

Collection name: Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan

Collection number: BMFNM-5

Dates: 1890s-1979

Quantity: 1 box

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 postcards from the Alpena area, Montmorency County, and Presque Isle County; 1925 Alpena Homecoming program; Alpena Hospital Tray Club minutes (1963-1979).

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 Home Coming [Program] (July 1925)
2. Alpena, MI [Beach Scene] (c1960s) [postcard]
3. American Express Co. [Hillman, MI] [Charles K. Lake-on left] (c1890s) [postcard]
4. American Railway Express [Alpena, MI] [photograph]
5. Atlanta Railroad Depot [MI] [postcard]
6. Cheboygan, MI [downtown] (Feb. 23, 1922) [postcard]
7. CHIEF WAWATAN [car ferry] in ice [postcard]
8. Davidson's Department Store [Cheboygan?] [postcard]
9. DeLoge, F. Tile Yard [Hillman, MI] [postcard]
10. Detroit & Mackinaw Railway Station [Hillman, MI] [postcard x3]
11. Detroit & Mackinaw Railway Station [Hillman, MI] [loading logs] [postcard x3]
12. Detroit & Mackinaw Railway train in snow (1-1928) [postcard]
13. Greensky, Simon with wife and John & Peter (c1900) [photograph]
14. Greenwood Baseball Team (c1910) [team identified] [photograph]
15. Hanover Harness Shop [game animal display] [Alpena, MI] [photograph]
16. Hillman, MI [downtown – Winona Hotel] [postcard]
17. Ice Sculpture Fountain [location unknown –Chicago?] [postcard]
18. Kimmel Residence [Lockwood Lake, Montmorency County] (c1920s) [postcard]
19. Lachine, MI [postcard]
20. Lumber Crew with huge log [postcard]
21. Memories of a Small Town Fire Buff by Jim Forman [28p] (1978)
22. Metz Fire [Presque Isle County] (1908) [postcard x3]
23. Michigan Emergency Relief Administration: a Manual of Certification [73+p] (c1938)
24. Mullet Lake [ice crowding cottages] [postcard]
25. National Guard Servicemen {2} [Cheboygan, MI] [Charles K. Lake-on left] (c1908) [postcard]
26. Rivett and Sons Livery Stable [Hillman, MI] (c1890s) [postcard]
27. Shale Beds [Paxton Quarry?] [postcard x2]
28. S. M. Co. [soaps] [salesmen's wagon] [Hillman?] [postcard]
29. Steam Engine [Hillman, MI?] [postcard]
30. Tray Club of the Alpena General Hospital [Minutes] (6-1963 to 4-1979)