

Collection name: Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan

Collection number: BMFNM-4

Dates: 1882-1975

Quantity: 2 boxes

Provenance note: On April 15, 2008, the Besser Museum's Board of Trustees made 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

Scope & Content: Various historical documents relating to Alpena area and Northeast Michigan: businesses, schools, people, events, transportation...

Access: Open to research.

Preferred Citation: Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan Collection, Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library.

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1. Alpena Business College Commencement (1911)
2. Alpena City Views [photographic negatives taken by Matt Linke from Fletcher Paper Co. tower] (1985)
3. Alpena County Agricultural Society [complimentary pass] (1930)
4. Alpena County Fair Patriot Day (1917)
5. Alpena Garment Company Party [program] (1936)
6. Alpena Central High School Handbook (1941-1942)
7. Alpena High School Commencement [program] (1885)
8. Alpena Home Coming Association [letter] (1924)
9. Alpena Leather Corporation [bank check] (1928)
10. "Alpena Museum Rising Despite Building Lags" [newspaper article] (1965)
11. Andrews, Senator Frank [misc papers/newspaper clippings]
12. Andrews, Senator Frank [misc papers/newspaper clippings]
13. Angell, James [UofM] to Prof. J. W. Smith [Alpena] – Letter regarding acceptance of Alpena High School students to University of Michigan (1884)
14. Baker Service Station [Alpena, MI]
15. Besser Block News (1963, 1970)
16. Besser Company [photographs] (1965)
17. Besser Jubilee of Progress [booklet] (1962)
18. Bicycles / Sears Roebuck & Co. Catalog (1905)
19. Blackburn Insurance Company [6 advertising blotters] [Alpena, MI]
20. Brown Trout Festival [stationary] (1975)
21. Cameron, Dr. Duncan A. [newspaper clippings] (1925)
22. Cement City Cook Book [by First Baptist Church] (c1910)
23. Cement City Cook Book [by First Baptist Church] (1922)
24. Cheboygan, MI Harbor [aerial photograph]
25. Collins, Phelps [memorial placard] [poem by Burkholder, Clarence M.]
26. Custom House, Port of Alpena, Deputy Collector's Office [correspondence] (1896)

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1. Detroit & Mackinac Railway Time Table & Map (1928)
2. Directory of Alpena County [Officials] (1936-1937)
3. Esch, Menno [Autobiography] (1897-1967)
4. Farm – horses & men [2 photographs](early 1900s)
5. Fire Insurance Rates for Hillman, Montmorency County, MI (1949)
6. Fishing [Commercial] at Rogers City [2 postcards]: Mertz Fishery (winter 1931); Vogelheim Fish Co. (c winter 1931)
7. Foster / Cameron Store [Atlanta, MI] [pharmacists' notebook] (early 1900s)
8. General Film Company to W. T Doyle [Lyric Theater] [correspondence regarding movie schedule] (1913)
9. Genshaw School Children & Bus [photograph] (1944)

10. Jahnke Scrapbook [Alpena News clippings, etc.] (c1922-1942)
11. Jahnke Scrapbook [misc newspaper clippings] (c1940s-1960s)
12. Jahnke Scrapbook [misc ephemera]
13. Maltz Opera House [40 playbills]
14. National Flower Shut-in Day [program] (1934, 1935)
15. Pack Farm [Royston, MI] [2 photographs] (early 1900s)
16. PEWABIC [vessel print with brief shipwreck history]
17. Pointers Pocket Cyclopedia (1887)
18. Road Building [2 photographs] (1944)
19. Scribner's Lumber & Log Book (1882)
20. Simon, Rev. Joseph [funeral card] (1959)
21. Soil Survey of Alpena County [map booklet] (1929)
22. Spain School Classes [2 photographs] (1955-56, 1957)
23. Turner, A. W. [letters of recommendation from Alpena Police Department, James McNamara Law Office, and C. Moench & Sons] (1897)
24. Tuttle Manufacturing & Chemical Company "Hoof Ointment" [correspondence]
25. Wilson School Classes [2 photographs] (1960-1961, 1961-1962)