

Collection name: Downing Collection

Collection number: DC-1

Dates: 1883 - 1947

Quantity: 2 flat oversized boxes, 3 ledger boxes

Provenance note: Items removed by family from State Street home at time of being sold –Elroy and Ruth Evelyn Springs Downing. Donated by children: Kathy Beaudion, contact.

Biographical & Historical Information: Elroy Downing (b. 17 Feb 1922 d. 30 Aug 1983) and Ruth Downing (b. 7 Nov 1925 d. 29 Oct 2019) lived in Alpena during World War II. Elroy was president of the Downing Printing Inc. located on 720 W Campbell St. For many years both Elroy and Ruth lived at 148 S State Ave Alpena, MI.

Scope & Content: Early Alpena books & booklets, World War II newspapers & periodicals collected by Elroy and Ruth Downing during their lives in Alpena, Mich.

Access: Open to research.

Preferred Citation: Downing Collection, Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library.

Contents:

Box 1 [flat / oversized]:

Folder

1. *Alpena, Michigan – A City and County of Opportunities* [promotional booklet] (c1913)
2. *Alpena Home Coming* (July 1925) [booklet]
3. *History of Alpena County* {The Alpena News} (1944) [taken from William Boulton's *History of Alpena*]
4. *Knowing the Thunder Bay Region...* [booklet by WWP/WPA] (1941)
5. Advertisements & business artwork for Alpena [misc – 4 pieces]
6. *Artwork of Lake Huron Shore* (1894) [loose portions – not complete]
7. *History of the Lake Huron Shore* (1883) [original – poor condition]

Great Lakes Sailing Ships Book 2 (1947) by Henry Barkhausen [added to maritime book collection]

Box 2 [ledger]:

Folder

1. *An ArmyTalks Extra* [newspaper – WWII] (5/9/1945)
2. *Daily Herald* – London [newspaper – WWII] (3/29/1944)
3. *Daily Mail* – Continental Edition – Paris [newspaper – WWII] (1944: 11/1, 11/2; 1945: 1/2)
4. *The Daily Sketch* – London [newspaper – WWII] (1944: 3/11, 3/21, 3/28)
5. *New York Herald Tribune* – European Edition [newspaper – WWII] (1945: 4/29, 4/39, 6/17, 8/1)
6. *Paris Post* [newspaper – WWII] (1945: 7/4, 7/24, 7/28-29)
7. *The Stars and Stripes* [newspaper – WWII] (1942: 8/18, 8/20, 8/21, 8/23 thru 8/28)
8. *The Stars and Stripes* [newspaper – WWII] (1943: 9/4, 9/6, 9/8, 9/10, 9/13, 9/14)
9. *The Stars and Stripes* [newspaper – WWII] (1943: 10/11, 10/12, 10/14-10/16, 10/20, 10/23, 10/27-10/29)
10. *The Stars and Stripes* [newspaper – WWII] (1943: 11/4-11/6, 11/9, 11/10)
11. *The Stars and Stripes* [newspaper – WWII] (1944: 3/17, 3/21, 3/25, 3/28, 3/31, 4/1)
12. *The Stars and Stripes* [newspaper – WWII] (1944: 10/16-10/21, 10/24-10/28, 10/30, 10/31)
13. *The Stars and Stripes* [newspaper – WWII] (1944: 11/2, 11/3, 11/6-11/11, 11/13, 11/14)
14. *The Stars and Stripes* [newspaper – WWII] (1944: 11/15-11/18, 11/20-11/23, 11/27, 11/28)

Box 3 [ledger]:**Folder**

1. *The Stars and Stripes* [newspaper – WWII] (1944: 12/6, 12/9, 12/11, 12/12, 12/14-12/16)
2. *The Stars and Stripes* [newspaper – WWII] (1944: 12/17, 12/18, 12/20, 12/22, 12/26, 12/27, 12/30)
3. *The Stars and Stripes* [newspaper – WWII] (1945: 1/3, 1/4, 1/12, 1/17, 1/19, 1/21, 1/26)
4. *The Stars and Stripes* [newspaper – WWII] (1945: 2/1, 2/8, 2/9, 2/11)
5. *The Stars and Stripes* [newspaper – WWII] (1945: 3/27-3/29, 3/31)
6. *The Stars and Stripes* [newspaper – WWII] (1945: 4/2, 4/5, 4/7, 4/9, 4/12-4/15, 4/17)
7. *The Stars and Stripes* [newspaper – WWII] (1945: 4/20-4/28)
8. *The Stars and Stripes* [newspaper – WWII] (1945: 5/3-5/7, 5/9-5/13)
9. *The Stars and Stripes* [newspaper – WWII] (1945: 5/14-5/16, 5/18, 5/19, 5/21, 5/26, 5/27, 5/29, 5/31)

Box 4 [ledger]:**Folder**

1. *The Stars and Stripes* [newspaper – WWII] (1945: 6/1, 6/4, 6/6, 6/7, 6/9, 6/11, 6/13, 6/14, 6/17, 6/18)
2. *The Stars and Stripes* [newspaper – WWII] (1945: 6/19-6/28)
3. *The Stars and Stripes* [newspaper – WWII] (1945: 7/1-7/3, 7/5-7/7, 7/9, 7/10)
4. *The Stars and Stripes* [newspaper – WWII] (1945: 7/11, 7/13, 7/14, 7/16-7/20)
5. *The Stars and Stripes* [newspaper – WWII] (1945: 7/21, 7/23-27, 7/29, 7/30)
6. *The Stars and Stripes* [newspaper – WWII] (1945: 8/1-8/3)

Box 5 [flat / oversized]:**YANK – THE ARMY WEEKLY**

1943: AUGUST 22, 29, OCTOBER 10, 17, NOVEMBER 7

1944: FEBRUARY ?, APRIL 2, 9, OCTOBER 22, 29, NOVEMBER 5, 12, 19, 26, DECEMBER 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

1945: FEBRUARY 25, MARCH 25, APRIL 1, 8, MAY – VICTORY EDITION, MAY 27, JUNE 3, 17, JULY 1, 8, 15, 29

NEWSWEEK [CONTINENTAL]

1945: APRIL 23