

**Collection name:** Haltiner Collection

**Collection number:** HC – 1 thru HC – 7  
[HC-5: Lighthouses & Life-Saving Stations]

**Dates:** c1967-c2000

**Quantity:** 75+ boxes total; HC-5 = 1 box

**Provenance note:** Papers from researching & writing local history books; papers from involvement in work, societies, associations, committees, and other activities. Donated by Robert Haltiner in 2006 +.

**Biographical & Historical Information:** Gerald Haltiner and son, Robert, were Native American researchers and archaeologists who did extensive work in this area. The artifacts found and collected were first housed in the Haltiner's Hall of Ancient Man before being donated to the Jesse Besser Museum (Besser Museum of Northeast Michigan). Gerald was Past President and Vice-President of the Michigan Archaeological Society and listed in *Who's Who in Indian Relics*. Robert was the museum's curator, and has authored several books on the history of Alpena, as well as being listed in *Who's Who in American Archaeology and Dictionary of International Biography, 1979*. Robert Haltiner died on February 14, 2012.

**Scope & Content:** Processed portions include Great Lakes Lighthouse Festival, (Jesse) Besser Museum (of Northeast Michigan); Lighthouses & Life-Saving Stations; Michigan Museums Association; Thunder Bay Island Lighthouse Preservation Society; Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary & Underwater Preserve; and Thunder Bay Theatre. Portions are still being processed, which include a variety of subjects pertaining to Alpena History and that of Native American history.

**Access:** Open to research.

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

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**Box 1: Lighthouses & Life-Saving Stations**

*Folders*

1. Middle Island
2. Middle Island (building plans)
3. Presque Isle (new)
4. Presque Isle (old)
5. Sturgeon Point
6. Thunder Bay Island