

Guide to the **Cayuga Salt Mine Collection**

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COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

This collection contains materials from Paul Briggs of Lansing, thought to be a retired executive of Cargill, Inc., formerly the Cayuga Rock Salt Company. The materials are organized for a presentation, possibly done in the 1990s at the DeWitt Historical Society (currently The History Center). They cover the geology of the salt deposits near Cayuga Lake, as well as a detailed look at the workings of the mine. The information is sophisticated, suggesting an extensive knowledge of salt mining in general and the workings of this mine in particular. Photographs on foam board accompany the text.

CONTAINER LIST

“Cayuga Salt Mine” text	Folder 1
“Miner’s Tales – Cargill’s Rock Salt Mine” Photographs by Paul Briggs	Folder 2
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