

purchased by the Delaware Mining Company. This partnership ended in 1866 when the bondholders took possession of and operated the mines. Eventually, in 1876, a new company, the Delaware Copper Mining Company was formed which, in turn, was sold to the Conglomerate Mining company which was succeeded by the Lac La Belle Mining Company. (Wright, 1881). Stevens, in 1905, reports that the Delaware mine was an idle property on which sums aggregating about \$3.3 million had been sunk by successive managements. One inch piece missing along left edge. Extremely fine to mint. Est. \$50-150

**1975.** Keweenaw. Kearsarge. **Mohawk Mining Co.** Incorporated in Michigan 1888. Issued to Paine, Webber & Co. for 3 shares, cert #F6803, in 1919. Rubber stamp signatures. Vignette of an Indian wearing headdress of 8 feathers. Fancy masthead. Green border, seal and underprint. Cancelled by several hole punches of different shapes. Printer - John A. Lowell Bank Note Co, Boston. In 1918, the company owned 800 acres with production between 5 and 15 million pounds of copper annually. The mine closed briefly in 1913 due to the Western Federation of Miner's strike. Weed (Mines Handbook, 1918, p. 891-92), estimated that the mine had 250 million pounds of copper that was extractable with a life span of another 22 years. By 1930, the company was a power house in the mining world. The company had acquired several other properties by buy outs and was producing 20 million pounds of copper at a cost of 8 cents/lb. There was an average of 184 pounds of copper produced for every share hold, considered one of the best ratios in the country. Its finances were in excellent shape and the future was bright (Mines Handbook, 1930, p.1193-95). Extremely fine. Est. \$100-300



**1976.** Keweenaw. Mandan. **Keweenaw Copper Co.** Incorporated in Michigan 1905. Issued to Max Brunner for 25 shares, cert #A12957, in 1917. Signed by Thomas Hoatson 2nd vice president and C. A. Wright secretary. Vignette of Michigan State Seal. Green border and underprint. Uncancelled. Printer - American Bank Note, NY. 7 x 11. The company controls the Phoenix Consolidated Copper Co, Meadow Mining Co, Humboldt Mining Co, Washington Copper Co and Keweenaw Central Railroad Co. The company collectively owned 25,000 acres with too many individual mines to list. In 1917, there was significant exploratory work with 53 drill holes aggregating over 3,000 feet. Also in 1917, the company only produced 41,000 pounds of copper. Due to financial troubles and poor work force, the company was considering selling timber from the heavily forested lands it controlled (Mines Handbook, 1920, p. 796-98). Single assessment stamp on reverse. Extremely fine. **Scarce.** Est. \$100-200

**1977.** Keweenaw. Mandan. **Keweenaw Copper Co.** Incorporated in Michigan 1906. Issued to George Durich for 2 shares, cert #A11282, in 1914. Signed by Spencer R. Hill vice president and C. A. Wright secretary. Vignette at top center of Michigan State Seal. Green border, seal and underprint. Uncancelled. Printer - American Bank Note, NY. 7 x 11. Two rubber stamp assessments on reverse. See above lot for the story. Slight purple staining along left edge. Reverse shows staining from what appears to be adhesive marks. Fold creases. Extremely fine. Est. \$100-200



**1978.** Keweenaw. Mandan. **Keweenaw Copper Co.** Incorporated in Michigan 1906. Issued to Max Brunner for 100 shares, cert #4444, in 1914. Signed by Spencer R. Hill vice president and C. A. Wright secretary. Vignette at top center of Michigan State Seal. Red border, seal and underprint. Uncancelled. Printer - American Bank Note, NY. 7 x 11. Two rubber stamp assessments on reverse. See above lot for the story. Slight purple staining along left edge. Reverse shows staining from what appears to be adhesive marks. Fold creases. Extremely fine. Est. \$50-150

**1979.** Keweenaw. Mohawk. **Seneca Copper Corporation.** Incorporated in New York 1916. \$1000 Bond, cert #M100, issued 1923. Signed by T. L. Cole president and E. R. Gochau secretary. Vignette at top center of two miners working pneumatic drill underground. Orange border and underprint. Cancelled by handwriting on reverse of same. Printer - American Bank Note Co, NY. 10 x 14. Only 5 coupons remain of original 20. This was the parent company of the Seneca Mining Co owning 11,960 of the 20,000 shares available. In 1925, the company was put into receivership and with the involvement of the U. S. Circuit Court, the holdings, assets and property was sold to the Seneca Copper Mining Co. (Mines Handbook, 1930p.1203). Some wear to edges. Fold creases. Very fine. Est. \$25-75



Partial



**1980.** Keweenaw. Mohawk. **Seneca Copper Mining Co.** Incorporated in Delaware. Issued to Max Brunner for 100 shares, cert #B330, in 1925. Signed by Wm. Malcolm vice president and T. R. Kennedy secretary. Vignette of two miners operating a pneumatic drill underground. Orange border, seal and underprint. Uncancelled. Printer - American Bank Note. 7 x 11. The company controlled over 2,400 acres with several shafts that exceed 3,000 feet deep. The cost of new developments was over \$4 million. "Seneca has experienced management and through reorganization has sufficient working capital to inaugurate production." (Mines Handbook, 1931, p.1203-05). Extremely fine. Est. \$25-75

**1981.** Keweenaw. Mohawk. **Seneca Mining Co.** Incorporated in Michigan 1853. Issued to Beck Brothers for 50 shares, cert #231, in 1863. Signed by John A. Kennedy president and R. A. Rickard secretary. Vignette at top center of an allegorical woman with arms pointing toward a crude, early headframe. Vignette at left of cross sectional view of an underground mine with workers both above and below ground. Black border and print. Cancelled by red pen. Printer - W. H. Arthur & Co. NY. 6 x 9. The company owned 1,880 acres which is less than originally when 1,500 acres were set off as the Ahmeek Mine. There were two shafts by 1900 both about 200' deep. In 1910, stockholders voted to merge with the Calumet & Hecla with a 0.3:1 stock trade ratio. Water stains affecting the lower half of the certificate. Lower right corner is torn off with piece included. Very fine. Est. \$75-150



**1982.** Keweenaw. Mohawk. **Seneca Mining Co.** Incorporated in Michigan 1853. Issued to W. S. Fletcher for 50 shares, cert #286, in 1876. Signed by R. H. Rickard president and J. M. Davis secretary. Vignette of woman with arms pointed towards crude, early headframe. Vignette at left edge of a cross sectional view of a mine with workers above and below ground. Black border. Cancelled by hole punches through signatures but does not obscure them. Printer - W. H. Arthur & Co, NY. 5 x 8. Trimmed tight at left and bottom edge. Minor water staining along lower third of certificate. Glue stain from stub at left. Very fine. Est. \$100-300

**1983.** Keweenaw. Phoenix. **Dana Copper Co.** Incorporated in Michigan. Issued to G. B. Frazier for 100 shares, cert #66, in 1887. Signed by F. H. Raymond president and Burbank secretary. No vignette. Blue border, print and safety print. Cancelled by two hole punches in secretary's signature line. Owned 640 acres bounded by the Arnold and by the Central. "Mine opened in 1851, and never was a producer, having been idle since 1857." (Mines Handbook, 1910, 616-617) Staining at left edge from what appears to be glue from the stub being attached (stub not with certificate). Extremely fine. Est. \$50-150



**1984.** Keweenaw. Phoenix. **Phoenix Consolidated Copper Co.** Incorporated in Michigan. Issued to Cameron Currie for 1000 shares, cert #292, in 1899. Signed by J. Charles Handley J. R. Stantou president, J. Charles Handley secretary and S. Cordant actuary. No vignette. Very fancy masthead. Green border with black print. Uncancelled. Printer - John A. Lowell & Co, Boston. 7 x 11. Four assessment stamps on reverse. The old Phoenix mine is included in the present operation famous for having produced the largest mass of native copper ever found, weighing upwards of 500 short tons. (Copper Handbook, 1906, 814). The Phoenix Copper Company bought the holdings of the Lake Superior Copper Company in 1849 and worked the Phoenix fissure from 1850 to 1853. The mine produced over 17 million pounds of copper and more than 25,000 ounces of silver, but no profit. Phoenix Copper

became the Phoenix Consolidated in 1899 and was sold to the Keweenaw Copper Company in 1923 (Ref: Wilson & Dyl). Staining at left edge from pen bleed through from reverse. Four staples attached at left edge. Est. \$75-150

**1985.** Keweenaw. Phoenix. **Phoenix Consolidated Copper Co.** Incorporated in Michigan. Issued to Louis H. Case for 100 shares, cert #A261, in 1899. Signed by J. R. Stantou president, Charles Handley secretary and E. A. Coffue treasurer. No vignette. Very fancy masthead. Brown border and underprint. Uncancelled. Printer - John A. Lowell & Co, Boston. 7 x 11. Five assessment stamps on reverse. Extremely fine to mint condition. Est. \$100-200



**1986.** Keweenaw. Silver Creek(?). **Silver Creek Mining Co.** Incorporated in Michigan 1857. Issued to B. A. Hoopes for 400 shares, cert #59, in 1863. Signed by Jonathon W. Clark president and Heratio Bigelow treasurer. No vignette. Uncancelled. Printer - Evans & Co, Printers. 6 x 8. Company seal resembles European revenue stamp. 25 cent revenue stamp attached at left edge. We could not find any information on this company within our library. Clear tape repair at top of left fold crease. Glue stains on all edges of reverse. Clear tape repair along left fold crease. Certificate appears to have been mounted on stiffer paper at time of issuance. Reverse is signed by B. A. Hoopes. Small tears along fold creases. Very fine to extremely fine. Est. \$250-500

**MARQUETTE**

**1987.** Marquette(?). **Manhattan Mining Co.** Incorporated in Michigan. Unissued. Unsigned. No cert #. Very attractive and unique vignette of a woman with her arms pointing towards a crude early headframe; a miner with a wheelbarrow is at the shaft. Ornate design along right edge. Ornate black border. Dated New York, 186x. Printer - Lattmer Bros & Seymour, NY. 9 x 11. This company was probably involved in iron mining, maybe within Marquette County. The Manhattan mine is located just south of the Mastadon



mine which produced decent ore assaying as high as 60% iron. The Manhattan is reported in Lawton (1885-1888) as being idle, but having some ore extracted in the past. The Mines Handbook, 1918, reports that the company's property was sold by order of the court in 1900. Trimmed tight along left edge. Rough trim along bottom edge. An incomplete spiral water staining spots. Very fine to extremely fine. Est. \$100-200

**1988. Marquette. Michigan Souvenir Spoons.** Lot of 2 pcs. Sterling silver spoon with a vignette of the "ore docks" in the bowl, circa 1890; and the second is a plain silver plate spoon with *Michigan* along the handle. VF-XF Est. \$50-100

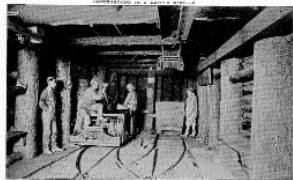


**1989. Marquette. Marquette. Consolidated Lake Superior Co.** Incorporated in Connecticut. Issued to Winthrop Smith & Co for 100 shares, cert #11370, in 1902. Signed by T. C. Search vice president and W. P. Douglas asst. treasurer. Vignette at top center of busy urban center with mill, steam train and ore carts. Green border and underprint. Uncancelled. Printer - Philadelphia Bank Note Co. 8 x 12. The Lake Superior Mine is located in the Marquette Range and was first opened in 1857. Extremely fine. Est. \$50-150

**1908. Detailed view outside mine.** Good contrast and condition except for browning at bottom center. Est \$25-50

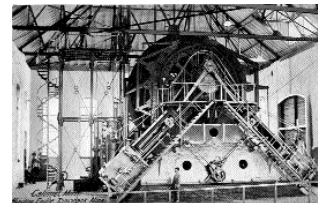


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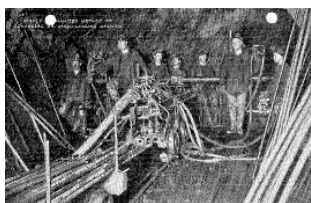


**1991. Mining. Michigan Mining High Quality Color Postcards, c1915.** Lot of 3 pcs. One shows a scene of the train that carried the miners underground. The other three are all of underground scenes. All unused. Mint. Est \$25-50

**1992. Mining. Michigan Mining Postcards, Lot of 12.** 5 modern. 4 are c1907, of large copper nugget, 3 are c. 1915 and of miscellaneous nature. Fine to vf. Est \$25-75

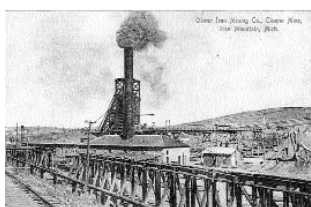


**1993. Mining. Michigan Underground Mining Scene Postcards, Lot of 6.** Five different scenes (i.e., there is one duplicate scene), c1908 postcards of underground mining scenes. None have mine identification, although a couple are identified as Ishpeming, Michigan. Est. \$50-100



**ONTONAGON**

**1994. Ontonagon. Greenland. Adventure Consolidated Copper Co.** Incorporated in Michigan 1898. Issued Andrew C. Sears for 100 shares, cert #72, in 1899. Signed by Henry Mason president and Wm R. Todd secretary. Vignette at upper left of the Michigan State Seal. Greenish-blue border and underprint. Cancelled by I shaped hole punches through signatures and other places. Printer - American Bank Note, NY. 7 x 10. Several assessment stamps on reverse. One 25 cent and one 50 cent revenue affixed on reverse. Blue ink bleed through from reverse due to assessment stamp. The Adventure Consolidated Copper Co controlled a large block of land that included the Adventure, Knowlton, Hilton and Ohio mines. The Adventure was first opened in 1850 along a series of pits that indicated prehistoric mining with the best year producing 230,000 lbs/copper in 1857. The Knowlton, opened 1853, and the Hilton and Ohio, opened in 1863, collectively produced nearly 2 million pounds of copper prior to the consolidation under the Adventure Company. The production of the mines increased significantly under the new company with 25,000 lbs/copper in 1900 to a peak of 1.6 million lbs/copper in 1904. Production ceased in 1908 with the company operating at a loss for the next four years. In 1909-10, there was much exploratory work which resulted in the sinking of two new shafts (Mines Handbook, 1912, p. 12-14). The company was still operating in 1918, with an average of 300 tons per day being shipped to the Winona Mill (Mines Handbook, 1918, p.826-828). Very fine. Est. \$50-150



**1995. Ontonagon. Iron Mountain. Oliver Iron Mining Co Postcard. C. 1910.** The scene is of the company's Chapin Mine showing flumes and a smoke stack belching. The card has been postmarked Iron Mountain, Michigan with a note written to an England address. The company had operations in Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin. The Chapin mine was located within the Menominee Range and in 1916 had a production of 3.35 million tons (Mines Handbook, 1918, p.944-45). Est. 10-20