



Moving Hibbing to Make Way for more Mining

In 1915, the town of Hibbing had 20,000 people who all had to uproot their homes and families and move them south to the small village of Alice. Many of the buildings were actually lifted and rolled down to Alice.

The Oliver Mining Company was the brainchild behind this move and agreed that if the town relocated 2 miles south to Alice, they would develop the downtown buildings with low interest loans for the retailers.**

Moving Homes n Hibbing, MN 1919 and its Iron Ore Deposit

"The 'Richest Village' is on the move, and it keeps residents and business men guessing as to just how much of it will move, and what will become of the rest of it. It is a big operation and cannot be done all at once, but certain it is that the Oliver Iron Mining company will soon need the ore on the townsite forty (lot 5 n section G, 57-20).



A building on the move from Hibbing to Alice in 1919.

This forty, by the way, is presumed to have one of the largest tonnages of Iron ore on the Mesaba, estimated at between 25,000,000 and 50,000,000. The author is assuming that the area has one of the largest tonnages of iron ore on the Mesaba, but it has not been proven yet.

*"Heavy shipments from the Oliver's big properties have made enlargement of the pits necessary and steam shovels are crowding closer upop the village every year. The next few years will surely witness great changes in Hibbing."****

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**http://www.minnesotaghosts.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=89:hibbing-the-town-that-moved&catid=5:minnesota-history&Itemid=13

***http://www.mnhs.org/school/online/communities/milestones/MOVnws2T_transcript.htm

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Frank Hibbing, Founder of Hibbing MN.

With many mines operating in the area that Frank Hibbing originally found iron ore and built his town, the area was booming. The area was so rich in iron ore product that the mines soon found themselves encroaching on the north, south, and east sides of the town of Hibbing. Then it was discovered... there was a rich ore deposit under the town. It had to move.

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