

## ALBUM PRIMARY SOURCES AND HISTORICAL FICTION: AMERICA'S JOAN OF ARC

### Album Description

Anna Klobuchar Clemenc (Clements), also known as “Big Annie” and America’s Joan of Arc, is the central character in *The Women of Copper Country*, a historical novel by Maria Doria Russell. Set in Upper Michigan’s Keweenaw Peninsula in 1913, the novel chronicles the work of Anna and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Western Federation of Miners. A significant event is the Italian Hall disaster. Christmas Eve, 1913, a citizen falsely shouted fire in the crowded building as children of union members were celebrating Christmas, killing over 70 people, mostly children.

Secondary characters are citizens of Calumet and a photographer who documented Annie’s work and illustrated the power of photography after the disaster. (In the novel the photographer is a fictional composite based on the actual journalist and is described as influenced by 19th century Journalist and reformer Jacob Riis.)

Labor organizer Mother Jones also visits Calumet to help the cause and other historical figures are mentioned.

Underlying themes of living in a company town, the power of the mining company, union vs. non-union, the power of journalism, ethnic struggles and perceptions. (Italian, Slovenian, Finnish, Jewish) a changing America, young romance and illicit romance. The novel invites discovering sources – there is a lot to find.

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Calumet, Michigan    Local History    Historical Fiction

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## A MILE UNDERGROUND--LOADING AND HANDLING CARS WITH COPPER ORE, CALUMET-HECLA MINES, CALUMET, MICH.



**Reference Link:** <http://www.loc.gov/item/96509489/>

**Summary:** Men pushing trams, loaded with copper ore.

**Contributor Names:** Keystone View Company.

**Created / Published:** Meadville, Pa. : Keystone View Company, manufacturers and publishers, c1916.

**Subject Headings:** - Calumet and Hecla Consolidated Copper Company--Facilities--1910-1920

- Copper mining--Michigan--Calumet--1910-1920

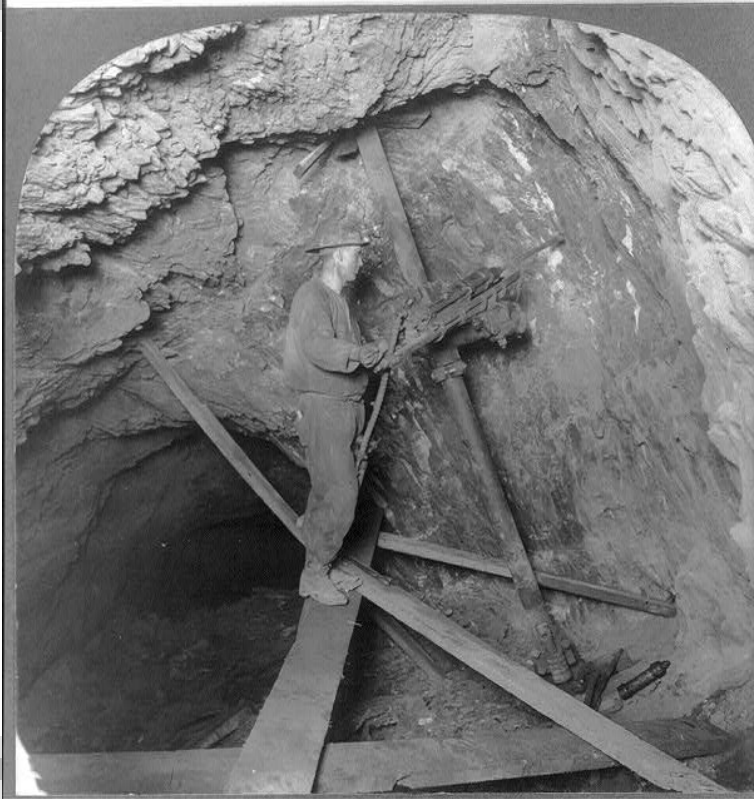
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**MINER DRILLING COPPER ROCK WITH LEYNER MACHINE. PREPARATORY FOR  
BLASTING; CALUMET-HECLA MINES, CALUMET, MICHIGAN**



**Reference Link:** <http://www.loc.gov/item/2006684528/>

Created / Published: c1916.

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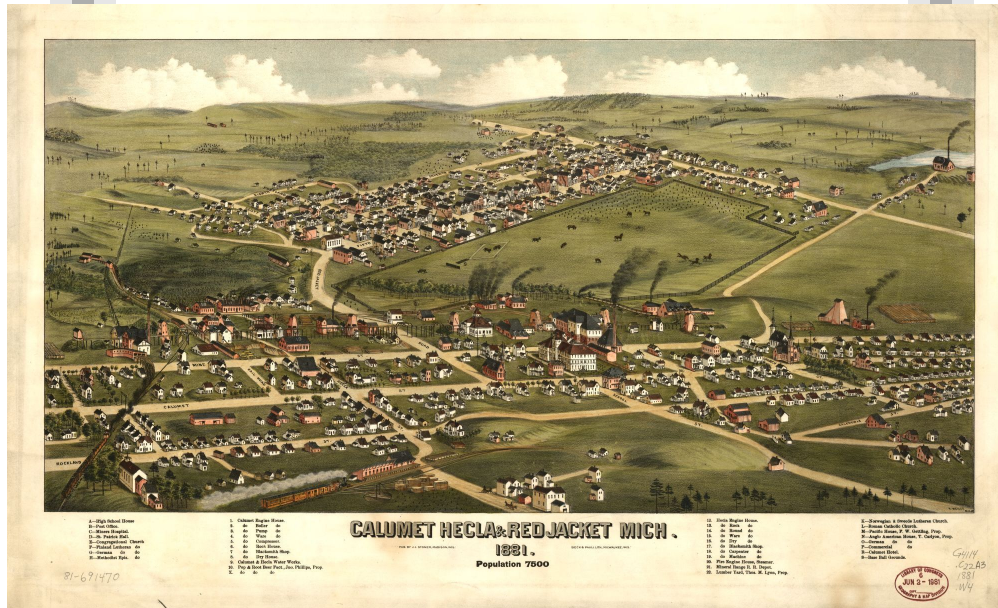
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**PHOTO OF ANNA KLOBUCHAR CLEMENC WITH A FLAG**

## CALUMET, HECLA & RED JACKET, MICH. : 1881



**Reference Link:** <http://www.loc.gov/item/81691470/>

**Contributor Names:** Wellge, H. (Henry)

Beck & Pauli.

Stoner, J. J.

**Created / Published:** Madison, Wis. : J.J. Stoner, [1881]

**Subject Headings:** - Calumet (Mich.)--Aerial views

- Hecla (Mich.)--Aerial views

- Red Jacket (Mich.)--Aerial views

- United States--Michigan--Calumet

- United States--Michigan--Hecla

- United States--Michigan--Red Jacket

**Notes:** - Bird's-eye view.

- LC Panoramic maps (2nd ed.), 340.1

- Available also through the Library of Congress Web site as a raster image.

- Indexed for points of interest.

**Repository:** Library of Congress Geography and Map Division Washington, D.C. 20540-4650 USA dcu

**Digital Id:** <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.gmd/g4114c.pm003401>

## THE HEART OF THE COPPER COUNTRY, CALUMET, MICH.



**Reference Link:** <http://www.loc.gov/item/2016801151/>

Contributor Names: Detroit Publishing Co., copyright claimant

Detroit Publishing Co., publisher

Created / Published: [between 1880 and 1930]

Subject Headings: - Copper industry

- Lumber industry
- Dwellings
- United States--Michigan--Calumet

Genre: Dry plate negatives

Panoramic photographs

Notes: - Videodisc images out of sequence; actual left to right order is: 1A-07008, 07007, 07006, 07005, 07004, 07003, 07002.

- Numbers on negatives (left to right): "G3308 L", "G3309 LLC", "G3310 LC", "G3311 C", "G3312 RC", "G3313 RRC", "G3314 R".

- Detroit Publishing Co. no. 010964.

- Gift; State Historical Society of Colorado; 1949.

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**ITALIAN HALL, 400 BLOCK OF SEVENTH STREET BETWEEN ELM & PINE STREETS,  
CALUMET, HOUGHTON COUNTY, MI**

**Teaching Notes:**

Significance: Italian Hall, built in 1908 to the design of Paul Humphrey Macneil, was the site of the 1913 Christmas Disaster. In July of 1913 the miners struck the mining companies of the Michigan copper range. At Christmas the women's group of the strikers' organization held a party for their children. They rented the Italian Hall, a large second floor public meeting room owned by an Italian mutual benefit society. During the party, someone yelled, "fire." There was no fire. However, many of the large crowd, about four hundred, rushed for the exit stairs. The exit doors at the bottom of the stairs opened inward. People could not get them open and they began to pile up in the stairwell. About seventy-four persons died, over half of them children. The event led to even greater bitterness between union and company partisans. Woody Guthrie wrote the song "Copper Country 1913 Massacre," about the Italian Hall disaster. Architecturally, the Hall itself remains in quite good condition with stenciled decorations, tin ceiling, and impressively complete stage and machinery.

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**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE: ANNA KLOBUCHAR CLEMENC**

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## **MICHIGAN WOMEN HALL OF FAME: ANNA CLEMENC**

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## **LABOR HALL OF FAME**

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Anna Klobuchar Clemenc was inducted in 2013. Mother Jones is also a member.

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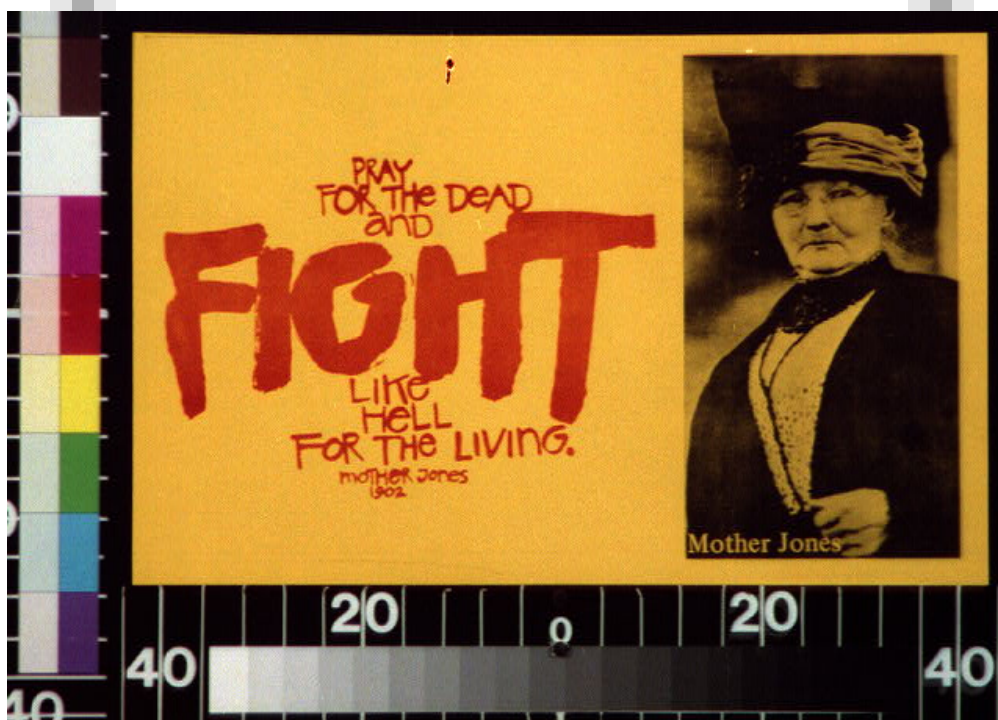
## **1913 MASSACRE (MUSIC LYRICS AND BOB DYLAN VIDEO)**

### **Teaching Notes:**

Lyrics and music by Woody Guthrie.

Video: Bob Dylan singing the song about the Italian Hall disaster.

## PRAY FOR THE DEAD AND FIGHT LIKE HELL FOR THE LIVING. MOTHER JONES 1902



**Reference Link:** <http://www.loc.gov/item/2015649968/>

**Summary:** Poster showing Mary "Mother" Jones, half-length portrait, facing slightly left.

**Created / Published:** [between 1965 and 1980]

**Subject Headings:** - Jones,--Mother,--1837-1930

- Labor leaders--1960-1980

**Genre:** Portraits--1960-1980

**Posters--American--1960-1980**

**Prints--American--Color--1960-1980**

**Notes:** - Title from item.

- "Southern Conference Educational Fund" and address pencilled on verso.

- Gift; Gary Yanker; 1975-1983.

**Repository:** Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division Washington, D.C. 20540 USA

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## **JACOB RIIS: REVEALING “HOW THE OTHER HALF LIVES**

### **Teaching Notes:**

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## **TUMULT AND TRAGEDY : MICHIGAN'S 1913-14 COPPER STRIKE.**

### **Teaching Notes:**

Michigan Technical University, Houghton. Library Archives

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### Teaching Notes:

Wow! What a way to launch Women's History Month. This is an expansive rich collection and "Big Annie" is new to me. I need to know about her and so should many of us. Klobuchar Clement, any relation to Amy in the news or is this a common name? Always fun to pursue the research.

This is a beautiful album assembled with intellectual care. Thank you,  Mary Anderson .

### Teaching Notes:

Oh....thanks, Neme Alperstein. I hadn't connected this to Women's History month. Cool!

I had not heard of Anna before, but the book captured my interest because I have been to Calumet and Copper Country and toured a mine. Also, Russell is a very good historical fiction author who does a lot of research.

I expect Amy Klobuchar is a distant relative. Her grandfather and Anna's father were Slovenian immigrants. Amy's grandfather was a miner in the northern Minnesota Iron Range. Klobuchar is not a common name.