

Some Advice for Genealogists from the KCHS

Thank you for being interested in the history of your family in Keweenaw County.. Unfortunately the Keweenaw County Historical Society Archives has no records that are helpful to genealogists. Also, the church records for most of our local historic churches, including the churches in Phoenix and Central, are missing. However we work with several other organizations in the area that have helped individuals in the past. Some of these provide the materials and you must do the research while others also have a list of local researchers who will do the research for a fee. Here is a summary of some of the organizations and their website address:

The Houghton-Keweenaw County Genealogical Society, <http://www.hkcfgs.org>
They provide information about local families, maintain records, offer classes in genealogical research, and publish some local texts. They also have indexes to local cemeteries. See their website for information

The J. Robert Van Pelt and John and Ruanne Opie Library, University Archives and Historical Collections, (commonly known as the MTU Archives),

<http://www.mtu.edu/library/archives/>

This is a large, university research center full of documents, mining company records, some tax records, reports, photographs, etc. You might want to see their guide for genealogical research for help

<http://www.mtu.edu/library/archives/research-guides/GenealogicalSources.pdf>

The archives of the Keweenaw National Historical Park,

<https://www.nps.gov/kewe/learn/historyculture/collections.htm>

This archive has a wide range of information, documents, and artifacts about the Copper Country. They do allow researchers access to their records. See their website for the scope of the collection and how to access it.

The Archives of Finlandia University located at the Finish American Heritage Center,

<http://www.finlandia.edu/fahc/archive/>

While the main thrust of this collection is local Finnish American History and families the archives contains materials about local towns, mines, and industries that are helpful in other areas of research. See their website for hours, descriptions, etc.

As for Keweenaw County tax records, some of the records are in the County Court House in Eagle River and some are in the Archives at Michigan Tech.

We hope that helps you on your quest. We are sorry we don't have the information you want in our collection but we think these other archives might be able to help you.