

Collection name: Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan [Ryan Family]

Collection number: BMFNM-6

Dates: Early 1900s- 1989

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: Historical photographs, postcards and documents from an Alpena Family, the Ryans: advertising ephemera, school papers, religious ephemera, city images, etc.. Donated by the Gallagher Family.

Access: Open to research.

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

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1. Advertising Ephemera: Alpena National Bank - flag (1917); Alpena Printing Studio – patriotic songs; Walter J. Burns Detective Service (1921); Superior Shoe Shining Parlor [Detroit]; William P. Collins for City Recorder; Grove Tavern; McAlpine's Bootery (1917); Eddy Engineering Co.
2. Alpena Photographs: Estes Home – 222 Chisholm St. (1982); Maltz Opera House Block; Alpena County Jail; Linke Greenhouses
3. Armory Fire (1919) / Owl Café Explosion (1959) = [newspaper clipping] (1961)
4. Cemetery Records [Holy Cross] [Ryan Family] (1920s-1970s)
5. Education Papers: Alpena High School Junior Exhibition (1894); Alpena Business College Commencement Program (1902); Report Cards + for Nolan Ryan [St. Viator College] (1914+); Alpena High School Annual Junior Hop invitation (1915); Music lessons receipts for Mary Ryan [St. Bernard's School] (1917-1918); Alpena High School Commencement Card & Name Card for Margaret Ann Clarke (1924); St. Bernard's High School Commencement Invitations (1926, 1927); Report Cards for John Ryan [St. Bernard's High School] (1950)
6. Ephemera: Merry Widow Ball (1909); "Alpena Folks" booklet by Clarence Burkholder (1922); Wedding invitation for LaFleurel – Beaufore (1922); First Solemn Mass & Ordination of Ladislaus J. Switalski invitations (1921); Wedding invitation for Richards – Foley (1923); American National Red Cross Membership Card for Dan Ryan (1926)
7. Family Photographs
8. Income Tax Return (1945)
9. Postcards: Downtown road construction (early 1900s); Downtown Alpena view (c1906); Cement Plant (c1913); Huron Portland Cement Co. (c1911); Ninth St. Bridge (c1911); Northern Extract Co. (c1911?); Postal Telegraph-Cable Co. [Saginaw, MI?] (c1909); Quarry (c1910); Quarry with group of people (c1908); Woodland scene (c1911); seven view card (1916); Catholic Central High School Auditorium; Alpena Hotel [Chisholm St.]; Peoples State Bank [Chisholm St.] Steamers S. T. CRAPO at Huron Portland Cement Co.
10. Postcards [greeting]: St. Patrick's Day [8 cards] (early 1900s); Church Announcement No. 2 [humorous] (c1910); Drunk at Bar (c1978)
11. Postcards [misc]: Green School [replicas of early 1900s]; lumber horse team; delivery horse team; soap horse team & wagon; Hillman Normal School
12. Real Estate Papers (1927-1989)
13. Receipts: Michigan Catholic Co. (1917); A.T. Grossman DDS (1917); Gebhardt, Morrow & Co. (1918); Drs. McKnight, McDaniels, & O'Donnell (1918-1927); Alpena Power Co. (1980)
14. Religious Ephemera [Mass cards & envelopes, etc.]
15. Tintypes [8 tintypes – unidentified]