

# **Finding aid for the Massey Family photo collection Collection 071**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
<b>Title</b>	Massey Family photo collection
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1900-1910
<b>Extent</b>	0.21 Linear feet One box
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	The small Massey Family photo collection contains black and white copy photographs of primarily African American and Native American families from the Burt Lake, Michigan area. The images depict various family members and activities from circa 1900.

## Biographical/Historical note

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Bits and pieces of information exist on the back of the photographs, allowing for the construction of some basic family genealogy. However, some of this information may include misidentifications.

Charles Massey married Sarah Nowqueskwa Massey and they had a son Francis. Francis is seen in various images cutting timber, at a grocery store in Burt and in various other activities. Charles' parents were Joseph Massey and Mary Mosier Massey, who migrated from Canada. Charles is shown in one photo with a group of Cheboygan Co. Supervisors, Oct. 1910.

Some images show Charles and Sara with Henry Massey, not Francis. Joseph and Mary Massey are given as grandparents of Henry, but not Francis. One family photo lists Esther Martell Massey, Margaret Massey later Swartout (daughter of Henry and Esther), Henry J. Massey (son), Charles Massey, Francis Massey (son), Sarah Nawqueskwa Massey wife of Charles. A family group photo shows Henry and Esther with their daughters Margaret and Anna. Joe Massey, son of Henry is shown as a boy with friends. Charlie and Jerry Massey are shown in uniform at St. Ignace, Mi.

Another family photo shows Louis Massey, older brother of Henry (is that 3 sons for Charles?), with Mary Massey, and their children Walter, Lucy, Lena and Leona. Catherine Martell Neshaw, sister of Esther Martell Massey, is shown with Jerry Neshaw (husband?). Cecilia and Ruben Martell, niece and nephew of Esther Martell Massey are shown as children. Mary Moses, Jane Martell and Elizabeth Martell are shown with an unidentified woman. Jerry Martell is shown with a friend and Abe Martell is shown with Robert Coby.

Two different photos of the Louis Moses (Native American) family are shown, also Zach Moses as a child. Eva Leo, daughter of Catherine and Jerry Neshaw is show alone, but in another photo with Helen (?). Sam Leo is shown with a friend.

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## Scope and Contents note

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Copy negatives are available for several of the photos.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

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### **Immediate Source of Acquisition note**

Margaret Swarhout, January 21, 1986; accession number 1986.045

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## **Related Materials**

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### **Related Archival Materials note**

See also the African American Clipping Index and file.

See also Collection 249.

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **Family Name(s)**

- Massey, Burt Lake (Mich.)

### **Geographic Name(s)**

- Burt Lake (Mich.) -- History -- Photographs

## Collection Inventory

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Baseball Team, Moses Martell (1)	1	1
Burt Lake (Mich.) (2) Includes historical notes on Henry J. Massey, his mother, Sara Mongreshlerve, and father, Charles Massey by Mary Margaret Swartout Pellston.	1	2
Castle Rock (Mich.) (1)	1	3
Massey Grocery Store (2), Francis Massey	1	3.5
Churches (9), including Brutus, Mi; St. Mary's, Burt Lake, MI; St. Jos' Indian Church, H. Springs	1	4
Hessel (Mich.) (1)	1	5
Housing, and unidentified groups (7), including Henry Massey on sleigh, O Her? brother Louis far right.	1	6
Logging (11)	1	7

### Scope and Contents note

Including Joe Leo and Henry Massey (2); Jonas Shanaquet and Paul Wasson; Abe Martell and Don Bolten; Cross Village, 1904, from a postcard sent to Maggie Massey from Eva Leo, Dec. 27, 1910; Charles Massey, Henry's father; Group, incl. Moses Martell; Group, incl. Henry

Massey, Charles Massey; Group, incl. Charles and Henry, on Hemlock for Bogardus Land & Lumber Company Camp, Lakewood, MI, Feb. 12, 1908; Group, winter w logs; Group, by stacked cut lumber

People, identified. (9) Includes Rayfields; Louise King; Pellston Garage; Hulet, Chester J., Gene Hamlin, John, Jammie and Emma Nongushlba (?); Louis, George and Alice Gallaway; Raymond Shawa; Amos Shawa	1	8
People. Massey's (22)	1	8.1
People. Massey in-laws (12) Including Neshaw, Moses, Leo	1	8.2
Musicians (2) Including Amos Showa, Louis Massey, and John Nongurshkua (?)	1	9
People. Unidentified (24)	1	10
Generic photo from unidentified publication, Re Western Expansion exploration, Native American's.	1	10.5
School classes (3), including Joe and Margaret Massey's classes as children.	1	11
Topinable (Mich.) [Topinabee?] (6, but some of these may not actually belong here). Includes Mrs. Neff and her mother; Edith Mallony, Albert Shanoquit's daughter, two Massey boys at St. Ignasis [St. Ignace]	1	12