Descriptive Summary:

Creator Name: Norman Gapske

Collection name: Norman Gapske Postcard Collection

Collection number: 2020.001

Bulk Dates: 1900 to 1950

Quantity: 3 binders

Language: English - eng

Provenance note: Postcards created from purchase throughout Norman

Gapske's lifetime.

Biographical & Historical Information:

Scope & Content: The Norman Gapske Postcard Collection covers a variety of subjects within Northeast Michigan. Such subjects are: greeting cards to Alpena, downtown Alpena (pre-1960s), Alpena street views, government buildings, banks, hotels, houses, Alpena industry, Alpena schools, Churches, Alpena Winter Carnival, parks in Northeast Michigan, Long Lake, Thunder Bay River, Rogers City buildings, Michigan Alkali Company, Huron Portland Cement Co., Alpena Power Plant, Water Works Plant, Lighthouses, Vessel images in around Alpena, Lumber Mills, Fletcher Paper Mill.

The Collection is important because of its visual contribution to the aforementioned topics from the 1900s to 1960s. The images collected represent the changes and diversity of Alpena and surrounding towns industry, architecture, and nature.

Acquisition: donated by Barbara Gapske

Access: Open to research.

Preferred Citation: Norman Gapske Postcard Collection, Alpena County

George N. Fletcher Public Library. Alpena, MI

Related Materials: Dr. Robert Currier Postcard Collection, Bob Lyngos

Postcard Collection

Contents (by subject):

Binder 1

- Downtown Alpena (pre-1960s)
- Alpena street views
- Government buildings
- Banks
- Hotels
- Houses
- Alpena industry

Binder 2

- Alpena schools
- Churches
- Alpena Winter Carnival
- parks in Northeast Michigan
- Long Lake, MI
- Thunder Bay River, MI
- Rogers City, MI buildings

Binder 3

- Michigan Alkali Company
- Huron Portland Cement Co.
- Alpena Power Plant
- Water Works Plant
- Lighthouses
- Vessel images in around Alpena
- Lumber Mills
- Fletcher Paper Mill