Instruction: Supporting the Traveling Studio

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Introduction—
Background and Context
The Northern Building Studio

Photo provided by Reg Halford, 3rd Generation Paper Maker, St. Mary’s Paper

A Living Centre for Ecology, Culture and Wilderness Experience
1. Destination North Discovery Centre
2. Aazhogan Anishinabek
3. Group of Seven Algoma
4. Entomica
5. Wilderness Rail Station
5a Wilderness Rail Walk
A. Board Mill Rail Market
“It Takes a Village”
Material Collection and Creation of Handout

Some Initial Research Tips for ARCH 3505 EL/FL Studio 5: Northern Building: St. Mary’s Industrial Campus

One aspect of your initial research of the St. Mary’s Industrial Campus is historical. As author David Wang suggests in Architectural Research Methods, “history research brings into view something from the past”; it is an “interpretation,” “the output [of which] is narrative” — a narrative with multiple points of view.¹ In a sense, you are balancing both the reporting of events and the telling of a story. At this point you need to do some historical research so that you can share the story of the Industrial Campus with some accuracy.

As you research the history of St. Mary’s Paper Industrial Campus prior to going to the Sault in person, you may want to pursue some of the following resources:

The Sault Ste. Marie Public Library (online):

Searching under Library Resources, choose Archives & Local History to access the Historical Forestry Database. Note that as you input search terms, St. Mary’s Paper Limited was formerly Abitibi Power and Paper Co. and there is a connection to the Spanish River Pulp and Paper Mills.

You may also scan the Local History Index through the online catalogue to find relevant articles in the local newspaper, Sault Star. Once you are in the catalogue, input either “Abitibi” or “St. Mary’s Paper” in the search box. Then, on the left-hand side you will see a drop down menu with the term “Collection,” about midway down. Choose “Collection,” then Newspaper Index. This index will provide you with a list of relevant newspaper articles. Make a note of the ones that look interesting. The articles themselves are only available on microfilm, on site, at the Sault Public Library. They may be scanned when you are in the Sault.

Also, of special interest under the subheading “Collection,” is the option of “historical photos.”

On 1-day reserve in the LAL Library:


Site Visit
Conclusion—Broader Applications, Assessment

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