Thomas Howe Papers
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### Summary Information

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<th>Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections</th>
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### Preferred Citation

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Biography

General Thomas Marshall Howe was born in Williamstown, Vermont on April 20, 1808, and died in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania in 1877. Howe's accomplishments include building an economic empire based on copper mining and copper and steel manufacturing, serving in the US military as an assistant adjutant general during the Civil War, and winning appointment to Congress in the House of Representatives, representing Pennsylvania's 21st and 22nd districts. Furthermore, Howe was an organizer and the first president of the Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce. Howe and his wife, MaryAnn Palmer Howe, had fourteen children. Of primary interest locally, Howe served as Director and Treasurer of the Pittsburgh and Boston Mining Company, which was active in Keweenaw County, Michigan, particularly in operating the Cliff Mine.

Scope and Contents Note

Papers, 1852-2011, documenting the life of Thomas Howe, his family, and descendants, including original handwritten materials. The collection consists of materials produced for descendant reunions and biographical information, as well as copies of Howe family photographs and materials related to Howe’s Civil War experience. Two sepia-toned photographic portraits of Thomas Howe and MaryAnn Palmer Howe are included. Original, handwritten personal and business letters document correspondence between local operators of the Cliff Mine and Howe, as well as real-estate concerns and Howe’s personal correspondence with his wife. Land grant deeds record his acquisition of land in the Upper Peninsula, and bear the signature of President Abraham Lincoln.

Arrangement

Collection consists of two boxes. Box one contains photographic portraits, correspondence and family papers. Box two contains land grant deeds.

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Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Letters (Correspondence)
- Photographs
- Printed ephemera

Geographic Name(s)

- Cliff Mine (Keweenaw County, Mich.)
- Copper Country (Mich.)

Personal Name(s)

- Tucker, Lynn

Subject(s)
General Handling Note

Special care and delicate handling should be used when working with the original land grant deeds.
# Collection Inventory

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## General Note

Additonal context for materials provided by the donor in the form of handwritten notes clipped to papers.

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## General Handling Note

Please note that original deeds should be handled with special care.