

Collection name: Myra Herron Collection

Collection number: MHC-1

Dates: 1905-2005

Quantity: 2 boxes

Provenance note: Materials collected by donor, Myra Herron and donated 2007-2009. Some items donated in the names of Harlo & Mary Herron, her parents.

Biographical & Historical Information: Myra Herron was born in Alpena General Hospital in 1940, daughter of Harlo and Mary Meddaugh Herron. At that time, Mr. Herron owned 3 stores, Herron Farm Implement. Harlo later became a councilman and mayor of Alpena. Myra graduated from Alpena High in 1958, and went to Western Michigan University, graduating with a BA in English and Education. She taught school for one year before changing careers.

Myra worked in Alpena for a bit, then, with some friends, moved to Utah to seek her 'fortune'. She married, had 3 daughters, and moved back to Battle Creek, Michigan. While there, her mother became ill, and they moved together back to Utah. She worked at Hill Air Force Base as a scheduler for C-130 aircraft repair. In that job, Myra developed a set of instructions for jobs, including her own, and taught new people how to do their work. After she retired from Hill, she moved back to Alpena for 2 year. During that time, she developed an interest in genealogy, and since she was 'home', she started doing research at the local library.

Myra met cousins deep into the family history, including Ruth Ann Cochrane, a local genealogist/historian/writer. Because of them, she became an avid genealogist, and has published the family newsletter, Herron Flights, since 2005. The newsletter is in a collection at the library, and also published in the Wilderness Chronicle, and in a collection at the LDS library in Salt Lake City.

Myra is currently working for Davis County Assessor's office, and lives in Layton, Utah, but has not lost her roots in Alpena. She volunteers for the NOAA organization in Alpena, by doing transcriptions from the records they have in their collections.

Scope & Content: Alpena High School yearbooks from the mid-late 1950s; postcard collection; local ephemera.

Access: Open to research.

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

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Folders

1. Alpena County 8th Grade Promotion Exercises – 1957 Program
2. Alpena High School, 76th Annual Graduation Services – 1958 Program
3. Alpena High School Yearbook – Anamakee 1955
4. Alpena High School Yearbook – Anamakee 1956
5. Alpena High School Yearbook – Anamakee 1957
6. Alpena High School Yearbook – Anamakee 1958
7. Alpena High School Yearbooks & Programs (as above) – CD with Indexes

Box 2 of 2:

Folders

1. Alpena Area Senior Citizens Council, Inc., c1974-75
2. Alpena County Digital Aerial Photography 2005 – CD only
3. “Alpena County, Its Shore-Lines and Terraces...” by F. S. Dewey – Copy and CD
4. “Alpena, a Warm and Friendly Port” – Chamber of Commerce Visitors Guide
5. Alpena Telephone Directory Cover (Advertisements), 1963
6. Ordinance Code – City of Alpena, 1953
7. Postcard Collection (father’s) – CD only
8. Rotary Club, Golden Anniversary 1922-1972 – Newspaper Supplement (02-15-1972) & CD
9. “Thou Art a Priest Forever, 1905-1955”, Right Reverend John E. Gatzke, V.F. – Booklet & Souvenir Card of Golden Sacerdotal Jubilee & CD