Ironton, Wisconsin
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IR1  Ironton iron works complex. Furnace, top and casting house or foundry below (lettered “Pig metal and castings made to order by Jonas Tower.” Right is machine shop, far right is office. Village of Ironton in background.
IR2  Typical charcoal burning scene, northwestern Sauk Co. 1855-1880. Ironton Township.
IR3  Ironton Iron mine marker.
IR4  Iron smelting plant
IR5  The ore bed after the mine closed in 1892
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IR8  The ore bed after the mine closed in 1892. An outing.
IR9  The ore bed after the mine closed in 1892. An outing.
IR10 Bar of pig iron found in creek by Harry Hearn, where it was thrown by Luke LaRue around the turn of the century.
IR11 Feed and flour mill with sawmill on right.
IR12 High water at the mill.
IR13 Log dam at mill.
IR14 Flour and grist mill
IR15 Log dam in the winter, Ironton on the hill in back.
IR16 Flooded mill dam
IR17 No photo
IR18 Ironton Roller Mills feed sack for Corn Meal. The Iron Mt. Ore & Furnace Co. came into possession of the feed and flour mill in 1881, when they bought the John Smith Iron Works from his heirs.
IR19 Ironton Co-Operative Creamery Co. Began in 1914, merged with LaValle factory and closed around 1939.
IR20 Interior of Ironton Co-Operative Creamery.
IR21 On State street. Building on left was Byrne building, moved in from foundry area. Right was Retzlaff’s Garage. A lean-to was built on one side as a grocery and ice cream store.
IR22 Blakeslee’s Store and Post Office. Allie Blakeslee on board walk.
IR23 Stage coach in Irontin, driver is Martin Hazlick.
IR24 Driving pilings for railroad bridge.
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IR26 Making the railroad bed.
IR27 Construction on Hwy 58 in 1928.
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IR29 “Lovers Lane”. Posing are Mary (Byrne) Miller and Mr. Hanzlick., ca. 1900.
IR30 “Lovers Lane”
IR31 “Lovers Lane”
IR32 River scene
IR33 River scene
IR34 Veterans Memorial Park, marker erected after WWII to honor all veterans.
IR35 Bridge at mill, and entrance to the fairgrounds.
IR36 Fairgrounds. From left, exhibit buildings, horse barn, grandstand, speakers stand.
IR37 Tossie D., “The Lone Pacer”. She was mentioned in the fair of 1898.
IR38 Agricultural Fair poster
IR39 Annual Fair ticket
IR40 St. Michael’s Catholic Church, built 1862, burned 1929. Fr. E. Kriel, his sister Mary and his father, Winzel in front of church.
IR41 Interior of Methodist Episcopal church, built in 1873.
IR42 Methodist Episcopal church, built in 1873.
IR44 Ironton village two-room school, built in 1885.
IR45 Ironton village two-room school, built in 1885.
IR46 Two room Ironton school, built in 1885, remodeled in 1923 into a 3-room school. Held nine grades, closed in 1963. Currently a private home.
IR50 Kids
IR51 Kids
IR53 Family picture
IR56 Kid on sled in Ironton
Pump, had endless chain with cups. (Photo may have been used as an example, and may not have been taken in Ironton).

First engine bought by the Cazenovia & Southern R.R. Photo taken at the rock ledge at Ironton by Frank Byrne.

Second engine bought by C. & S. R.R. Men on engine are Bob Drea and Guy DeVault.

Hop house. Right side of building had slanted platform where cheese cloth was laid for hops to dry. Left side was where hops were sacked and baled.

Kids in posing, with gristmill in background.

“Lovers Lane”

Mill on left, road leads to fairground.

Road runs through the mill on right.

Seaman’s Store, later Blanchard’s store. Boxes in front read “Piper Bros. Home Bakery, Madison”. In 200, is North of the Border tavern.

Furnace street. R-L: blacksmith shop of Vanloon, Kilburn and George Stephenson. White building was the I.O.O.F. Hall.

William All Log house built in 1855, stood until their son-in-law, Frank Phoenix, built a new house in 1914.

Memorial Day at the “church” ca. 1888. Drummers were George Stowe, bass drum; Allie Blakeslee on snare drum. Ephraim Blakeslee far right flag bearer. Girls dressed in white with blue caps and red sashes, and wreaths for soldier’s graves.

Methodist Episcopal church, built in 1873.

Same as IR41. Inside Methodist Episcopal church.

Tornado, May 9, 1918, Photo by the priest.

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State Street, looking East, 1909.

School?

Street scene, 1908.

Parsonage, Catholic church, 1921.

Main street, east, 1909

1908. L-R: first building was, at one time, Blanchard’s harness shop, milliner shop, ice cream parlor. Next building was Blacksmith shop. Next, Mathew’s store, Hudson’s store and now Ironton Community Center.

Residence district, 1908

Train, ca. 1911

South side of furnace, L-R: crusher, elevator, top house where tumblers were located. Large door is where water ran through.

Interior of Guy Wright’s Barbershop. His son is posing for the picture. 1924

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State street, left building was grocery store then Rosy’s Bar.

Gristmill

State street

Down town, ca. 1920’s.

Looking across a field at Ironton, possibly, 1907.

State street?
Business district, 1908.
Mill house where the miller lived.
Kids in front of school
Center is Guy Wright’s Barbershop. In 1901, A. Macy had jewelry business in the Wright Barbershop. Wright also sold confectionary, flour and cigars. In 1926 Wright fixed the building and painted cars there.
Market Street, 1909
Home
May 8, 1918, tornado damage to Samuel Hudson residence on Mill St. Was a hotel at one time.
The last log cabin located at the ore bed. Mamie & Bernard LaRue in doorway.
Spanish American War veteran, Earl Wright, from Ironton. While out west, he enlisted in the army. Went to Philippines. Arrived home June 15, 1901.
Same as IR102.
Ironton depot damage during May 8, 1918 tornado.
Last day of operation of Ironton Postoffice, June 4, 1976. Mrs. Hope Marshall, last postmaster.
Ginseng bed in Ironton, belonged to Wenzel Hanzlick.
Village of Ironton School, built in 1885. Had 2 rooms, teaching 8 to 9 grades.