FAYALITE

 $(Fe^{2+})_2SiO_4$

(see also forsterite)

The Fe²⁺-dominant member of the olivine group. Found in a variety of igneous and metamorphic rocks. Northern Peninsula.

Marquette County: Republic mine: Fayalite (Fa₈₅₋₉₅) occurs in metamorphosed Negaunee Iron Formation in the assemblage fayalite, hedenbergite (reported as "ferrosalite"), grunerite, hornblende, biotite, calcite \pm quartz, and magnetite. The fayalite cuts across grunerite and locally is intergrown with the hedenbergite (Haase and Klein, 1978).

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