

# DICKINSON COUNTY HISTORY -- FORD MOTOR COMPANY – HENRY FORD IN DICKINSON COUNTY

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## PERSONAL MENTION

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Henry Ford, of Detroit, the manufacturer of the famous automobiles bearing that name, spent last Tuesday in the city visiting his aunt, Mrs. Flaherty.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 13, Number 19 [Thursday, October 1, 1908], page 8, column 2

## PERSONAL MENTION

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Henry Ford, manufacture [sic – manufacturer] of the automobile bearing that name, arrived in the city from Detroit last Saturday. The trip from Detroit to Iron Mountain was made in one of the latest 1909 [sic] machines. Mr. Ford was accompanied by two of his experts and the run was made for the purpose of giving the machine a thorough test. He spent the week in the Witch Lake district with E.G. Kingsford.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 14, Number 25 [Thursday, November 11, 1909], page 8, column 1

## PERSONAL MENTION

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O.C. Davidson and son Harold, E.G. Kingsford and son Teddy and Henry J. Ford, the Detroit automobile manufacturer, left last Tuesday morning for Sylvania

Lodge, where they will hunt deer for a week or ten days.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 14, Number 25 [Thursday, November 11, 1909], page 8, column 3

## PERSONAL MENTION

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Henry J. Ford, the manufacturer of the famous Ford automobile, arrived in the city last Sunday and is the guest of Edward G. Kingsford. Mr. Ford is an enthusiastic nimrod and expects to spend a week or ten days hunting deer in the vicinity.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 25, Number 22 [Thursday, October 14, 1920], page 1, column 6

## Fords Are Hunting.

Henry Ford and his son, Edsell [sic – Edsel], arrived in the city from Detroit Monday about noon, making the trip in automobile via menominee and the Ann Arbor ferry boat. The Fords were accompanied here by C.W. Avery, superintendent of the Ford Motor company, William Smith and Charles Sorenson, the metallurgist of the company. Accompanied by E.G. Kingsford, the party left here last Tuesday morning for Long Lake, where they expected to do some bird hunting. Incidentally, The Press learns that the visit also has something to do with iron mines.

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## **Will Mine Ore.**

While in Iron Mountain last week, Henry Ford and his son, Edsell [*sic – Edsel*], and their several engineers, did not spend all their time in hunting birds or in inspecting the local plants. Some time was spent at the Imperial mine, at Michigamme, to which Mr. Ford has secured title, including the stock of the old holding company. Samples were taken and the engineers will be called upon for a report as to its value as a Ford asset. The Press has assurance that the Ford interests will become miners of iron ore sooner than most people anticipated.

*The Iron Mountain Daily News*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 222 [Friday, December 30, 1921], page 1, column 7

## **Mr. and Mrs. Ford Arrive Here To Attend Wedding**

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ford arrived in Iron Mountain this morning to attend the wedding tomorrow evening of Mr. Ford's cousin, Miss Dorothy Kingsford, to Dr. Norman Miller.

The distinguished visitors were met by Mr. and Mrs. E.G. Kingsford. They arrived in their special car, the "Fair Lane," which was attached to the 8:58 Northwestern passenger train.

There was some delay in switching the car and it was after 11:30 before it was "spotted" on a spur at the Ford plant.

Pressed for time because of the delay, Mr. Ford was unable to give an interview but declared, "we [*sic – We*] are here merely to attend the wedding of my cousin, nothing else."

It was expected that Mr. Ford would spend the afternoon inspecting the plant here and watch the operation of the turbo-generator which was recently installed.

*The Iron Mountain News*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 3, Number 110 [Saturday, August 18, 1923], page 1, column 6; page 2, column 1 [photograph on page 1, columns 2-5]

## **FORD CAMPING PARTY ARRIVES IN IRON MOUNTAIN**

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### **PITCHES TENTS IN GROVE NEAR FACTORY SITE**

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### **Travelled [*sic*] to Escanaba In Motor King's Yacht**

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### **GREETED BY CROWD**

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### **Many at Dock When Party Comes Ashore From Boat**

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Henry Ford and party arrived here from Escanaba at 1:15 o'clock this afternoon and will remain for a few days at the Ford Motor company's private grounds at the Cowboy Lake grove, about a mile northwest of the Ford plant.

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Included in the party are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Edison, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey P. Firestone, Harvey P. Jr., Miss Bogue, a friend of the Firestones, Mr. E.G. Kingsford, of this city, and Mrs. E.G. Kingsford, who joined the party here at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon.

The trip was made here in three Lincoln cars, which conveyed the passengers, and two additional Lincoln supply trucks and a White pantry car. The party carries complete camping equipment. One of the trucks contained nothing but tents and cots which were being set up this afternoon.

## **Have First Lunch Here.**

At 2:30 o'clock this afternoon the round camping table was set up, loaded with an abundance of food, and the party enjoyed its first luncheon in Iron Mountain. The table, which comfortably accommodates the party is in two sections with a revolving center stand so that any of those at the table may turn it around to get any food desired. A movie man took pictures of the group around the luncheon table.

Each car was driven by a chauffeur and a Japanese cook and helper are also included on the staff.

Speaking for Mr. Ford, Mr. Kingsford said that the trip to the northern peninsula is purely recreational and that the motor magnate refuses to comment or discuss civic problems.

When asked what the itinerary of the party would be, Mr. Kingsford stated that they plan on visiting all the Ford operations in the upper peninsula as well as parts of the copper country. Other than that, he said, nothing is known. Mr. Edison, "commander-in-chief" of the group, will map the route.

The Ford party arrived in Escanaba early this morning. His visit was just about as long as the last one he made. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Edison and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Firestone

have been on a combined motor and yachting trip and were joined a few days ago by E.G. Kingsford, chief of Ford operations in the upper peninsula.

After motoring through the lower peninsula the trucks and motor cars were placed on board a specially chartered Ann Arbor car

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### **Travelled [*sic*] to Escanaba In Motor King's Yacht**

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Ferry and shipped to Escanaba. The big ship crawled through a blanket of heavy fog and landed at the dock about 3 o'clock this morning.

#### **Travel on Palatial Yacht**

The party made the trip from Traverse City on Mr. Ford's new sea going yacht, Sialia, the third or fourth of the name owned by him. The new craft is about 300 feet long and has every known safety device as well as the latest in ocean going comfort.

Crude oil is burned and the tanks hold enough to carry the vessel 6,000 miles. There are 30 men in the crew, three of whom divide the day in continuous wireless service.

The Sialia arrived in the bay at Escanaba about 1 o'clock this morning and anchored off shore until well along in the morning when it docked to allow the party to disembark and proceed on their journey to Iron Mountain.

#### **Hundreds At Dock**

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By the time the party were [*sic – was*] ready to come ashore hundreds of people had arrived at the dock and as Thomas Edison stepped across the gang plank three cheers were given for him as “the greatest inventor in the world.” The grand old man of electricity is very hard of hearing but he knew what it was all about and nodded his pleasure as he made his way to the waiting car.

“Hurrah for our next president,” was the signal for a whole bunch of cheers as Mr. and Mrs. Ford came down the gangplank and went to their car.

E.G. Kingsford, who many took to be Mr. Ford, occupied the car with them. Mr. Ford made no acknowledgement of the cheering as that is not his way, but his pleasure showed plainly as he carefully assisted Mrs. Ford into their luxurious sedan.

## **Ford Meets Ford**

Slowly an old man stepped up and explained to the motor king that his name was Ford too and that he was probably some relation to the owner of the million dollar yacht tied up to the dock. Mr. Ford, the motor magnate, asked him what part of the country his relatives came from and when given the information promptly declared, “We are no relation.”

Finally all the bags, boxes, books, wraps, coats and parcels were loaded into the trucks and cars and the famous trio with their wives and other members of the party started on the way to Iron Mountain. There were four or five touring cars and three big trucks.

## **Pictures of Trip**

There was just one Ford car in the outfit and that was used by the moving picture machine men, for where the camping party goes so goes the movies. They make a photographic record of the trip. The pictures so made are not for public exhibition but are for the personal use of

Henry Ford and, of course, will prove of great value to Henry Ford II, who is now a little tot of a few years. The crowd of Escanabans that waited to welcome the party was given almost a full reel.

The car driven by the Firestones was equipped with new balloon tires. Enormous things that are made very light and pumped up with only 20 or 30 pounds of air. They were fully seven inches in diameter and it is said they will be the kind used universally in the future.

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