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## Guide to the Frank Klepetko Michigan Mining Cyanotype Album, circa 1880

NMAH.AC.1042

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	Frank Klepetko Michigan Mining Cyanotype Album
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.1042
<b>Date:</b>	circa 1880
<b>Extent:</b>	0.33 Cubic feet (1 box)
<b>Creator:</b>	Davis, Henry Klepetko, Frank, 1856-1925 Mechanical and Civil Engineering, Division of [former name], NMAH, SI. Work and Industry, Division of, NMAH, SI
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Summary:</b>	Album of cyanotype photographs of mills, mines and mining equipment, and the shipping of iron ore, mostly in Michigan.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

The collection was transferred to the Archives Center from the Division of Work and Industry in 2007.

### Related Materials

Underwood & Underwood Glass Stereograph Collection

### Available Formats

A digital reproduction and copy prints of the cyanotype album available in the Archives Center.

### Processing Information

Processed by Kiley Orchard (intern), 2008; supervised by Vanessa Broussard Simmons, archivist.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical / Historical

The album is inscribed, "To Henry Davis from Frank Klepetko." Klepetko was a metallurgical engineer who was an authority in copper smelting and refining. Born in Czechoslovakia in 1856, he emigrated to Cleveland, Ohio in 1867, and obtained his degree of Engineer of Mines at Columbia University in 1880. Though it is unclear whether Klepetko was the photographer of the images in the album, the album was given to Henry C. Davis in 1880. Davis had been made president of a new Conglomerate Mining Company, originally formed on the Upper Peninsula of Michigan in 1863.

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## Scope and Contents

The collection is an album of cyanotype photographs depicting mills, mines and mining equipment, and the shipping of iron ore. The photographs are captioned and indicate that the images were mostly taken in cities in Michigan, including Calumet, Marquette, Franklin, Sault Ste. Marie, and Hancock. Some images of Buffalo and Cleveland are also included. The photographs are arranged by the cities in which they were taken.

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## Arrangement

The collection is arranged in one series.

Series 1, Cyanotype Album, circa 1880

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Iron -- Michigan
- Iron foundries -- Michigan
- Iron mining -- Michigan
- Mining equipment
- Ore -- Michigan

Types of Materials:

- Cyanotypes

Photograph albums -- 19th century  
Photographs -- Cyanotypes -- 1880-1890  
Reports

Names:

Mechanical and Civil Engineering, Division of [former name], NMAH, SI.  
Work and Industry, Division of, NMAH, SI

Geographic Names:

Michigan

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Cyanotype Album, circa 1880

Box 1, Folder 1	Pages 1-20 <a href="#">Image(s)</a>
Box 1, Folder 2	Pages 21-40 <a href="#">Image(s)</a>
Box 1, Folder 3	Covers and scraps, circa 1880 <a href="#">Image(s)</a>
Box 2, Folder 1	Digital reproductions of cyanotype album
Box 2, Folder 2	Copy prints of cyanotype album (reference)

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