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Cliffs Shaft Mine

Opened by the Iron Cliffs Company in 1879, the mine was acquired by the present owner, the Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Company, in 1891. The Cliffs Shaft was the nation's largest producer of hard, specular hematite, a type of iron ore. Over 26 million tons were mined, and since 1887 ore was shipped every year but one. The mine was also one of the largest of Michigan iron mines, its sixty-five miles of tunnels running under most of Ishpeming and plunging to a depth of 1,358 feet. As late as the 1930s, there were eight iron mines in Ishpeming. The Cliffs Shaft was the last of these, and its closing in 1967 marked the end of an era.

Significant Date:

Industry and Invention (1875-1915)

Registry Year: 1973 **Erected Date:** 1973

Marker Location

Address: 3300 Jeffries Service Drive

City: Detroit

State: MI **ZipCode:**

County: Marquette

Township:

Lat: 46.49242000 / **Long:** -87.67821900

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