

**Collection name:** Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan [Frank S. Dewey Collection]

**Collection number:** BMFNM-1

**Dates:** 1873-1916

**Quantity:** 1 box (0.5 linear ft.)

**Provenance note:** On April 15, 2008, the Besser Museum's Board of Trustees passed a motion to de-accession most portions of its archival collection in order to focus on its artifact collection. Once de-accessioned by the Museum, the archival collections become the property of the Library.

**Biographical & Historical Information:** In 1964, as a gift from Jesse H. Besser and other contributors, Alpena citizens became the recipients of the Jesse Besser Museum. In return local citizens collected funds to help purchase highly specialized projection and control equipment for a planetarium in the center of the new Museum. To this day, the Besser Museum is the only museum to host a Planetarium in Northern Michigan.

Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan is a community resource that serves to inspire curiosity, foster community pride, and cultivate personal legacy. The Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan is an educational 501(c)(3) public charitable organization accredited by the American Association of Museums. Its mission is to serve the public of all ages and abilities in art, history, and science. Through programs and exhibits, it promotes understanding and appreciation of the past, present, and future.

Taken from the Museum's website: [www.bessermuseum.org](http://www.bessermuseum.org)

**Scope & Content:** Various school related ephemera, family photographs, poetry, and other miscellaneous items from Frank S. Dewey who was Superintendent to the Alpena Public Schools from 1872 to 1879 and author of "Alpena County, its Shore-lines and Terraces...", a geology published in 1892.

**Access:** Open to research.

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Frank S. Dewey Collection

**Box 1 of 1:***Folder*

1. Alpena Weekly Argus, Trade Edition Supplement, Fall 1891 (not part of F.S. Dewey Collection)
2. Certificates of Study Completion & Passing of Examination (AHS 1888; UofM 1891) and Diploma Purchase Receipt (UofM 1891)
3. Commencement / Graduation Programs (Eighth Grade, Central School 1886; AHS 1890)
4. Correspondence (from “Papa” (F.S. Dewey) to Alta, 1900)
5. Dance Program Cards
6. Gift Receipt / Inventory of original donor (Sarah Hepburn)
7. Music Programs (J.H. Simonds’ Music Rooms, Alpena; M.C.M. Glee & Mandolin Club, Marquette)
8. Party Invitations
9. Photograph Album pages (64 scenes of Long Lake vacations, 1910-1911; Fitzgerald Cottage, people, gas launch)
10. Photographs (Family)
11. Poetry by F.S.D (newspaper clippings)
12. Poetry – “This Spray of Northern Pine” (1881)
13. School Census, 1873 & 1874, Alpena County (Ledger)
14. Souvenir Ephemera
15. Syllabus of Lectures on the Bible & Science (1916)
16. Wedding Announcement (Ada Winifred Dewey to Howard C. Boss)