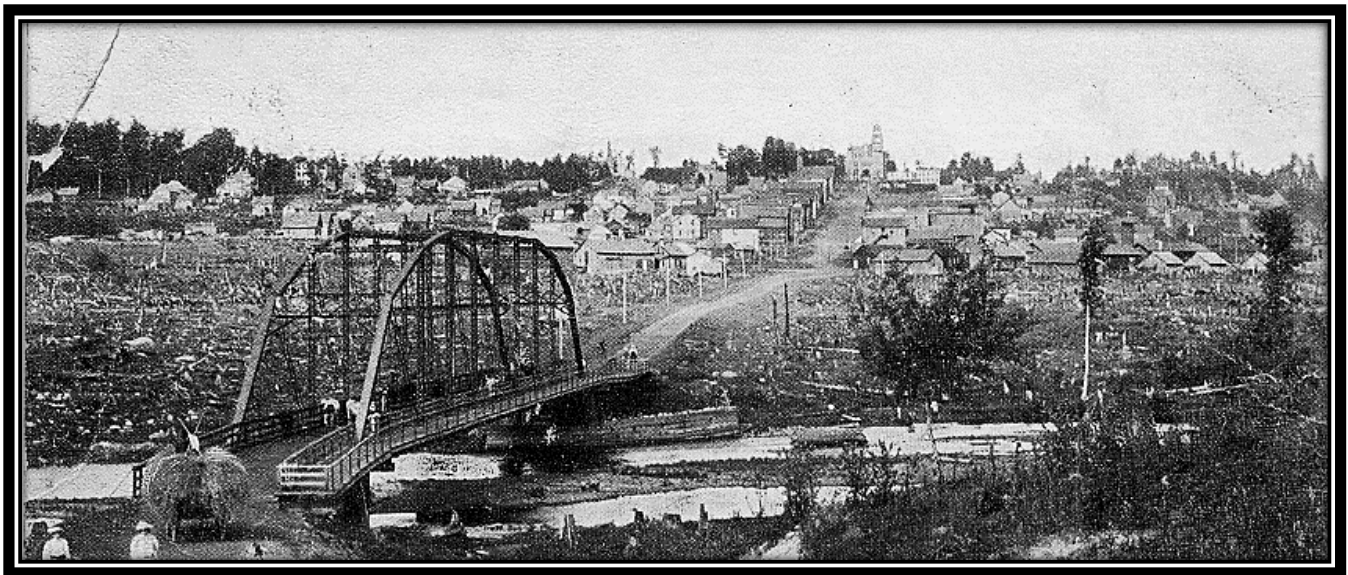


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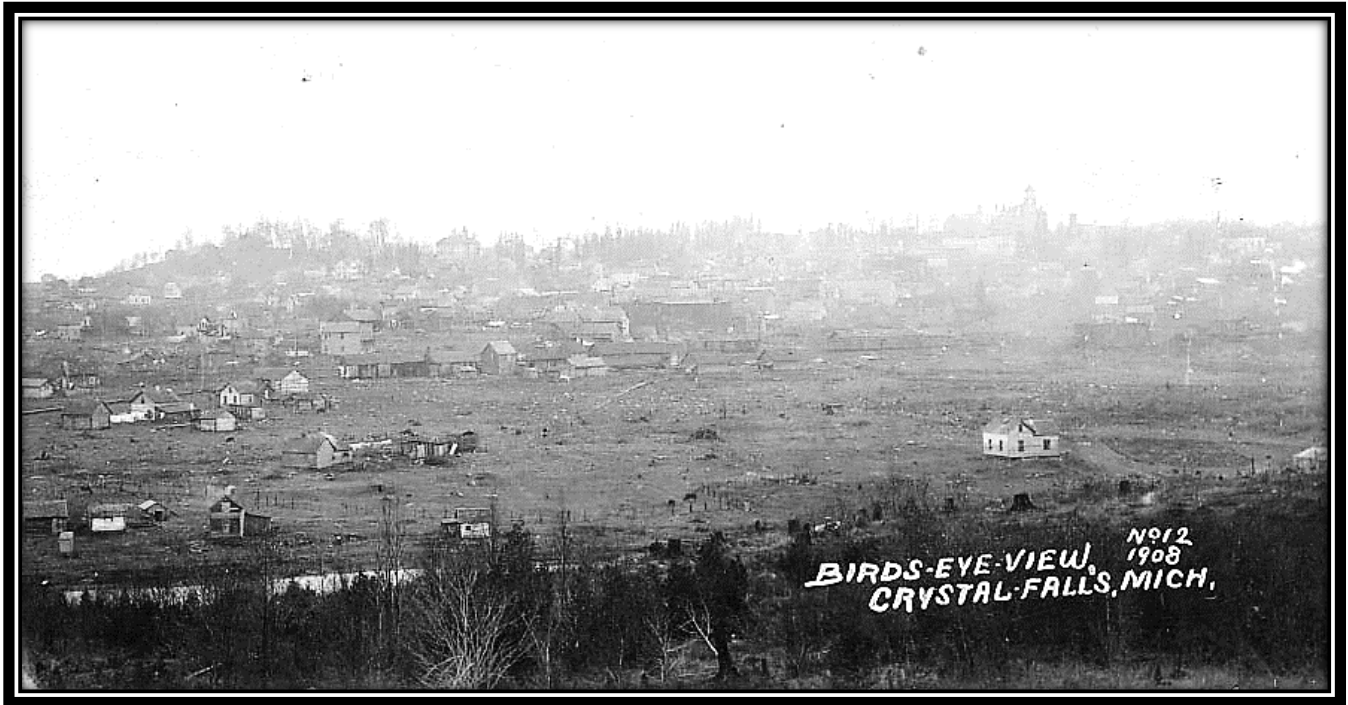


Bird's-Eye View of Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1907: Another black-and-white halftone postcard identified as "Bird's Eye View of Crystal Falls, Mich." and postmarked L'Anse, Michigan, May 22, 1907 is a little closer, providing more detail. Note the load of hay about to cross the bridge at the lower left. Again, the message had to be written on the front, as the reverse was reserved for the address only. [William J. Cummings]



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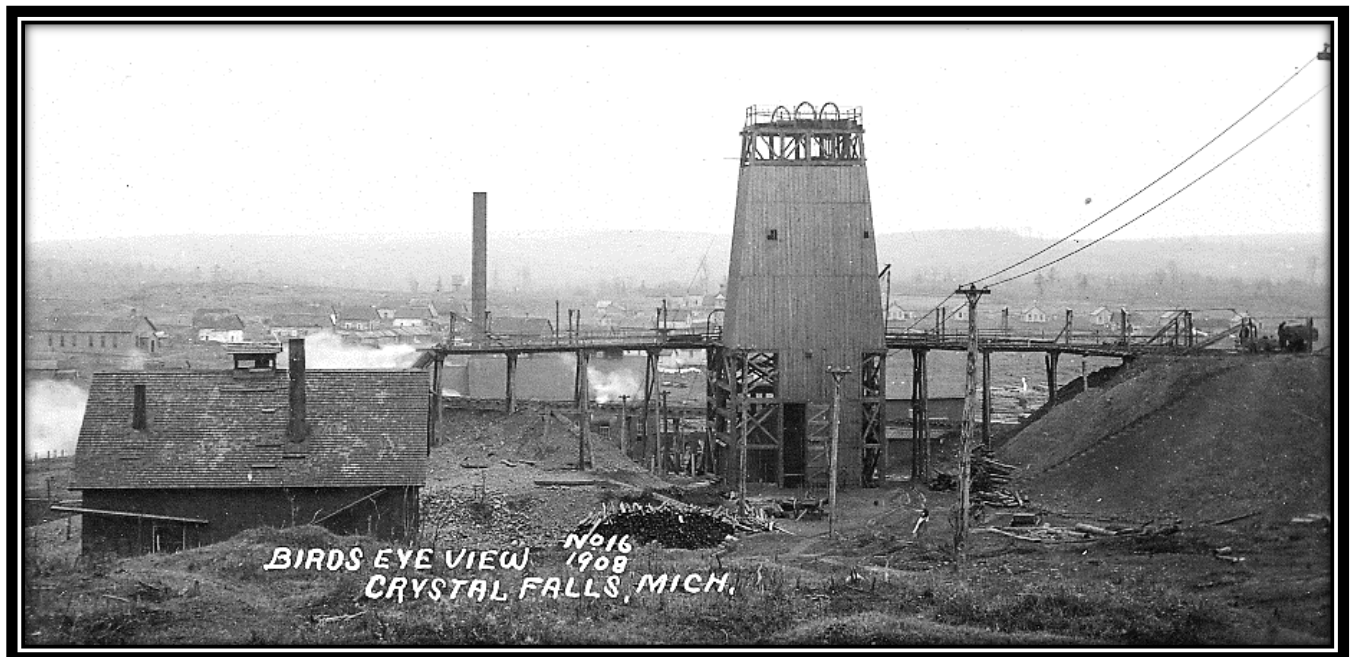
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Bird's-Eye View of Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, 1908: A real photo postcard view identified as "Birds-Eye View, Crystal Falls, Mich. No. 12, 1908" (detail) and postmarked Crystal Falls, Michigan, May 25, 1910 was taken from a slightly different angle, showing the Iron County Court House at the top of Superior Avenue, but also showing buildings to the north and to the south of Superior Avenue. The large building to the left of center on the horizon appears to be a school. Note the little farms along the banks of the Paint River. [William J. Cummings]

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Bird's Eye View of Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, 1908: Another unused real photo postcard view identified as a "Birds Eye View, Crystal Falls, Mich., No. 16, 1908" shows an unidentified mine with the shaft housing and tramways clearly visible in the foreground and a large stockpile of iron ore at the right. [William J. Cummings]

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Bird's Eye View of Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1928: This unused real photo postcard view, dating to about 1928, is identified as "Bird's Eye View, Crystal Falls, Mich." Note the Iron County Court House is visible at the upper right, located at the head of Superior Avenue. [William J. Cummings]

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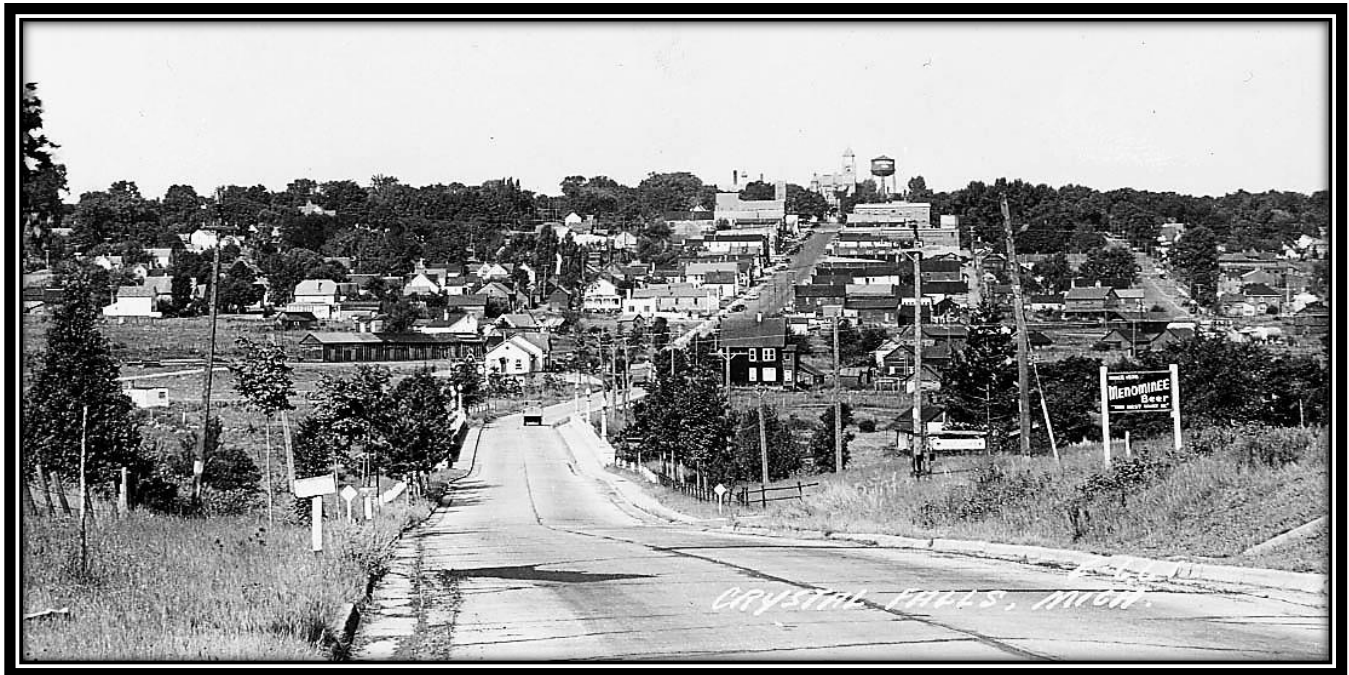


Municipal Golf Course, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1950-1960: This unused real photo postcard view, dating between 1950 and 1960, shows the "Municipal Golf Course, Crystal Falls, Mich." Taken from the Crystal Falls Golf Course looking southwest, Superior Avenue can be seen, as well as the Iron County Court House atop the hill at the far right. [William J. Cummings]

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SUPERIOR AVENUE (MAIN STREET)



Superior Avenue, Looking West, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1940-1950: Another unused real photo postcard view identified as "Crystal Falls, Mich." dating between 1940 and 1950, shows the approach to the Paint River Bridge from the east at the foot of the hill leads across the Paint River and up Superior Avenue to the Iron County Court House. Note the water tank to the right of the courthouse. [William J. Cummings]

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Superior Avenue, Looking West, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1909: This real photo postcard view identified as "Superior Avenue, Crystal Falls, Mich." and postmarked Crystal Falls, Michigan, November 26, 1909 was taken from the east end of then unpaved Superior Avenue looking west, providing a glimpse of life on the main thoroughfare complete with horse and buggy and horse and wagon transportation. Note the Iron County Court House at the top of the hill where Superior Avenue ends. [William J. Cummings]

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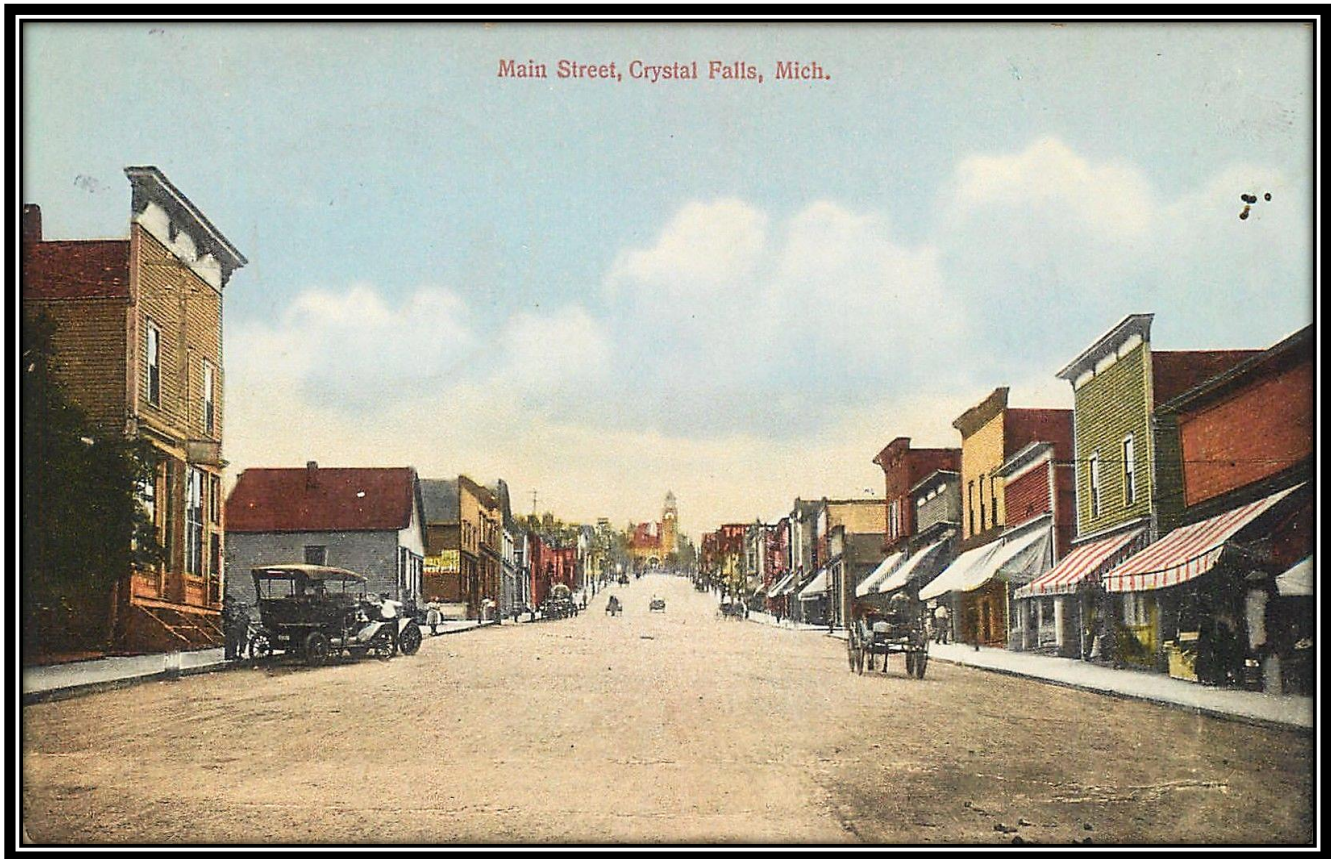
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Superior Avenue, Looking West, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1912: This black-and-white halftone postcard view identified as "Street Scene, Crystal Falls, Mich." and postmarked Crystal Falls, Michigan, August 7, 1912 was taken partway up the hill from the east end of then unpaved Superior Avenue looking west. Note the early automobiles at the left and coming down the center of the street. Horse-drawn transportation is still prevalent. Noted on the back is "4040 Published for Rezin's Drug Store, Bloom Bros. Co., Pub., Minneapolis, Minn. Printed in Germany". [William J. Cummings]

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Superior Avenue, Looking West, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1912: This tinted black-and-white halftone postcard view identified as "Main Street, Crystal Falls, Mich." and postmarked Crystal Falls, Michigan, October 17, 1914 was taken partway up the hill from the east end of then unpaved Superior Avenue looking west. It is identical to the previous postcard view. Note the early automobiles at the left and coming down the center of the street. Horse-drawn transportation is still prevalent. Noted on the back is "Published for Rezin's Drug Store, Crystal Falls, Mich. No. 7009 Bloom Bros. Co. Printed in Germany". [William J. Cummings]

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Superior Avenue, Looking West, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1912: This unused black-and-white halftone postcard view identified as “**Superior Avenue, Crystal Falls, Mich.**” was taken partway up the hill from the east end of then unpaved Superior Avenue looking west. Note the early automobiles at the left and coming down the center of the street. Horse-drawn transportation is still prevalent. This postcard view is identical to the two previous postcard views but was cropped a little tighter by the publisher. [William J. Cummings]

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Superior Avenue, Looking West, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1925-1942: This unused real photo postcard view identified as "Street Scene at Crystal Falls, Mich." and dating between 1925 and 1942, again looks west up paved Superior Avenue with the Iron County Court House at the end of the street. Note the electric streetlights. The service station on the left was a Hudson Terraplane Service Garage. An identical postcard on eBay was postmarked September 28, 1937. [William J. Cummings]

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Superior Avenue, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, February 1922: This unused real photo postcard view identified as "Crystal Falls, Mich., Feb. 1922" shows huge snowbanks in the center of the street on the west end of Superior Avenue with the Crystal Falls City Hall on the left, the Iron County Court House in the middle and a drug store sign and a sign for W.K. Davison, Justice of the Peace at the right. [William J. Cummings]

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Superior Avenue, Looking West, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1928: This real photo postcard view is identified as “**Superior Ave., Crystal Falls, Mich. – M-1060**” and shows the west portion of Superior Avenue with the Iron County Court House at the top of the hill. Another real photo postcard view of the same series identified as “View of Main St., Crystal Falls, Mich. – M-1066” shows the Ejay Theater marquee featuring Hangman’s House which was released in 1928. [William J. Cummings]

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Superior Avenue, Looking West, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1945: This unused real photo postcard view identified as "D-1605 Superior Ave. West, Crystal Falls, Mich." is postmarked Crystal Falls, Michigan, March 18, 1945 and shows Superior Avenue, looking west. The Ben Franklin Store and the First National Bank with its Ionic columns are at the left, and the Crystal Falls City Hall's tall tower can be seen farther up the hill on the south (left) side of the street. On the north (right) side of the street the Ejay Theater was playing "Selected Shorts" and further up the hill the sign for Rezin's Walgreen Agency Drugs is visible. [William J. Cummings]

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Superior Avenue, Looking West, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1949: This unused real photo postcard view identified as "Street Scene, Crystal Falls, Mich., P1354" shows Superior Avenue looking west with the Ben Franklin Store, First National Bank and the Crystal Falls City Hall on the south (left) side of the street and the Delft Theater and Rezin's Drug Store on the north (right) side of the street. The Delft Theater marquee was showing the movie "El Paso" which dates postcard to 1949. [William J. Cummings]

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Superior Avenue, Looking West, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1950-1960: This unused real photo colored postcard view, probably taken between 1950 and 1960, is a later version of the previous view, again showing Superior Avenue looking west. The Ben Franklin Store, the First National Bank with a remodeled façade, Wills Hardware and the Crystal Falls City Hall building are easily identified on the south (left) side of the street, while Rezin's Walgreen Agency Drugs had moved farther down the hill to the corner and the Aldo Theater advertised a "Double Feature Program." There is a Rexall Drug Store farther up the hill. Note the water tank on the right near the Iron County Court House. [William J. Cummings]

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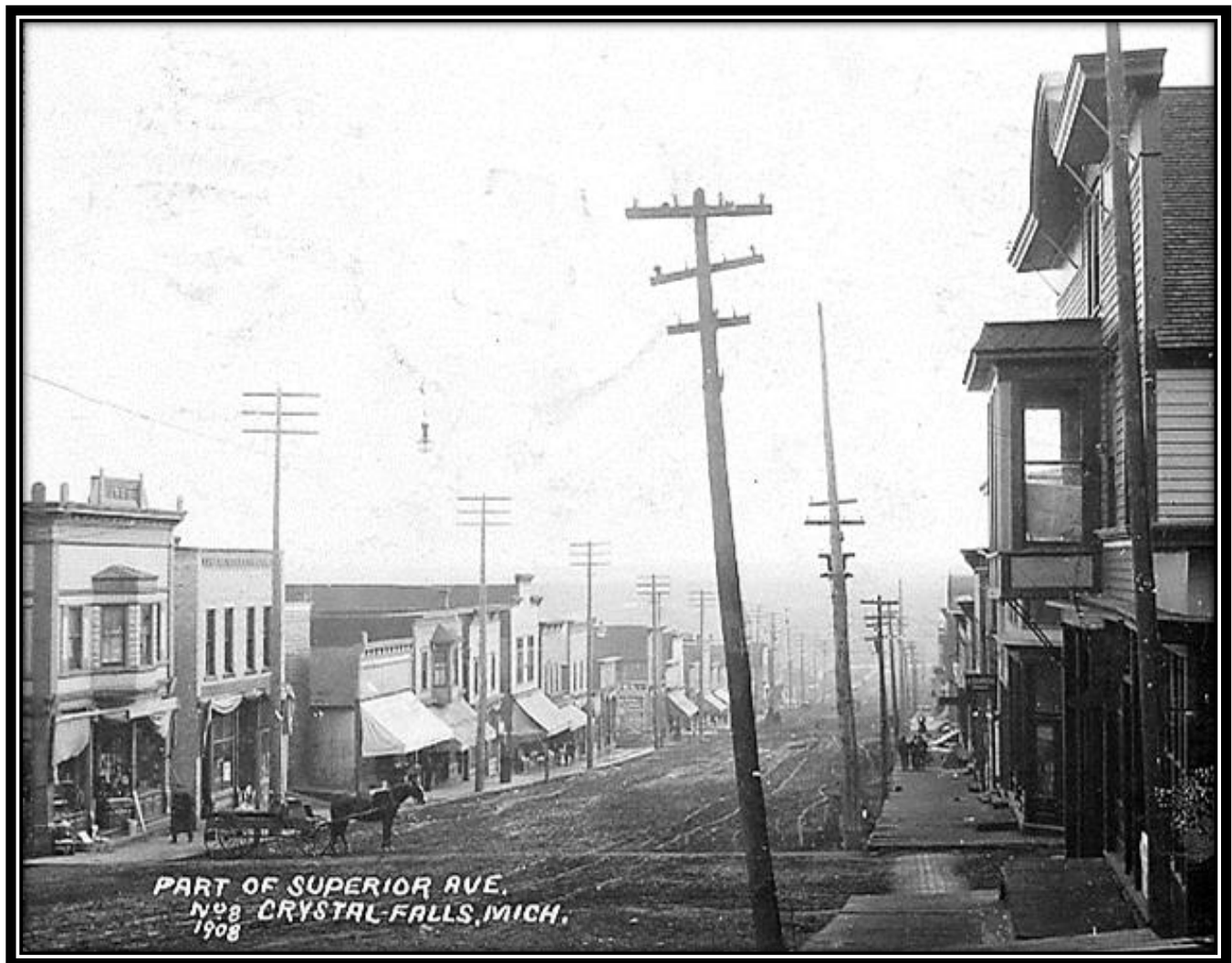
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Superior Avenue, Looking East, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, 1908: This real photo postcard view identified as "Part of Superior Ave., Crystal Falls, Mich., No. 8, 1908" is postmarked Crystal Falls, Michigan, April 21, 1909 and shows a close-up of the commercial district in the early twentieth century. Note the horse and delivery wagon at the left and the unpaved street lined with telephone poles on either side. [William J. Cummings]

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Superior Avenue, Looking East, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, 1908: This detail of an unused real photo postcard view identified as “Part of Superior Ave., Crystal Falls, Mich., No. 8, 1908” shows a close-up of the commercial district in the early twentieth century. Note the horse and delivery wagon at the left and the unpaved street lined with telephone poles on either side. [William J. Cummings]

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View of the north (left) side of Superior Avenue, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1920-1930: This real photo postcard view identified as “Crystal Falls, Mich.” was probably taken from the Crystal Falls City Hall tower and shows storefronts on the north (left) side of Superior Avenue and some stores on the south (right) side of Superior Avenue. The upper east corner of the Finnish & Swedish (F. & S.) Mercantile Association store, a two-story brick building built in 1906, is visible at the extreme lower left of the photograph. [William J. Cummings]

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Superior Avenue, Looking East from Iron County Court House, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1920: This real photo postcard view postmarked Crystal Falls, Michigan, March 20, 1920 was taken from the Iron County Court House clock tower. The brick city hall building with its tower on the south (right) side of the street is clearly visible, and on the north (left) side of Superior Avenue the west side of the Finnish & Swedish Mercantile Association store (F. & S.) can be seen. *[William J. Cummings]*

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Superior Avenue, Looking East from the Iron County Court House, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, 1924: This unused real photo postcard view identified as “**Superior Street at Crystal Falls Looking East from Court House**” was taken by the Iron Range Studio, Iron River, Michigan, in 1924. Looking east from the clock tower in the Iron County Court House, this postcard view shows Superior Avenue with lots of automobile traffic. The Crystal Falls City Hall with its tall tower is easily identified on the south (right) side of the street. [William J. Cummings]

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Superior Avenue, Looking East, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1950: This unused real photo postcard view identified as “Street Scene, Crystal Falls, Mich. – P1357” shows Superior Avenue looking east with the Crystal Inn and the Finnish & Swedish (F. & S.) Mercantile Association building on the north (left) side of the street and the Crystal Falls City Hall on the south (right) side of the street. [William J. Cummings]

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Crystal Falls City Hall, Superior Avenue, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1930: This real photo postcard view identified as "City Hall, Crystal Falls, Mich." shows the Crystal Falls City Hall on the south side of Superior Avenue. Note the two old cars on the side of the building and the garage doors which served the fire department. [William J. Cummings]

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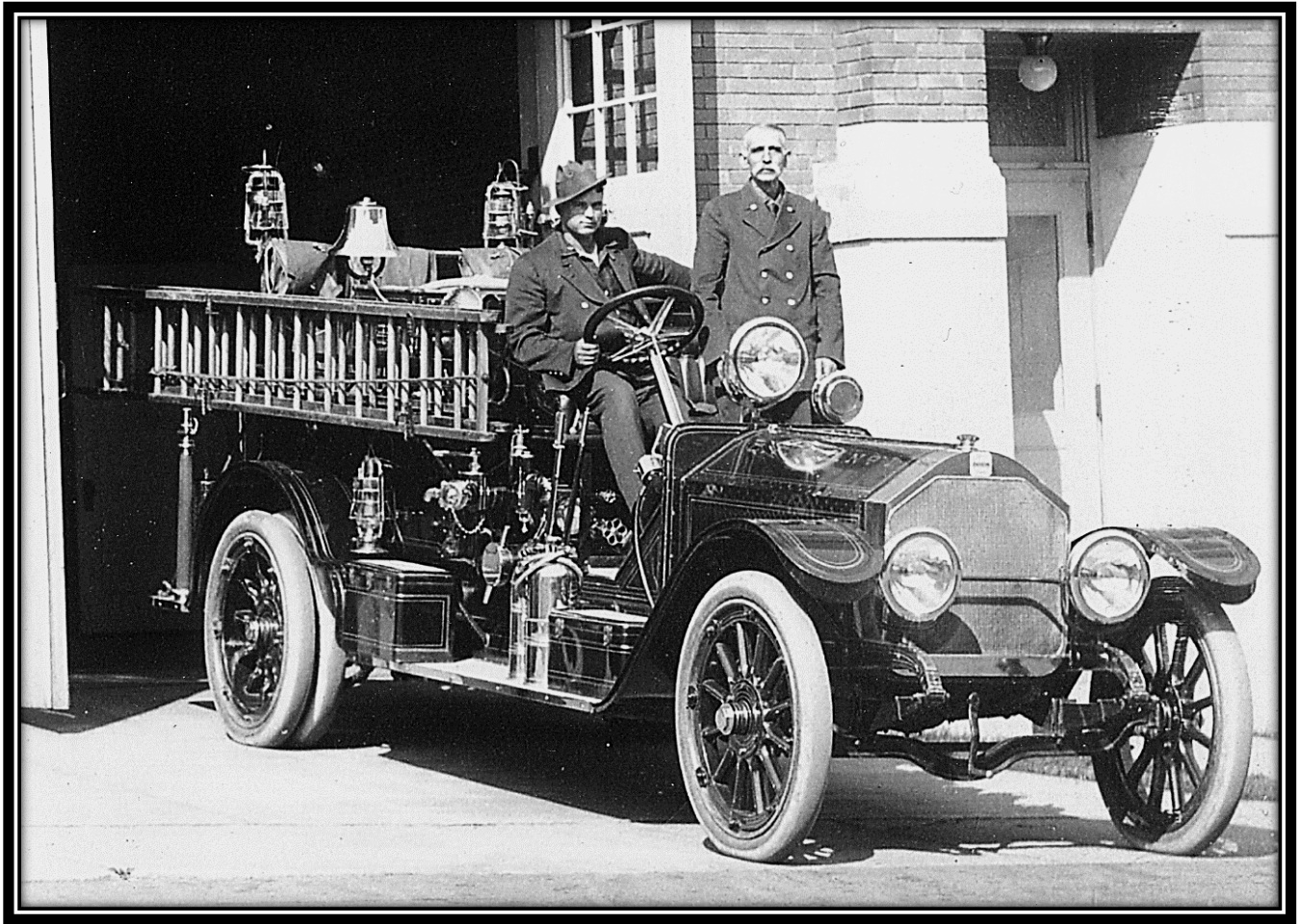


LaFrance Fire Engine, Crystal Falls City Hall, Superior Avenue, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1920-1925: This unused real photo postcard view identified as **"Fire Engine wt. 9,000, Crystal Falls, Mich."** shows the Crystal Falls Fire Department's LaFrance fire engine, weighing 9,000 pounds, located in the Crystal Falls City Hall on the south side of Superior Avenue. Dating between 1920 and 1925, this postcard view shows William H. Cummings seated at the wheel of the fire engine and Fire Chief Clyde Henry standing on the running board. [William J. Cummings]

[NOTE: William H. Cummings is the paternal grandfather of William J. Cummings.]

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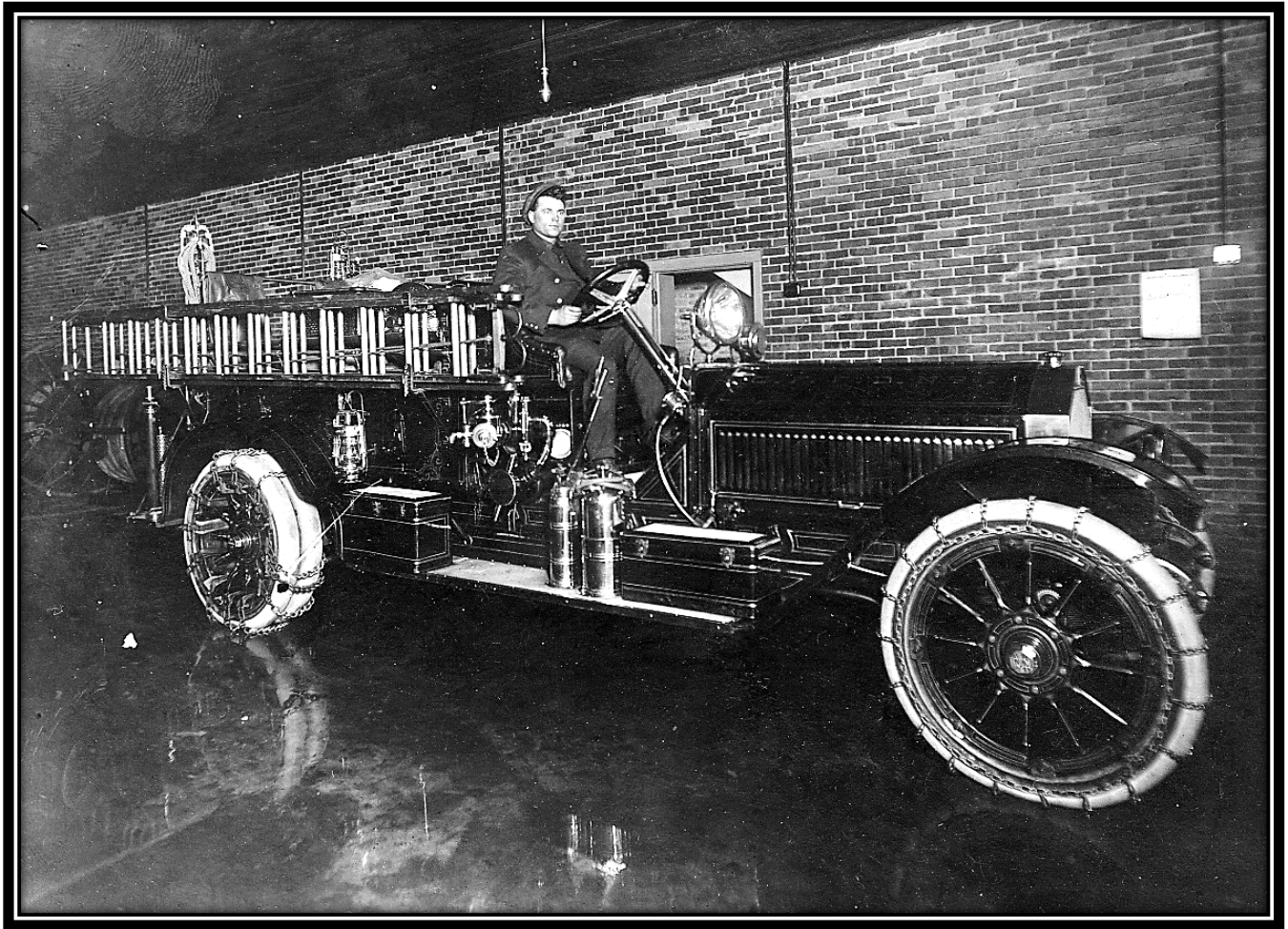


LaFrance Fire Engine, Crystal Falls City Hall, Superior Avenue, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1920-1925: The LaFrance fire engine, weighing 9,000 pounds, was the pride of the Crystal Falls Fire Department, located in the Crystal Falls City Hall on the south side of Superior Avenue. Dating between 1920 and 1925, this postcard view shows William H. Cummings seated at the wheel of the fire engine and Fire Chief Clyde Henry standing on the running board. This is a detail of the previous postcard view. *[William J. Cummings]*

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Superior Avenue, Looking East, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1923-1925: This real photo postcard view identified as "Main St., Crystal Falls, Michigan" and postmarked Crystal Falls, Michigan, August 27, 1923 or 1925 looks east with the bridge over the Paint River visible at the bottom of the hill. The Finnish & Swedish (F. & S.) Mercantile Association store, the two-story brick building at the left, was built in 1906, and a grocery store was located on the ground floor for many years. Signs indicate a drug store and an automotive garage a little farther down the block. Note the milk glass streetlights lining both sides of Superior Avenue. [William J. Cummings]

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North Side of Superior Avenue, Looking East, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1928: This unused real photo postcard view is identified as “View of Main St., Crystal Falls, Mich. – M-1066” and shows the north side of Superior Avenue. The Finnish & Swedish (F. & S.) Mercantile Association store, the two-story brick building at the left, was built in 1906. Notice the sign advertising “SODAS” next door, followed by a drug store and then a restaurant further down the hill. The Ejay Theater is visible at the far right. The marquee advertises the movie “Hangman’s House” which was released in 1928 and helps to date this photograph. [William J. Cummings]

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Superior Avenue, Looking East, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1938: This unused real photo postcard view identified as “North Side, Superior Ave., Crystal Falls, Mich. D-1608” shows Superior Avenue looking east. The Finnish & Swedish (F & S) Mercantile Association building, a store advertising “SODAS”, the Rexall Drug Store, Rezin’s Walgreen Agency Drugs and Selmo’s Café, line the north (left) side of the street. On the south (right) side of the street, Bacco’s Café, Exccel’s City Shoe Shop and the First National Bank with its tall Ionic columns can be identified. On page 263 of *A Collection of Recollections: Crystal Falls, Michigan 1880-1980*, the caption under this same photograph reads: *About 1938 is represented in this photo taken looking down Crystal Falls’ main street, judging by the looks of the vehicles. Selmo’s Cafe was still intact and was the high point of its time. On the south side of the street, it was still Bacco’s Cafe and Excel’s City Shoe Shop was located where the Hogan Shop now [1980] stands. The old bank had its Roman pillars then, and in the far background, although it may not be obvious in this print, the trees were much smaller and Lincoln Park near the bridge appears to be quite open. [William J. Cummings]*

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Superior Avenue, Looking East, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1946: This colored real photo postcard identified on the back as "Crystal Falls, Michigan 1628V" is postmarked Crystal Falls, Michigan, August 13, 1946, shows Superior Avenue, looking east. The Finnish & Swedish (F. & S.) Mercantile Association building is at the extreme left. [William J. Cummings]

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Superior Avenue, Looking East, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1940-1950: This unused real photo postcard view identified as "Superior Ave. Looking East, Crystal Falls, Mich., 3N565" was at the U.S. 2 intersection, looking east, and shows the Finnish & Swedish (F. & S.) Mercantile Association store, the two-story brick building at the left, built in 1906. The sign for Rezin's Walgreen Agency Drugs can be identified midway down the north (left) side of the street. [William J. Cummings]

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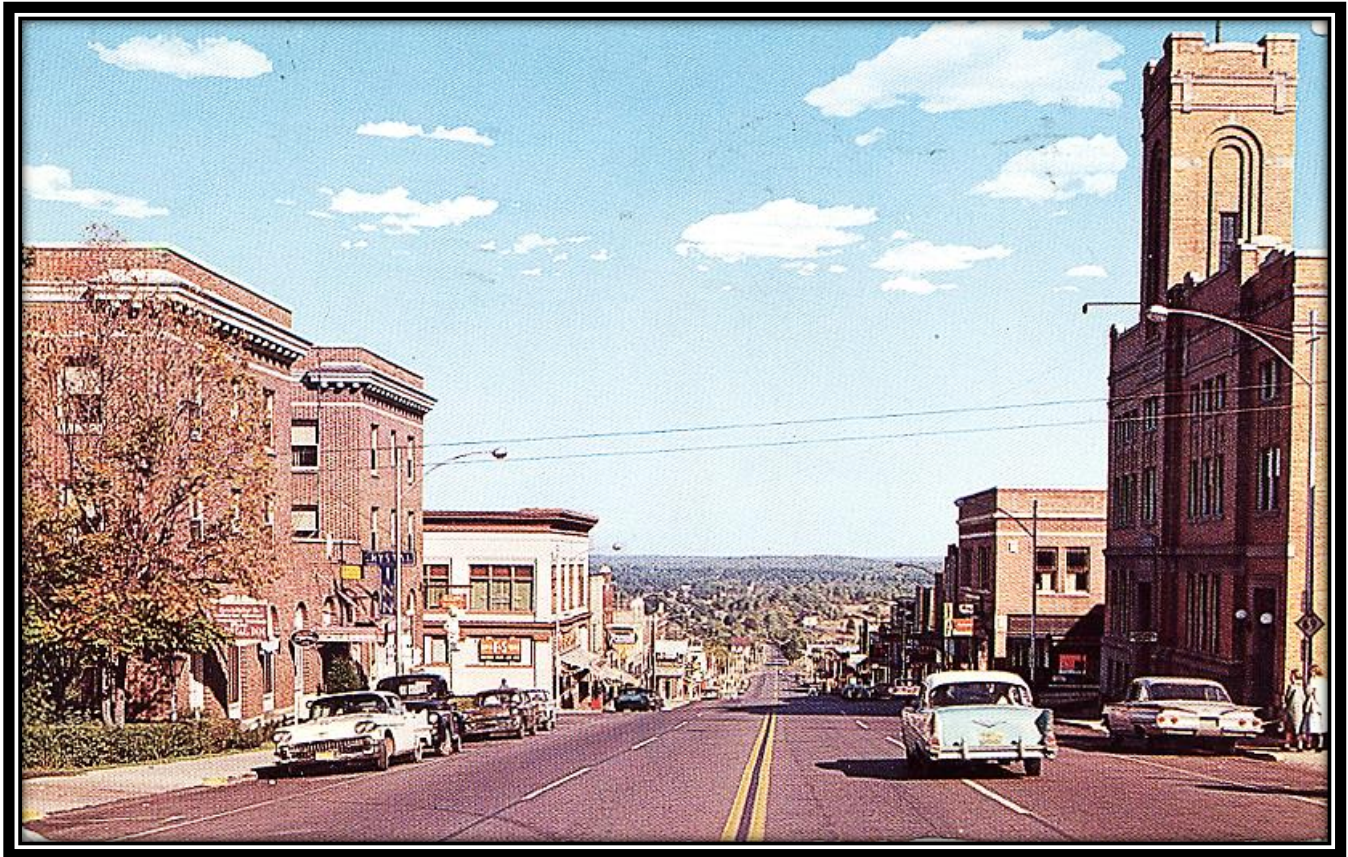
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Finnish and Swedish Mercantile Association Building, 336 Superior Avenue, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1908: On December 22, 1983 the Finnish and Swedish Mercantile Association Building was added to the National Register of Historic Places. This is a commercial block built in 1908 for a co-operative grocery and department store collectively owned by local Finns and Swedes. It is significant as a historical reminder of the large Scandinavian population of Crystal Falls in the early 20th century.

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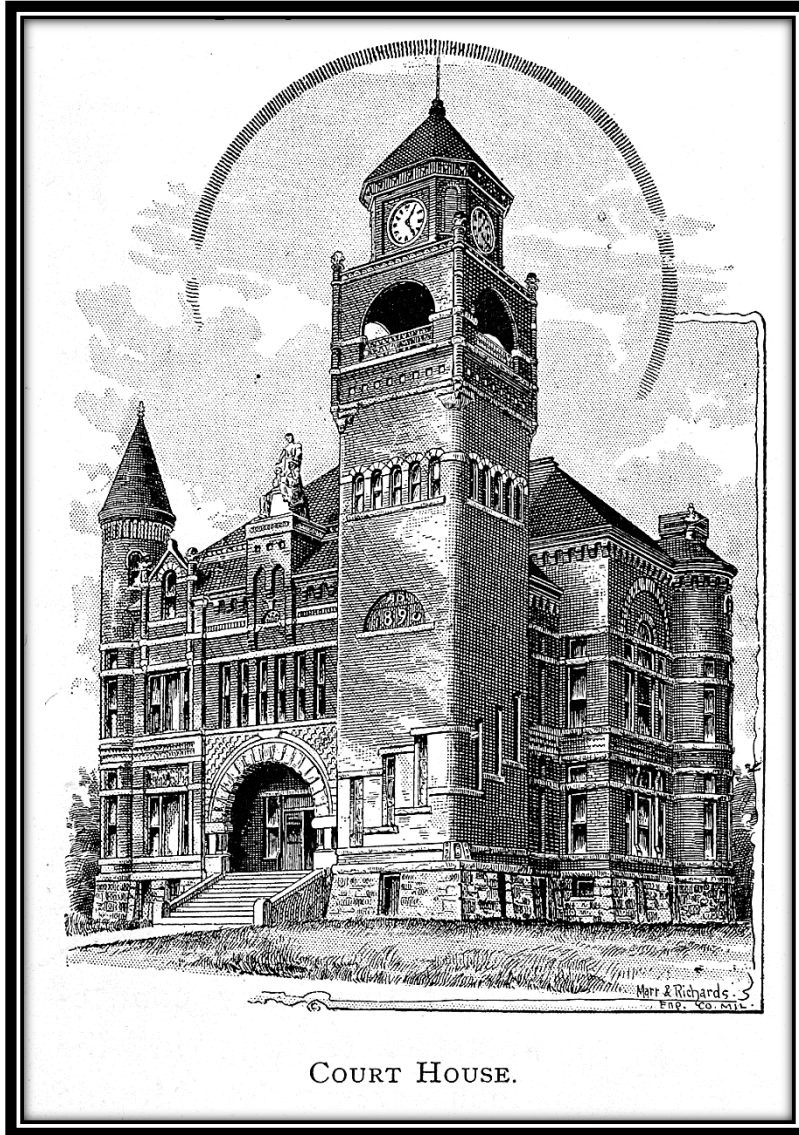


Superior Avenue, Looking East, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1961: This colored postcard view postmarked October 3, 1961 again shows Superior Avenue looking east. The Crystal Inn, the Finnish & Swedish (F. & S.) Mercantile Association store and the Rexall Drug Store are on the north (right) side of the street, while the brick city hall building dominates the south (left) side. *[William J. Cummings]*

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IRON COUNTY COURT HOUSE



Iron County Court House, Head of Superior Avenue, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, Illustrated in Walter R. Nursey's book *The Menominee Iron Range*, 1891, Page 129: The Iron County Courthouse in Crystal Falls, Michigan, an imposing castle-like structure built in 1890, stands at the head of Superior Avenue commanding a view of the main street of the city and the scenic panorama of the valley at its feet. On a clear day one can stand on the tower balcony and see neighboring Iron Mountain across the hills some 20 miles away. The brick structure, described as "to the Queen's taste" and "the finest building Northwest of Milwaukee or Detroit" in 1891, was named to the National Register of Historic Places in February 1975 – the first such site to be named in the Iron County area.

On February 28, 1889, a resolution was adopted to remove the County seat to Iron River and that matter placed before the electors at the ensuing spring elections. Election results showed a total of 2,193 votes cast on the issue with 1,050 favoring removal and 1,142 being against the proposed change. This appears to have settled the controversy, and as the

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stipulation exacted by the taxpayers vote at the launching of the County, that no courthouse be constructed for a period of five years, was not nearing fulfillment, the more public spirited leaders turned their energies in this direction.

A committee recommended the raising of \$30,000 for the purpose and that the proposition be placed before the electors at the forthcoming annual Township elections. The bond issue was approved by a vote of 1,164 to 567, and on April 22, the Board proceeded with the steps necessary to carry out the mandate.

J.C. Clancy, an architect of national reputation, designed the building, characteristic of the Romanesque revival period with its high-pitched roof, high windows, deeply arched doorways, and exterior ornamentation. The contractor for the building was Louis A. Webber, whose low bid of \$26,470 was accepted by the County Board. However, Webber had some problems in completing his contract due to personal illness and the County Board was forced to call in another contractor to finish the work.

Work on the building started in July 1890. By November the walls were erected as high as the ceiling on the second story and part of the roof was on. In February 1891, plastering and the installing of black oak were in progress. By May the tower was near completion and the 17-foot high statues of Law, Mercy, and Justice were placed in position. *[William J. Cummings]*

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Court-House, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, 1908: This real photo postcard view is identified as “Court-House, Crystal Falls, Mich., No. 3 1908” and postmarked Crystal Falls, Michigan, June 7, 1909. The building exhibits characteristics of Romanesque architecture which was popular for public buildings in the late nineteenth century. Note the architectural details on the courthouse, including the statue, the clock tower and bell, and the 1890 date of erection on the second-story level of the clock tower. Unfortunately an employee at the post office stamped the photograph side of this postcard. [William J. Cummings]

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Iron County Court House, Head of Superior Avenue, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1909: This real photo postcard view identified as “Iron County Court House, Crystal Falls, Mich.” and postmarked Crystal Falls, Michigan, October 23, 1909 shows the court house and a residence to the north of the court house. The building exhibits characteristics of Romanesque architecture which was popular for public buildings in the late nineteenth century. Note the architectural details on the courthouse, including the statue, the clock tower and bell, and the 1890 date of erection on the second-story level of the clock tower. [William J. Cummings]

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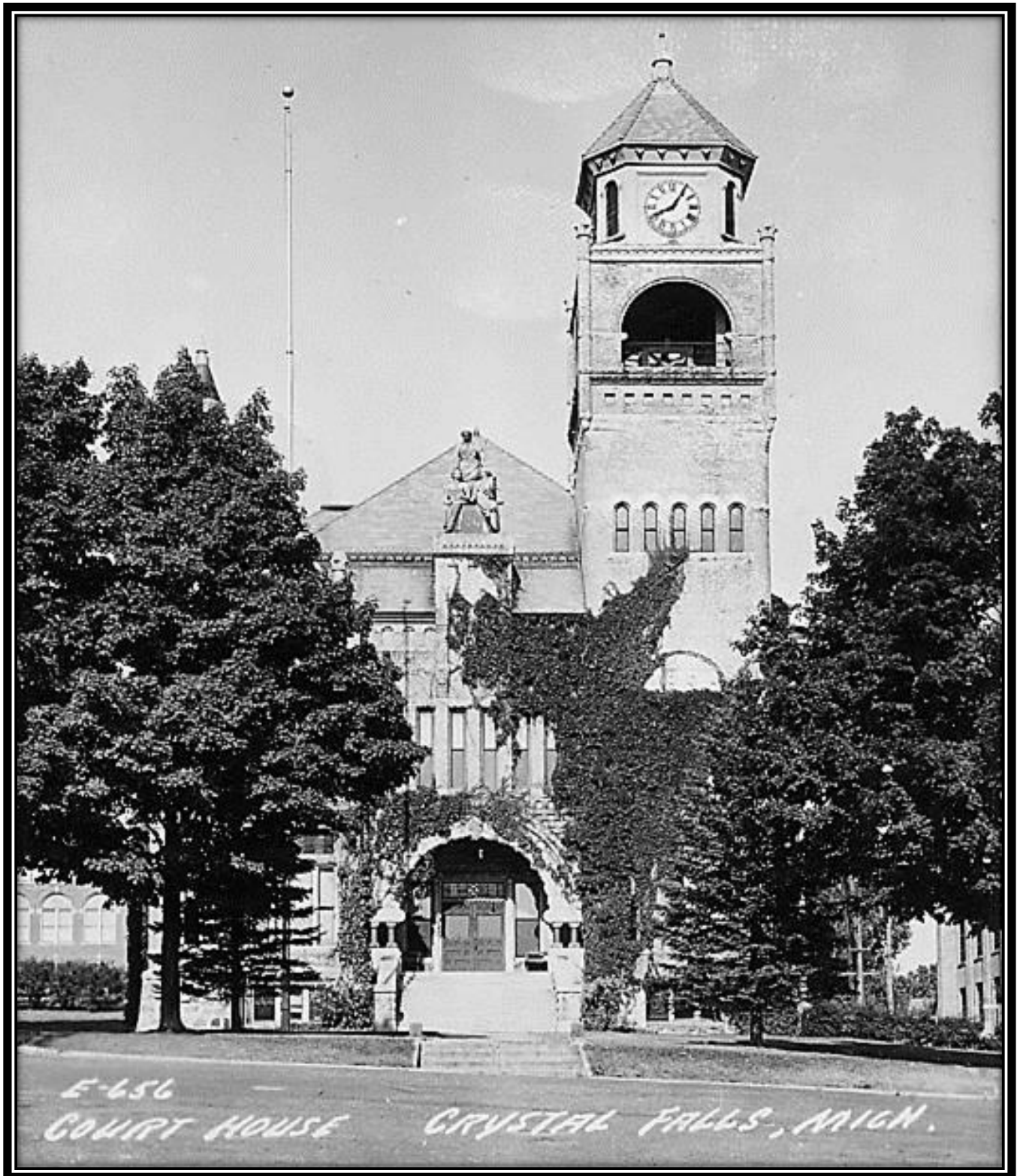
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Crystal Falls Post Office and Iron County Court House, Head of Superior Avenue, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1940-1950: This unused real photo postcard view identified as **“Crystal Falls, Mich. E-701”** shows the Iron County Court House at the head of Superior Avenue and the Crystal Falls Post Office on the south (left) side of the street. Note the ivy climbing the walls of the courthouse. [William J. Cummings]

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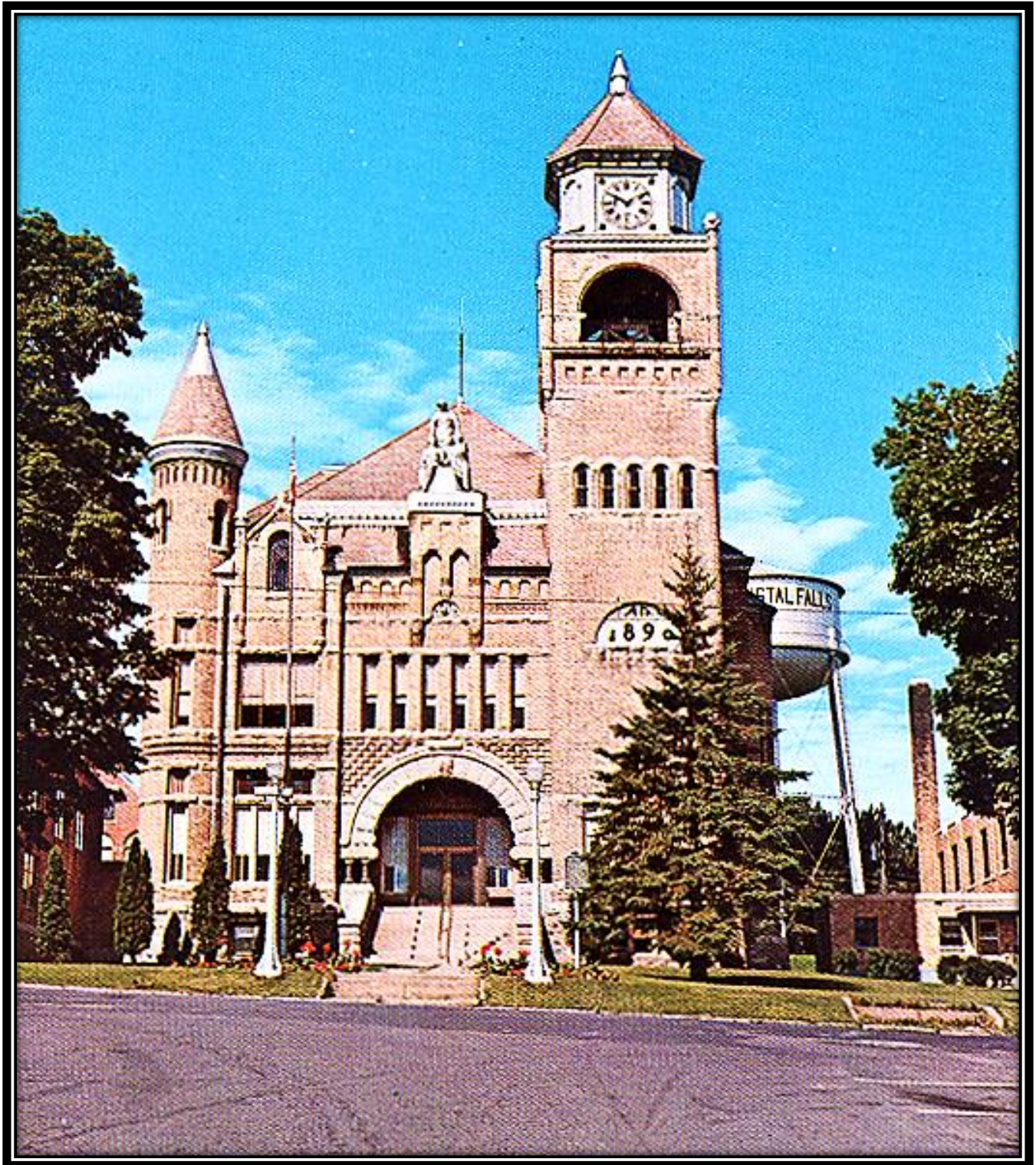
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Iron County Court House, Head of Superior Avenue, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1966: This real photo postcard view identified as "E-656 Court House, Crystal Falls, Mich." is postmarked Crystal Falls, Michigan, July 16, 1966. The Iron County Court House is located at the west end of Superior Avenue in Crystal Falls. [William J. Cummings]

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Iron County Court House, West End of Superior Avenue, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1960-1970: This unused colored real photo postcard view is identified on the reverse as follows: "Iron County Court House, Iron County Seat, Built in 1890, Crystal Falls, Mich., Upper Michigan Card Co., Manistique, Michigan 124717." Note the water tower in the background at the right. [William J. Cummings]

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Iron County Court House and Jail, West End of Superior Avenue, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1975: On February 24, 1975 the Iron County Court House was added to the National Register of Historic Places. The Iron County Courthouse is a 2 ½-story Richardsonian Romanesque building designed by Architect J. C. Clancy of Antigo, Wisconsin which sits on a hilltop overlooking Crystal Falls' business street. The county seat location famously resulted in a bitter late-19th-century feud between Crystal Falls and Iron eventually decided in favor of Crystal Falls.

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BUSINESSES AND BUSINESS BLOCKS



Masonic Block, Superior Avenue, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, 1908: This unused real photo postcard view identified as “Masonic Bl'k, Crystal Falls, Mich., No. 7 1908” shows the Masonic Block, a two-story brick structure located on Superior Avenue. Note the Masonic emblem above the center window. The bowl-shaped cast iron fountain in front of the building was used for watering horses. [William J. Cummings]

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Martin Rogan's Star Saloon and Erick Erickson & Company, Superior Avenue, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1910-1915: A large group of men and one boy and one girl posed in front of Martin Rogan's Star Saloon on Superior Avenue. Note the women and children looking out the windows on the second story of the buildings. Above the windows "Michigan Exchange" is painted in large capital letters. The awning is identified as belonging to Erick Erickson & Co. Born November 22, 1841, Martin Rogan located in Crystal Falls in 1881. In the spring of 1882 he started a real estate business. He built a boarding house, was engaged in mine exploring and became a grading and excavating contractor. Erick Erickson was listed as operating a saloon in the 1913 Crystal Falls city directory. *[Menominee Range Historical Foundation Photo]*

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H.W. Harte Block – Crystal Falls Village Hall, 414-418 Superior Avenue, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, date unknown: On December 22, 1983 the H.W. Harte Block (Crystal Falls Village Hall) was added to the National Register of Historic Places. The Harte Block was a two-story frame commercial building constructed around 1890 for Henry W. Harte, a prominent Crystal Falls lumberman. It was moved in 1895, at which time the Crystal Falls village offices took up residence in the building. The village offices remained in the building until 1913, when Joseph Bendick bought the building from the city and moved it across the street. The building is missing and presumed demolished.

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Wills Hardware Company, 319 Superior Avenue, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, 1938: This unused real photo postcard view identified as "The Wills Hdw. Co. – Crystal Falls, Michigan Annual Bass Festival – Paint River – July 3, 1938", located at 319 Superior Avenue, was prepared for the Annual Bass Festival – Paint River – July 3, 1938. Note the huge bass fish in the window display in honor of this annual event. [William J. Cummings]

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John H. Parks Company – Wills Hardware Building, 319 Superior Avenue, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1983: On December 22, 1983 the John H. Parks Company – Wills Hardware Building was added to the National Register of Historic Places. This building was constructed in approximately 1890 for the John H. Parks Company Department Store. John H. Parks served as president of the village board and was the first mayor of Crystal Falls. Parks later turned his business into a hardware store, and in 1915, Tom Wills purchased the building for his hardware store.

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RAILROAD STATIONS AND RAILROAD ACCIDENTS



Chicago & Northwestern Railway Depot, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1915: This real photo postcard view identified as "C. & N.W. Depot, Crystal Falls, Mich." and postmarked Crystal Falls, Michigan, October 28, 1915 shows two passenger cars and two conductors, as well as a water tank in the background. A dray wagon waits ready to be loaded with items delivered to the city by rail, and an early automobile is parked on the other side of the horse. The Chicago & Northwestern Railway arrived in Crystal Falls in late February or early March, 1882. The depot was located on Superior Avenue, part way down the hill to the east. [William J. Cummings]

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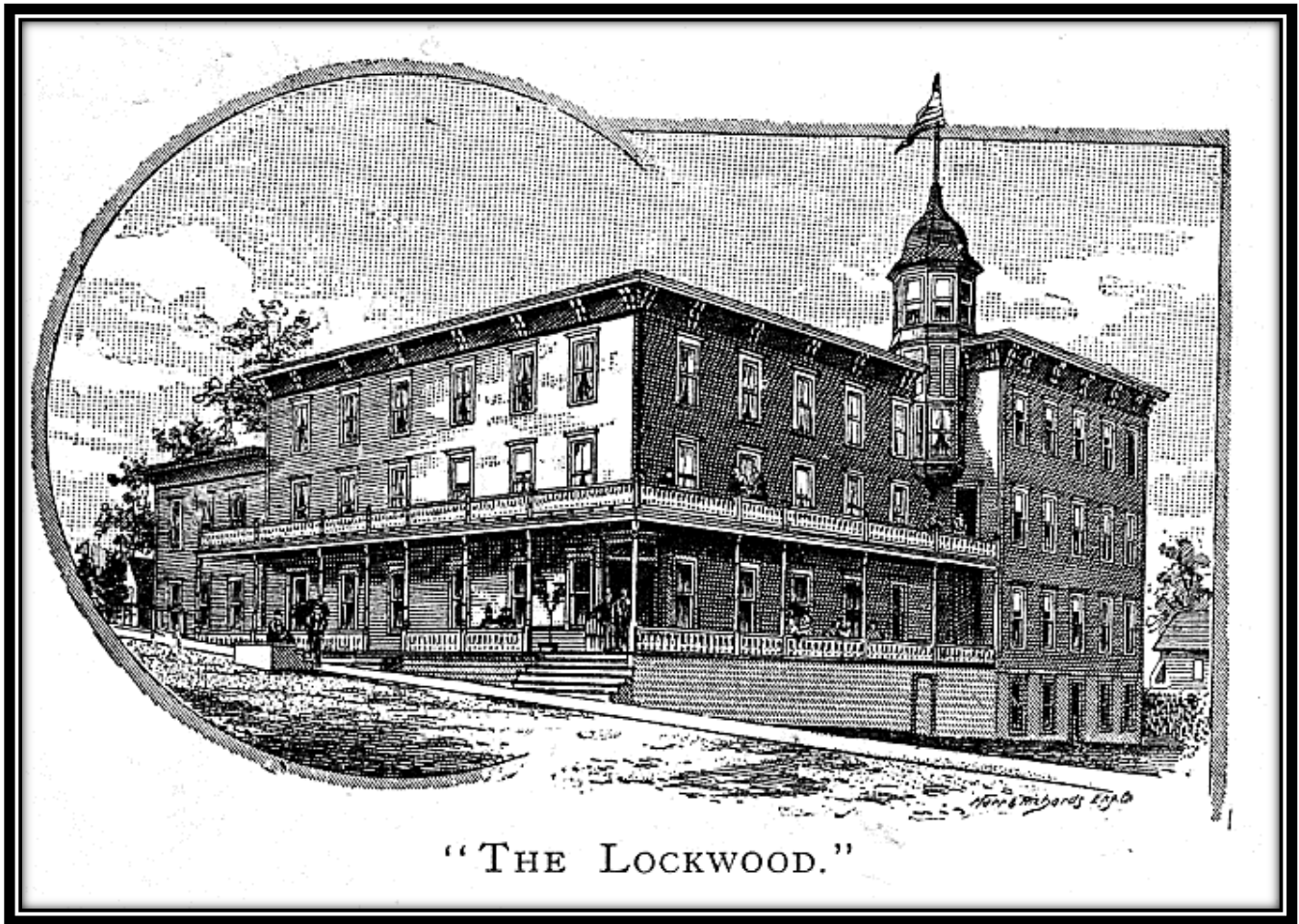


Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Depot, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1913: This messaged real photo postcard view identified as “**St. Paul Station, Crystal Falls, Mich.**” has an AZO Stamp Box with four triangles pointing up, dating between 1904 and 1918. The steam locomotive bears the number 1298. The seller approximated the date at 1913. There is a large round stain around the depot and there is also some folding damage. [eBay]

HOTELS AND MOTELS

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Lockwood Hotel, Northeast Corner of Superior Avenue and Fourth Street, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, 1891: “The Lockwood” was the first hotel built in Crystal Falls. This engraving appeared in Walter R. Nursey’s book *The Menominee Iron Range*, published in 1891. The Lockwood Hotel, already under construction by mid-February 1882, was located on the northeast corner of Superior Avenue and Fourth Street. D.C. Lockwood was the proprietor of the large, three-story building with a frontage of 58 feet on Superior Avenue and a depth of 46 feet on the east. The Lockwood Hotel burned to the ground on Wednesday, August 8, 1918. Theresa DeLand’s charred body was found in the ruins of the gutted building. [William J. Cummings]

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Lockwood Hotel, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1908: This black-and-white halftone postcard view identified as "Lockwood Hotel, Crystal Falls, Mich." is postmarked March 8, 1908, and shows the Lockwood Hotel, located on the corner of Superior Avenue and Fourth Street. The hotel burned to the ground on Wednesday, August 8, 1918. Theresa DeLand's charred body was found in the ruins of the gutted building. [William J. Cummings]

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The New Hotel [Crystal Inn], Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1922-1923: This unused real photo postcard view identified as "The New Hotel, Crystal Falls, Mich." and was built on the site of the Lockwood Hotel which burned to the ground on Wednesday, August 8, 1918 [eBay]

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Crystal Inn, Northeast Corner of Superior Avenue and Fourth Street, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1931: This real photo postcard view identified as the “Crystal Inn, Crystal Falls, Mich.” was taken by the Iron Range Studio, Iron River, Michigan, and is postmarked September 11, 1931. The Crystal Inn was constructed where the Lockwood Hotel stood and opened to the public in 1923. Note the early cars parked on the east side of the three-story brick building. [William J. Cummings]

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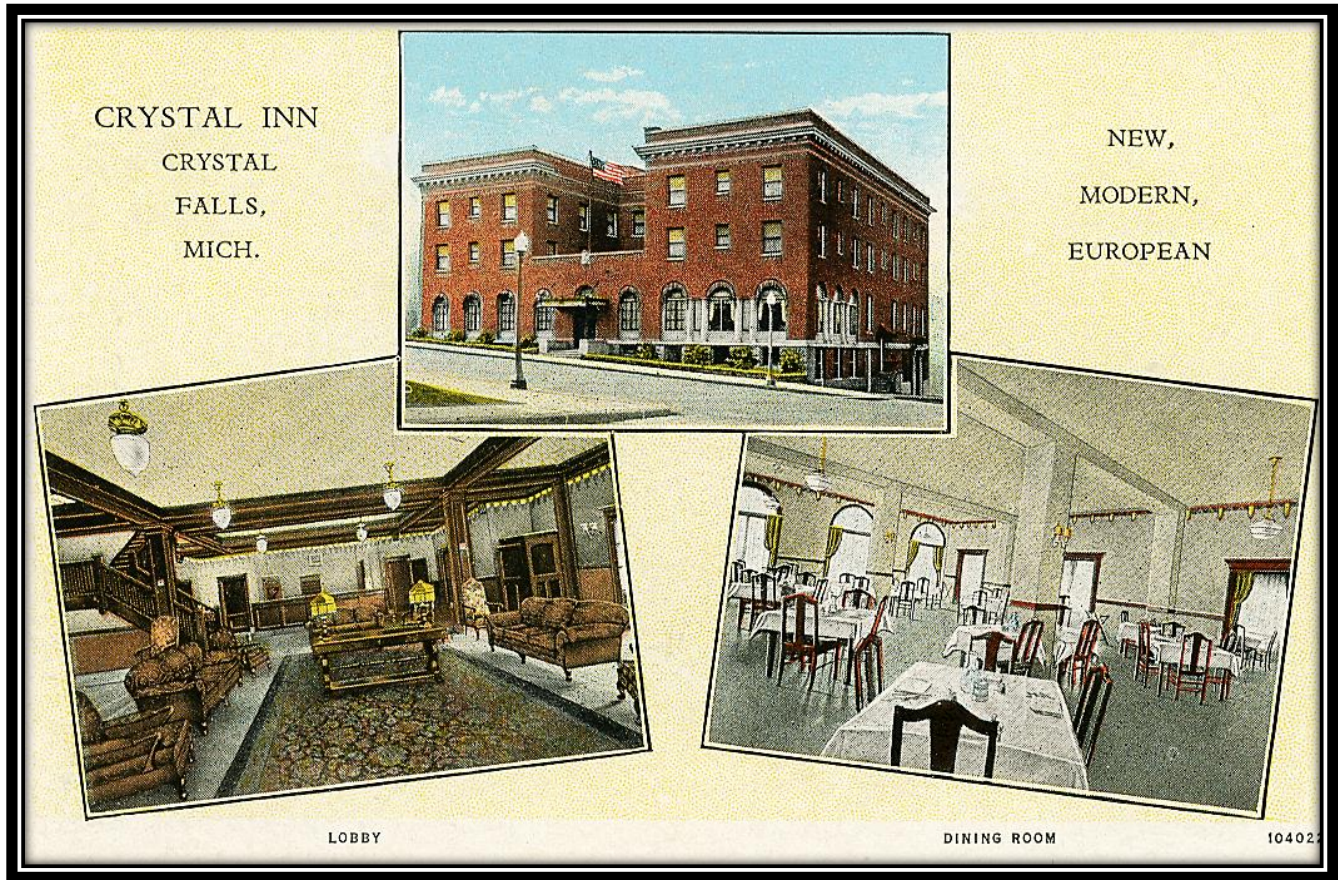
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Crystal Inn, Northeast Corner of Superior Avenue and Fourth Street, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1923-1930: This unused real photo postcard view identified as the **"Crystal Inn Hotel, Crystal Falls, Mich. – M-1056"** dates between 1923 and 1930 and shows Crystal Inn Hotel, long a favorite place to stay and eat in Crystal Falls. It served as a nursing home for some years under the name Crystal Manor and was later converted into apartments. [William J. Cummings]

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Crystal Inn, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1928: This tinted black-and-white halftone postcard view identified as the "Crystal Inn, Crystal Falls, Mich., New, Modern, European" is postmarked July 4, 1928 and shows the Crystal Inn, including the lobby and dining room. [William J. Cummings]

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Crystal Manor, 400 Superior Avenue, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 2010: On December 22, 1983 Crystal Manor added to the National Register of Historic Places. The Crystal Inn, also known as Crystal Manor or the Crystal View Apartments, was built in 1922 as a hotel on the site of the 1882 Lockwood Hotel. It was operated as a hotel until 1963, when it was remodeled as a home for the aged. The home closed in 1998, and the building remained vacant until 2010, when the building was renovated into a 25-unit apartment with commercial space.

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SCHOOLS, GRADUATION CLASSES & ATHLETIC TEAMS



High School, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, 1908: Postmarked May 16, 1909, this 1908 This real photo postcard view identified as the "High School, Crystal Falls, Mich. No. 2 1908" and postmarked Crystal Falls, Michigan, December 2, 1908 shows the high school which was constructed in 1906 at a cost of \$50,000, and was razed in 1971 at a cost of \$6,850. [William J. Cummings]

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High School, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1915: Postmarked Crystal Falls, Michigan, July 15, 1915, this real photo postcard view shows a large group of students posed outside of the Crystal Falls High School. The three-story brick structure was constructed in 1906 and fell to the wrecking ball in 1971. Note the iron fence surrounding the school yard and the newly-constructed Forest Park School in the back at the right. *[William J. Cummings]*

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Crystal Falls High School Class of 1911, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan: This large photograph of the Class of 1911 was identified by Sophia (Pfeiffer) Cummings, one of the classmates, as follows: (back row, left to right) Mrs. Al (Bertha Erickson) Burrige, daughter of Capt. Erickson of the Dunn Mine; Mrs. Joe (Edna Bjork) Leonard, daughter of Capt. Arvid Bjork of the Bristol Mine; Ella Corbett, Ed Burling, John Cassidy, son of John Cassidy and later manual training teacher at Crystal Falls High School; Sigrid Stolberg, Vina Russell, who later taught grade school at Crystal Falls; and Mrs. George (Mary Jacka) Wilson; (middle row, left to right) Emma Savlin, Leola Robbins, Mrs. Otto (Hazel Parks) Gundstrom; Acting Principal Crane, Margaret Russell; Mrs. Abe (Mabel Richards) Gundstrom and Bertha Schroeder; (seated, left to right) Mrs. Fred (Eunice Miller) Morrell; Annie Savian and Mrs. William (Sophia Pfeiffer) Cummings, daughter of Gottlieb and Katrina (Schmid) Pfeiffer. [William J. Cummings]

[NOTE: Mrs. William (Sophia Caroline Pfeiffer) Cummings, daughter of Gottlieb and Katrina (Schmid) Pfeiffer, is the maternal grandmother of William J. Cummings.]

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Crystal Falls High School, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1940-1950: This unused real photo postcard view identified as "High School, Crystal Falls, Mich. B-1554" shows the Crystal Falls High School and probably dates between 1940 and 1950. [William J. Cummings]

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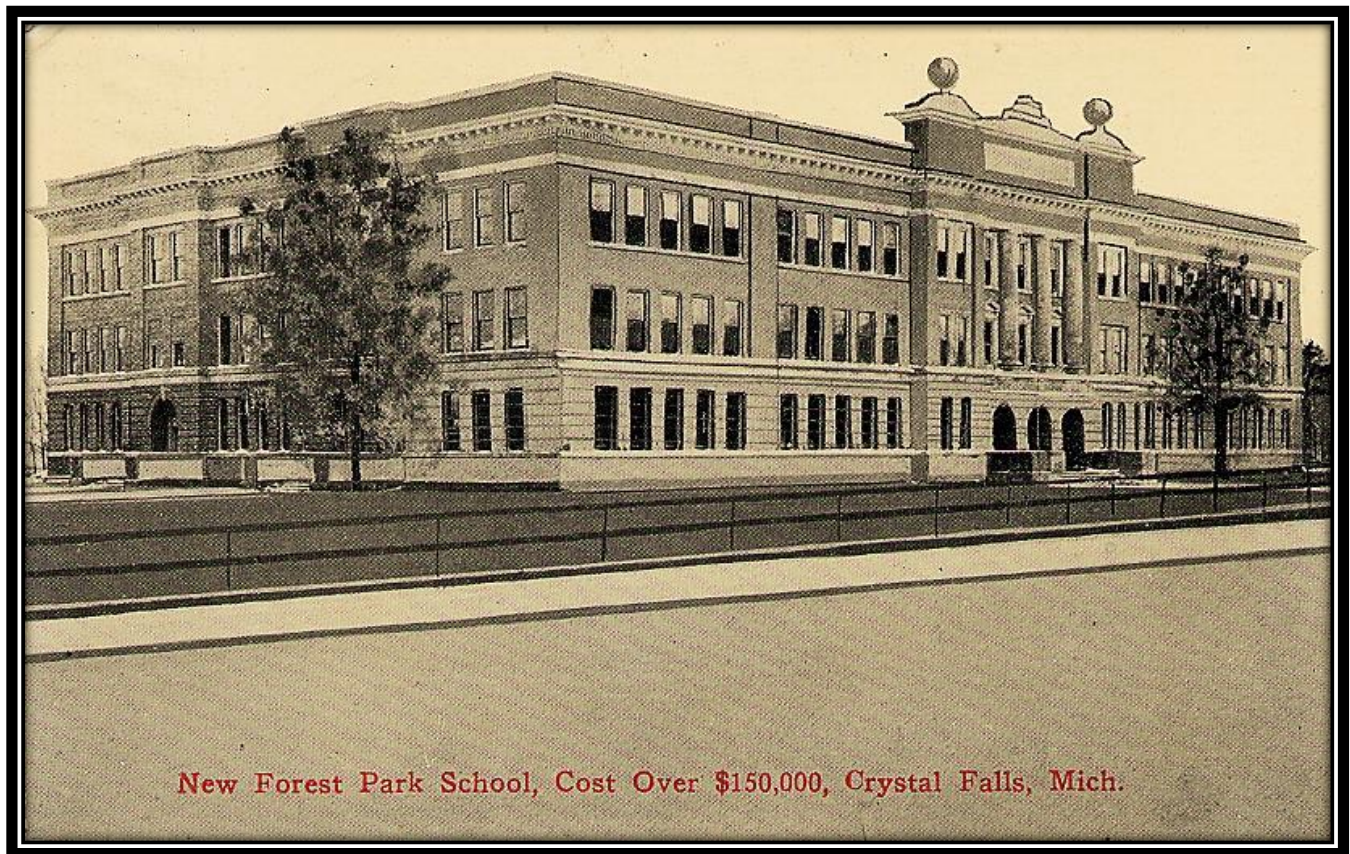
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High School, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1948: This unused real photo postcard view identified as "High School, Crystal Falls, Mich. K320" probably dates to about 1948. This postcard view shows the two-story, round, white cylinder at the right of the building which was a fire escape with a spiral slide inside. The feet of the first person down the slide kicked open the doors at the bottom. [William J. Cummings]

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Forest Park School, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1914: This sepia black-and-white halftone postcard view identified as "New Forest Park School, Cost Over \$150,000, Crystal Falls, Mich." and postmarked Crystal Falls, Michigan, March 28, 1914 shows the "New Forest Park School" which cost over \$150,000 to build. [William J. Cummings]

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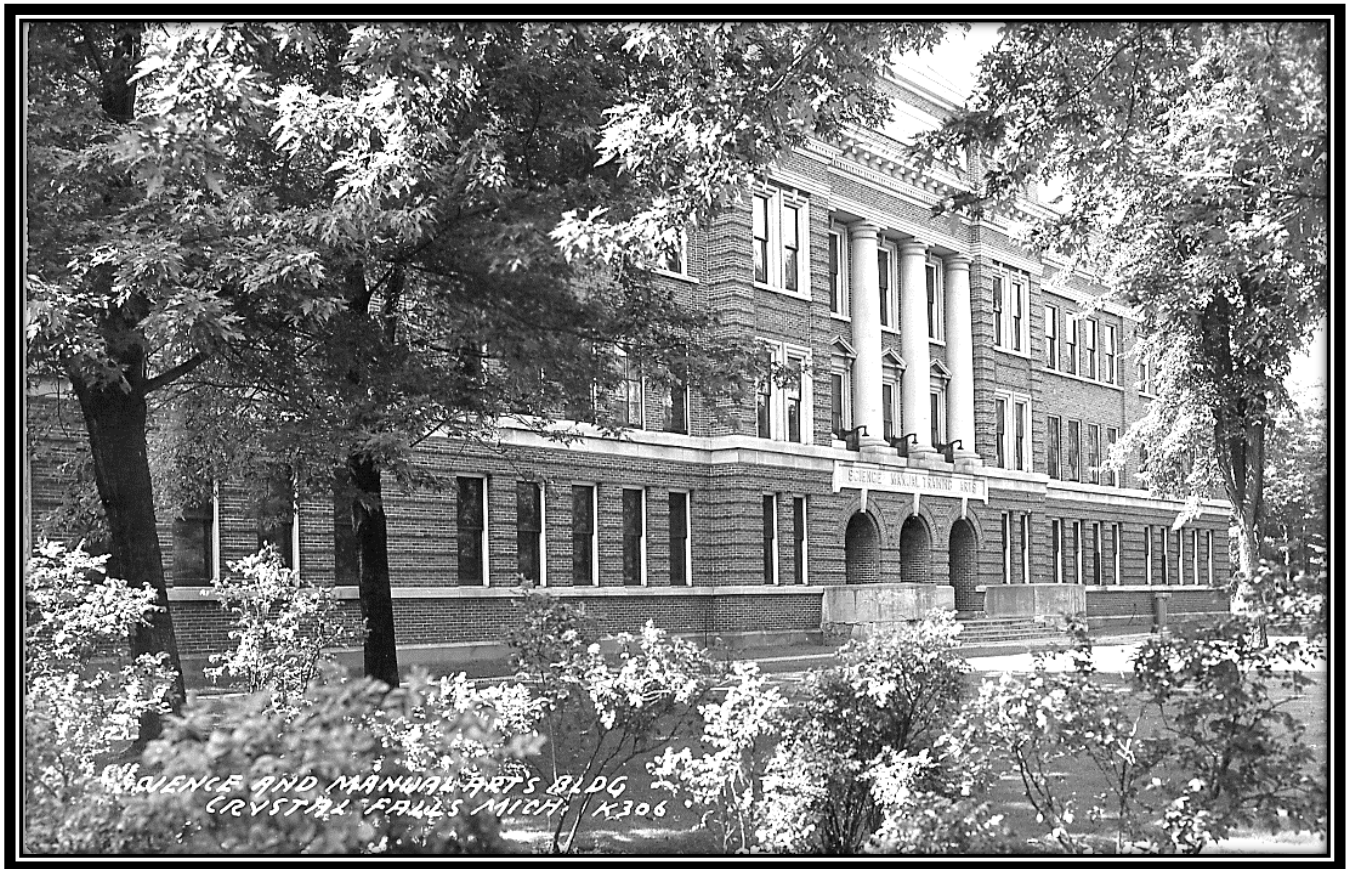
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Forest Park School (Science, Art & Training School), Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1920: This real photo postcard view identified as "Science, Art & Training School, Crystal Falls, Mich." and postmarked Crystal Falls, Michigan, February 1, 1920 shows the newly-constructed Science, Art and Training School – the Forest Park School – from the back. [William J. Cummings]

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Science and Manual Arts Building, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1948: This real photo postcard view identified as the “**Science and Manual Arts Bldg., Crystal Falls, Mich. K306**” and postmarked Crystal Falls, Michigan, June 12, 1948 shows the Science and Manual Arts Building of the Forest Park High School in Crystal Falls. [William J. Cummings]

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1929 Crystal Falls High School Basketball Team, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan: Front row, second from right, Alvin “Dutch” Cummings; third row, middle, Coach Eddie Chambers. [William J. Cummings]

[NOTE: Alvin William “Dutch” Cummings, son of William H. and Sophia Caroline (Pfeiffer) Cummings, is the father of William J. Cummings.]

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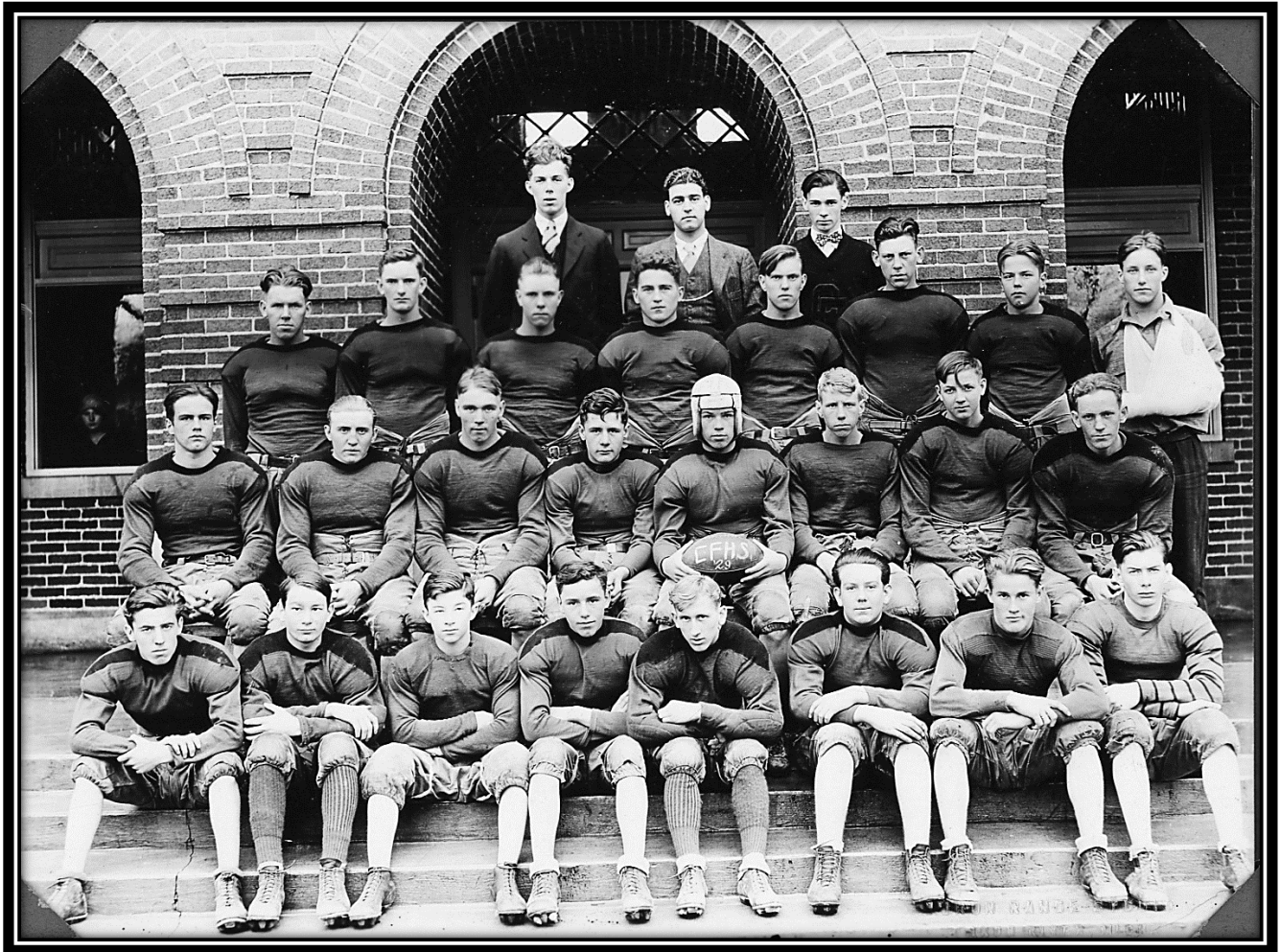


1930 Crystal Falls High School Basketball Team, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan: Front row, left to right, Gordon Hanthorn, Woody Stoor, Russell Gerg, Alvin “Dutch” Cummings, Dwight Richards; back row, Billie Nash, Mel Peterson, Al Richards, Francis Mahoney, Harvey Ojala, Joe Stockero; back, Coach Eddie Chambers. [William J. Cummings]

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1929 Crystal Falls High School Football Team, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan: Front row (left to right), Tom Richards, Alfred Camilli, Charles Jayne, Joe Stockero, Hank Ellingboe, Ira Caswell, Gordon Erickson, James Sanders; second row (left to right), Gordon Rosengren, Tom Clement, Al Richards, Beaumont Brotherton, Alvin “Dutch Cummings (helmet), Russell Berg, John Lampi, Hamilton Paulson; third row (left to right), Carl Kallio, Wlater Seastrom, Jack Isaacson, Francis Mahoney, Ray Isaacson, Bill Broad, Harvey Ojala, Armas Aho; standing (left to right), Coach Eddie Chambers, Patrick Slattery, manager, and Coach Sam Kerbaway. [William J. Cummings]

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HOSPITALS



General Hospital, Michigan Avenue and Third Street, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1950-1960: This unused real photo postcard view identified as "**General Hospital, Crystal Falls, Mich. E-243**" shows the General Hospital. Ground was broken for the construction of the General Hospital on October 30, 1938. The hospital is now called Crystal Falls Community Hospital. [William J. Cummings]

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CHURCHES



Guardian Angel Church, 412 Crystal Avenue, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1910: This unused black-and-white halftone postcard view identified as “Guardian Angel Church, Crystal Falls, Mich.” shows the original Guardian Angels Church. According to *A Collection of Recollections: Crystal Falls, Michigan, 1880-1980*, “Catholic masses for the pioneers of Crystal Falls were inaugurated by Reverend Father Melchoir Faust of Quinnesec on a visiting basis in Doucet’s hall and skating rink in the fall of 1883. Beginning in 1884, the spiritual care of the parish became the duty of six different visiting pastors from Iron River. In 1887 the first resident pastor assigned to Guardian Angel’s was Father Edward Chapius. Between the first and present pastor, Father Joseph Gondek, there were 24 priests who served for periods as short as one month, to those of Father Joseph Kunes, who ministered to the people for a period of twenty-two years.

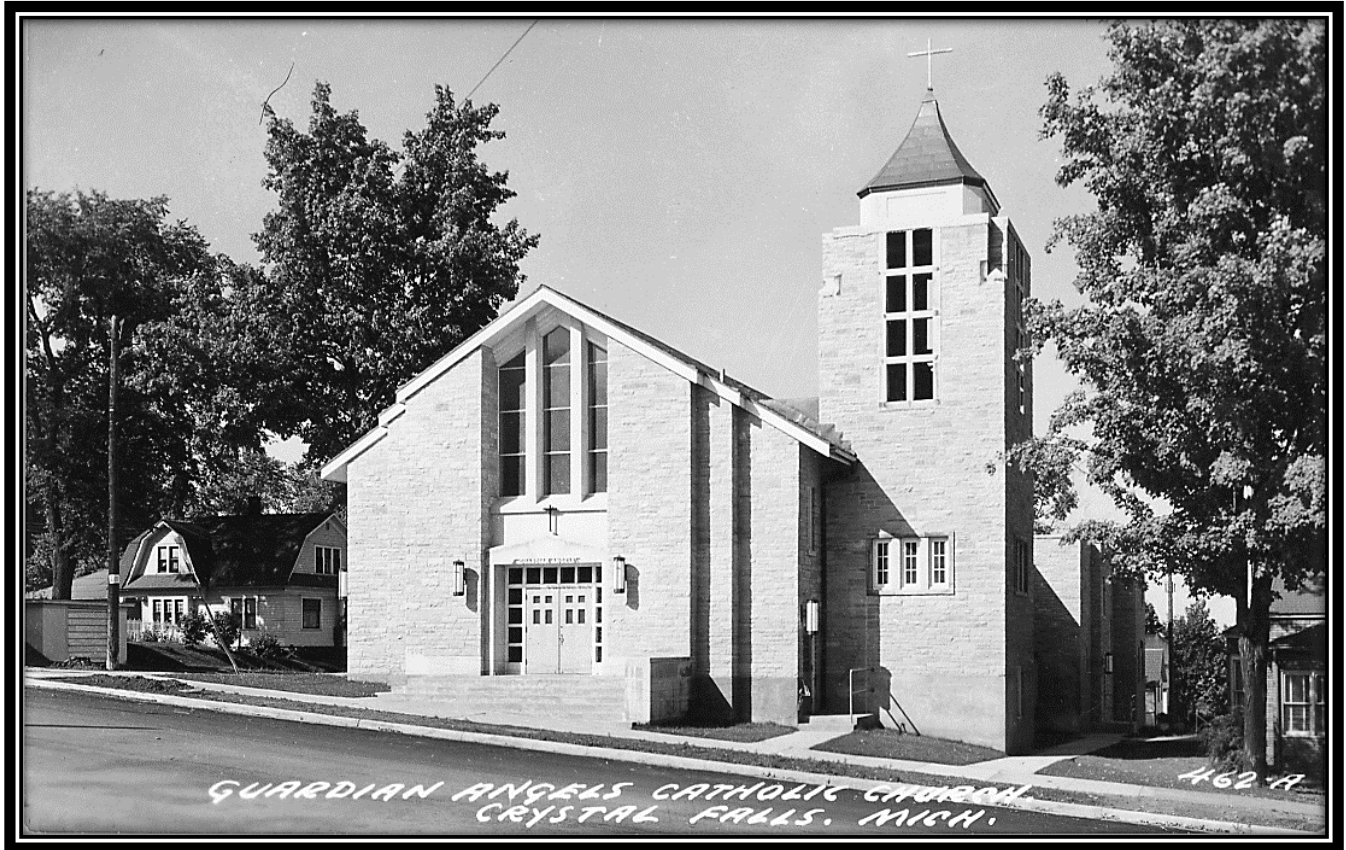
“Credit for the erection of the first permanent church building is accorded to temporarily assigned Fathers J.S. Struif and Joseph Haas. They provided leadership in the purchasing of building materials for churches in Iron River and Crystal Falls until the churches were built in both communities by 1887. That same year, Father Chapius became the first permanent pastor for Guardian Angel’s parish.

“The economic depression of 1892-93 caused many families to leave Crystal Falls to find work elsewhere. In the fall of 1892, Guardian Angel’s parish was reduced from 126 families to 60 as a result of this exodus. By 1897, a revival of the mining industry took place, families

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returned and the church grew once again. During this period, Father John Keul made much needed repairs and improvements to the original building which had been erected in 1887.”
[William J. Cummings]



Guardian Angels Catholic Church, 412 Crystal Avenue, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1954-1960: This unused real photo postcard view is identified as the “Guardian Angels Catholic Church, Crystal Falls, Mich. 462-A” shows the new Guardian Angels Catholic Church located at 412 Crystal Avenue.

According to *A Collection of Recollections: Crystal Falls, Michigan, 1880-1980*, on October 31, 1931, the last was offered at the original Guardian Angels Church and the frame church edifice which had become structurally weak was demolished. Sunday masses were provided for the faithful in the Crystal Falls City Hall. The new basement church which formed the foundation and base of the current structure was completed in time for masses to be said of Christmas Day, 1931. New pews and other furniture was installed.

In June 1953 construction was begun on the new church. While the church was under construction Sunday masses were offered in the Delft Theater and weekday masses were held at Legion Post No. 87. On April 4, 1954 the new Guardian Angels Catholic Church was dedicated. [William J. Cummings]

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Methodist Episcopal Church, Southeast Corner of Fifth Street and Marquette Avenue, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1907-1918: This unused real photo postcard view identified as the "M.E. Church, Crystal Falls, Michigan" was located at the southeast corner of Fifth Street and Marquette Avenue and dates between 1907 and 1918. [William J. Cummings]

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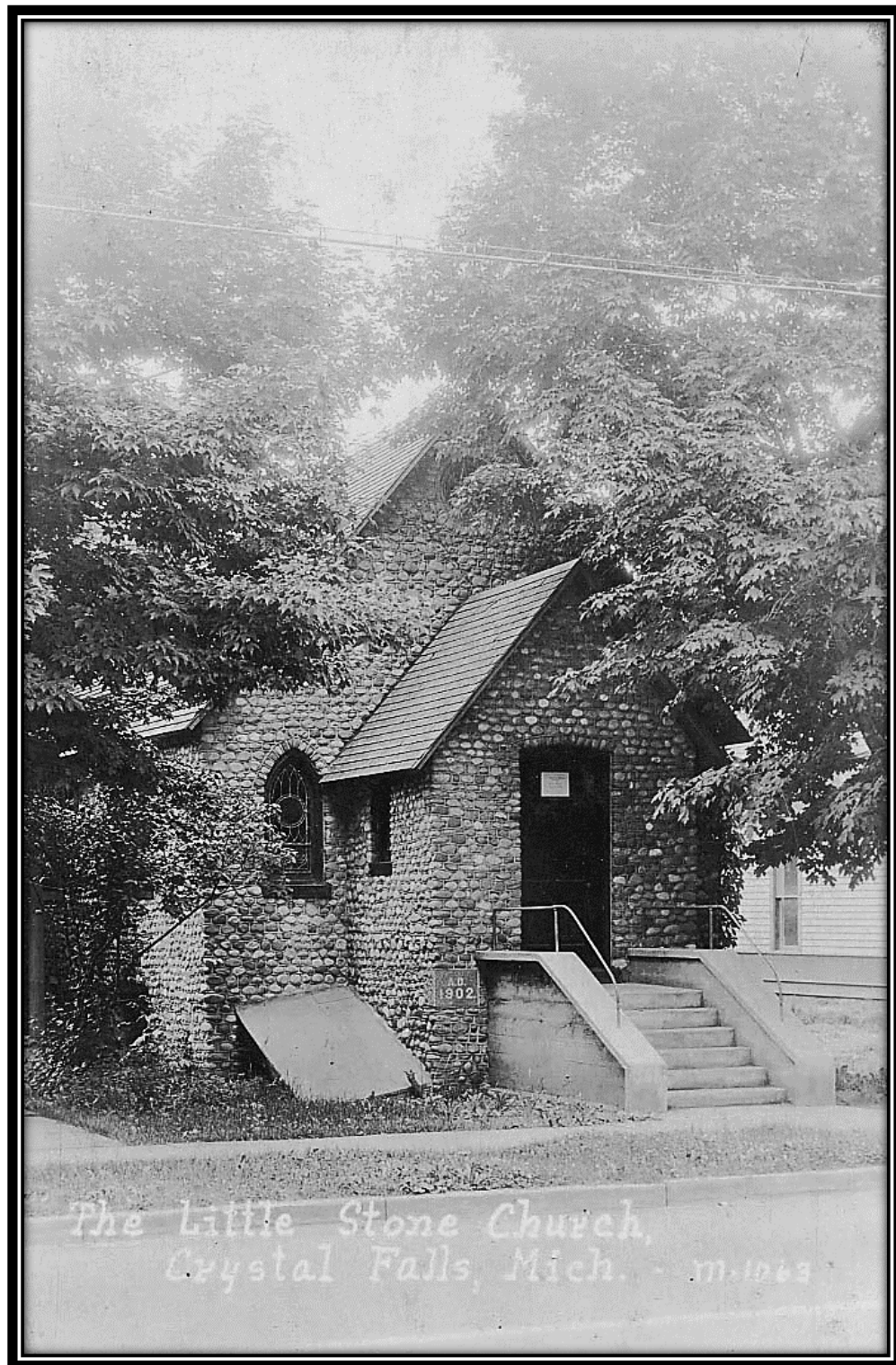
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St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Fifth Street, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, 1908: This unused real photo postcard view identified as "St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Crystal Falls, Mich. No. 4 1908" shows St. Mark's Episcopal Church which was constructed under the leadership of Father William Poyseor in 1902. Many of the rocks used for this church came from land owned by Father Poyseor at Fortune Lake. The church was dedicated November 30, 1902. [William J. Cummings]

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St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Fifth Street, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1928: This real photo postcard view identified as "The Little Stone Church, Crystal Falls, Mich. – M-1068" postmarked Crystal Falls, Michigan, August 11, 1928. Note the cornerstone dated 1902. The church was dedicated November 30, 1902. [William J. Cummings]

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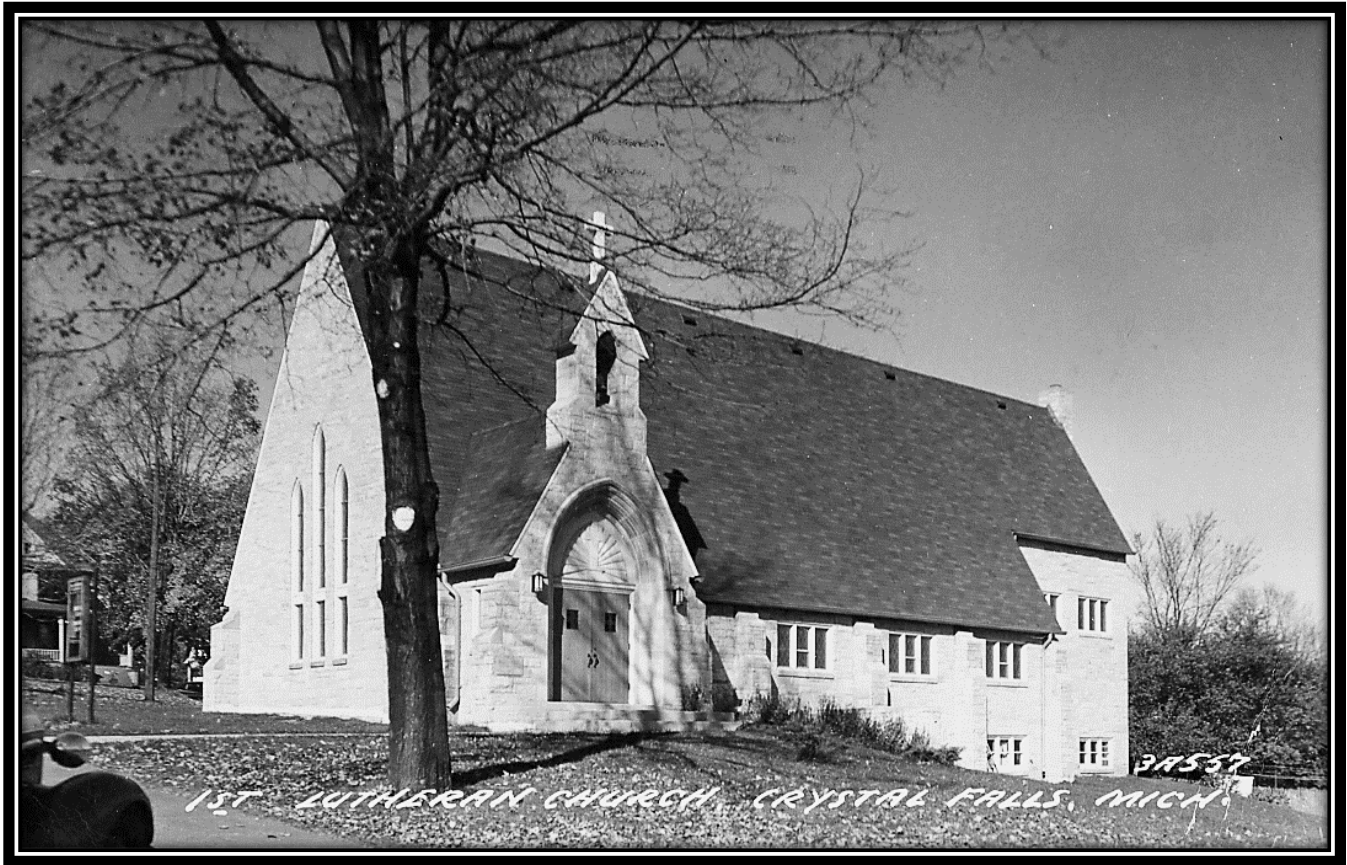
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St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 809 Crystal Avenue, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1960: This unused real photo postcard view identified as "**St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Crystal Falls, Mich. 641-C**" probably dates from about 1960. The original church, located on Fifth Street, was dedicated November 30, 1902. A building campaign to raise funds to build a new and larger church on lots purchased from Lou A. Henry with money donated anonymously began on Sunday, June 19, 1955. Harold S. Starin and Associates, architects from Duluth, Minnesota, prepared the plans. Henry Vantagi and Sons, of Iron River, were the general contractors. The cornerstone was dedicated on Sunday, April 15, 1956. The building was dedicated on Sunday, June 24, 1956. This postcard view of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, located at 809 Crystal Avenue, dates from 1960 to 1970. [William J. Cummings]

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First Lutheran Church, 506 Superior Avenue, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1951-1960:

This unused real photo postcard view identified the “1st Lutheran Church, Crystal Falls, Mich. 3A557” dates to shortly after the church was built in 1951. According to *A Collection of Recollections: Crystal Falls, Michigan, 1880-1980*, “Lutheran history in Crystal Falls began formally on March 18, 1891, when the Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Congregation was organized. It was followed soon after, on July 10, 1894, by the formation of the Swedish Evangelical Lebanon Lutheran Church. Both congregations were served by temporary and student pastors until 1900 when Rev. J.J. Hoikka arrived as pastor for both groups. Both services were held in the Swedish Lutheran Church building and the pastor lived in the parsonage owned by the Finnish Lutheran. The church building itself was purchased from the Methodist Church and in addition to the Finnish and Swedish Lutherans, the Episcopalians made use of the building.

“On January 16, 1903, the Finnish Lutherans bought the Baptist Church building and early in 1904 the two congregations became completely separate as Pastor George A. Johnson came to serve the Swedish Lutheran.

“In 1923 the Swedish Church changed its name to the First Lutheran and in 1951 the present church building was built by the First Lutheran. The Finnish Lutheran church changed its name to Emmanuel Lutheran in September of 1950.

“On May 14, 1967, the two independent congregations voted to merge and become United Lutheran. On August 13, 1967, a special service of merger was held at Fortune Lake Bible Camp, led by Synod President Mr. Theodore Matson. At that point, the name United Lutheran was selected. The present pastor, John Linna, accepted a call to United on October 22, 1967.”

[William J. Cummings]

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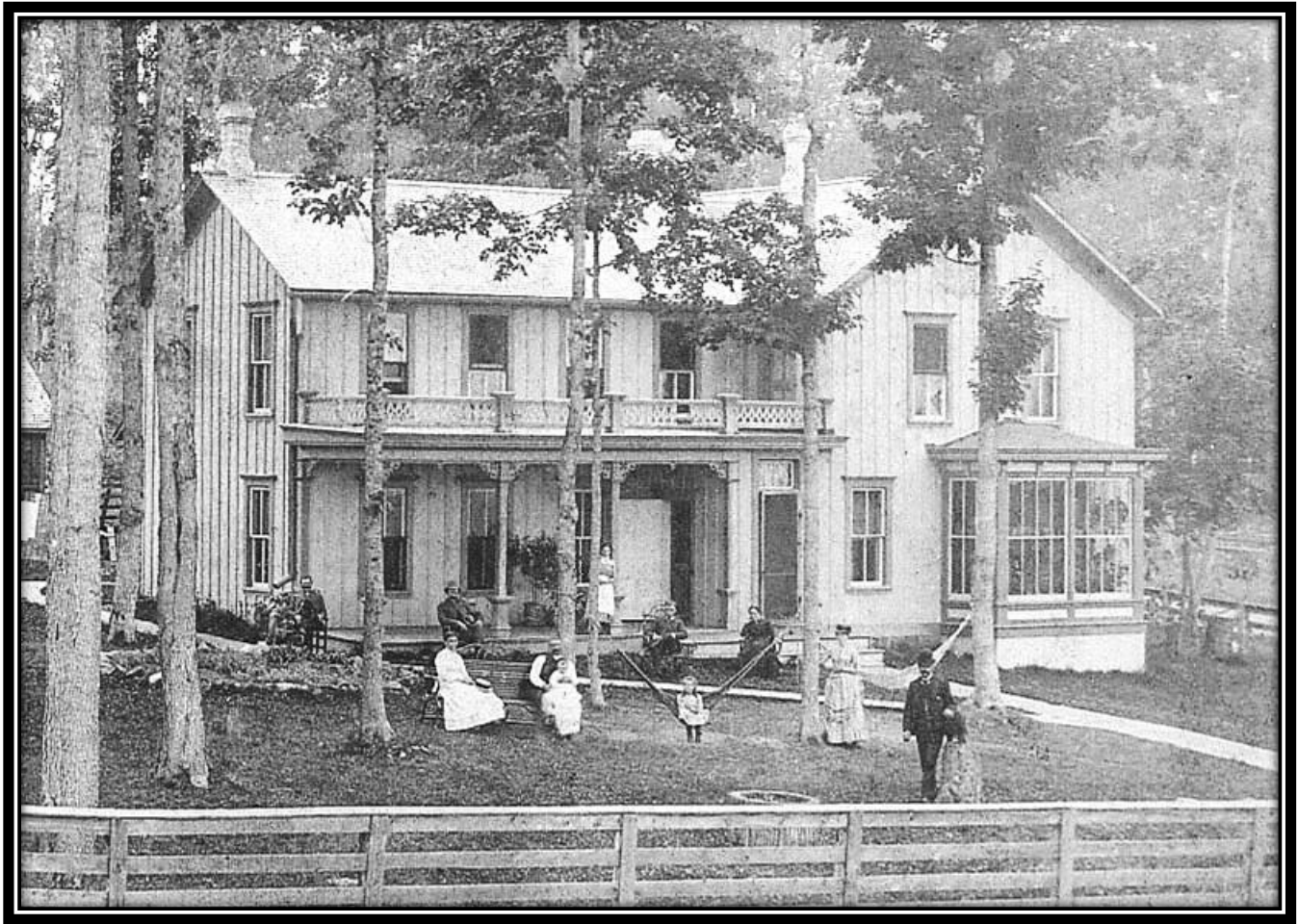
RESIDENCES AND RESIDENTIAL AREAS



Runkel-Parks House, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1890-1910: This sepia-toned photograph is identified on the back as the "Old Runkel House, Crystal Falls, Mich.," and probably dates to between 1890 and 1910. [William J. Cummings]

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Runkel-Parks House, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1890-1910: People identified on the back of the previous photograph included Mr. & Mrs. Parks, Ruby Rowley (wearing her apron), Aunt Mattie (standing) and Edna Parks (name crossed out and lone Hollister written in ink above) in the hammock.

John H. Parks was born June 4, 1845, at Standing Stone Township, Bradford County, Pennsylvania, a son of John and Mary (Hunter) Parks, Jr. In 1855 his parents settled in Bovina Township, Outagamie County Wisconsin, where John H. Parks continued his studies in a log schoolhouse, acquiring a practical education. He began to work in the woods when quite young, and became an expert in the logging and lumber business.

In June, 1864, John H. Parks enlisted in Company E, Fifth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and was honorably discharged in September, 1865, when he returned to Wisconsin.

Parks bought a tract of timbered land in Bovina Township, Outagamie County, Wisconsin, and, when not employed in logging, he devoted his energies to the improvement of his land which was soon transformed into productive farm. A successful lumberman, Parks entered the employ of P. Sawyer & Son in 1877, and subsequently continued with their successors, the Sawyer-Goodman Lumber Company, with whom he came to the Upper Peninsula.

Locating in Crystal Falls in 1884, Mr. Parks, In company with his uncle, George S. Parks, John H. Parks embarked in the mercantile business in Crystal Falls in 1884, putting in a stock of general merchandise. At the present time (1911) the John H. Parks Company carries a line

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of hardware and its accessories, only, having a complete stock, and is doing a substantial business, its patronage being extensive and remunerative.

John H. Parks married April 13, 1876, Eva Augusta Jewett, a daughter of Eben and Mary (Parks) Jewett, in Omro, Wisconsin. Eva was born November 29, 1853, in Wautoma, Waushara County, Wisconsin. The Parks were the parents of: Bessie Belle Parks (born November 9, 1885 in Crystal Falls, and died September 28, 1887 in Crystal Falls); John Augustus Parks (born June 18, 1890 in Crystal Falls, and died January 31, 1891 in Crystal Falls; Ulmer, Edna A. and one other child. Only Edna was living in 1900, the wife of William Jolliffe. They had three children: twins Helen M. and Margaret J. Jolliffe and John Parks Jolliffe.

According to the 1900 Federal Census John H. Parks was born in June, 1845, in Pennsylvania. His parents were both born in Scotland. He married Eva A. Jewett, daughter of Eben B. and Mary P. Jewett, born in November, 1853, in Wisconsin, in about 1876. They had three children, one of whom, Edna M. Parks, born in November, 1878, in Wisconsin, was still living in 1900. Edna M. Parks, the 21-year-old daughter of John H. and Eva A. (Jewett) Parks, married William M. Jolliffe, the 24-year-old son of Samuel and Jane (Jeffrey) Jolliffe, born in Ohio, in Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, on August 14, 1900. In 1900, the Parks family was living in Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan.

Eva A. Jewett was listed as a 4-year-old daughter of Eben and Mary Jewett in the 1857 Minnesota Territorial Census, living in Township 106, Range 8, Winona, Minnesota, with her parents and a brother, Charles, 2-years old and born in Minneapolis, and Ella, 1-year-old and born in Minneapolis. Eva is again listed as a 6-year-old daughter of Eben and Mary Jewett in the 1860 Federal Census for Minnesota, living in Township 106, Range 8, Winona, Minnesota. In the 1875 Minnesota State Census, Eva was the 21-year-old daughter of E.B. and Mary P. Jewett, living with her parents and Clarence W. Jewett in Lake Marshall, Lyon County, Minnesota.

In the 1910 Federal Census John H. and Eva S. Parks were listed as living in Ward 3, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan.

The Parks had a "fine estate" nine miles from Crystal Falls bordering Chicagoan Lake, where he had "ample barn and stable room for his valuable stock, houses for his employes [*sic* – *employees*], and a commodious artistically constructed log cabin, situated on the lake shore, in which he and his family enjoy life seven months of every year."

Eva Augusta (Jewett) Parks died August 31, 1911, in Crystal Falls, Michigan. John Hunter Parks died in January, 1920, in Palm Beach County, Florida. They are buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, with their two young children. [*William J. Cummings*]

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Group of Five Women Dressed in Coats with Large Hats, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1909: This real photo postcard view postmarked Crystal Falls, Michigan, February 16, 1909 shows five women dressed in dark clothing with large hats standing in front of an unidentified building. The postmark and message indicate Crystal Falls as the place where the photograph was taken. [William J. Cummings]

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Fifth Street, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1920-1930: This unused postcard view identified as "Fifth Street, Crystal Falls, Mich. 605" dates between 1920 and 1930 and shows a residential area on Fifth Street in Crystal Falls, Michigan. Note the early automobiles on the street. [William J. Cummings]

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Timothy Murphy Houses, 17 North Fourth Street, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1983: On December 22, 1983 the Timothy Murphy house was added to the National Register of Historic Places. The Timothy Murphy House, also known as the Harbour House, is a massive two-story hipped roof Queen Anne/Colonial Revival structure built from rough-faced cement blocks in about 1900 by Fred Floodstrand, a local master mason and bricklayer. It has a two-story, wooden, “steamboat-style” wraparound porch that contrasts nicely with the mass of the house. The house is closely associated with John and Ellen Harbour, their daughter Maude (or Minnie), and her husband Timothy Murphy, the Stambaugh railroad depot superintendent. In 1982 the house was purchased for the Crystal Falls Museum Society and was extensively restored. It currently serves as a hands-on museum for the society.

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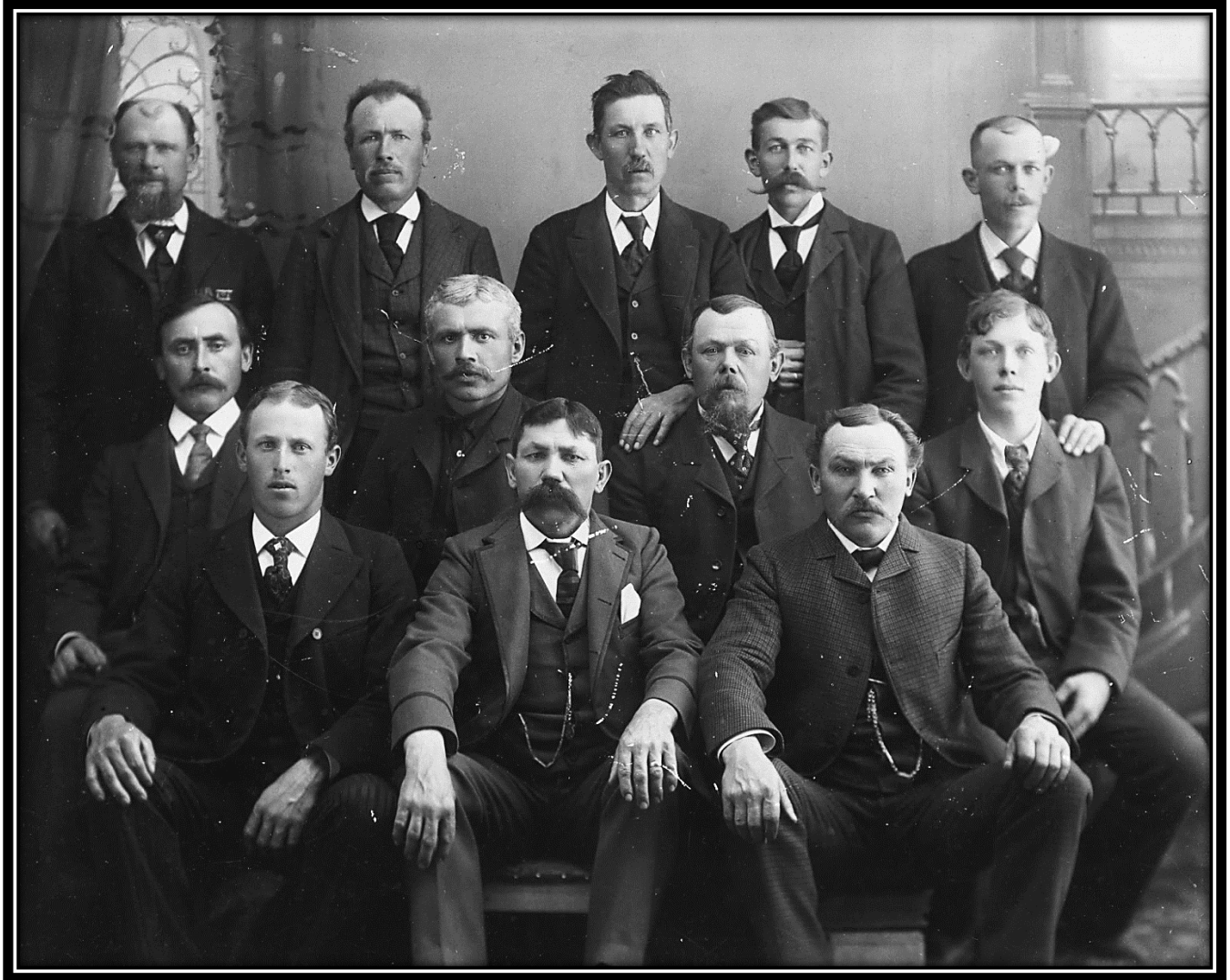


Pleasant Valley Apartments (Housing for the Elderly), 210 North Third Street, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1980: This unused colored postcard view is identified as "Pleasant Valley Apartments (Housing for the Elderly), North 3rd Street, Crystal Falls, Mich. 49920." The Pleasant Valley Apartments complex opened in the late 1970s or early 1980s and is owned and managed by the Public Housing Authority. There are 123 units, some overlooking the Paint River below, and rents are based on tenant incomes. [William J. Cummings]

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FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS



Sons of Herman German Fraternal Lodge, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1890-1900: Sons of Herman, a German fraternal organization in Crystal Falls, Michigan, pictured in about 1890-1900. The photograph, taken by James McCourt, a Crystal Falls photographer, was identified by Sophia (Pfeiffer) Cummings as follows: (back row, left to right) Mr. Breining, Mr. Cameron, Jacob “Jake” Bender, Richard Wehse, John Bauer (married to Caroline Schmid); (middle row, left to right) Adolph Sutter, Frederick Schmid, Jacob “Jake” Bauer, Sr. (brother to John Bauer and father to Rose Bauer Schmid, wife of Frederick Schmid), Jacob Bauer, Jr., (son of Jacob “Jake” Bauer, Sr.); (front row, left to right) Ernest Deile, Casper Aberley and Gottlieb Pfeiffer. [William J. Cummings]

[NOTE: Gottlieb Pfeiffer is the great-grandfather of William J. Cummings, the father of his paternal grandmother, Sophia Caroline (Pfeiffer) Cummings.]

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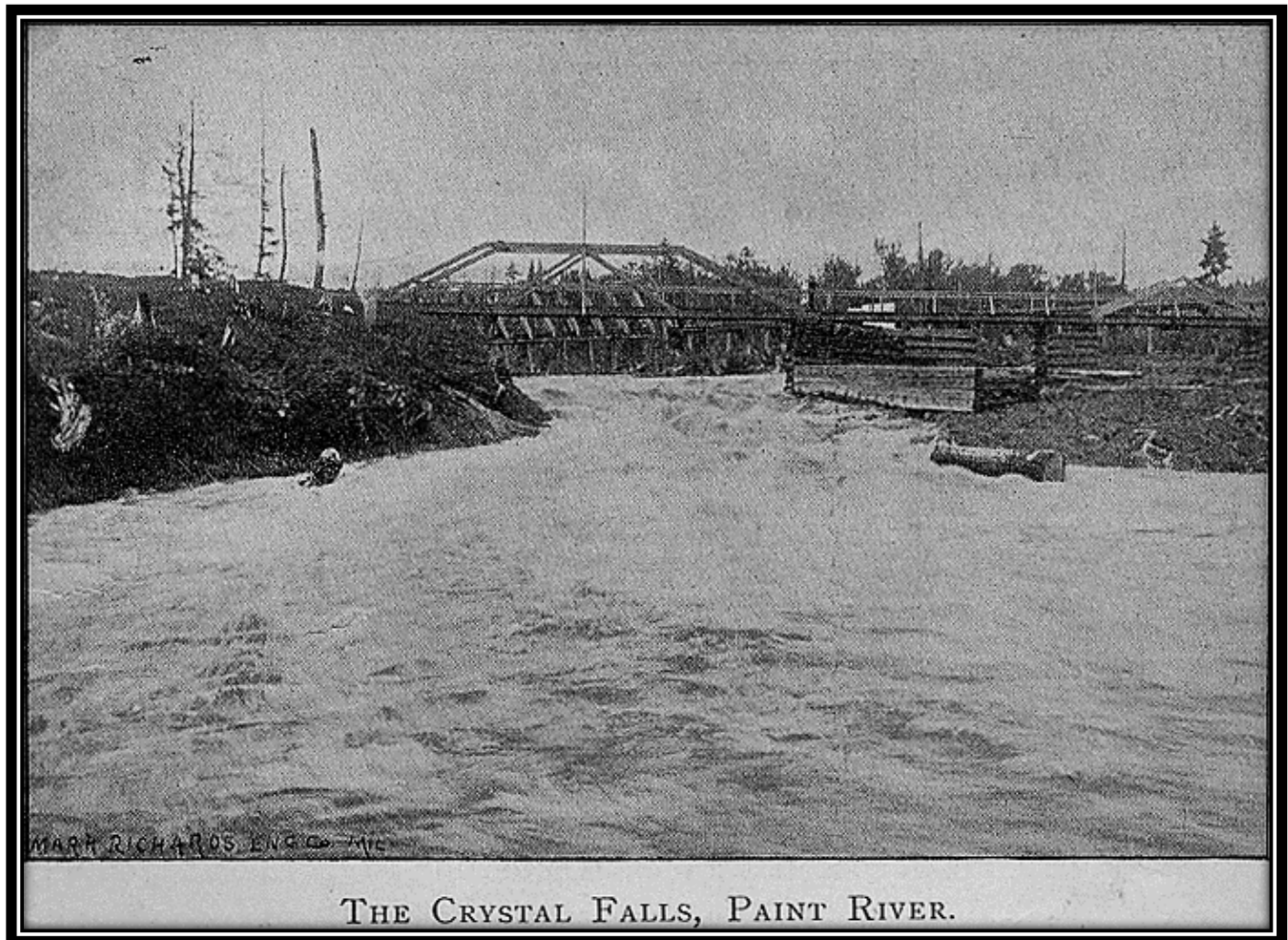


Crystal Falls Mineral Springs, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, 1891: This engraving of the "Crystal Falls Mineral Springs" appeared in Walter R. Nursey's book *The Menominee Iron Range*, published in 1891. [William J. Cummings]

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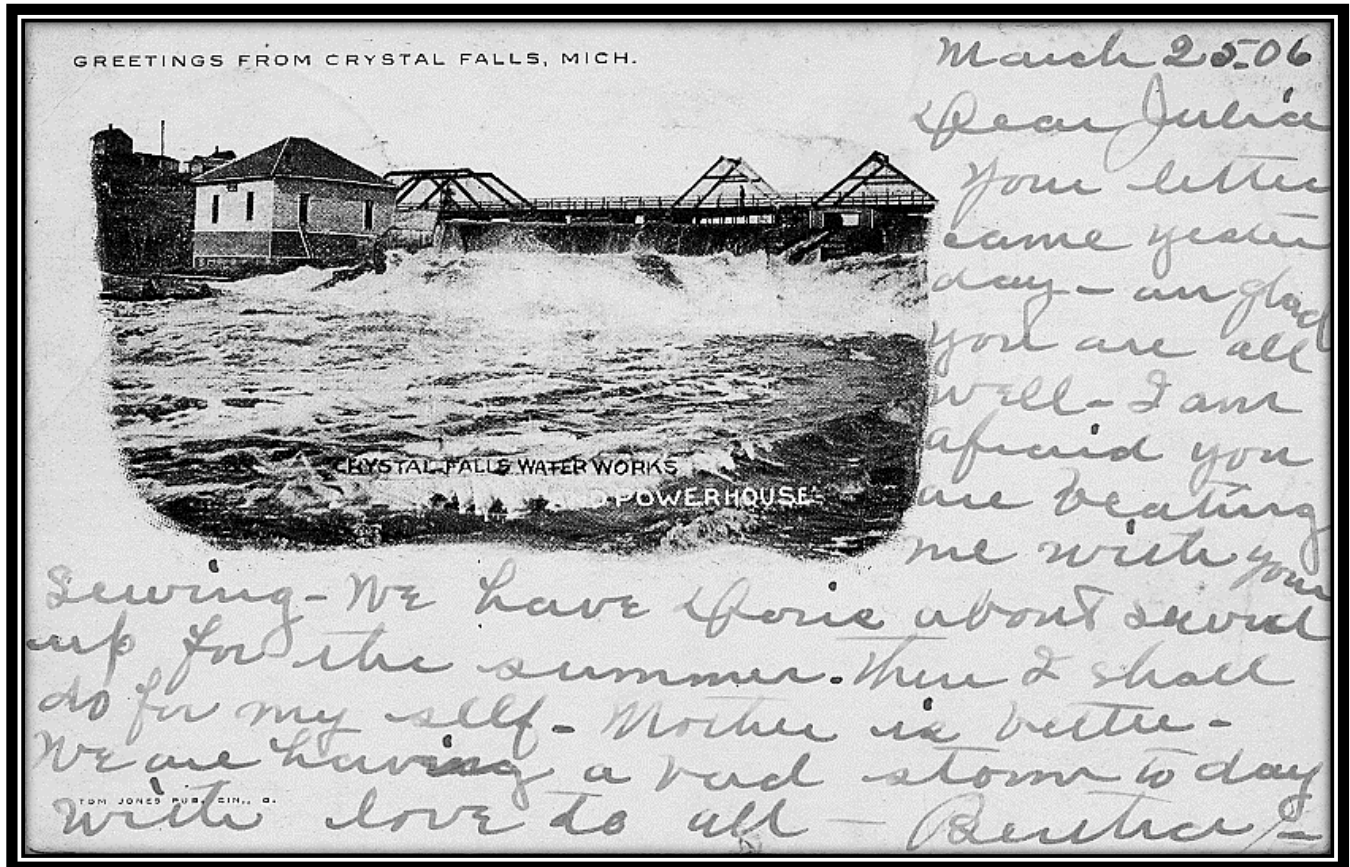
CRYSTAL FALLS ON THE PAINT RIVER



The Crystal Falls on the Paint River, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, 1891: This engraving of "The Crystal Falls, Paint River" appeared in Walter R. Nursey's book *The Menominee Iron Range*, published in 1891. [William J. Cummings]

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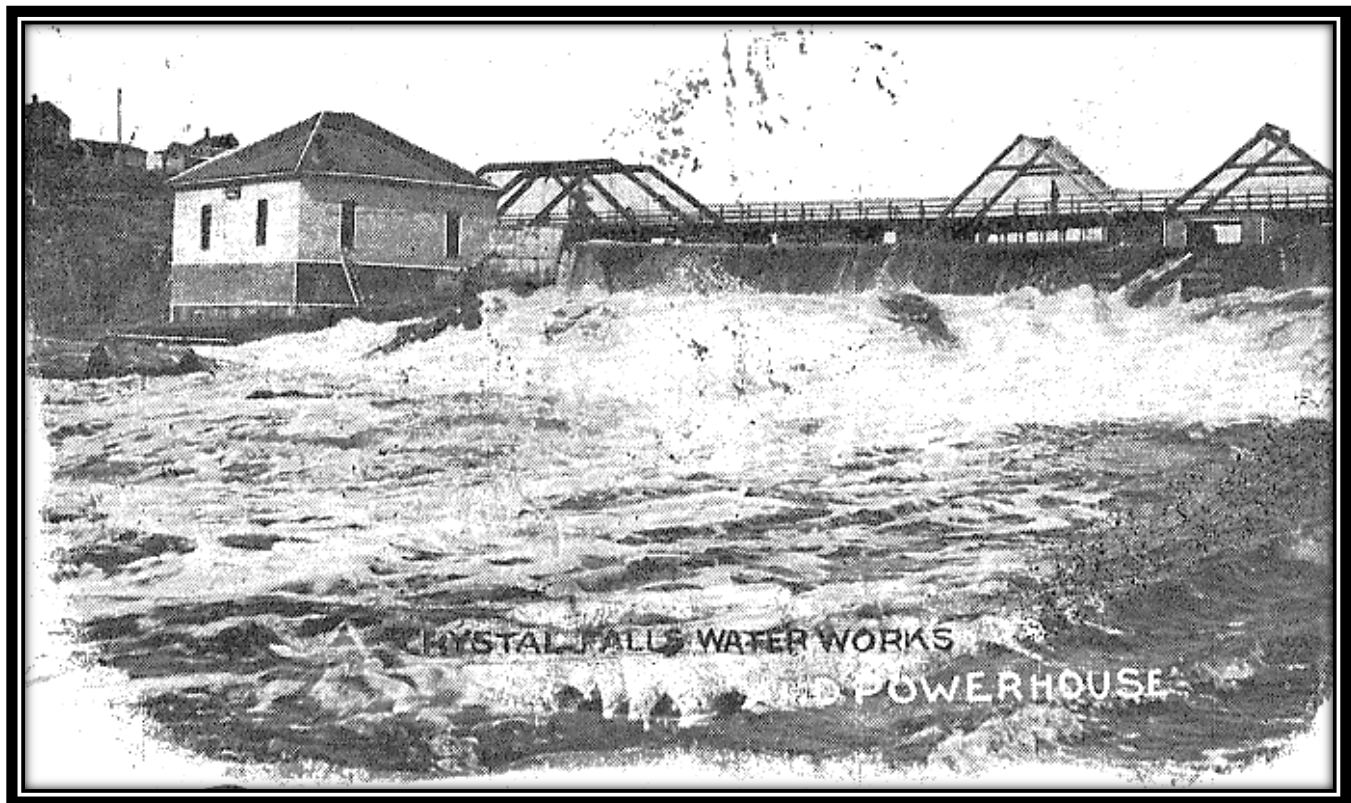
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Crystal Falls Water Works and Power House, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1906: This undivided back black-and-white halftone postcard view identified as **"Greetings from Crystal Falls, Mich. – Crystal Falls Water Works and Power House"** and postmarked Crystal Falls, Michigan, March 25, 1906, shows the Crystal Falls Water Works and Power House Michigan. The large amount of white space on the front was for the message which could not legally be written on the back which contained the address only. [William J. Cummings]

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Crystal Falls Water Works and Power House, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1906 (detail): This undivided back black-and-white halftone postcard view identified as "Greetings from Crystal Falls, Mich. – Crystal Falls Water Works and Power House" and postmarked Crystal Falls, Michigan, March 25, 1906 shows the Crystal Falls Water Works and Power House. [William J. Cummings]

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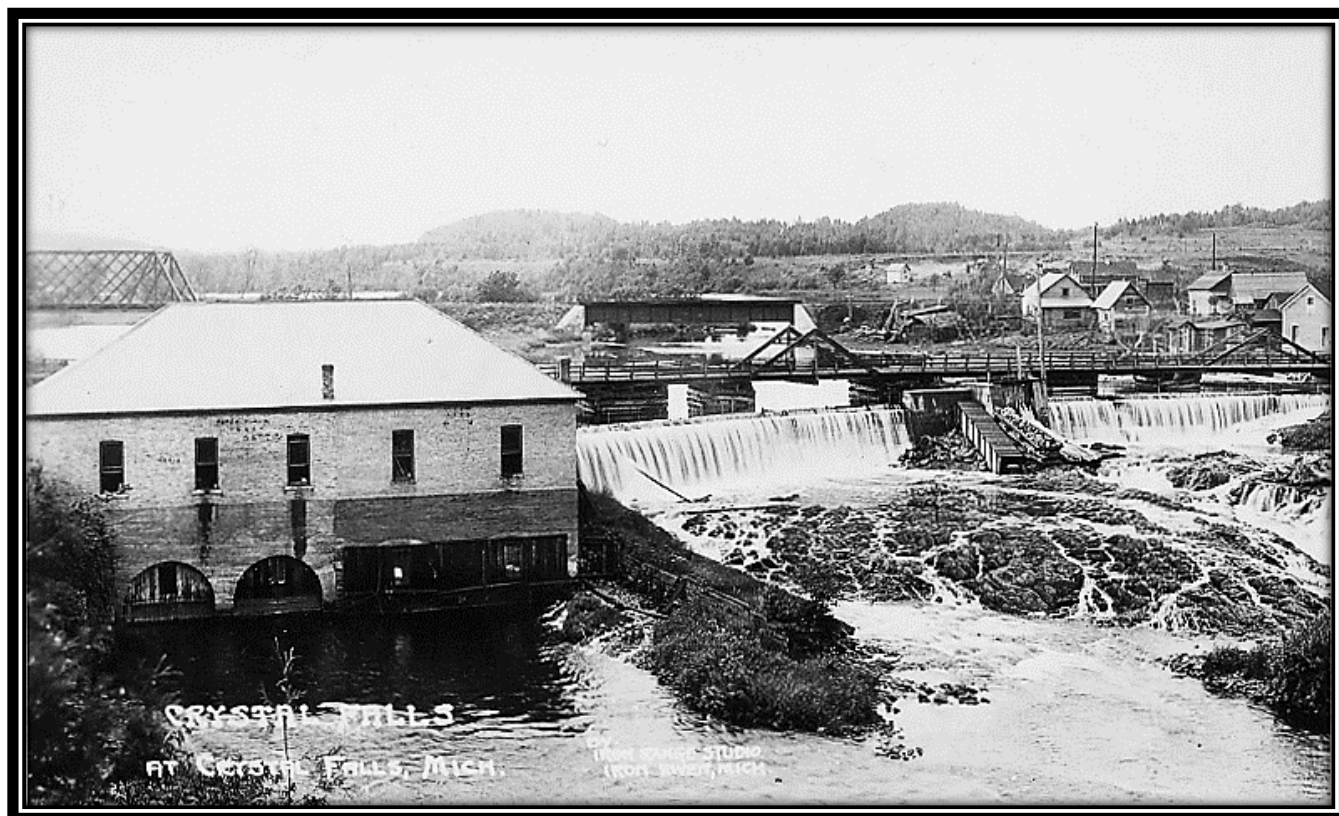


Crystal Falls Water Works and Power House, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1908: This cyanotype real photo postcard view unidentified on the image is postmarked Crystal Falls, Michigan, August 26, 1908 and shows the Crystal Falls Water Works and Power House. Cyanotype is a photographic printing process that produces a cyan-blue print. Engineers used the process well into the twentieth century as a simple and low-cost process to produce copies of drawings, referred to as blueprints. The process uses two chemicals: ferric ammonium citrate and potassium ferricyanide. The above image has been converted to black-and-white and the image below is the actual cyanotype. [William J. Cummings]



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Crystal Falls at Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1935: This real photo postcard view identified as "Crystal Falls at Crystal Falls, Mich." and postmarked June 15, 1935, shows the Crystal Falls Water Works and Power House on the Paint River, published by the Iron Range Studio, Iron River, Mich. Today's city-owned power plant supplies one third of the town's electricity. Note the iron bridge in the upper left and the houses in the upper right. [William J. Cummings]

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Crystal Falls Dam and Power Plant, Pine Street, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1983: On December 22, 1983 the Crystal Falls Dam and Power Plant were added to the National Register of Historic Places. The section of the Paint River where the dam is now located was once a series of falls and rapids that gave Crystal Falls its name. However, in 1891, the village of Crystal Falls constructed this dam and power plant, effectively submerging the rapids. The plant was expanded several times but could not keep up with demand from the growing population of Crystal Falls. The plant is still operational, providing roughly one third of the power to Crystal Falls, and is likely the oldest hydro-electric plant still in operation in the Upper Peninsula.

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WAY DAM ON THE MICHIGAMME RIVER



Way Dam, Near Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan,, ca. 1950-1960: This unused real photo postcard view identified as “Way Dam, Crystal Falls, Mich. E-703” shows Way Dam, located on the Michigamme River east of Crystal Falls in Mansfield Township. Way Dam was built in about 1940 and is located 6.3 miles east of Crystal Falls near Kelso Junction. [William J. Cummings]

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Way Dam, Near Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1961: This real photo postcard view identified as “Way Dam Near Crystal Falls, Mich. 2-A-58” and postmarked Crystal Falls, Michigan, October 11, 1961, shows Way Dam, located 6.3 miles east of Crystal Falls in Mansfield Township on the Michigamme River. The dam structure shows water cascading over two of the three dam gates with waterfalls below. [William J. Cummings]

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CRYSTAL FALLS TOWNSHIP HALL ON U.S. 141



Crystal Falls Town Hall, 1384 U.S. 141, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1940-1950: This unused real photo postcard view is identified as "Town Hall, Crystal Falls, Mich. B-1769." The Crystal Falls Town Hall was constructed in 1931 and is located at 1384 U.S. 141 in Iron County, Michigan. [William J. Cummings]

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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION [MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FIELD OFFICE]



Department of Conservation, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1940-1950: This unused real photo postcard view identified as the “**Department of Conservation, Crystal Falls, Mich. A-1774**” and dating between 1940 and 1950 shows the Department of Conservation office building and garage located north of Crystal Falls. [William J. Cummings]

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MINES AND MINERS



Bristol Mine, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, April 1899: This photograph of the Bristol Mine which opened in 1892 was taken by Jorgen J. Eskil, pioneer Menominee Range photographer, in April, 1899. Eskil had an early studio in Florence, Wisconsin, and then moved to Iron Mountain, Michigan. He had branch studios in Iron River, Michigan and Norway, Michigan. First opened in 1892, the Bristol Mine was located on E ½ of SE ¼ of Section 19, Township 43 North, Range 32 West. The Bristol Mine's greatest vertical depth was 903 feet in 1914. The mine shipped from 1892 through 1934, except for 1894-1898 and was operated by the Bristol Mining Company with Oglebay, Norton & Company as sales and operating agent. The mining lease was surrendered April 12, 1933, and shipments from the stockpile were completed in 1934. The Bristol Mine shipped a total of 3,593,543 tons of iron ore. The Bristol was originally known as the Claire Mine. *[Menominee Range Historical Museum]*

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Bristol Mine, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1910: This real photo postcard view identified as the “Bristal [sic – Bristol] Mine, Crystal Falls, Mich.” and postmarked Crystal Falls, Michigan, December 24, 1910 shows an early view of the workings of this iron mine. First opened in 1892, the Bristol Mine was located on E ½ of SE ¼ of Section 19, Township 43 North, Range 32 West. The Bristol Mine’s greatest vertical depth was 903 feet in 1914. The mine shipped from 1892 through 1934, except for 1894-1898 and was operated by the Bristol Mining Company with Oglebay, Norton & Company as sales and operating agent. The mining lease was surrendered April 12, 1933, and shipments from the stockpile were completed in 1934. The Bristol Mine shipped a total of 3,593,543 tons of iron ore. The Bristol was originally known as the Claire Mine. [William J. Cummings]

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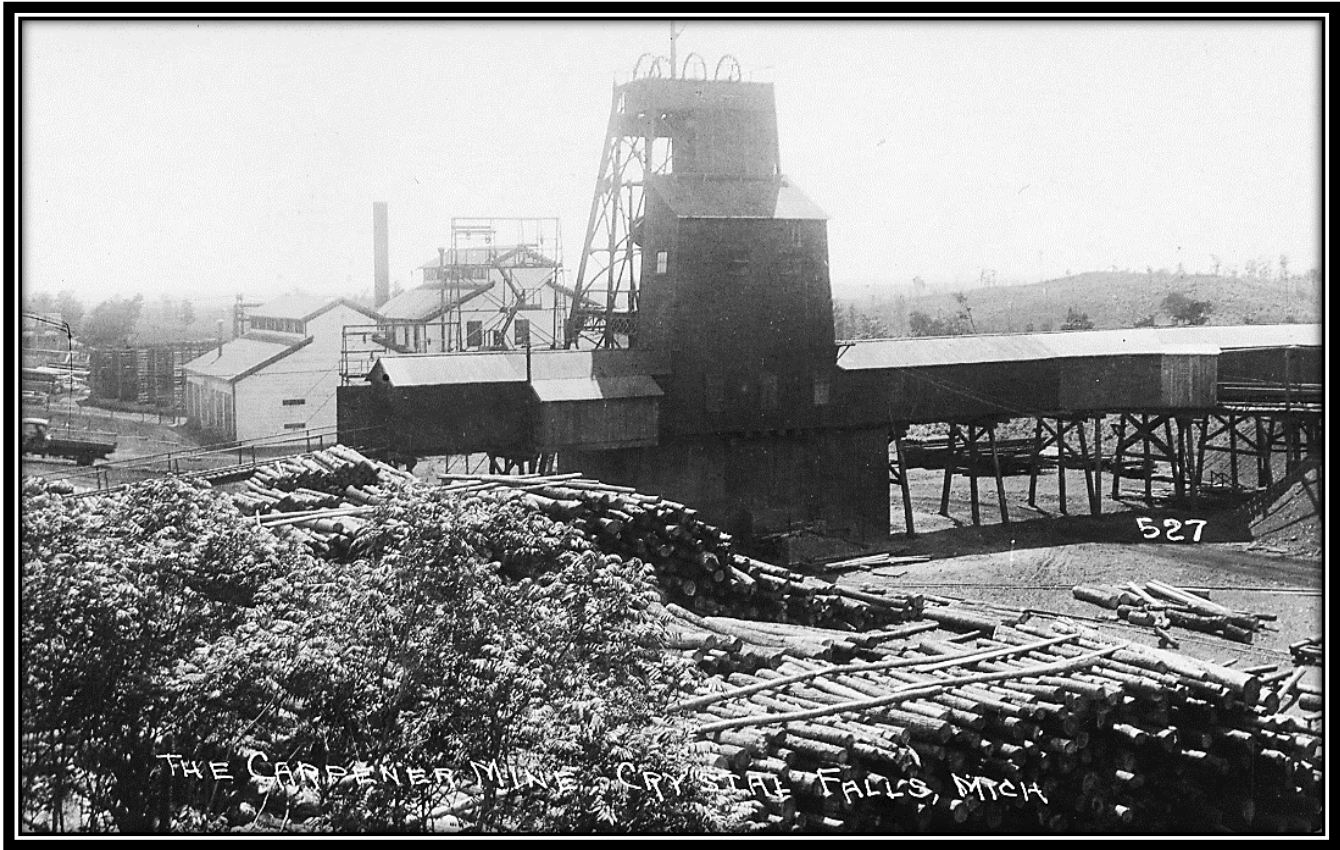
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Bristol Mine, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, 1924: This messaged but unposted real photo postcard view identified as the “Bristol Mine, Crystal Falls, Michigan” was taken by the Iron Range Studio, Iron River, Michigan, in 1924 and shows the shaft house in the center, various mining buildings at the right and trestles at the left with a stockpile. First opened in 1892, the Bristol Mine was located on E ½ of SE ¼ of Section 19, Township 43 North, Range 32 West. The Bristol Mine’s greatest vertical depth was 903 feet in 1914. The mine shipped from 1892 through 1934, except for 1894-1898 and was operated by the Bristol Mining Company with Oglebay, Norton & Company as sales and operating agent. The mining lease was surrendered April 12, 1933, and shipments from the stockpile were completed in 1934. The Bristol Mine shipped a total of 3,593,543 tons of iron ore. The Bristol was originally known as the Claire Mine. [William J. Cummings]

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Carpenter Mine, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1914-1928: This unused real photo postcard view identified as "The Carpenter Mine, Crystal Falls, Mich. 527" dating from between 1914 and 1928 shows the headframe and shaft of the Carpenter Mine and adjoining mining buildings. Located on the N ½ of SW ¼ of Section 31, Township 43 North, Range 32 West, the Carpenter Mine opened in 1913 and shipped every year from 1914 through 1928, a total of 2,735,452 tons. It was operated by the Hollister Mining Company, Crystal Falls, Michigan, in 1914 and was later operated by the Hanna Furnace Company. M.A. Hanna & Company, Cleveland, Ohio, was the sales agent. The mining works were used again between 1954 and 1956 to get to the ore in the neighboring Lawrence Exploration. [William J. Cummings]

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Carpenter Mine, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1914-1928: This real photo postcard view identified as the "Carpenter Mine, Crystal Falls, Mich." was taken by Sexton and probably dates between 1914 and 1928. Carpenter Mine was opened in 1913 by the Hanna Furnace Company. Located on the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 31, Township 43 North, Range 32 West, the Carpenter Mine opened in 1913 and shipped every year from 1914 through 1928, a total of 2,735,452 tons. It was operated by the Hollister Mining Company, Crystal Falls, Michigan, in 1914 and was later operated by the Hanna Furnace Company. M.A. Hanna & Company, Cleveland, Ohio, was the sales agent. The mining works were used again between 1954 and 1956 to get to the ore in the neighboring Lawrence Exploration. [William J. Cummings]

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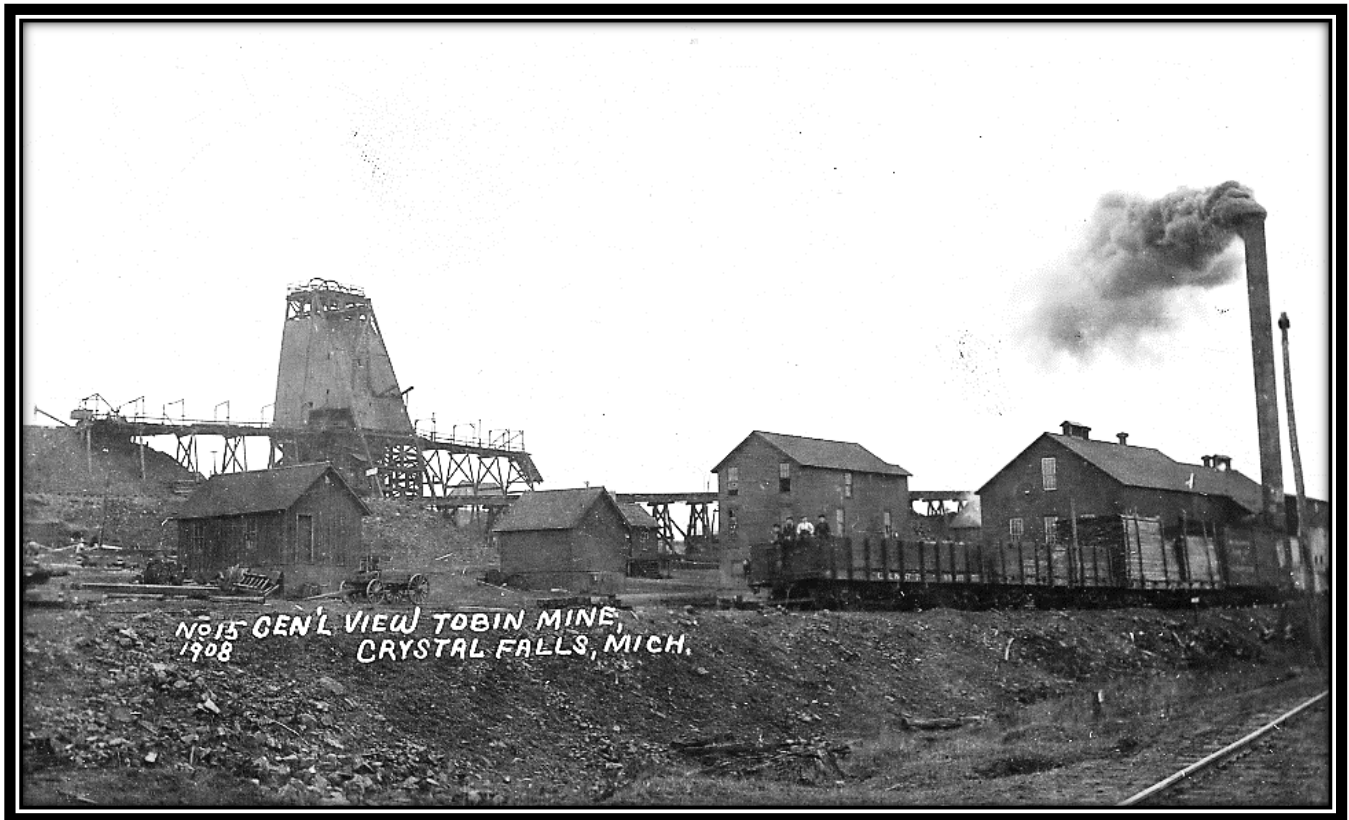
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Delphic Mine, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, 1888: This photograph of the Delphic Mine was taken by Jorgen J. Eskil, pioneer Menominee Range photographer, in April 1899. Eskil had an early studio in Florence, Wisconsin, and then moved to Iron Mountain, Michigan. He had branch studios in Iron River, Michigan and Norway, Michigan. Located on the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 24, Township 42 North, Range 33 West, the Delphic Mine opened in 1883. The Delphic Mine, located near Alpha, Iron County, Michigan, shipped a total of 33,770 tons between 1883 and 1887 and again in 1896. *[Menominee Range Historical Museum]*

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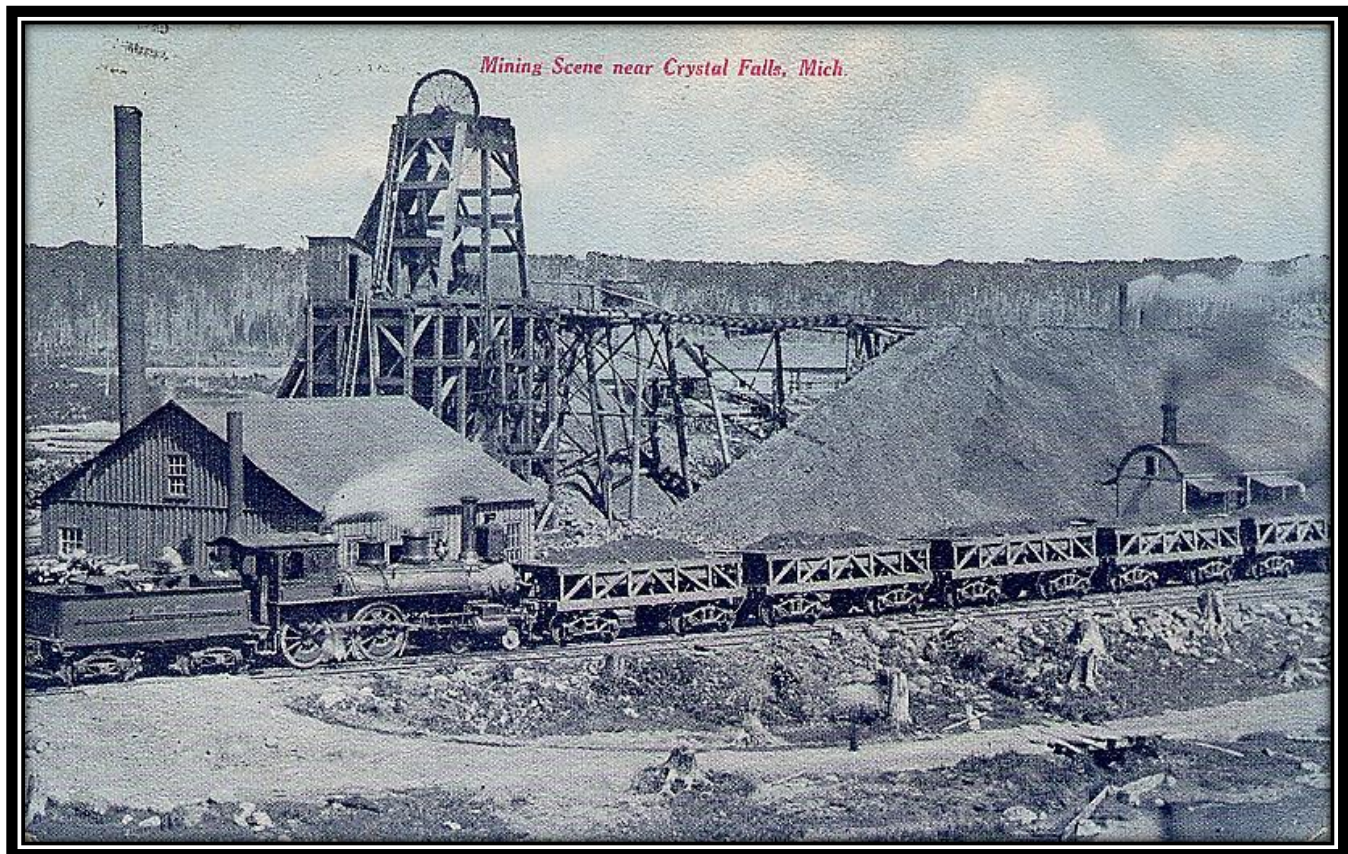
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General View of the Tobin Mine, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, 1908: This unused postcard view identified as "Gen'l View Tobin Mine, Crystal Falls, Mich. No. 15 1908" was opened in 1901. Note the shaft housing at the left and the engine house smokestack at the right. Located on the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 30, Township 43 North, Range 32 West, the Tobin Mine was operated by the Corrigan McKinney Steel Company which was acquired by the Republic Steel Corporation in 1935. Its greatest vertical depth was 1,783 feet. The Tobin Mine shipped a total of 4,630,052 tons between 1901 and 1950. Shipments were made every year with the following exceptions: 1921, 1926, 1929, 1931 and 1943-1948. Shipments between 1938 and 1940 were made from the stockpile. The Tobin Mine worked in conjunction with the Columbia Mine during part of its history. [William J. Cummings]

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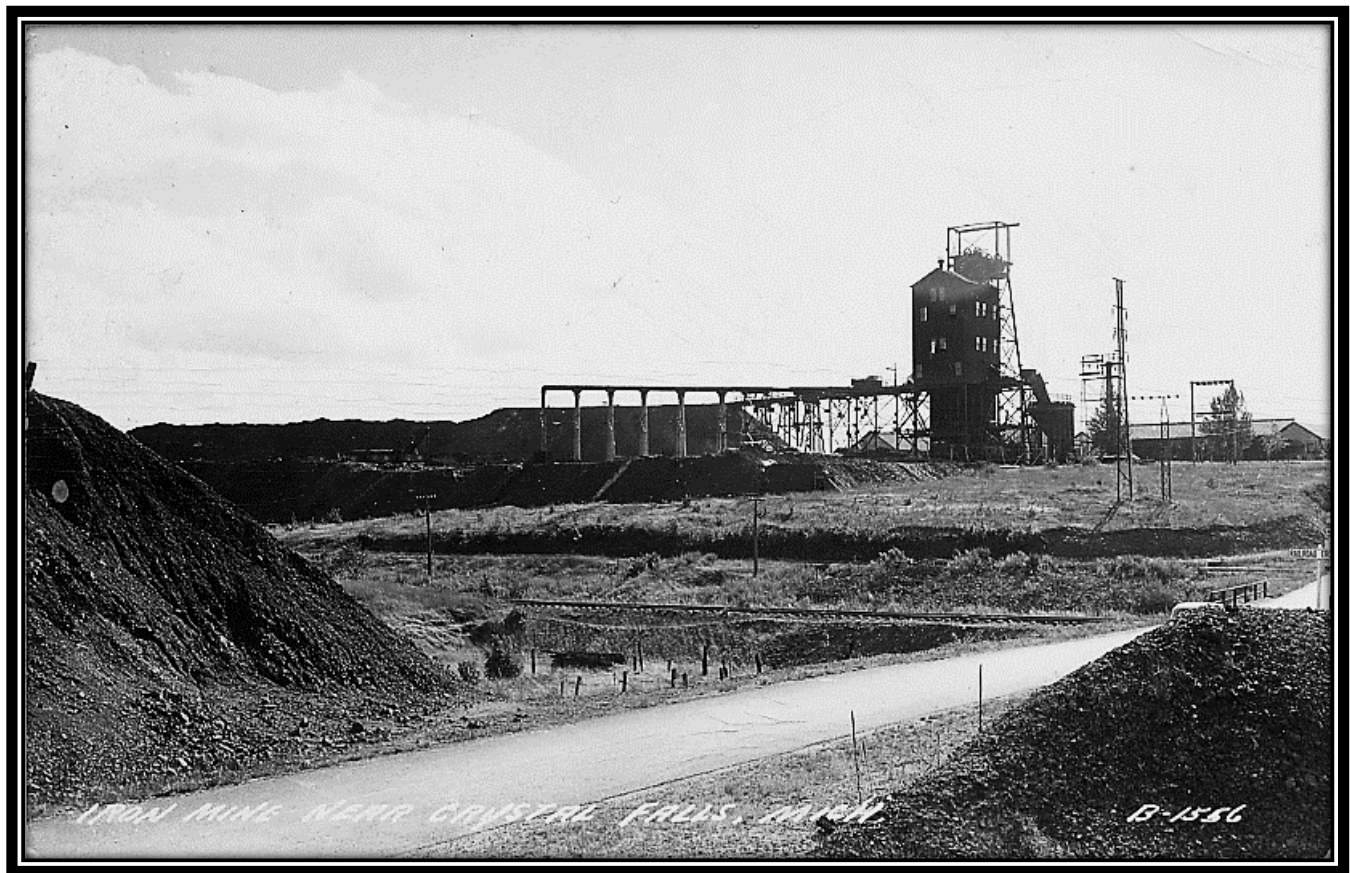
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Mining Scene Near Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1907: This tinted halftone postcard view identified as "Mining Scene near Crystal Falls, Mich." postmarked Crystal Falls, Michigan, September 12, 1907 shows an unidentified mine near Crystal Falls. Note the shaft housing and huge stockpile at the right, as well as the steam engine and loaded ore cars. [William J. Cummings]

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Iron Mine Near Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1940-1950: This unused postcard view identified as **"Iron Mine Near Crystal Falls, Mich. B-1556"** shows an unidentified iron mine near Crystal Falls in Iron County, Michigan, with stockpiles at the left, a tramway, shaft housing and other mining buildings, probably dating between 1940 and 1950. [William J. Cummings]

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“Trammers” Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1922: This real photo postcard view identified as **“Trammers’ Pub. For Rezin’s Drug Store, Crsytal Falls, Mich.”** is postmarked Crystal Falls, Michigan, April 4, 1922 and shows a rare interior mine view with two trammers whose job was to fill the small underground ore cars to the shaft to be hauled to the surface. The miner at the right has a carbine lamp on his hat. Note the headbands worn under the hats. [William J. Cummings]

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RUNKLE LAKE



Making Ice on Runkel Lake, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1915-1917: These two early postcard photographs, dating between 1915 and 1917, show the crew of Irving H. Jackson & Sons cutting ice on Runkle Lake just east of Crystal Falls. William H. Cummings is the man with the pole second from the right below, and also in the center in the photograph above. [William J. Cummings]

[NOTE: William H. Cummings is the paternal grandfather of William J. Cummings.]

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Runkle Lake Park, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1940-1950: This unused real photo black-and-white postcard identified as "Runkle Lake Park, Crystal Falls, Mich. E-717" shows the entrance to the park area at Runkle Lake, just east of Crystal Falls. Note the 1940s-vintage automobile parked on the left. [William J. Cummings]

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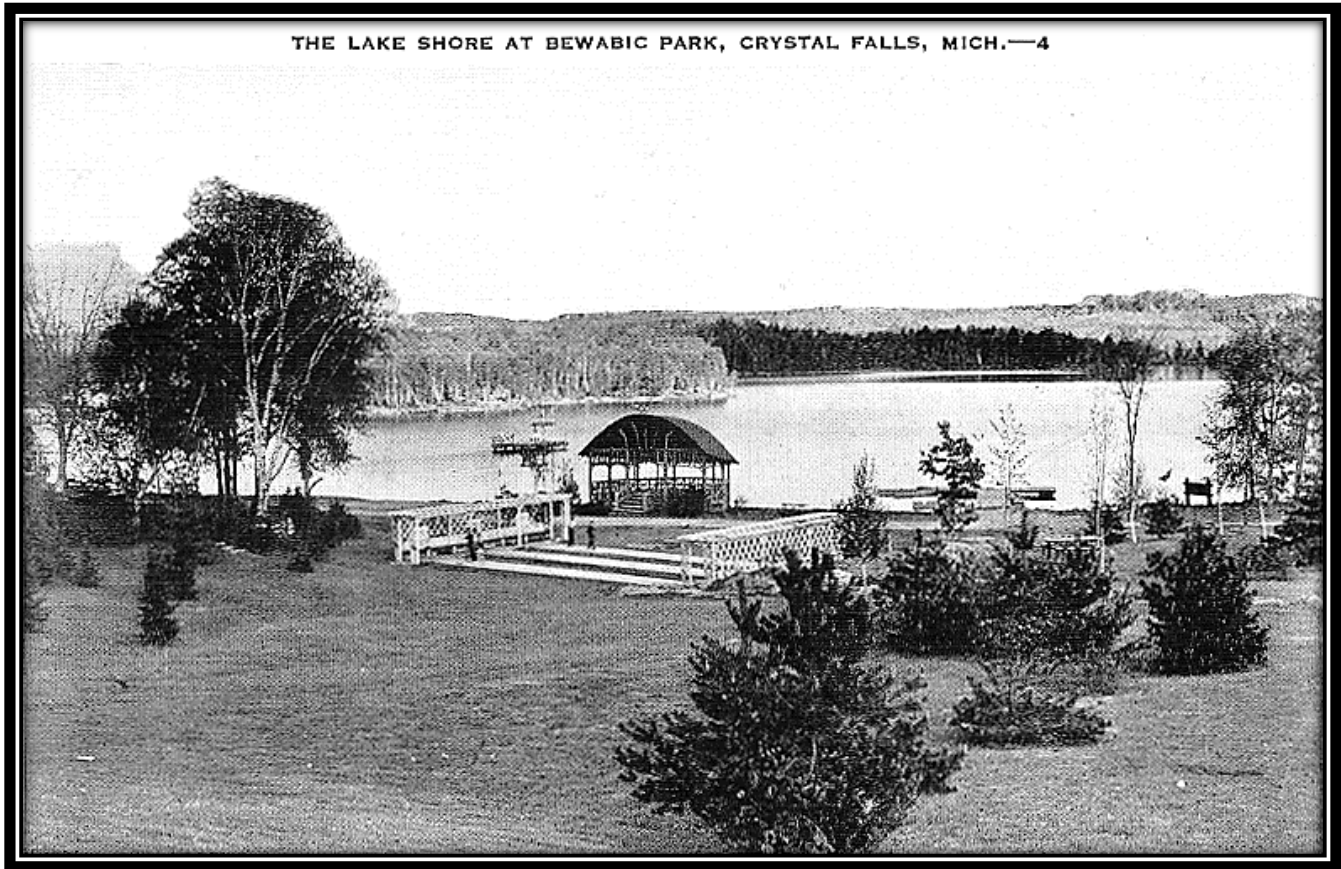


Runkle Lake Park, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1940-1950: This unused real photo black-and-white postcard identified as "Runkle Lake Park, Crystal Falls, Mich. D-1617" shows the park area at Runkle Lake, just east of Crystal Falls. Note the raft and diving platform in the lake. [William J. Cummings]

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BEWABIC PARK AT FORTUNE LAKE



Bewabic Park, Fortune Lake, West of Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1930-1940: This unused black-and-white halftone postcard view identified as “The Lake Shore at Bewabic Park, Crystal Falls, Mich. – 4” probably dates between 1930 and 1940 and shows the bathing beach at Fortune Lake with shuffleboard courts and a covered pavilion near the lake shore.

Fortune Lake is actually a chain of lakes located 4.6 miles west of Crystal Falls on U.S. 2. Bewabic State Park’s physical address is 1933 U.S. 2. A 137-site campground is situated in a shady, wooded site with buffer strips between most of the sites. Bewabic has picnic areas, a tennis court, a hiking trail, two playgrounds, an excellent beach and a boat launch to Fortune Lake. It is also part of the Iron County Heritage Trail system. The 2.5 mile ski trail is groomed for both classical and skating style skiing during the winter. The park is also open to individuals who want to snowshoe. Perch, bass, bluegill and walleye are plentiful in Fortune Lake. [William J. Cummings]

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Bewabic Park, Fortune Lake, West of Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1940-1950: This unused real photo postcard view identified as “Be-Wa-Bic Park, Crystal Falls, Mich. A-1948” probably dates between 1940 and 1950 and shows the bathing beach at Fortune Lake with shuffleboard courts and a covered pavilion near the lake shore. [William J. Cummings]

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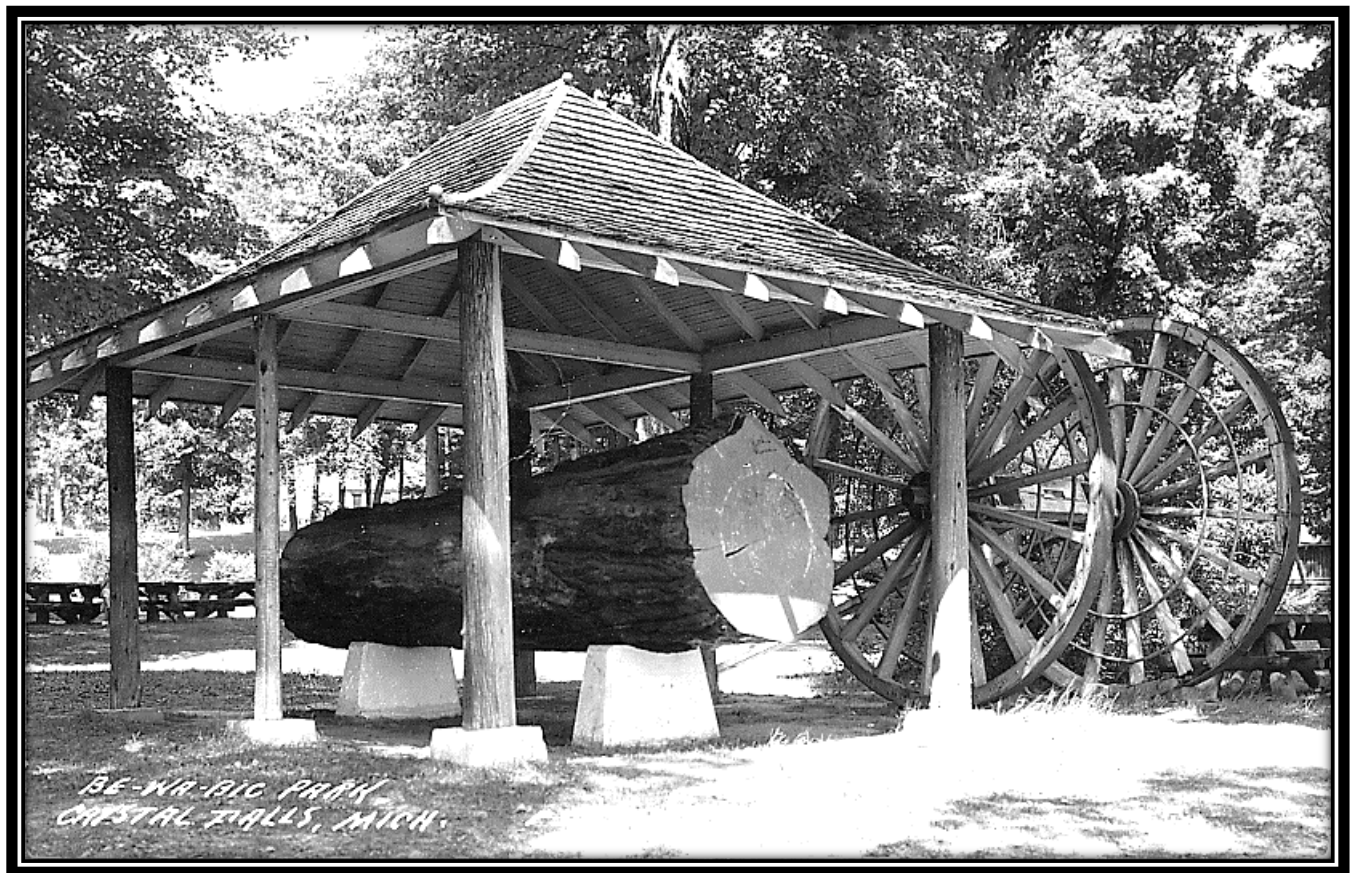
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Interior of Wigwam, the Log Pavilion, Bewabic Park, Fortune Lake, West of Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1941: This real photo postcard view identified as "A-1781 Wigwam, Be-Wa-Bic, Crystal Falls, Mich." is postmarked Stambaugh, Michigan, October 7, 1941 and shows the interior of the Wigwam, a pavilion located in Bewabic Park at Fortune Lake near Crystal Falls. Note the solid log wall at the end and the stone fireplace at the right. [eBay]

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Bewabic Park, Fortune Lake, West of Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1940-1950: This unused real photo postcard view identified as “Be-Wa-Bic Park, Crystal Falls, Mich.” shows a huge log exemplifying virgin timber originally found on this site protected under roofed enclosure and a pair of big wheels used in logging at the right. [William J. Cummings]

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CHICAGON LAKE AND PENTOGA PARK

CHICAGON LAKE, Iron County: Andrew J. Blackbird's Ottawa grammar gives She-gog for skunk and She-gog-ong, also She-kaw-gong, for Chicago, i.e. skunk place. Written in French orthography, the final "g" was dropped. Joutel's spelling of the name survives here in Chicagon Lake.



Pentoga Park, Chicagon Lake, 1630 County Road 424, Near Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1940-1950: This unused black-and-white real photo postcard identified as **"Princess Pentoga, Pentoga Park, Crystal Falls, Mich. N1692"** dating between 1940 and 1950, shows the entrance to Pentoga Park with the statue of Princess Pentoga and another Native American just left of center. The back of this postcard bears a written date of June 13, 1951.

Pentoga Park is located at 1630 County Road 424 on the southern tip of Chicagon Lake five miles southwest of Crystal Falls in Iron County and is built on the former site of an Ojibwa village. Iron County purchased the land for this park in 1924 as a tribute to the Native Americans that congregated here and to preserve their burial grounds. The wooden burial structures have endured time to protect and mark the graves of the ancient Ojibwa bands that made this spot their permanent area headquarters in the 1800s.

The drums pound out a steady irresistible beat that can be heard across the calm waters of the lake. Long shadows move and mingle with the tall pines and hardwoods. The huge ceremonial fire tinges everything around orange and yellow. The Ojibwa Indians dance in a circle around the fire. The humble village stands silhouetted along the shore where birch bark

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canoes sit waiting to be taken out on the water for fishing. The ceremony is in honor of one who has passed on to the realm of the Great Spirit. The body had been earlier put to rest in the burial ground on the far ridge. Occasionally mourning wails mingled with the drumbeats.

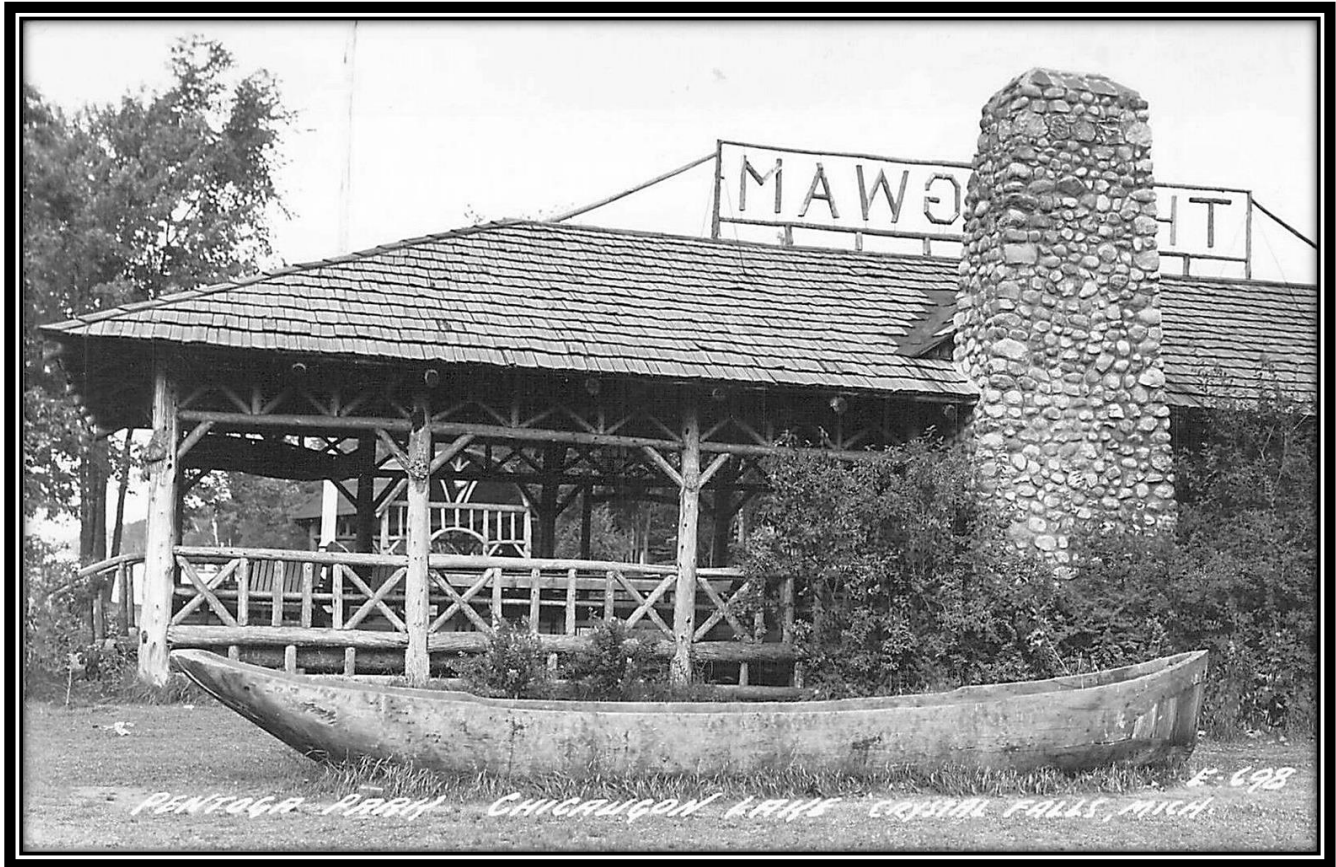
Chicagon Lake is 1,100 acres in size and approximately 115 feet deep at its deepest point. Anglers can expect to catch a variety of fish including lake trout, largemouth bass, muskie, northern pike, rock bass, smallmouth bass, walleye and yellow perch. Pentoga Park offers swimming, fishing, boating, 100 camp sites and more. [William J. Cummings]



Pentoga Park, Chicagon Lake, Near Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1941: This real photo postcard view identified as "Pentoga Park, Crystal Falls, Mich. A-1778" postmarked Iron River, Michigan, July 21, 1941 shows a slide, rustic pavilion near the lake shore, picnic tables and a diving platform out in the lake. [William J. Cummings]

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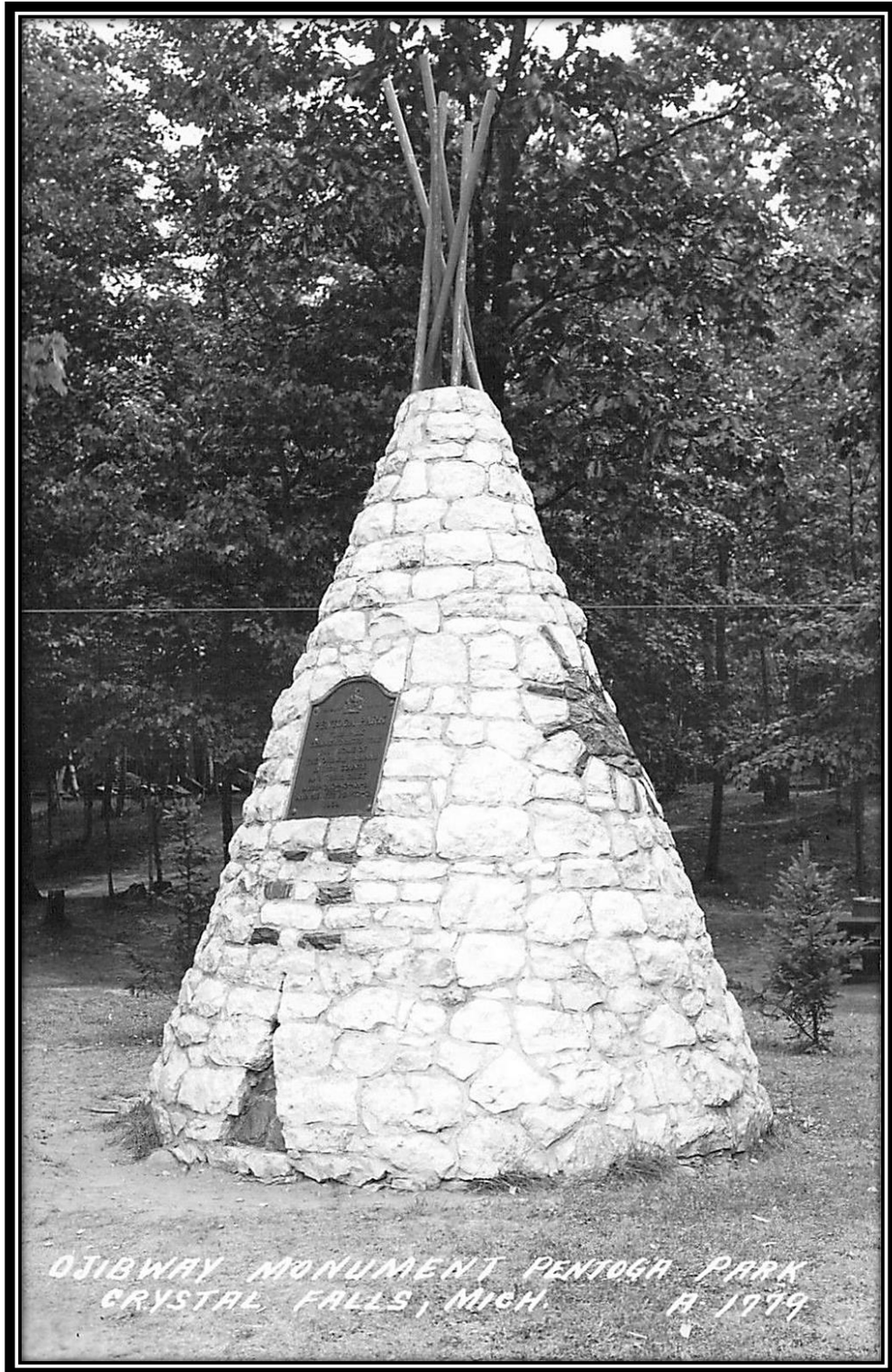
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Pentoga Park, Chicaugon Lake, Near Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1949: This real photo postcard view identified as "Pentoga Park, Chicaugon [sic – Chicaugon] Lake, Crystal Falls, Mich. E-698" has the date July 30, 1949 written in pencil on the back. Note the rustic pavilion called The Wigwam, the stone chimney and the dugout canoe in the foreground. [William J. Cummings]

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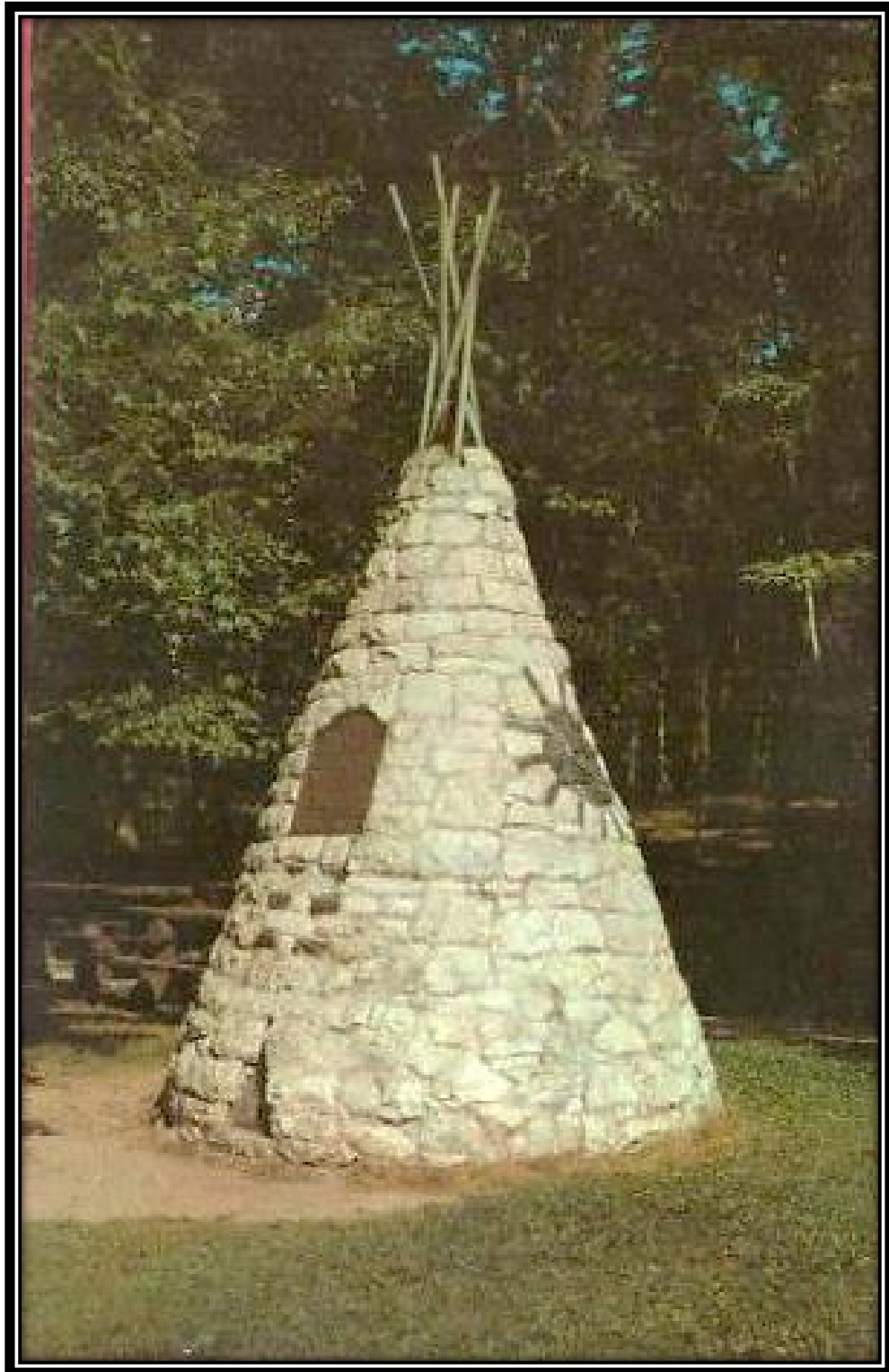
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Pentoga Park, Chicagon Lake, Near Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1940-1950: This unused real photo postcard view identified as "Ojibway Monument, Pentoga Park, Crystal Falls, Mich. A-1779" probably dates between 1940 and 1950 judging from the EKC stamp box on the back. This monument was dedicated to Chief Mush-Quo-No-Na-Bi and his wife Pen-To-Ga. [William J. Cummings]

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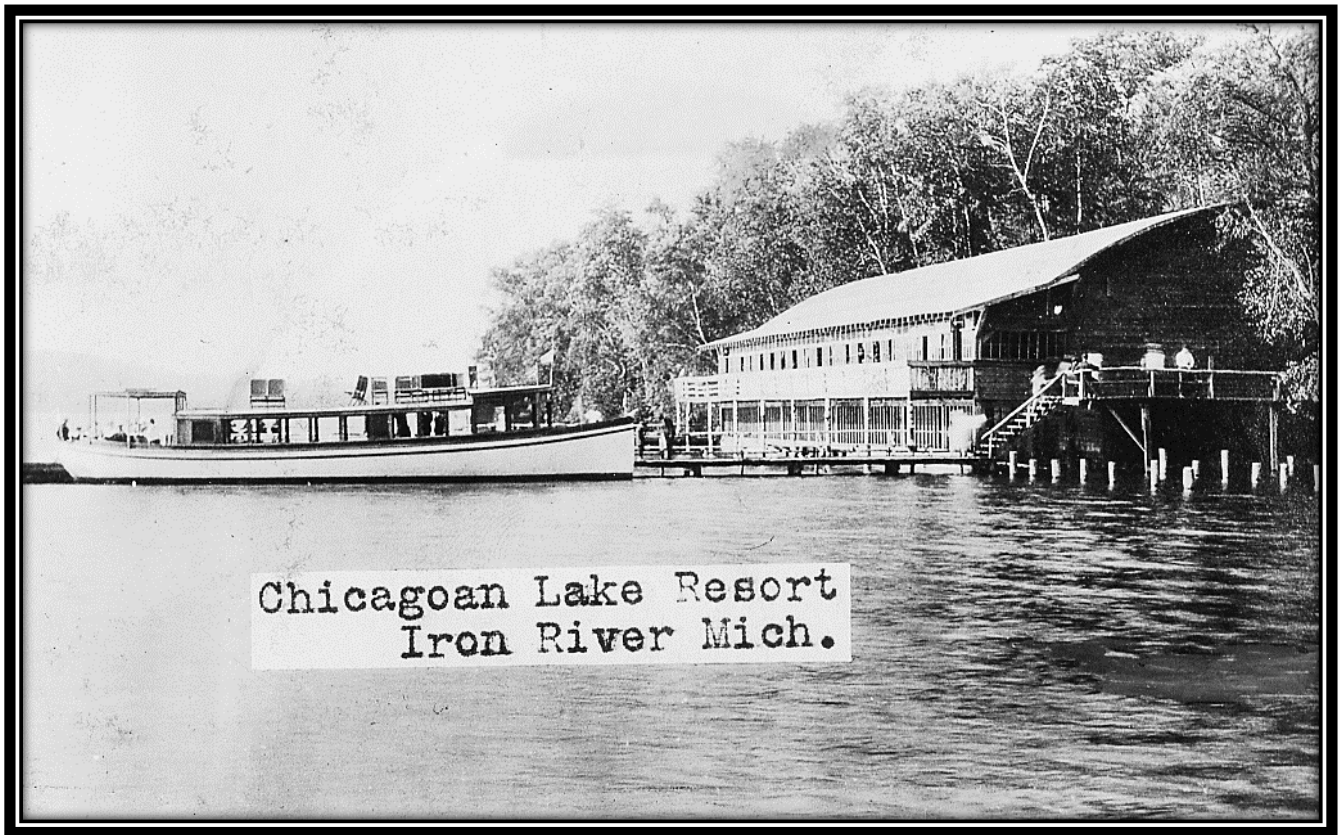
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Pentoga Park, Chicagon Lake, Near Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, 1956: This unused real photo postcard view identified as "193R Ojibwa Indian Monument to Chief Mush-Quo-No-Na-Bi and his wife Pen-To-Ga, Pentoga Park between Crystal Falls and Iron River, Michigan – in Michigan's Upper Peninsula" is copyrighted 1956 by The L.L. Cook Co., Milwaukee, Wisconsin and numbered 89636. [William J. Cummings]

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Chicagoan Lake Resort, Iron River, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1923: This real photo postcard view identified as "Chicagoan Lake Resort, Iron River, Mich." is postmarked Iron River, Michigan, July 25, 1923 and shows a large launch pulling up to the Chicagoan Lake Resort.

An article appearing in *The Iron Mountain News* on June 6, 1925, noted the formal season opening of the Chicagoan Lake Pavilion that evening, featuring Okie Anderson and his seven-piece jazz band from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Dances were to be held at the pavilion every Wednesday and Saturday night throughout the summer. A number of "high class orchestras" had been booked. Free orchestra concerts were given on Sunday afternoons. The article noted, "Chicagoan Lake will be a haven for dancers this summer, being cool and pleasant, the board walk out into the lake providing a novel attraction." [William J. Cummings]

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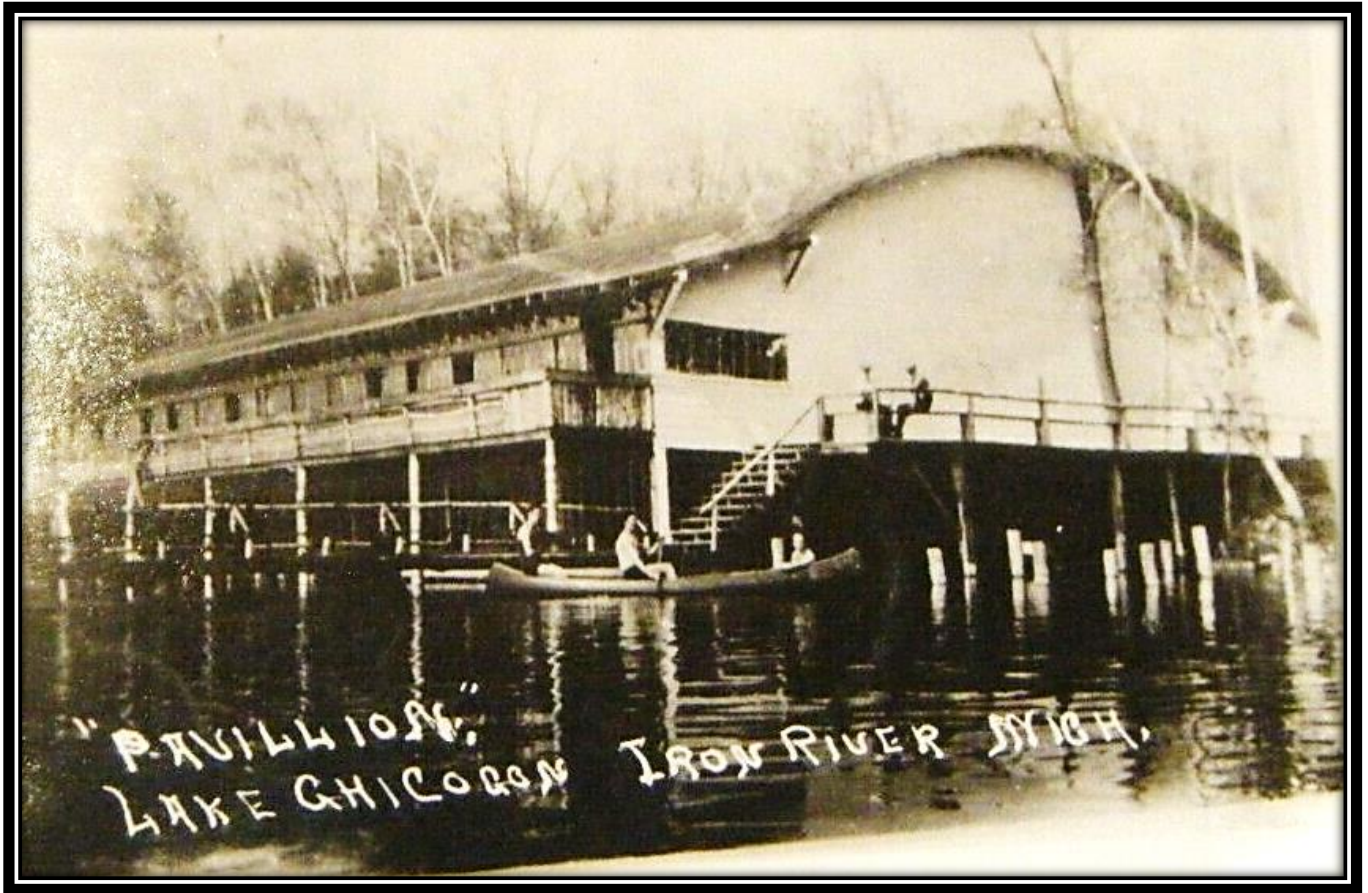
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Chicagoan Lake Resort, Iron River, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1923: This real photo postcard view identified as “Chicagoan Lake Resort, Cloverland.” was published by the Iron Range Studio, Iron River, Michigan and shows a large launch pulling up to the Chicagoan Lake Resort. It is identical to the preceding postcard view. [*Superior View Studio*]

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Chicagoan Lake Resort, Iron River, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1923: This real photo postcard view identified as "Pavillion, Lake Chicogon [sic – Chicagon] Lake Resort, Iron River, Mich." Postmarked Iron River, Michigan, July 25, 1923 shows a large launch pulling up to the Chicagoan Lake Resort. [eBay]

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Indian Burying Ground, Crystal Falls, Mich.

Indian Burying Ground, Chicagon Lake, Near Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1908: This black-and-white halftone postcard view identified as “Indian Burying Ground, Crystal Falls, Mich.” Postmarked Crystal Falls, October 23, 1908 shows three wooden burial “houses” with a man in a hat standing to the right of the largest burial “house” in a dappled woodland setting at Pentoga, Chicagon Lake.

According to Ojibwa funeral customs, upon death the corpse was washed, groomed, dressed in fine clothing, and wrapped in birchbark before burial in a shallow grave. Following death, the soul of the deceased was believed to journey westward for four days to an afterlife in the sky. [William J. Cummings]

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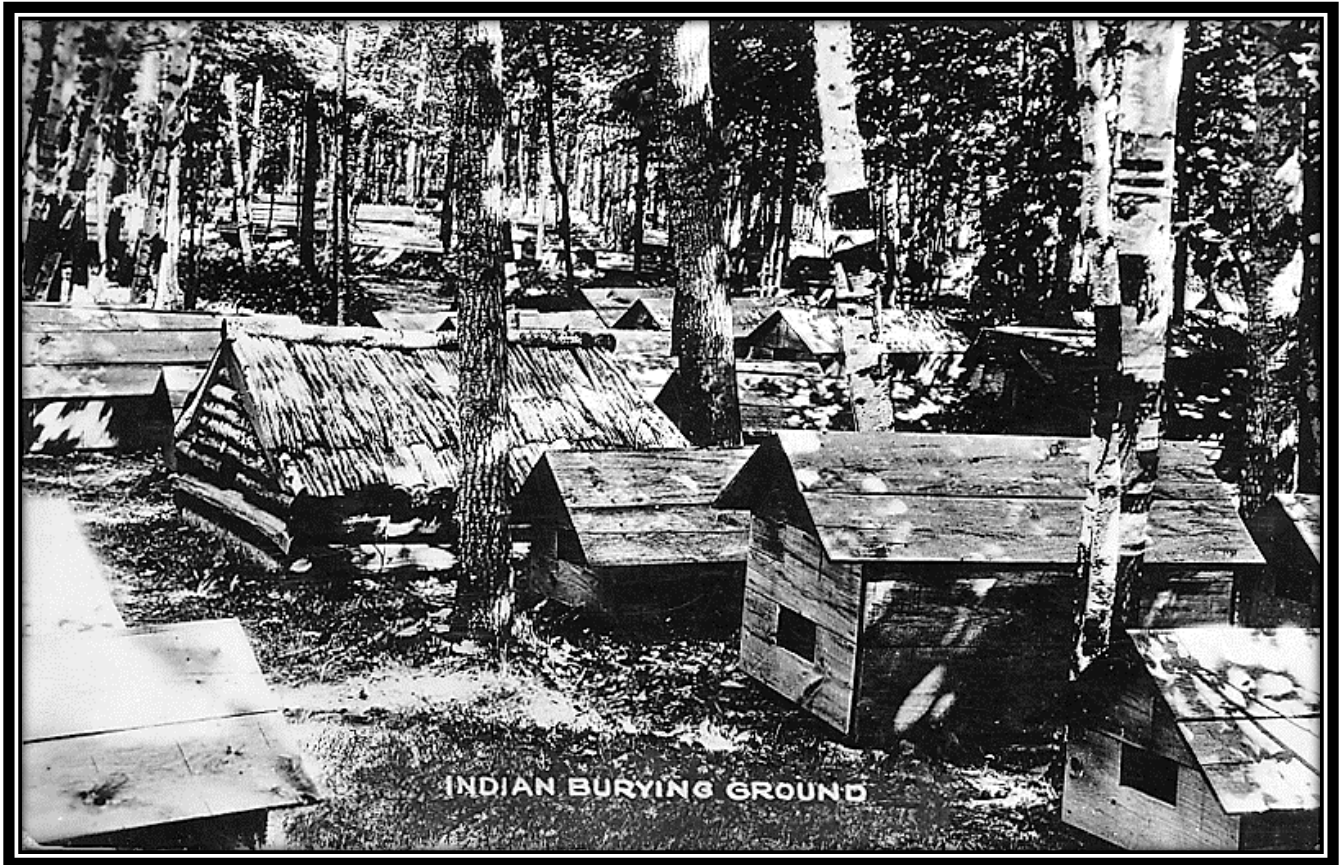


Chippewa Burying Ground, Chicagon Lake, Near Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1925-1942: This unused real photo postcard view identified as "Chippewa Burying Ground, Chicagon Lake" taken and copyrighted by the Iron Range Studio, Iron River, Michigan, probably dates from the 1920s and shows the Chippewa or Ojibwa Indian burial ground with covered graves in a birch woods. The wooden sign at right reads "O-jib-way Je-bay-mig-gon" and has a painted head of a Native American with a feathered headdress.

The funeral ceremony was attended by friends and relatives and was conducted by a Mide priest, who talked to the deceased and offered tobacco to the spirits. [William J. Cummings]

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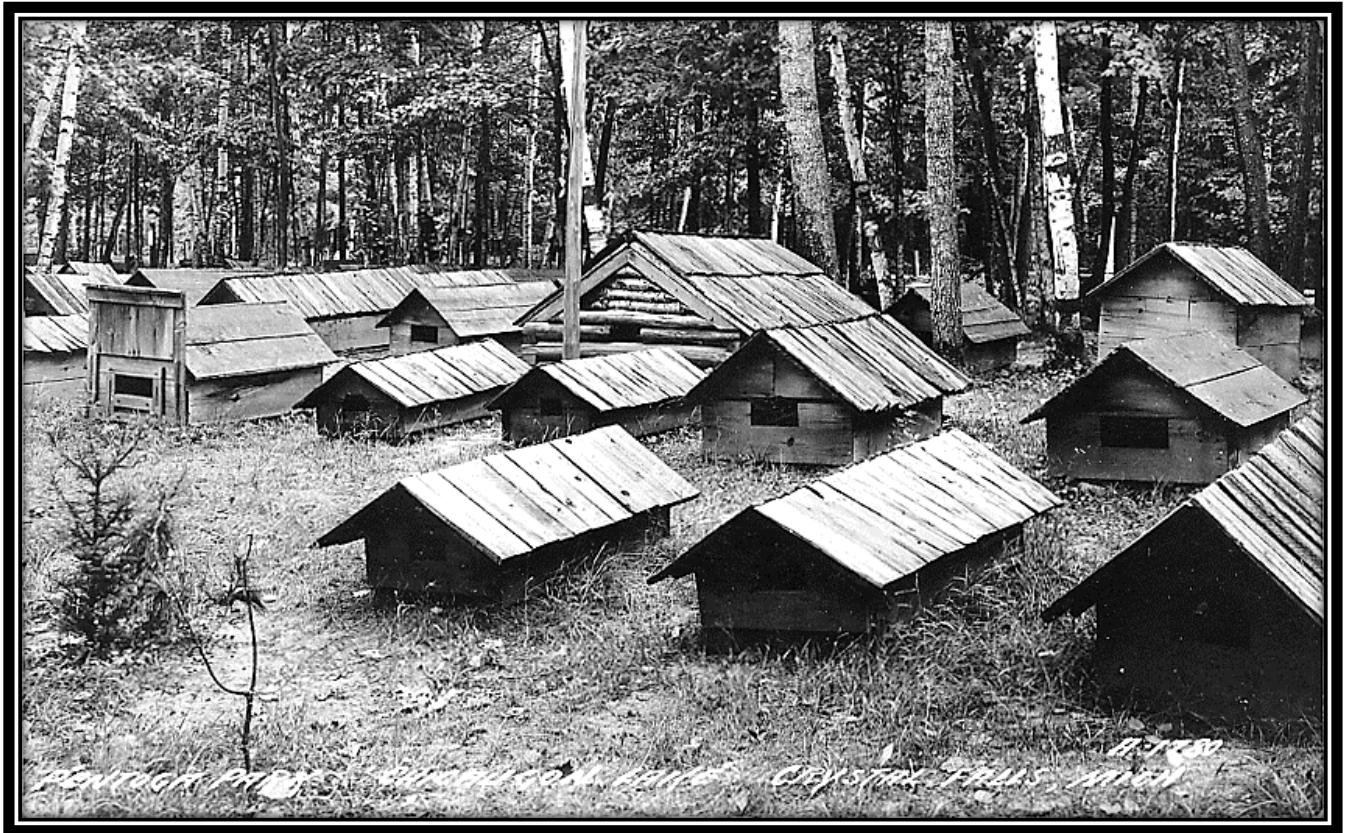


Indian Burying Ground, Pentoga Park, Chicagon Lake, Near Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1940-1950: This unused real photo postcard view identified as "Indian Burying Ground" probably dates between 1940 and 1950 and shows the Chippewa or Ojibwa Indian burial ground with covered graves in a birch woods.

After the ceremony was concluded the body was removed through a hole in the west side of the wigwam to the grave site, where it was buried along with personal possessions. [William J. Cummings]

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Indian Burying Ground, Pentoga Park, Chicagon Lake, Near Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1940-1950: This unused real photo postcard view identified as "Pentoga Park, Chicagon Lake, Crystal Falls, Mich. A-1780" probably dates between 1940 and 1950 and shows the Chippewa or Ojibwa Indian burial ground with covered graves at Pentoga Park on Chicagon Lake.

The door of the wigwam was not used when removing the deceased for fear that the departed soul would return through the door. [William J. Cummings]

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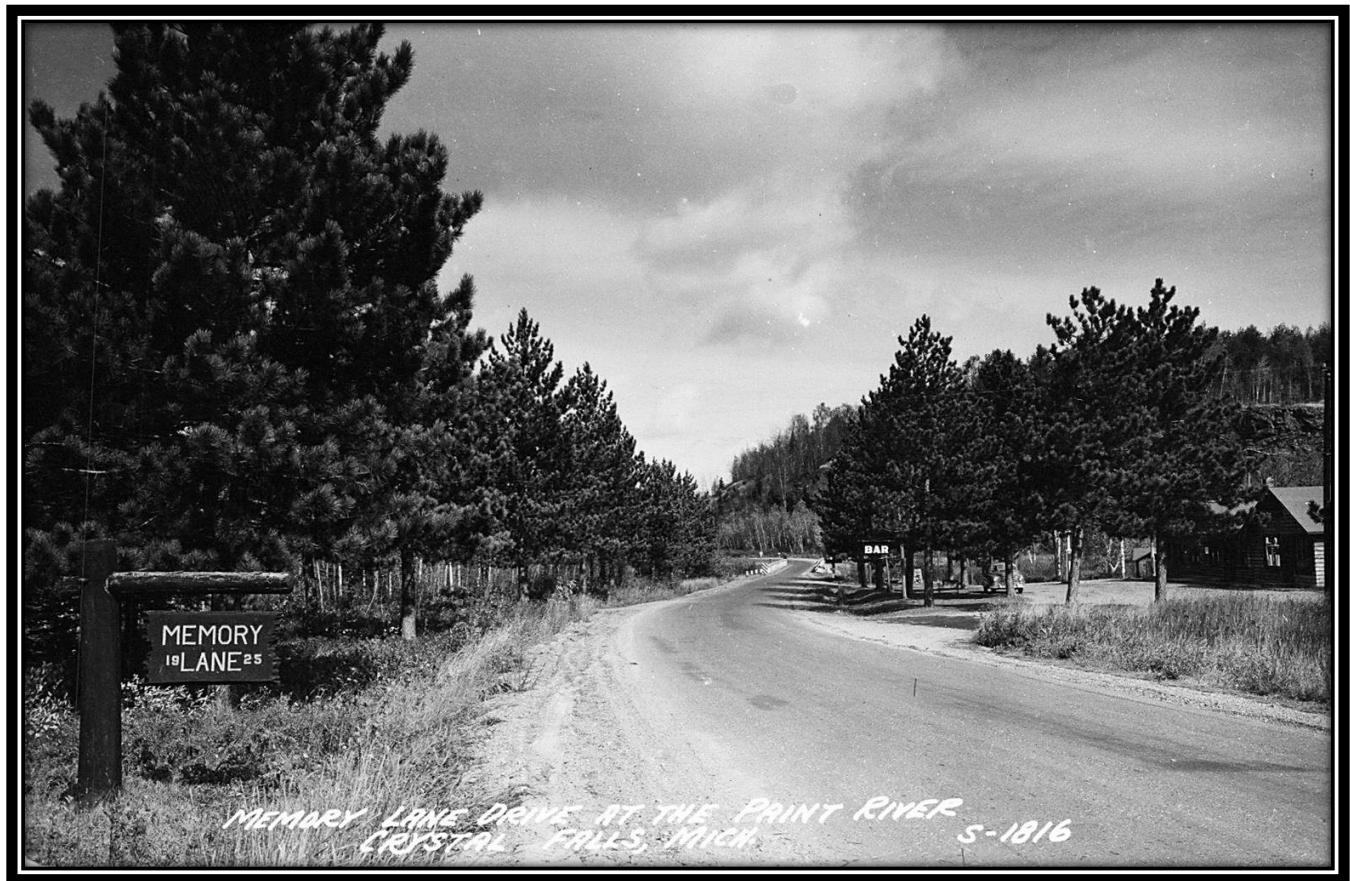
Indian Cemetery, Pentoga Park, Chicagon Lake, Near Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1950-1960: This unused real photo postcard view identified as “Indian Cemetery Near Crystal Falls, Mich. A-2251” probably dates between 1950 and 1960 and shows the Chippewa or Ojibwa Indian burial ground with covered graves at Pentoga Park on Chicagon Lake.

In later times a long, low, gabled plank house was constructed over the grave. The Plains Ojibwa also employed the gabled grave house and left offerings of food and water at the grave house for four days after burial for the soul’s subsistence on its journey to the afterlife. [William J. Cummings]

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MEMORY LANE



Memory Lane Drive at the Paint River, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1940-1950: This unused real photo postcard view is identified as "Memory Lane Drive at the Paint River, Crystal Falls, Mich. S-1816" and probably dates between 1940 and 1950. Note the sign at the left which reads "Memory Lane 1925" and the bar at the right. [William J. Cummings]

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LOGGING CAMPS AND SAWMILLS



Unidentified Logging Camp or Sawmill, Near Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1907-1920: An identification in pencil on the back of this unused real photo postcard, dating between 1907 and 1920, indicates the photograph was taken in “Crystal Falls, Mich.” The man may have been named Dennis, as “Dennis” is lightly written on the reverse, as are the names of the horses – “Patty” and “Girl.” Note the cow standing in background and the large pile of lumber, perhaps indicating a sawmill. [William J. Cummings]