

**Collection name:** Besser Museum Collection [Trelfa Photograph Collection]

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**Collection number:** BMFNM-8

**Dates:** 1870s-1950s

**Creator Name:** Fred R. Trelfa

**Quantity:** 3 Linear ft / 6 boxes

**Language:** English

**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.

- **Scope & Content:** Photographic collection of Fred R. Trelfa who worked under the tutelage of a local photographer as a young man. Mr. Trelfa was considered a go-to person for local history. These photographs are believed to be the photographs of the photographer under whom he worked.

**Access:** Open to research

**Preferred Citation:** *item, folder, box* Collection, Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library. Alpena, MI

### Collection Contents:

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Folder

1. **Blocks:** Beck, Beebe, Centennial Building, Davison, Hanover, Maltz Block (2), Masonic Block (2), McDonald & Creighton, Myers, Whitney.
2. **Bridges / Dams:** 4 Mile Dam, Chisholm St. Bridge, Hubbard Lake Dam, Island Park Bridge, Oldfield Dam.
3. **Bridges / Dams:** Railway Bridge, Dam & Footbridge; Richardson Dam (5), Second St. Bridge (7), Trowbridge Dam.
4. **Business / Industry:** Abitibi, Adams Book Store (2), Alpena Excelsior Plant (3), Alpena Motor Car Co., Alpena National Bank (4), Alpena Savings Bank (5), Avery Mill (2), Besser Mill (2), Buelow & Co., Butterfield & Crable.
5. **Business / Industry:** Cedar Co., Cheney & Stratton, Churchill Mill (11), Comstock Boarding House, Comstock Mill (7).
6. **Business / Industry:** Davison, W.H., Domestic Sewing Machine Parlors, Eales Brothers (6), Epsteyn, N.H., Exchange Bank, Fletcher Mill, Fletcher, Pack & Co. (7), Folkerts, McPhee & Co.
7. **Business / Industry:** Gilchrist Mill (17), Globe Hotel.
8. **Business / Industry:** Habitant Fence (2), Hanover Harness Shop, Harrington & Jenny Mill, Jenny Sorting Gap, Hawley & Fitzgerald, Huron Handle & Lumber Co. (4), Huron Portland Cement Co., Hutton Harness, Island Mill (7), Kierst Cigar Co.
9. **Business / Industry:** Kositchek & Son Harness Shop, Kurrash Building, Levyn Cigar Store, Lockwood Comstock Mill, Luther Shingle Mill (2), Martinson & Stafford Clothing Store, Mason, Harrington & Jenny Mill (2), Minor Lumber Co. (3), Michigan Alkali Co., Michigan Veneer Co., Monaghan Commission House, Northern Extract Co., Owl Café, Park Place Shopping Center, People's State Bank (2).
10. **Business / Industry:** Potter Brothers Hardware, Potter Shingle Mill (4), Prentis Mill, Reynolds Jewelry (2), Richardson Lumber Co. (5), Saloon.
11. **Business / Industry:** Shupert & Kidd Dental Office, Tackabury Confectionery, Telephone Offices (8) – Bell Telephone, M.B. Telephone, City Telephone, General Telephone, Tompkins & Ludewig, Williams, C.B.

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Folder

1. **Churches:** Congregational Church, Evangelical Lutheran Church, First Baptist Church, M.E. Church, St. Anne Church, St. Bernard Church (2), St. Mary Church, Trinity Church.
2. **City Views:** Birds Eye Views, Chisholm St., from Court House, from Fibre Mill Tower.
3. **City Views:** From Fire Station (11), First Street (3), from Fletcher House (Lockwood St.), from Masonic Temple, Merchant Street.
4. **City Views:** River St., Second Ave. (north)
5. **City Views:** Second Ave. (north), State St. (State of Maine St.), Washington Ave.
6. **City Views:** Views from Thunder Bay River
7. **Government:** Alpena Gas Works (3), City Hall, County Jail, Construction crews headed for Long Lake, City tile plant crew, Sewer construction (4), Water Co. (9), Weather bureau (Hazell Building), Election billboard.
8. **Locality:** Maps (7), Detroit River (3), Domke Gardens, Grand Lake, Grindstone City (2), Hayden's Acres (3)
9. **Locality:** Lumberman's Monument, Leavitt & McPhee farm (2), Misery Bay (2), Mount Vernon, Newton Creek (4), Norwegian Creek (2), Ox Bow, St. Ignace Railroad ferry dock, Sulphur Island, Trowbridge Rd. (2), US 23 South.

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#### Folder

1. **Lumber Camps:** Alpena County; Atkinson, John (2); Beatty; Beneway(4); Besser; Bloom, Bill; bloom, Edward; Bloom; Burnham; Byrons Skidway, Bolton.
2. **Lumber Camps:** Churchill; Curran; Daly Hill; Daust, William; DeBeck, John; Dunlop & Atkinson (2); Eales (2); Evans.
3. **Lumber Camps:** Fletcher (17); Franklin, Nels.
4. **Lumber Camps:** Gerke, John; Gilchrist (3); Harman & Leavitt (8); Havermel Crew; Holmes & Nicholson (3); Indian Reserve; Kelly; LeClair, Edward; Leopard, Ed; Lundeen.
5. **Lumber Camps:** McMillan; McPhee, Malcolm; Millersburg; Mio; Mulvena, Bill; Mulvena, Dave; Nowicki.
6. **Lumber Camps:** Pack, Woods & Co.; Presque Isle (4); Riley(2); Ryan(3); Shea, Tom; Thompson; Van Sipe, Ike (2); Westrope.

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#### Folder

1. **Logging:** Jams/Loading; Loading lumber on trains.
2. **Logging:** Large loads; Sorting gaps.
3. **Logging:** Timber bolt sawyers; boom hands; dry dock winch; sprinkler/gun boat; lumber camps/crews; cleaning river; Squirrel Rapids; logging with oxen.
4. **Logging:** Ox Bow
5. **Logging:** Aikins, Sammy; Avery, E.O.; Beneway, Charles H. (family); Boggs, James A.; Carpenter, Seth L.; Carter, Daniel; Carter, Sarah L.; Churchill, Worthy, L. & Mrs.; Comstock, Marg Louise; Curtis, Archie & Mrs.; Eales, John; Fowler, Granville; Johnson, William H.; Lockwood, James K.
6. **Logging:** Maiden, William P.; Maltz, George L.; Miller, Joseph K.; Minor, John S.; Mulvena, David; Nicholson, John; Oliver, David D.; Oliver, Lillian M.; Osborn, Frank C.; Pack, Effie Galbraith; Pack, Cora Maltz; Pack, Angeline Galbraith; Potter, Edward, K.; Spratt, Augustus N.; Tallman, Nina; Taylor, Sarah Ellen – Goddard (2); White, Thomas.
7. **Schools:** Alpena High; Central.

8. **Marine artifacts**
9. **Thunder Bay River**
10. **Transportation:** Airport, horses, hydroplane, tractors, trains.
11. **Wildlife/Nature:** Beaver dam (4), birds (2), deer (4), fox, geese, ground hog.
12. **Wildlife/Nature:** mud hen (5), partridge, seagull eggs (2), swans (2), storm, sun eclipse, yard.

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#### Folder

1. **Marine Vessels** – Ledgers.
2. **Marine Vessels** – Photographs: Abyssinia; Adams, Kate; Admiral; Agnew, William C.; Alabama; Alaska (2); Alberta; Alpena (4); Altair; America (3); American Eagle; Andaste; Andrews, Matthew; Ann Arbor; Annie Laura.
3. **Marine Vessels** – Photographs: Appomatotox; Ariel (2); Arthur D. (3); Arenac; Arrow; Assiniboia; Atikoken; Aurora; Badger State; Baker, George P.; Barnum, George B.; Bar Point Shoal; Barton, J.H.; Battle, James & Grade Stewart; Bayfair.
4. **Marine Vessels** – Photographs: Beatty, Charles; Belle Isle Bridge (3); Bemis, A.S.; Bethlehem (2); Betty, R.; Birchhead, P.H.; Biwabik; Black, Clarence A.; Black Rock; Bliss, A.T. (2); Boeckling, G.A.; Bradley, Carl D. (2); Britannia (3).
5. **Marine Vessels** – Photographs: Brown, Harvey H.; Brown, J.J.H.; Brown, William L.; Buffington, E.J.; Bulgaria 2 (3); Burhnam, George; Business; Byers, A.M.; Cadillac; Caldwell, C.W.; Calcite; Caladonia; Calumet; Canadian Fish Tugs; Canadian Naval Training (2); Canadian Naval Tug.
6. **Marine Vessels** – Photographs: Carnegie, Andrew; Carrington; Cartagena; Carter, E.D.; Carter, W.J.; Castalia; Cat Boats; Cherokee; Chicago; Chicago Tribune; Chief Wawatam; Chippewa & Iroquois; Chippewa; Christopher Columbus; City of Alpena I & Ralph & Lathrop; City of Alpena II (4); City of Berlin; City of Buffalo.
7. **Marine Vessels** – Photographs: City of Cheboygan; City of Cleveland (2); City of Detroit II & III (3); City of Erie; City of Flint; City of Glasgow; City of Grand Rapids; City of Jamestown; City of Mackinac I & II (4); City of Midland; City of Naples; City of St. Ignace; City of Toledo (2).
8. **Marine Vessels** – Photographs: Cleo; Commter; Conemaugh; Cox, George M. ; Crapo, S.T.; Davis (yacht) (3); Dayton; Donaldson, J.; Dresden, Josephine; Ericsson, John (2); Evangeline; Fairbairn; Falcon; Farrell, James, H.; Favorite; Fessenden (2).
9. **Marine Vessels** – Photographs: Fink, George H.; Fisherman; Fitzgerald, J.W.; Flint, Oscar T.; Florence M. ; Frank, W.; Fred B.; Fryer, Robert; Garden City & Ralph; Gates, John W.; Gayley, James; General; Genoa & Pierce McLouth; Germanic; Gilchrist; Gilchrist, J.C.; Gladstone; Glenncairn; Glidden, John N.; Goodyear, Frank H.; Gould, George J.
10. **Marine Vessels** – Photographs: Grammer, G.V.; Gratwick, William H.; Great Western; Grecian; Green, J.L. Greene, M.T., Greyhound; Grover, Maruice B.; Guardian; Hamonic; Hanna, D.R.; Hanna, Howard; Harlow; Harvester; Hayes, R.B.; Hazard, William A. (3); Hebe; Helen C.; Helena; Hesper.
11. **Marine Vessels** – Photographs: Hiawatha (2); Hilda; Hill, James J.; Hines, Edward; Hope, George T.; Hopkins, A.L.; Hurlbut, Chauncey; Huron (3); Huronic; Hutt, Hattie; Idlewild; Illinois (3); Independence; India; Ionia; Iosco; Iron Cliff; Isabella; Italia.
12. **Marine Vessels** – Photographs: James; Jessie Maggie & Golden Eagle (2); Jewett, J.J.; Jones, B.F.; Josie (2); Juanita; Kalkaska; Kansas; Katahdin; Keete, J.S.; Keewatin; Kendall, Harvey; Kennebec; King, Willis S.; Kirby, Frank E.; Kirby, S.R.; Knapp, F.M.; Kribbeuter (3)

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1. **Marine Vessels** – Lakeland; Lakeport; Langell Boys; Langell, Simon; Langham; Lansing; Leafield; Lemoyne; Leona (2); Louty, S.; Lotus & Bascobel; Lynch, Thomas; Lyon, John B.; Mack, William S.; Mackinaw; Mackinac Island Ferry; Mahoning; Maida; Maid of the Mist.
2. **Marine Vessels** – Marine (2); Manitoba; Manitou; Marine City, Belle River; Marine City (3); Marion & M No. 9; Marquette; Maryland; Mataafa (2); Mauch Chunk; Maunaloa; McDougall, Alexander; McLouth, Pierce; McLouth, Sydney; Mecosta; Merida.
3. **Marine Vessels** – Meteor (3); Metropolis; Minor, John & Skylark; Miami; Michigan; Middle Island Coast Guard; Mindemoya; Minnesota (2); Misery Bay fishing; Mississippi; Mitchell, Samuel (2); Mohegan; Monarch; Mongoon; Moonlight.
4. **Marine Vessels** – Moore, John W.; Moore, W.C. (4); Moore, W.K.; Morazon; Moreland, William C. (3); Muney; Naptha; Nashville; Neptune; Neshoto; New Orleans; Newago; Newbold, Arthur E.; Nicaragua; Nicol, John M.
5. **Marine Vessels** – Nina; Ning Po (2); Nordmeer (9); Noronic; Norseman; North American; North American & South American; North Shore; North Star; North West (2); Northland.
6. **Marine Vessels** – Nyanda; Oakes, Herbert K. Octorara; Oglebay, E.W.; Olcott; Onoko; Orinoco; Oscoda; Ossifrage; Owana (2); Palmer, Thomas W.; Palmer, William P.; Pappoose; Parker, A.A.; Pasadena; Pathfinder; Peavey, George W.; Perry, Oliver H. (2).
7. **Marine Vessels** – Pewabic.
8. **Marine Vessels** – Pierrepont; Pinta; Pleasure; Pontiac; Porter, Lloyd S.; Prentice, James H. (2) & Marysville; Presley, George; Price, Charles S.; Princess Irene; Progress; Promise & Greyhound; Put in Bay; Queen City; Ralph (4); Rapids King; Reid, James (2) & Thunder Bay.
9. **Marine Vessels** – Reiss, William E.; Republic (2); Reynolds, S.C.; Rising Sun; Roberts, William T.; Rochester; Roen, John V.; Roman; Root, H.A. (2); Rose, D.F.; Rosemount; Ryerson, Edward L.; S.P. 505; Sage, Russell (2); Sainte Marie; Sally; Santa Maria.
10. **Marine Vessels** – Saunders, Edward N. Jr.; Sawyer; Saxona; Schlessinger, Ferdinand; Schuck, R.E.; Seabird; Seabird; Sheldon, Thomas P.; Sherman, P.W.; Shores, Adella; Simpson, Lucia A.; Skylark (3); Smith, B. Lyman; Snyder, Harris N.; Sonora; South American (2); Spartan; Studacona.
11. **Marine Vessels** – Stafford, W.R.; Starrucca; State of New York; State of Ohio (2); Steel King; Steinbrenner, Henry; Stewart, R.G. (2); Success; Sumar; Sylvia (2); Tampa; Tampico; Tashmoo (3); Taylor, Moses; Tempest.
12. **Marine Vessels** – Theresa; Thew, W.P.; Thompson, A.W.; Thompson, C.D.; Thompson, Carmi A.; Thompson, Emma E.; Thousand Islander; Thunder bay Island lifeboat (2); Tionetta; Torrent (2); Troy; Turret Court; Turret Crown; United Empire; United States; Upson, Andrew S.; Upson, J.E.
13. **Marine Vessels** – U.S. Fisheries; Van Hise, Charles R.; Venezula; Victory; Vigilant (2); Virginia; Vulcan; Wallace, Robert; Wallula; Warner, Randolph S.; Washington, George; Wauketa; Wells, Frederick B.; Western Reserve; White, W.F.; Wielle, Trude R.; Wisconsin; Wolverine (3); Wyandotte; Yale; Zeising, August.
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