

Collection name: Haltiner Collection

Collection number: HC – 1 thru HC – 7

[HC-7: [Jesse] Besser Museum [of Northeast Michigan]

Dates: c1967-c2000

Quantity: 75+ boxes total; HC-7 = 5 boxes

Provenance note: Papers from researching & writing local history books; papers from involvement in work, societies, associations, committees, and other activities. Donated by Robert Haltiner in 2006 +.

Biographical & Historical Information: Gerald Haltiner and son, Robert, were Native American researchers and archaeologists who did extensive work in this area. The artifacts found and collected were first housed in the Haltiner's Hall of Ancient Man before being donated to the Jesse Besser Museum (Besser Museum of Northeast Michigan). Gerald was Past President and Vice-President of the Michigan Archaeological Society and listed in *Who's Who in Indian Relics*. Robert was the museum's curator, and has authored several books on the history of Alpena, as well as being listed in *Who's Who in American Archaeology and Dictionary of International Biography, 1979*. Robert Haltiner died on February 14, 2012.

Scope & Content: Processed portions include Great Lakes Lighthouse Festival, (Jesse) Besser Museum (of Northeast Michigan); Lighthouses & Life-Saving Stations; Michigan Museums Association; Thunder Bay Island Lighthouse Preservation Society; Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary & Underwater Preserve; and Thunder Bay Theatre. Portions are still being processed, which include a variety of subjects pertaining to Alpena History and that of Native American history.

Access: Open to research.

Preferred Citation: Haltiner Collection, Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library

Contents:

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Box 1: Besser Museum

Folders

1. Admission fees
2. "ALPENA" (vessel, one-act play)
3. Architecture (Alpena) – Historical Architecture Awareness Day Alpena County Courthouse—Memorial Hall—Trinity Episcopal Church
4. Association of Lifelong Learners – Area history class
5. Building a Sense of Place – City of Alpena
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7. Building a Sense of Place – City of Alpena
8. Building a Sense of Place – City of Alpena
9. Building a Sense of Place – City of Alpena
10. Burke, Harriet
11. Conservation of materials
12. Correspondence
13. Correspondence
14. Correspondence
15. Correspondence
16. Correspondence
17. Correspondence
18. Correspondence

Box 2: Besser Museum

Folders

1. Croesus Venture
2. Croesus Venture
3. Croesus Venture catalogs
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5. Croesus Venture catalogs
6. "Earth" – Alpena Community College literary magazine
7. El Segundo Historical Museum
8. Ephemera
9. Establishment (early years)

Box 3: Besser Museum

Folders

1. Exhibits information
2. Exhibits information
3. Exhibits information
4. Exhibits information
5. Exhibits information
6. Exhibits information
7. Exhibits information
8. Exhibits information
9. Exhibits photographs
10. Exhibits – Faces of Michigan
11. Exhibits – Suhuch, Claude

Box 4: Besser Museum

Folders

1. Flood damage – insurance
2. Founders Society
3. Founders Society
4. Founders Society
5. Genealogy – “Town That Wouldn’t Die”
6. General information
7. General information
8. Guide to antique furniture, glass, etc.
9. Haltiner, R. Gerald – Collection
10. Historical Society of Michigan – Annual meeting (1978)
11. Historical Society of Michigan – Annual meeting (1982)
12. Historical Society of Michigan – Annual meeting (1983)
13. Museum procedures
14. Newspaper clipping
15. Newspaper clippings

Box 5: Besser Museum

Folders

1. News releases
2. News releases
3. Northern lights photographs
4. Northeast Michigan Artists; Guild – “The Muse”
5. Places of interest
6. Rural Libraries and Museum Connection Workshop (1986)
7. Sculpture/Fountain – Michaels, Glen
8. Sesquicentennial Council
9. Sesquicentennial Council
10. Sesquicentennial Council
11. Sesquicentennial Council
12. Sleator, George H. – Morgan, Charles (Blinkie)
13. Speaking & judging engagements
14. Speaking & judging engagements
15. Speaking & judging engagements
16. Tawas Bay Waterfront Arts and Crafts Festival (1984)
17. Tawas Bay Waterfront Arts and Crafts Festival (1985, judging)
18. Thunder Bay Literary Conference (1990)
19. Totem Pole fundraiser (2000)
20. Voyaguers (Saginaw, 1998)