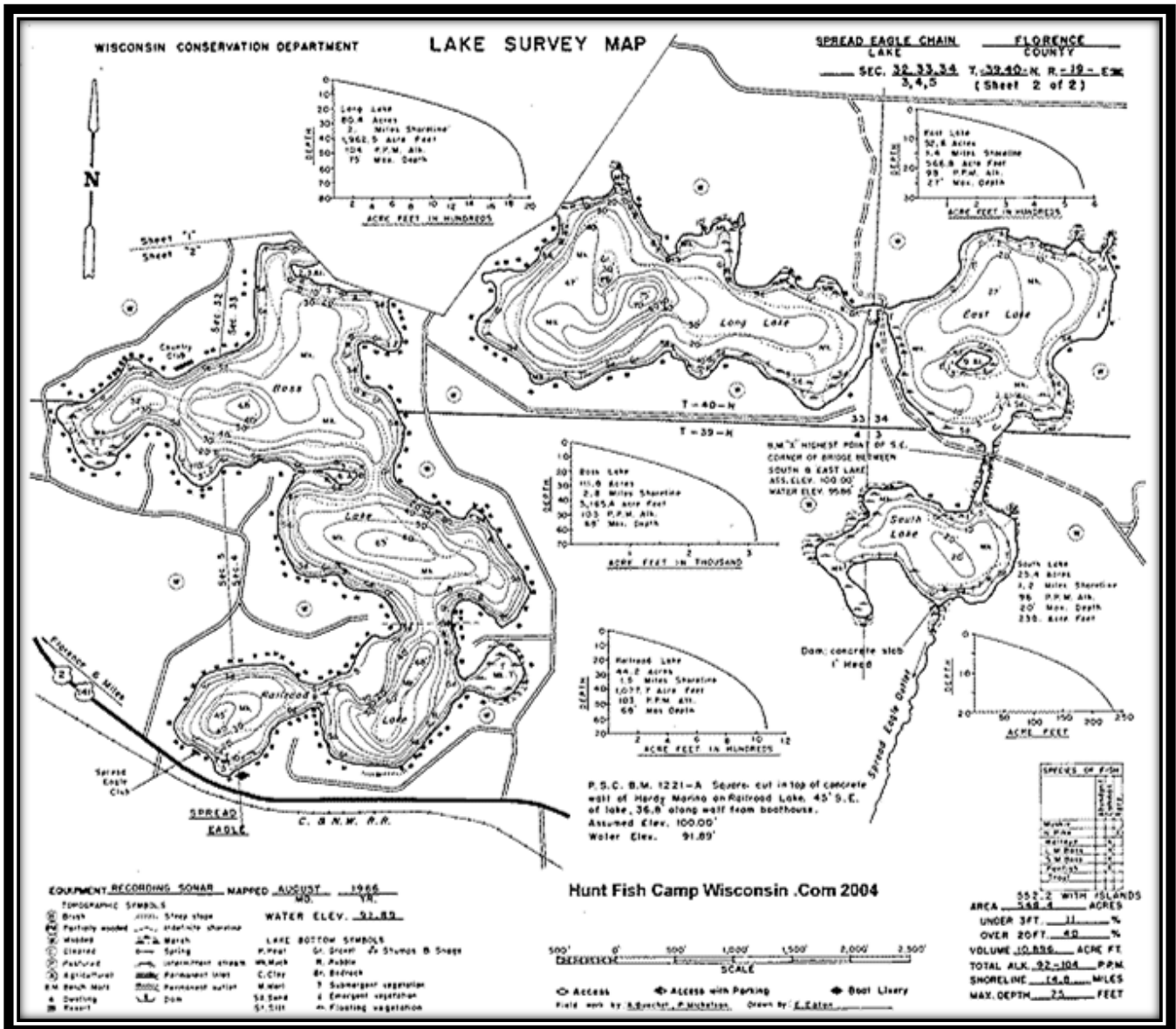


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Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes

This important resort area of Florence County was surveyed by Artimus Curtis, who set the Township lines in May 1857, and by William Daugherty and McGill, who set the subdivision lines during August and September 1864.

The name "Spread Eagle" was a favorite name in Florence County in the early days. Hiram Fisher named his iron ore discovery at Florence the "Spread Eagle Mine." Jack Armstrong's "Spread Eagle House" on the bank of Fisher Lake was noted as the best rest house on the range.

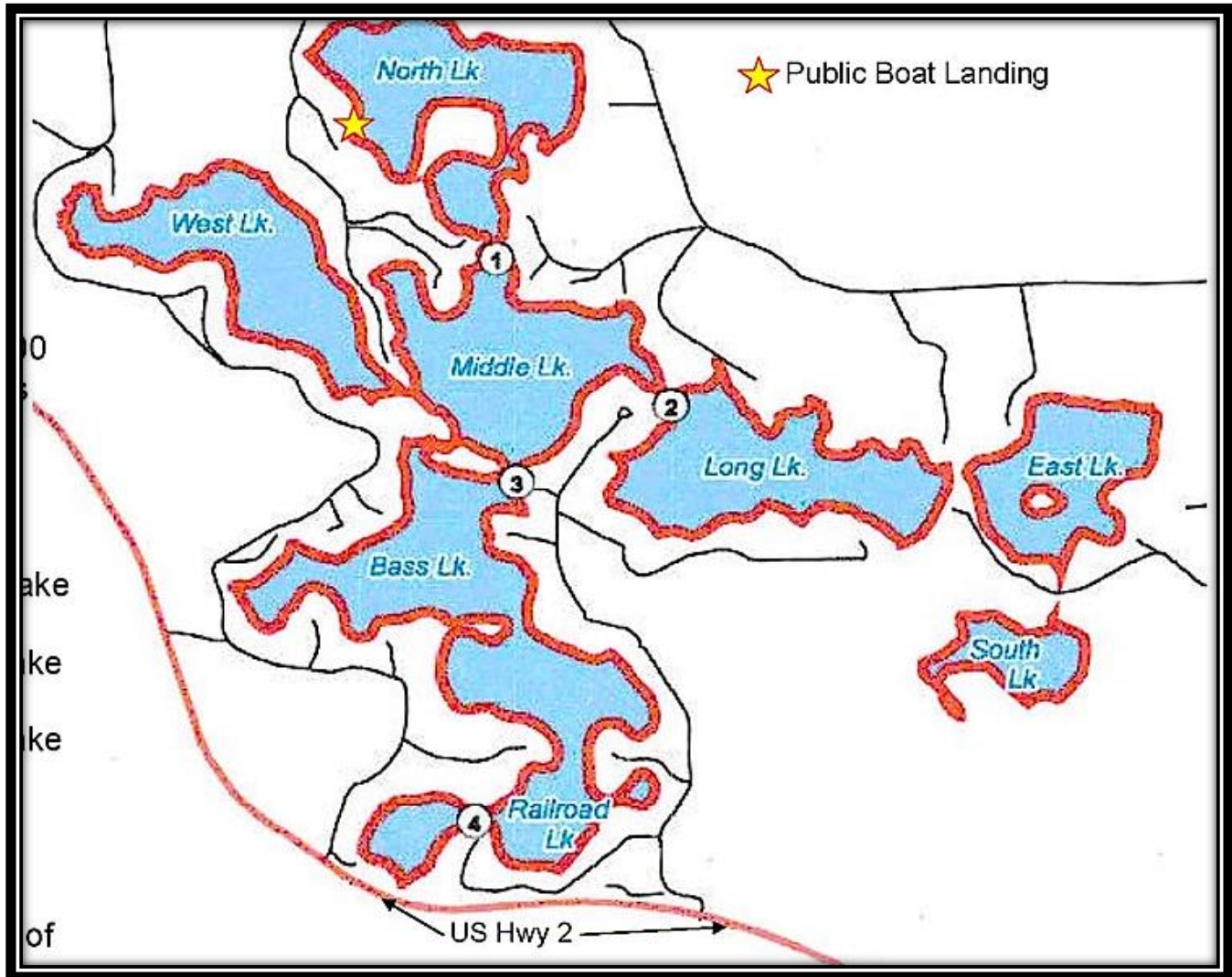
George Seibert in the "Journal of G.F. Seibert" described his journey in the spring of 1879 while traveling with the teams hauling supplies to the mines at Commonwealth and Florence. Seibert, Jim Arenaoult and Mr. Montagne walked north off the wagon trail after crossing the Menominee River on a raft, to get a look at the beautiful lakes, and found a stake set in 1879

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by Beibert's friend Jack Armstrong. It is possible that Armstrong or Hiram D. Fisher, while exploring this area for iron ore during the 1870's gave the lakes the name Spread Eagle.

[Heritage of Iron & Timber, 1880-1980, Published for Florence County, Wisconsin, under the direction of The Florence County Centennial Committee, 1980]



Spread Eagle, Florence County, Wisconsin, was named from a nearby lake, which was so named because of its fancied resemblance to an eagle with its wings widely spread.

[A History of the Origin of the Place Names Connected with the Chicago & North Western and Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railways by William H. Stennett, Chicago, 1908.]

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Spread Eagle is an unincorporated community in Florence County in Florence Township, Wisconsin. The community is located on U.S. Highway 141 and U.S. Highway 2 about six miles northwest of Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, and six miles east of Florence near the south end of Railroad Lake of the Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes. The lake chain was named “Spread Eagle” because when seen from the sky, the chain resembles an eagle with wings spread. The beautiful lakes, rivers, and woodlands have attracted many people who have chosen to live here, vacation, or have summer homes and cottages.

Where the eastern woods of Florence melt into the Menominee River, the lakes and streams of Spread Eagle have been providing tourists with pleasure since the 1880s. That decade saw the birth of Spread Eagle as a getaway from both Iron Mountain and Florence, when two resorts, on Eagle Island and Bass Island, opened on the chain of lakes. In May, 1898, *The Florence Mining News* reported that T.C. Tully's hotel on Eagle Island would be leased to “Frank Gage and Walter Webber and they will operate the hotel and provide transportation with their new steamboat the ‘Columbia,’ for all customers arriving at the Railroad Lake depot.”

So popular were the lakes that the Northwestern Railroad added a special coach during summer months to pick up passengers who could afford the fare: 16 cents for adults and 8 cents for children.

At that time, there were no roads around the lakes. However, the turn of the century and onset of auto transportation transformed the Spread Eagle lakes from a place of picnics and rowboats to a platted locale of cottages and homes.



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The State of Wisconsin and Florence County had the foresight to maintain forests, barrens, lakes, river frontage and streams off the market and on the maps, providing thousands of acres of recreational land to its residents and visitors. Though the mines have closed, the spoils of recreation remain.

The 20th century turned to the 21st, and the old railroad ties have been removed. The grade has become a superb snowmobile route, keeping Michigan and Wisconsin outdoors enthusiasts linked.

Most rowboats have been replaced by ski boats. The vacation cottages are now homes. But the picnic areas, camping, forests, trails and solitude are still found in abundance.

The May 7, 1886 report in *The Florence Mining News* that the hunting and fishing at the Spread Eagle lakes is “good” remains true 125 years thence.

[NOTE: Putnam Robbins wrote a book entitled *The Eagle Spreads Its Wings*, published in 1988 which provides an in-depth account of the history of the Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes.]

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GENERAL VIEWS OF SPREAD EAGLE



Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes, Florence County, Wisconsin, ca. 1940-1950: This unused real photo postcard view identified as "Spread Eagle, Wis. P-32 Photo by L.L. Cook Co., Milwaukee" dates from between 1940 and 1950 and shows the Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes which has been a popular summer camping area since the latter part of the nineteenth century. Highway U.S. 2 can be seen in the foreground. Railroad Lake is in the foreground, then going north Bass Lake, Middle Lake, West Lake and North Lake. Long Lake is to the right. Two additional lakes, East Lake and South Lake, are not visible in this postcard view. This unused postcard view dates from between 1940 and 1950. [William J. Cummings]

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BASS LAKE, BASS ISLAND AND EAGLE ISLAND SPREAD EAGLE



Menominee Joe and Jerome Dakota in Birch Bark Canoe near Eagle Island, Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes, Florence County, Wisconsin, Summer of 1896: Taken in the summer of 1896 by Jorgen Johansen Eskil, pioneer Menominee Iron Range photographer, Menominee Joe and Jerome Dakota, Indians who lived at the Badwater Indian village, paddled their birch bark canoe near Eagle Island on the Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes. Indians from the Badwater settlement made birch bark canoes, selling them for one dollar per foot to early cottage dwellers in Spread Eagle. On page 62 of his book *The Eagle Spreads Its Wings* Putnam Robbins noted: *Jerome Dakota and Menominee Joe of the Badwater Settlement often traveled the portage trail carrying their birch bark canoe to East Lake and paddled to Eagle Island where they worked for Mr. Tully and Walter Weber during the 1890's and early 1900's.* [Walter Weber]

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Clubhouse Point and Bass Island Resort from Eagle Island, Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes, Florence County, Wisconsin, ca. 1890's: This early photograph by Jorgen Johansen Eskil, pioneer Menominee Iron Range photographer, was taken from **Eagle Island** in the 1890's and shows **Clubhouse Point** and **Bass Island Resort**. [Menominee Range Historical Museum]

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Emmanuel Chainey's Resort, Bass Island, Bass Lake, Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes, Florence County, Wisconsin, 1896: This early photograph by Jorgen Johansen Eskil, pioneer Menominee Iron Range photographer, was taken from Clubhouse Point in 1896 and shows Emmanuel Chainey's Resort on Bass Island in the narrow, central area of Bass Lake. The larger building was a hotel built by Chainey on the main land west of his island during the summer and fall of 1893. It was moved over on the ice to this quarter-acre island during late December, 1893. Chainey made many improvements on Bass Island during the years he operated the resort, including a dance pavilion shown at the east end of the island which was then a picnic shelter, the hotel with kitchen wing, latrine, tool shed, ice house and saloon. *[Menominee Range Historical Museum]*

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Tully and Weber's Dock on North Side of Clubhouse Point and Eagle Island, Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes, Florence County, Wisconsin, 1896: Taken in 1896 by Jorgen Johansen Eskil, pioneer Menominee Iron Range photographer, this photograph shows Tully and Weber's dock on the north side of Clubhouse Point where they landed their steamboat "Columbia" with loads of picnickers, who wished a day's outing on this point. Tully's hotel, ice house and boat houses are on Eagle Island in the background. [*Menominee Range Historical Museum*]

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T.C. Tully and Walter Weber's Resort Hotel on Eagle Island, Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes, Florence County, Wisconsin, 1896: Taken in 1896 by Jorgen Johansen Eskil, pioneer Menominee Iron Range photographer, this close-up view shows T.C. Tully and Walter Weber's resort hotel on Eagle Island. [Menominee Range Historical Museum]

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Clubhouse Point, Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes, Florence County, Wisconsin, ca. 1890's:

This early photograph by Jorgen Johansen Eskil, pioneer Menominee Iron Range photographer, was taken at Clubhouse Point, also called Picnic Point, in the 1890's. The young boy at the stern of the rowboat on the right was holding a fishing pole. [Menominee Range Historical Museum]

On pages 79 to 82 of *The Eagle Spreads Its Wings* Putnam Robbins provides a history of the Spread Eagle Clubhouse (1883-1891) as follows, in part: *The Spread Eagle Clubhouse occupied this point, which projects into Bass Lake from the east shore and is east of Eagle Island and north of Bass Lake. The Clubhouse was nestled among the huge red pine trees in a small clearing from 1883 until 1891 and later when a forest fire consumed the wreckage of the club caused by a terrible windstorm. The fire left the building site and cleared area around it into a park like savanna covered by dense grass surrounded by the large virgin red pines. The open area became a favorite picnic spot for church and lodge groups after the fire and was known as "Clubhouse Point" by the early cottage folk up to the time the land was included in the Point Patton Plat of Spread Eagle.*

Hiram D. Fisher gave the guest book of this club to the Florence F. and A.M. Masonic Lodge No. 222. The Lodge has given it to the Menominee Range Museum of Iron Mountain, otherwise we may never have known the Florence and Iron Mountain people who were members of and guests of this club.

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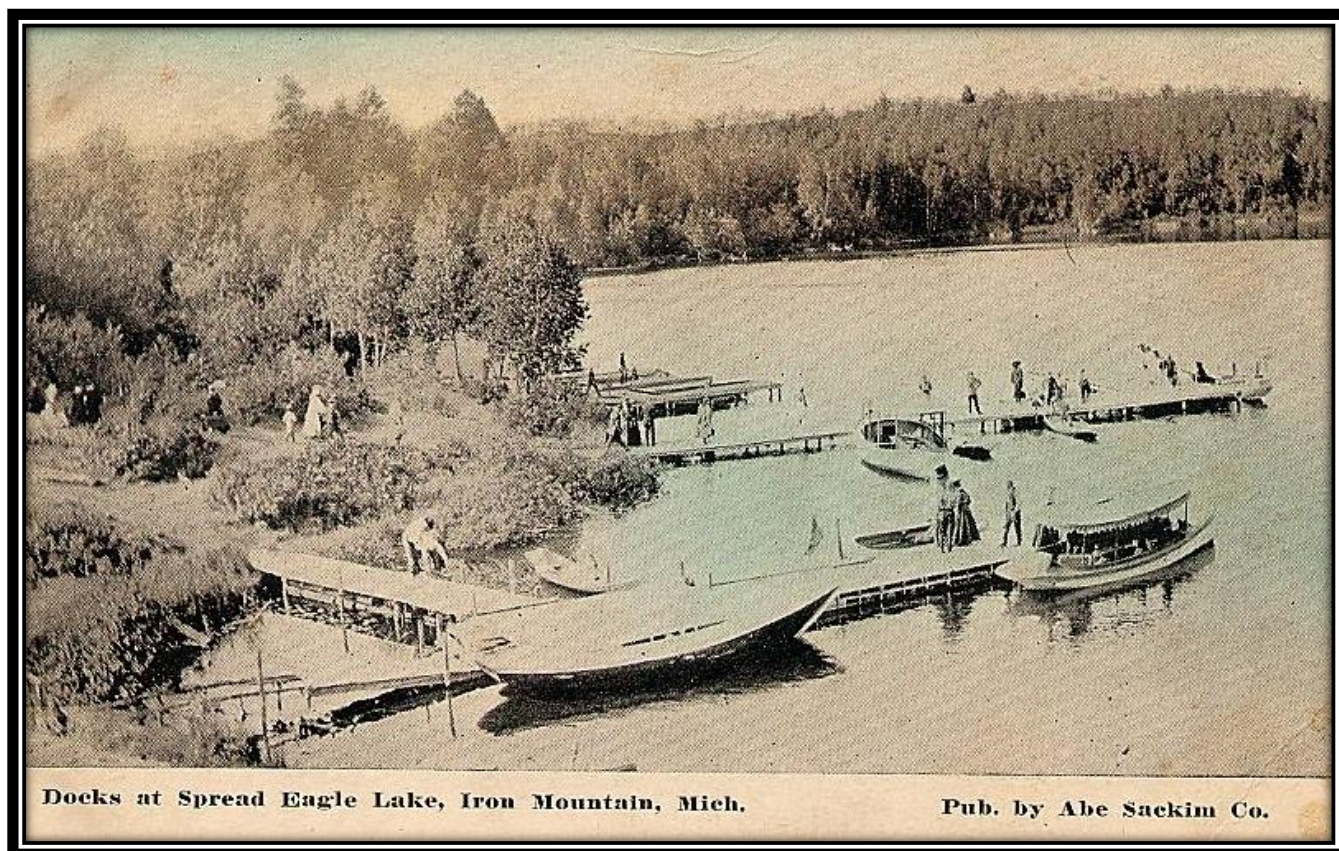
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Bass Island Resort, Bass Lake, Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes, Florence County, Wisconsin, ca. 1911: This black-and-white halftone postcard view identified as "Scene at Spread Eagle, near Iron Mountain, Mich." and postmarked Iron Mountain, Michigan, May 31, 1911 shows people sitting at the lakeshore of the Bass Island Resort. Note the picnic tables and rowboats. This photograph also appears in *The Eagle Spreads Its Wings* by Putnam Robbins on page 103, identified as "Picnic Tables and People at Bass Island Resort." [William J. Cummings]

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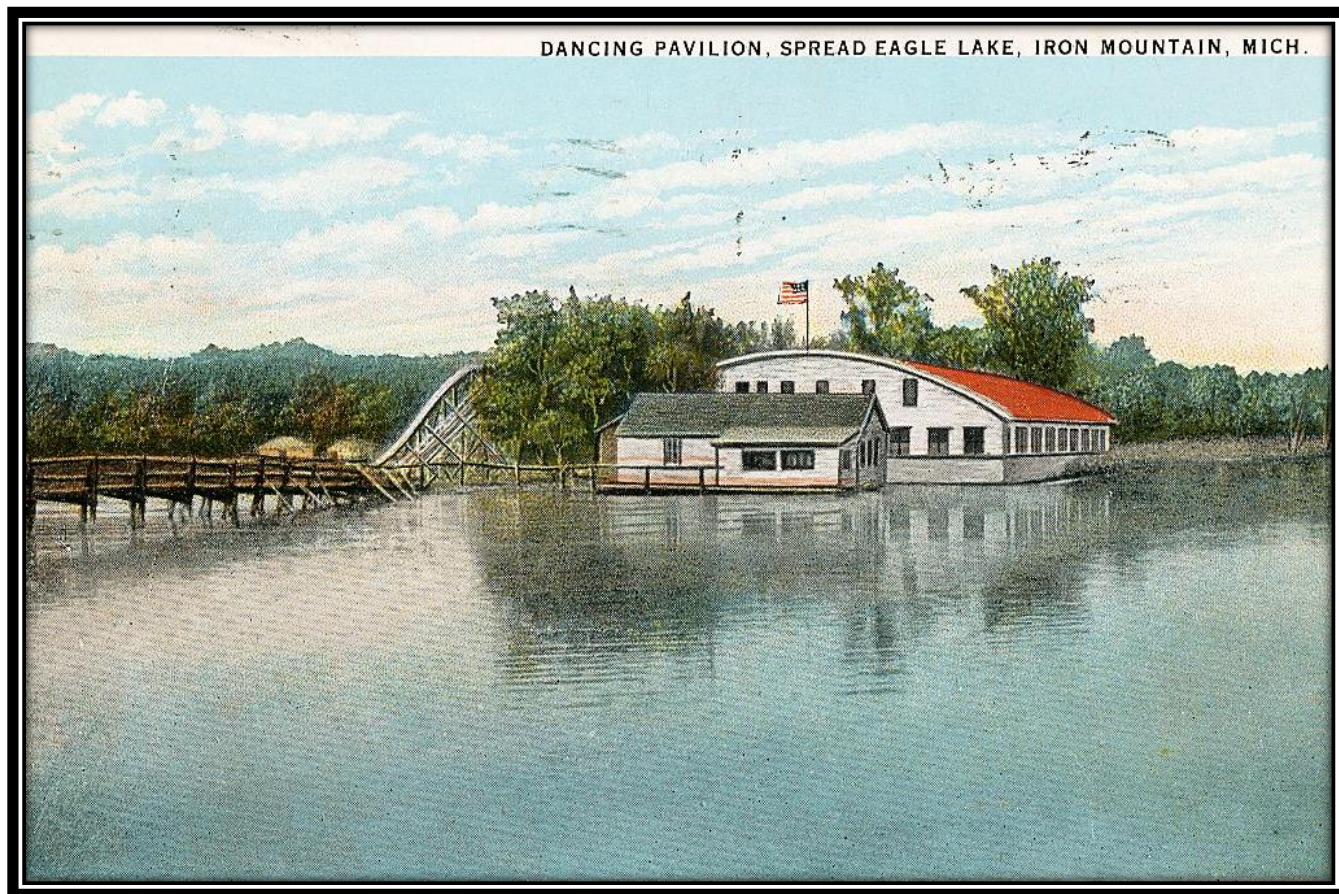
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Bass Island Resort's Long Dock and Eagle Island Resort's Dock, Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes, Florence County, Wisconsin, ca. 1908: This black-and-white tinted halftone postcard view identified as "Docks at Spread Eagle Lake, Iron Mountain, Mich. Pub. By Abe Sackim Co." is postmarked Iron Mountain, Michigan, June 24, 1910. Putnam Robbins identified this picture as follows in his book *The Eagle Spreads Its Wings* on page 108: *This is a picture of Bass Island Resort's long dock at the depot lake landing with Eagle Island Resort's dock in the foreground, and private docks at left. George Bailey's towboat and "Coal Oil Charley" [were] waiting for tourists [sic – tourists'] arrival on the Sunday morning passenger train [in] the summer of 1908.* On page 140 the same photograph appears with this additional information: *This picture taken in 1908-09 shows Edward Neubauer's tow boat, converted from a Green Bay, Wisconsin sail boat which Edward used to transport passengers by towing it behind the launch after the "Kid" launch was filled to capacity. Note the boxes of freight piled on the stern of the "Kid." This spot is where 56 gallon gasoline barrels were placed to transport them to Eagle Island. Neubauer's little "Evelyn" launch is also tied to this dock. The long dock to the left of Neubauer's has George Bailey's big tow boat and two row boats tied on its side. The Robbins' "Anna" launch is just visible in front of the standing people and Bailey's "Coal Oil Charley" is docked at the end. Passengers from a morning train are just getting down to the docks. [William J. Cummings]*

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Dancing Pavilion, Bass Lake, Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes, Florence County, Wisconsin, ca. 1930: This tinted black-and-white halftone tinted postcard view identified as "Dancing Pavilion, Spread Eagle Lake, Iron Mountain, Mich." and postmarked Iron Mountain, Michigan, June 10, 1930, is probably the dancing pavilion constructed by William and Alvina Dennis in the fall of 1914 over the water on the north side of Bass Lake. According to Putnam Robbins on page 156 of *The Eagle Spreads Its Wings*, "The new pavilion had an excellent hardwood dance floor which measured 41 x 75 feet and provided seven times the capacity of the old pavilion with its softwood floor. The dance hall, being over the water with porches on the north and east sides, provided docking space for the launches of the Spread Eagle cottage folk when they brought their teenage sons and daughters to dances. The young children down to babies wrapped in blankets would stretch out on the long seats which ran lengthwise along the sides of the launches, listen to the music and watch their brothers and sisters glide around the dance floor. The young children in the launches would be sound asleep before the dancing and music stopped at midnight. Electricity came to Bass Island for the new dance pavilion in the fall of 1915, when Bill Dennis purchased a five horse power gasoline engine to drive the dynamo capable of handling seventy-five lights. The hotel, saloon, dance pavilion, boat docks, ice house and floating boom bridge could not be reached at night without the danger of falling into the lake." [William J. Cummings]

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Svecia Country Club, Bass Lake, Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes, Florence County, Wisconsin, ca.1935: This real photo postcard view identified as “Svecia Country Club, Spread Eagle, Wis.” and postmarked Spread Eagle, Wisconsin, August 16, 1935, shows the Svecia Country Club, located on the north shore of Bass Lake in the Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes. On page 85 in his book *The Eagle Spreads Its Wings*, Putnam Robbins noted: *The Svecia Club was organized by a group of wealthy men of Chicago, Illinois. Andrew Bjorkman sold the Club Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 1/2 of 5 of the Bjorkman First Plat, which included Andrew’s cottage and bathhouse.* [William J. Cummings]

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Svecia Club, Bass Lake, Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes, Florence County, Wisconsin, ca.1950-1960: This unused real photo postcard view identified as the "Svecia Club, Florence, Wis. N1041" shows the Svecia Club, located on the north shore of Bass Lake in the Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes. [William J. Cummings]

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MIDDLE LAKE, SPREAD EAGLE



Middle Lake, Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes, Florence County, Wisconsin, ca. 1909: This black-and-white sepia halftone postcard view identified as “Scene at Spread Eagle near Iron Mountain, Mich.” was postmarked Iron Mountain, Michigan, August 4, 1909 and again postmarked Laurium, Michigan, August 6, 1909. On page 179 in his book *The Eagle Spreads Its Wings*, Putnam Robbins provided the following information: *Eagle Island Resort launch “The Kid” giving a Lodge or Church group a ride around the lakes with towboat and rowboats in tow to hold the large number of people. Frank Crocker’s boat house and log cottage is on the mainland to the left.* On page 226 in his book *The Eagle Spreads Its Wings*, Putnam Robbins provided the following information: *Lot 28 of the Brown and Robinson Plat with its excellent beach was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. [Frank] Crocker in 1904. The, like the Millers and Cudlips, built their cottage of cedar logs which were salvaged from logging camps. It was nestled among the white birch trees high on this beautiful point with a commanding view of Middle Lake. The Crocker boat house and dock was on the west side of the lot in the same location as the present 1984 boat house. [William J. Cummings]*

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David Castel, Sr., Family, 209 East Brown Street, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, ca. 1908: This real photo postcard view unidentified on the image and postmarked Iron Mountain, Michigan, December 23, 1908 shows David, Jr. and Maurice Castel at the left, David Castel, Sr., in the center and Laura and Rachel Castel on the right. David Castel, Sr., did piano and organ repairing and tuning and was the leader of the Castel Band which was very popular and furnished music at the Bijou Theater on West Ludington Street in the early 1900s. An identical postcard view appears on page 157 in Putnam Robbins' book *The Early Spreads Its Wings*. [William J. Cummings]

The following account of the David Castel Cottage appears on pages 229-230 of Putnam Robbins' *The Eagle Spreads Its Wings* as follows: *Mr. [David] Castel, director of the "Castel Band and Orchestra" and music teacher of Iron Mountain, built a log cottage on lot 23 of the Brown and Robinson Plat in the bay of Middle Lake directly east of the Burgess and Miller cottages. Mr. and Mrs. Castel and sons David and Maurice, and daughters Rachel and Laura spent summers at their cottage for many years. David Jr. and Maurice built the largest rope swing of any swing on the lakes. It was on one side of a small valley behind Castel's cottage. To support the ropes, the boys put a good size pole across between two large white pine trees up about 30 feet, with one inch ropes down to the swing seat. David and Maurice allowed neighbor boys and girls to use their swing. It was great fun, as you started on the hillside below the large pines and would swing out over the valley and up the opposite hillside. ... The Castel family orchestra provided dance music for the new large dance pavilion on Bass Island many weekends during summers.*

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RAILROAD LAKE, SPREAD EAGLE

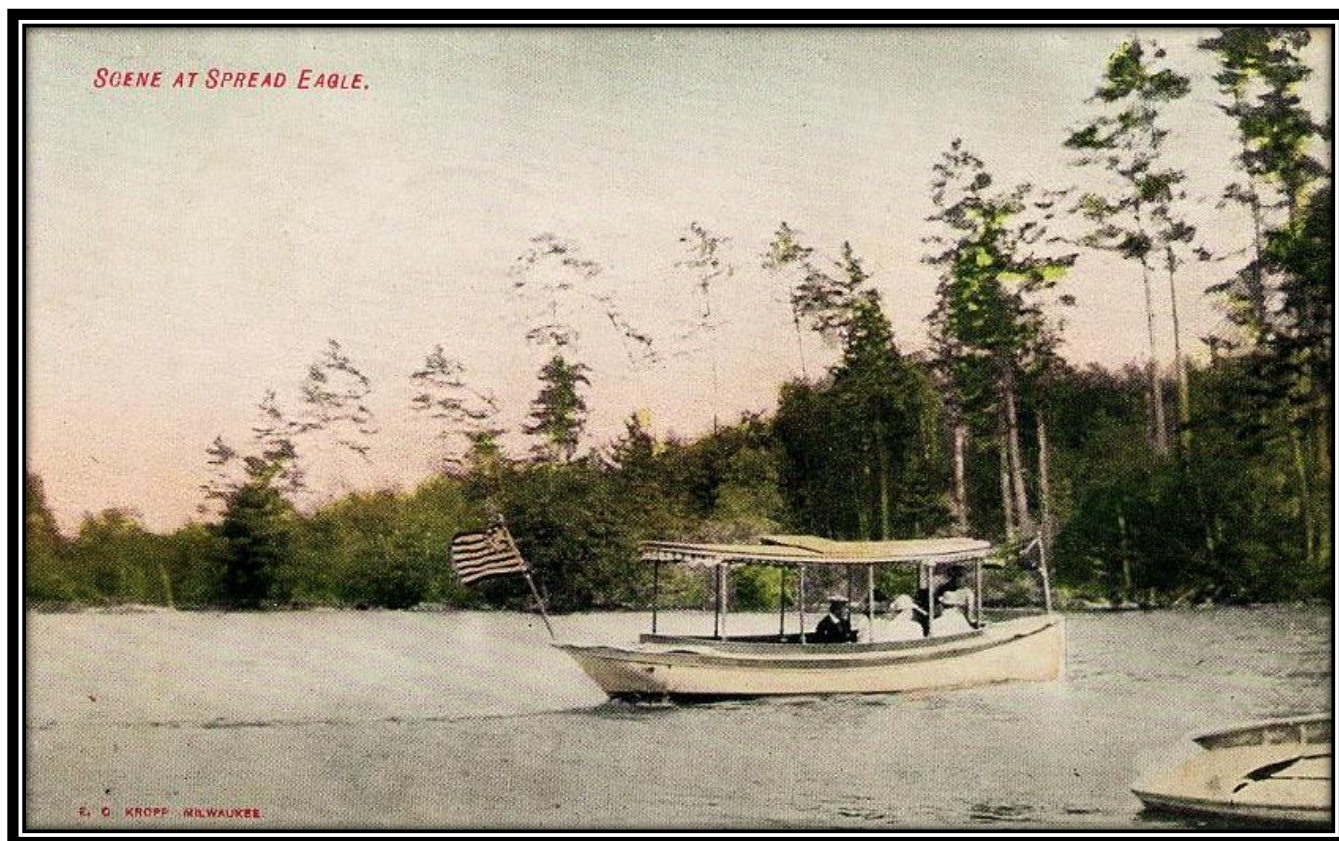


Scene at Spread Eagle Lake, near Iron Mountain, Mich.

Beckstrom's Cottage Dock, Railroad Lake, Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes, Florence County, Wisconsin, ca. 1910: This unused black-and-white halftone postcard view identified as "Scene at Spread Eagle Lake, near Iron Mountain, Mich." probably dates from about 1910. On page 190 in his book *The Eagle Spreads Its Wings*, Putnam Robbins provided the following information for this identical view: *A family picnic at Beckstrom's cottage on Railroad Lake.* [William J. Cummings]

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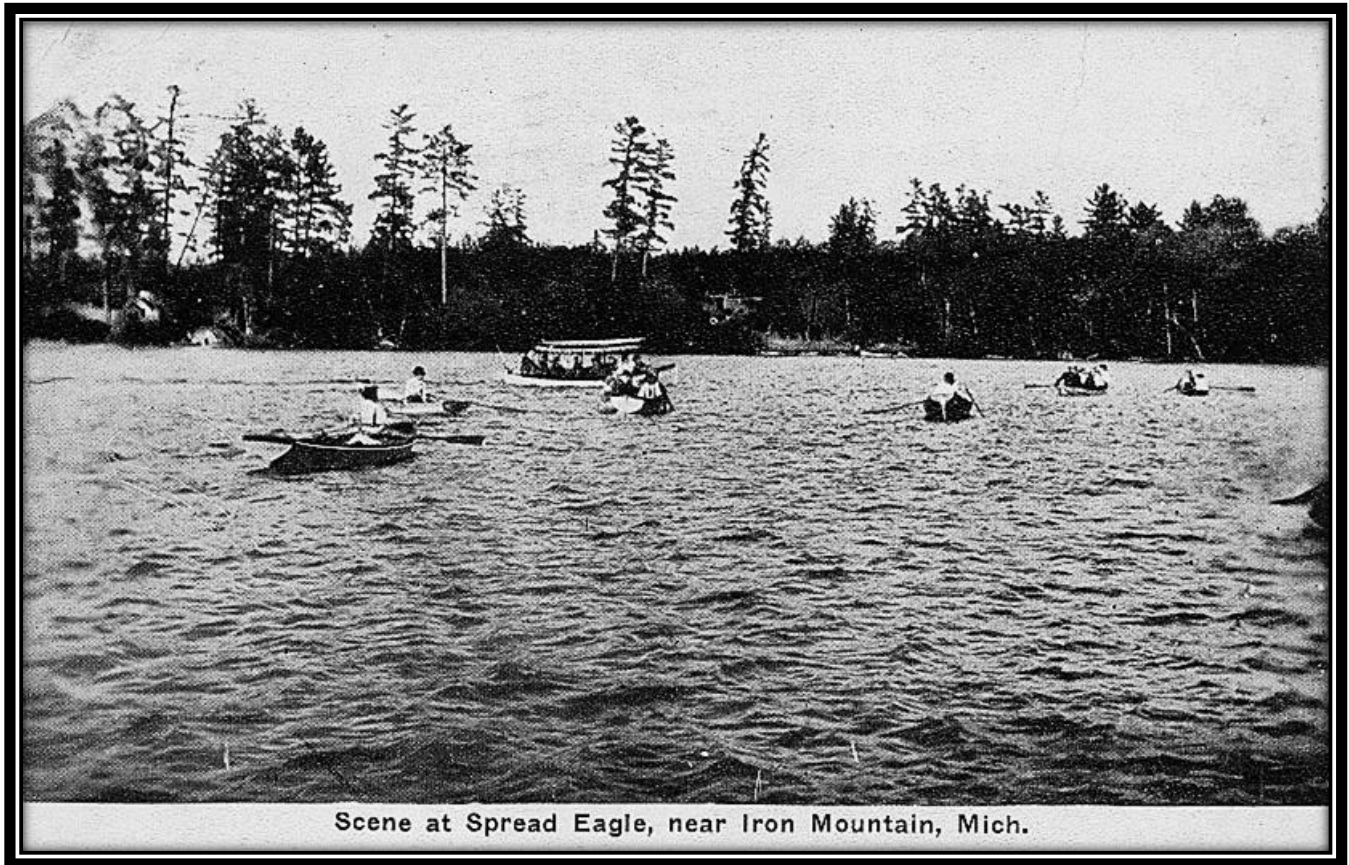
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Edward Neubauer's "The Kid" Launch En Route to the Spread Eagle Depot Docks on Railroad Lake, Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes, Florence County, Wisconsin, ca. 1908: This tinted black-and-white halftone postcard view identified as "Scene at Spread Eagle" and published by E.C. Kropp, Milwaukee, was postmarked Iron Mountain, Michigan, June 14, 1908. On page 177 in his book *The Eagle Spreads Its Wings*, Putnam Robbins provided the following information: *Neubauer's "Kid" launch on its way to the depot dock. The marine engine in the "Kid" was cranked using a steel clothespin, which was inserted in a hole near the rim of the large flywheel. This gave the operator more leverage in turning over the big engine than a short crank would. When the engine started the "clothespin" came out in the cranker's hand, as the hole was slanted in the opposite direction to which the flywheel was turned. If the engine backfired, it could give the man cranking a sprained wrist. Edward also purchased a large sailboat at Green Bay, which he converted into a towboat that was pulled behind the "Kid" to handle the large crowds of tourists, who arrived on the passenger train to spend a Sunday or a week at Eagle Island Resort...The resort launches big trips were to get their guests back to the depot in time for the evening train to Iron Mountain. [William J. Cummings]*

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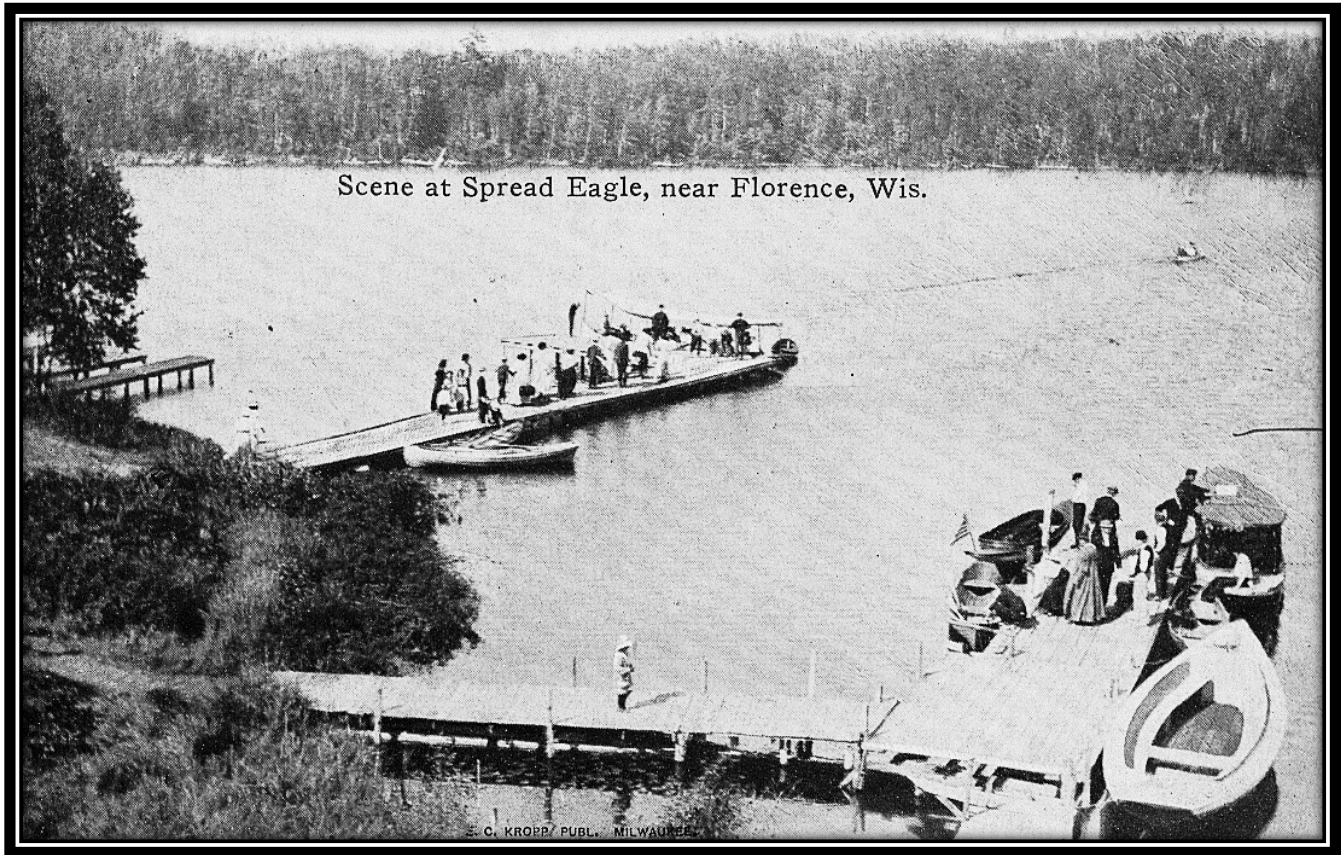
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Boats on Their Way to Railroad Lake Docks, Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes, Florence County, Wisconsin, ca. 1913: This black-and-white halftone postcard view identified as "Scene at Spread Eagle, near Iron Mountain, Mich." was postmarked Iron Mountain, Michigan, April 10, 1913. On page 230 in his book *The Eagle Spreads Its Wings*, Putnam Robbins provided the following information: *Above is a picture of boats on their way to Railroad Lake docks. The launch is E.F. Brown's "Queen Mary." Note the tall virgin pines left during the original logging. These were harvested by Andrew Bjorkman [during] the winter of 1919-20.* [William J. Cummings]

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Railroad Lake Docks, Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes, Florence County, Wisconsin, ca. 1910: This unused black-and-white halftone postcard view identified as "Scene at Spread Eagle, near Florence, Wis." shows two docks with a launch. On page 179 of Putnam Robbins' book *The Eagle Spreads Its Wings* the following caption appears for the identical photograph: *R.T. Miller's private dock at the far left, then George Bailey loading "Coal Oil Charley" with guests. Neubauer's dock at right with rowboat and Evelyn launch and passengers loading up the "Kid" with the overflow assigned to the towboat. This picture gives a good view of the seats as arranged in the converted sailboat used as a towboat.* Another identical postcard view owned by William J. Cummings was postmarked Iron Mountain, Michigan, July 31, 1917. [William J. Cummings]

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Private Docks at the Spread Eagle Depot Landing on Railroad Lake, Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes, Florence County, Wisconsin, ca. 1916: This black-and-white tinted halftone postcard view identified as “Scene at Spread Eagle, near Iron Mountain, Mich.” was postmarked Iron Mountain, Mich., July 30, 1916. On page 167 in his book *The Eagle Spreads Its Wings*, Putnam Robbins provided the following information about this photograph: *There were very few rowboats which were pointed at both ends. The one pictured was owned by E.F. Brown of Long Lake. The first slip holds R.T. Miller’s launch, notice [sic – launch. Notice] the high bow and the stove pipe exhaust muffler sticking up near Mrs. Miller’s right arm. Mr. Rudolph Miller, in white hat and shirt, is talking with two other men on the dock. The next slip and launch is Andrew Bjorkman’s, then the next launch with a fringe around the high top and pointed stern is the “Queen Mary” owned by E.F. Brown. The next launch also with a flag is Frank Crocker’s [sic – Crocker’s]. The last launch is Emil Croll’s. [William J. Cummings]*

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Entrance to Tourist Park, Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes, Florence County, Wisconsin, ca.

1934: This real photo postcard view identified as "Tourist Park, Spread Eagle, Wis. T-126" and postmarked Spread Eagle, Wisconsin, August 25, 1934 shows the entrance to a tourist park and swimming area. On page 276 in his book *The Eagle Spreads Its Wings*, Putnam Robbins provided the following information about another postcard view identified as the tourist park: *This park and swim area provided recreational facilities for non-cottage youth and adults when the Bass Island and Eagle Island Resorts had gone out of business. Chainey and Son sold out to Louis and Paul Nelson, and the Nelson's operated the store, post office and marina until The [sic – the] Wisconsin State Highway took over the site for a right-of-way for the new section of U.S. 2 Highway. [William J. Cummings]*

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Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes, Florence County, Wisconsin, ca. 1925-1940: This unused real photo postcard view identified as "Spread Eagle, Near Florence, Wis." probably dates between 1925 and 1940 based on the AZO stamp box with a square in each corner. Several cottages are visible, and this postcard may be Railroad Lake. This postcard view was not found in the book *The Eagle Spreads Its Wings* by Putnam Robbins. [William J. Cummings]

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Railroad Lake, Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes, Florence County, Wisconsin, ca. 1939: This real photo postcard view identified as "Spread Eagle Lakes Near Iron Mountain, Mich. A-2284" and postmarked Munising, Michigan, June 17, 1939 shows a view of Railroad Lake with cottages on the far shore. [William J. Cummings]

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Railroad Lake, Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes, Florence County, Wisconsin, ca. 1940-1950: This unused real photo postcard view identified as "Railroad Lake, Iron Mountain, Mich. P3312" dates from 1940 to 1950 and shows the view of Railroad Lake from U.S. 2, including the Chainey Marina boathouse. [William J. Cummings]

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ChaNEY Marina, Railroad Lake, Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes, Florence County, Wisconsin, ca. 1940-1950: This unused postcard view identified as “**Vacation Land, Iron Mountain, Mich. D-931**” shows portions of the ChaNEY Marina on Railroad Lake and dates from 1940 to 1950. On page 275 in his book *The Eagle Spreads Its Wings*, Putnam Robbins provided the following information about another similar postcard view identified as “ChaNEY and ChaNEY Bathing Area, Spread Eagle, Wis.” as follows: *Left to right: Diving platform and water slide, concession stand at picnic park, marina boat house, icehouses, and at the top of the hill on the right the grocery store and post office.* [William J. Cummings]

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ChaNEY Marina Diving Platform and Water Slide, Railroad Lake, Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes, Florence County, Wis., ca. 1940-1950: This unused real photo postcard view identified as "Vacation Land Iron Mountain, Mich. D-932" shows a portion of the diving platform and water slide at the ChaNEY Marina on Railroad Lake and dates from 1940 to 1950. [William J. Cummings]

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SOUTH LAKE, SPREAD EAGLE

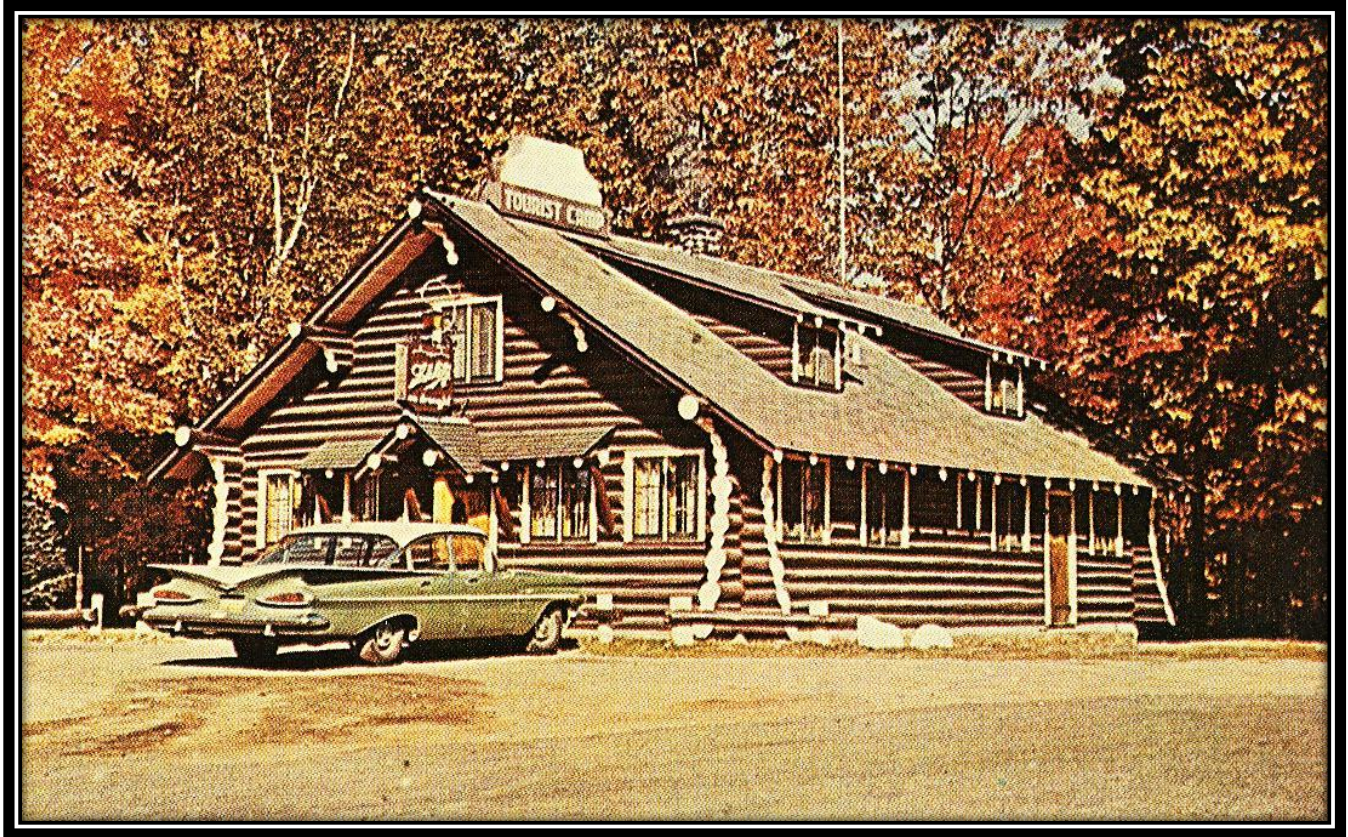


Railroad Construction, South Lake, Spread Eagle, Florence County, Wisconsin, ca. 1880: This photograph was probably taken by Jorgen Johansen Eskil, pioneer Menominee Iron Range photographer, on the shore of South Lake in Spread Eagle in about 1880 when the railroad was being built. [Menominee Range Historical Museum]

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RESTAURANTS IN THE SPREAD EAGLE AREA



Paul and Chris's Log Tavern and Cabins, Junction of Carpenter Road and U.S. 2, Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes, Florence County, Wisconsin,, ca. 1960: This colored postcard view identified on the back as "Paul and Chris's Log Tavern and Cabins, Junction of Carpenter Road and U.S. 2, Spread Eagle" from about 1960 shows Paul and Chris's Log Tavern and Cabins at Spread Eagle, Wisconsin. This structure was originally the Spread Eagle Tourist Camp and Tavern, as shown on page 11 in Putnam Robbins' book *The Eagle Spreads Its Wings*. [William J. Cummings]

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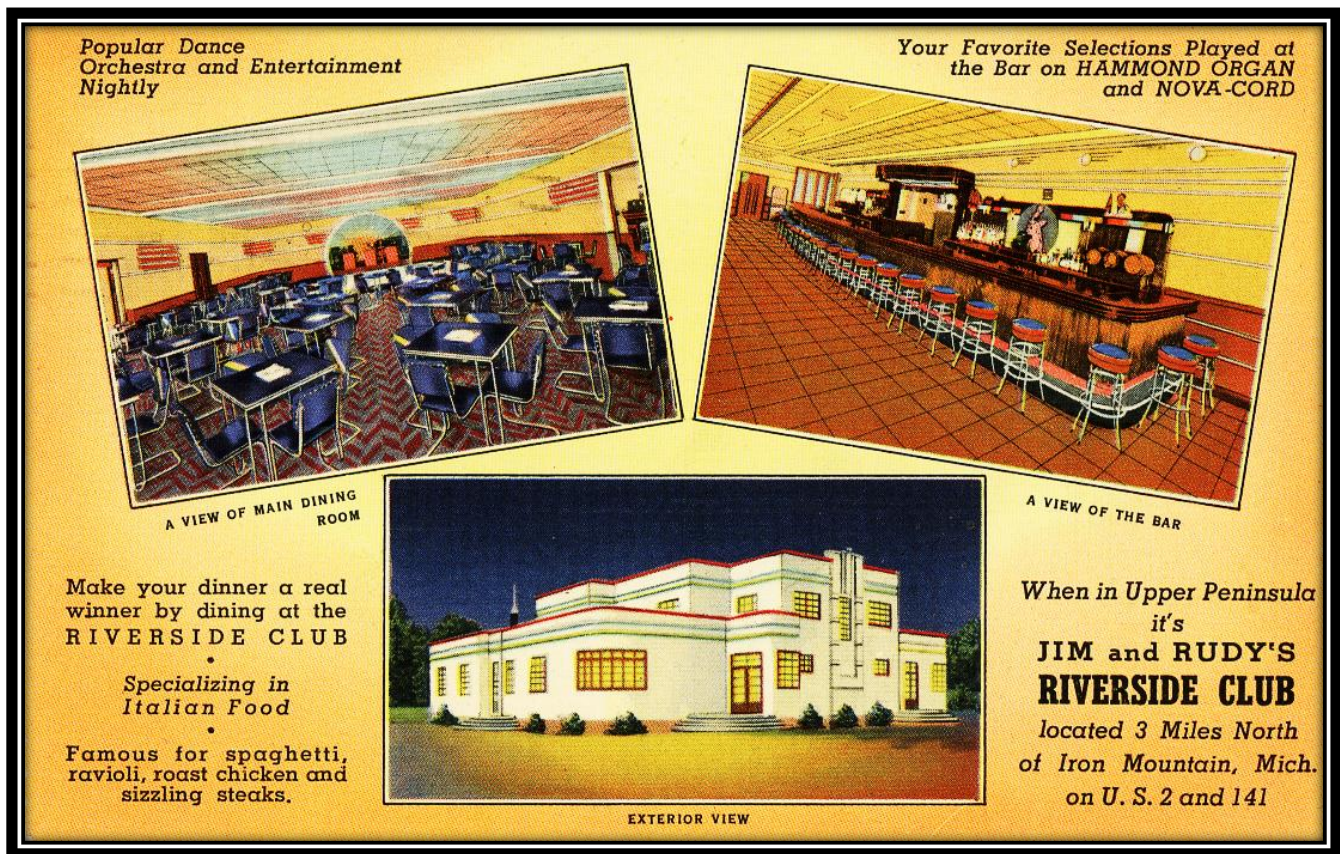


Riverside Supper Club, Near Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes, Florence County, Wisconsin, ca. 1940-1950: This unused real photo postcard view unidentified on the image show the Riverside Supper Club, located just across the Menominee River on U.S. 2 in Florence County, Wisconsin. The Riverside Supper Club burned down during the spring of 1987. [William J. Cummings]



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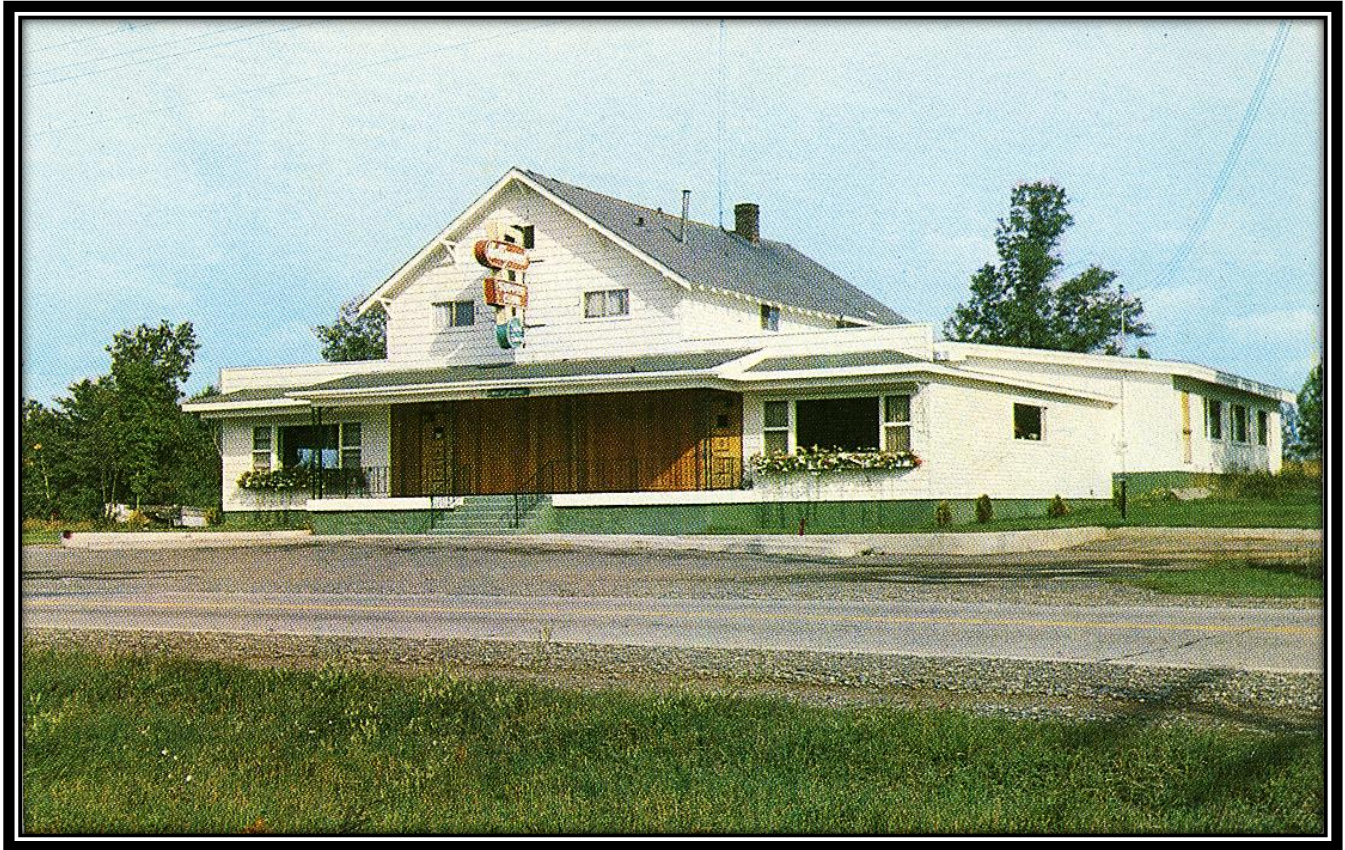
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Riverside Club, U.S. 2 and 141, Near Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes, Florence County, Wisconsin, ca. 1955: This colored halftone postcard multi-view identified as "When in Upper Peninsula it's Jim and Rudy's Riverside Club, located 3 Miles North of Iron Mountain, Mich. on U.S. 2 and 141" was postmarked Neenah, Wisconsin, September 13, 1955. The three views include: The Riverside Club on front: Popular Dance Orchestra and Entertainment Nightly [view of main dining room]; Your Favorite Selections Played at the Bar on HAMMOND ORGAN and NOVA-CORD [a view of the bar]; Make your dinner a real winner by dining at the RIVERSIDE CLUB Specializing in Italian Food – Famous for spaghetti, ravioli, roast chicken and sizzling steaks [exterior view]' When in Upper Peninsula it's Jim and Rudy's RIVERSIDE CLUB located 3 Miles North of Iron Mountain, Mich. on U.S. 2 and 141 – In Iron Mountain, home of the highest artificial ski slide in the world, THE RIVERSIDE CLUB has become famous for its tasty menus, fine liquors and a high standard of entertainment. Complete private dining room (seating capacity 150) available for banquets, weddings and private parties. Rates on request.), [William J. Cummings]

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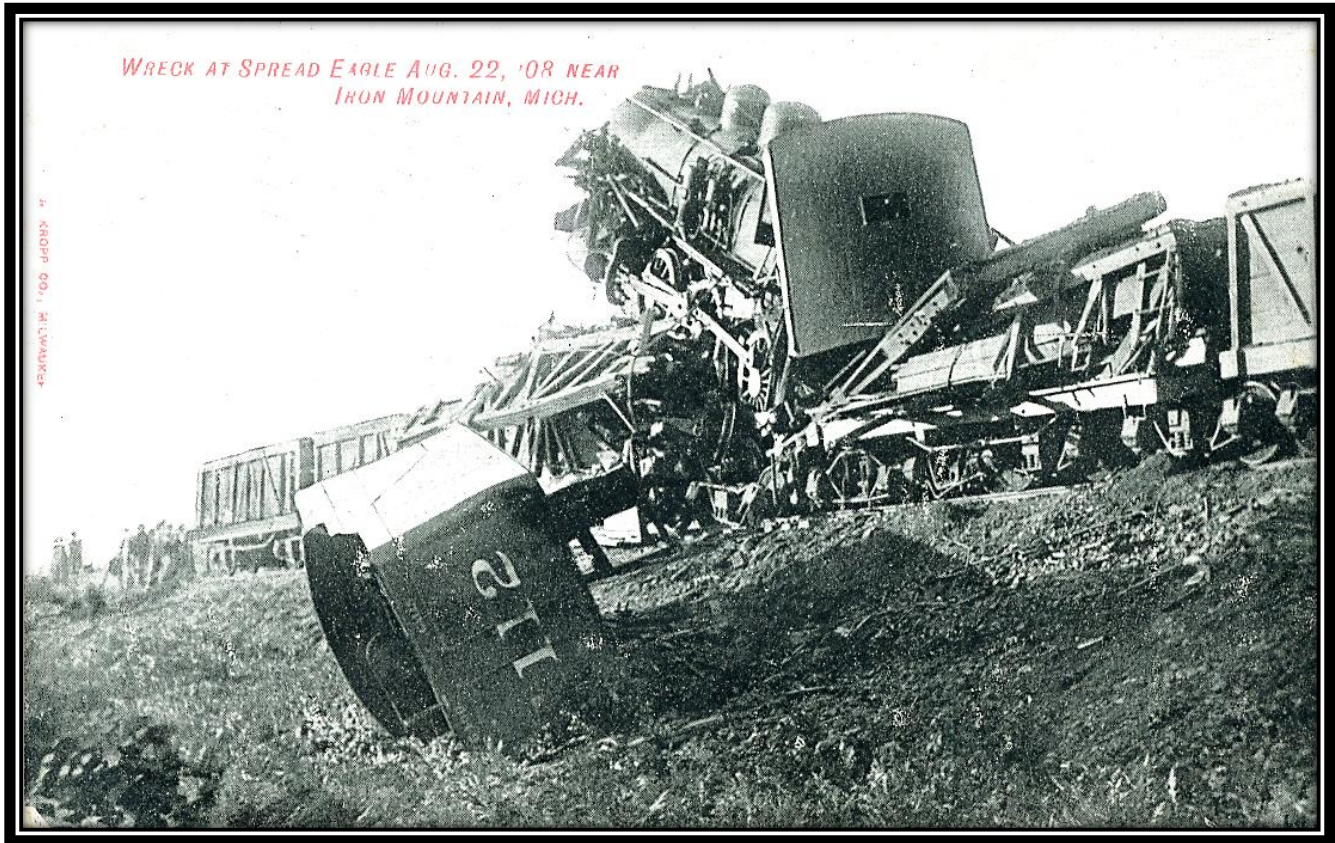
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Hollywood Supper Club, U.S. 2 and 141, Near Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes, Florence County, Wisconsin, ca 1960-1970: This real photo colored postcard view unidentified on the image shows the Hollywood Supper Club, located on U.S. 2 and 141 near Spread Eagle in Florence County, Wisconsin. Information on the back of the postcard includes the following: Hollywood Supper Club –Ultra-Modern Club with two separate dining rooms air conditioned for your dining comfort. Catering to private banquets and parties. Capacity for 500 people. Located four miles north of Iron Mountain on U.S. 2 and 141. Ph. 696-221. [William J. Cummings]

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Train Wreck at Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes, Florence County, Wisconsin, August 22, 1908: This black-and-white halftone postcard view identified as "Wreck at Spread Eagle Aug. 22, '08 Near Iron Mountain, Mich." is postmarked Iron Mountain, Michigan, December 2, 1908. [William J. Cummings]

On pages 128 of *The Eagle Spreads Its Wings* a different view of this train wreck is shown with the following caption by Putnam Robbins: *The ore train wreck west of Spread Eagle depot on August 22, 1908. The caboose was made into kindling. Note the two steam driven air compressors on the side of the engine boiler just ahead of the fireman's smashed cab. These compressors were endeavoring to build up air pressure for the brakes after using up the air at a stop in Commonwealth, but pressure was not sufficient to stop the train. All ore cars were made of wood at this time and were repaired at the Antoine Railroad yard in Iron Mountain, Michigan.*

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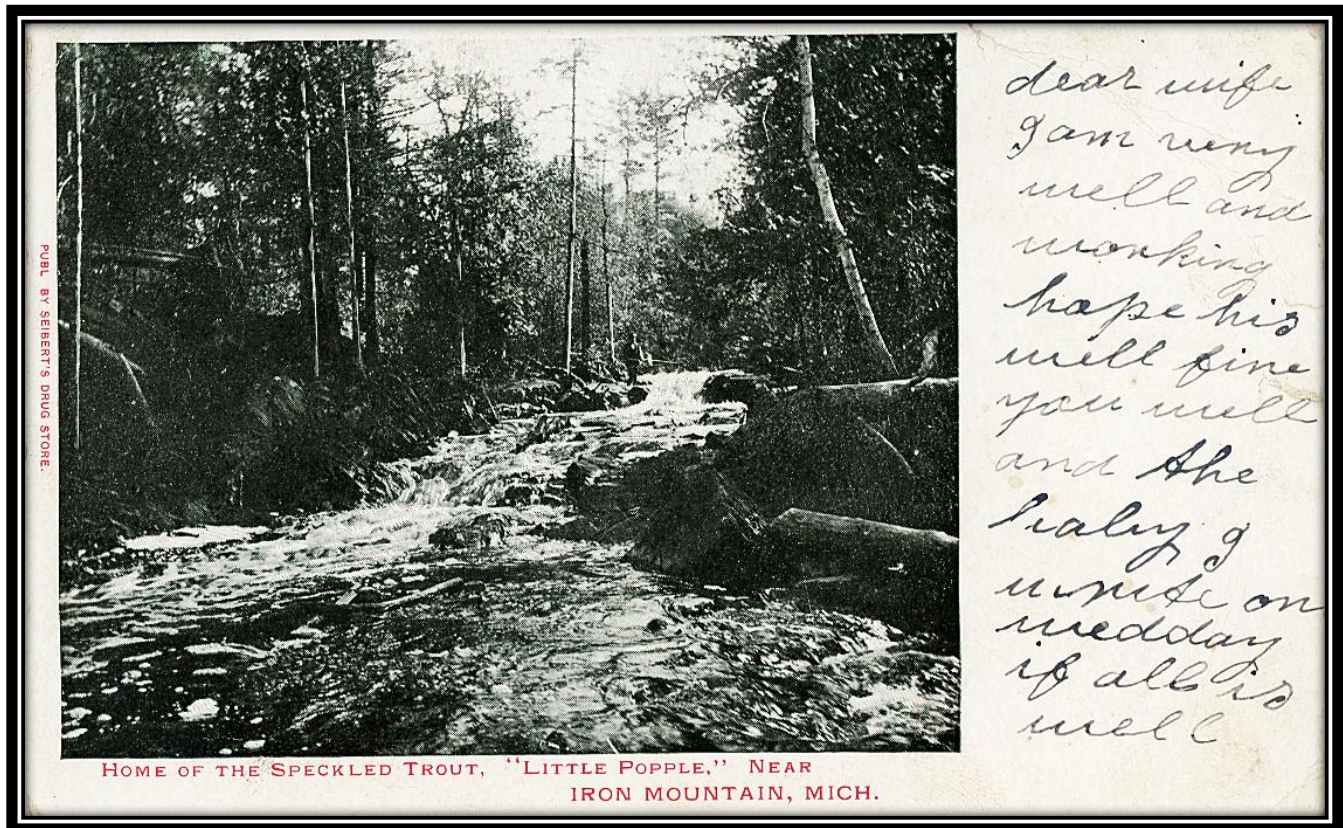
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Hunters in Camp Feeding Deer, Florence County, Wisconsin, ca. 1890s: This photograph was taken by Jorgen Johansen Eskil, pioneer photographer on the Menominee Iron Range. Four hunters posed near the primitive shelter. What appears to be a buck pole is fastened between two tall trees and about five whitetail deer are visible. The hindquarters of another deer appear at the extreme right next to the tree. *[Menominee Range Historical Museum]*

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Little Popple River, Florence County, Wisconsin, ca. 1905: This tinted black-and-white halftone postcard view identified as "Home of the Speckled Trout, Little Popple, Near Iron Mountain, Mich." is postmarked Iron Mountain, Michigan, May 27, 1905 and shows a small falls or rapids of the Little Popple River, Florence County, Wisconsin. This postcard view was published by the Seibert Drug Co. in Iron Mountain, Michigan, as can be seen at the bottom of the image. [William J. Cummings]

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Lake Patton, Florence County, Wisconsin, ca. 1890: This photograph was probably taken by Jorgen Johansen Eskil, pioneer Menominee Iron Range photographer, at Lake Patton in Florence County in about 1890. [*Menominee Range Historical Foundation*]