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Creator Name: V. Ann Taber [nee Ford]

Quantity: 2 Linear ft / 4 boxes

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Biographical & Historical Information: [Obituary-Alpena News, Feb. 12, 1994] V. Ann Taber, 72, of 1011 S. Fifth Ave., died Thursday (Feb. 10, 1994) at Alpena General Hospital following as extended illness.

Ann Ford was born Jan. 19, 1922, in Brookings, S.D. and moved to Madison, Wis., to begin work in radio. She married Fredrick K. Taber in Madison on Sept. 17, 1944, before relocating to Alpena. He preceded her in death on Feb. 22, 1969.

Following the death of her husband, she became a teacher with the Alpena Public Schools, where she taught history, speech and writing. She was awarded "Teacher of the Year" for 1981-82 and retired from the school system in 1985. She was a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma sorority and had been chosen "Woman of the Year" by the Zonta Club in 1985.

Mrs. Taber was an avid historian, wrote a column in The Alpena News and produced a radio show called "Hello" during her early years here. She was also a noted lecturer and entertained many organizations in the community with anecdotes of how life used to be in this area.

She is survived by a daughter, Candy (Mrs. K. Michael) Jones of Canton; five sons, Frederick of San Francisco, Thomas of Hudsonville, John of Valparaiso, Fla., Timothy of Alpena and William of Ballwin, Mo., and 11 grandchildren.

Friends may call from 3-9 p.m. today at the Bannan Funeral Home. The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Sunday with the Rev. Jimmie Ward officiating.

Interment: Evergreen Cemetery

Memorials: Hospice of Northeast Michigan

Scope & Content: Historical research, writings, and radio show transcripts for various Alpena history topics by Ann Taber

Acquisition: Materials created by Ann Taber and donated by her son, Tim Taber in 2008.

Access: Open for research

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Collection Contents:

Box 1 [Alpena History A - K]

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1. Alpena 1887 [Alpena in the 1880's essay, Museum handout "Alpena the 1880's", Electric Company, Streets, Hotels, Churchill House, Passenger steamers, railroad, tanneries, woolen mill, schools, churches, opera house, roller rink, toboggan slide, trotter race track, saloons, the flood, the earthquake, the fire, Blinkie Morgan, George Jacob Schwienfurth, Boulton, Farming, Lumber history, Island Mill]
2. Alpena 1910 – 1920
3. Alpena's Chinaman – Wah Sing 1897
4. Alpena Homecoming 1915
5. Alpena National Bank (1882-1906)
6. Alpena Garment Factory (1920-1940)
7. Atlanta, MI – Hillman, MI – Montmorency County
8. Beck Brewery
9. Bell Pines
10. Besser Company
11. Besser, Herman
12. Boulton's History [Boulton, William – Centennial History of Alpena County, Michigan (1876)]
13. Building Photographs
14. Burnham's Landing (1840, 1860, 1890)
15. Carter Family (1883, 1897, 1984)
16. Cathouses – Houses-of-ill-repute
17. Cement and Limestone – Sinkholes
18. Circero, Paulette

19. Congregational Church
20. Cranberries
21. "Discovering Alpena's Roots (script) [Note: Slides on Server under: "Ann Taber discovering Alpena' Roots"]
22. Dorr, Fredric Arthur (1878 – 1971)
23. Dewey, Franklin Smith – Schools
24. Domke's Prehistorical Zoo Gardens [by Barbara Kollien]
25. Farming – Agriculture by William Boulton [first published in the Alpena Argus, July 27, 1887]
26. Fire of 1888
27. Ford, Henry (1891)
28. Fishing
29. Fletcher, Nathan [father of George N. Fletcher]
30. General Stores
31. Geology [Misery Bay, sinkholes]
32. Herron Gold Mine Blast (1952)
33. Horses
34. Interviews [Trapper Brown, Eular Thorne (cranberry bog), Stan Godfrey, Lew Pake, John Placie, Jackson Brown, W. N. Hunt, Phillip Klein, James McCombs, Bernhard Enger, Conrad Bauer, Alonzo Green, Mrs. C. A. McGregor, Mrs. A. Chafee, Sally Broadwell, James D. Turnbull, Frederick G. I. Burnham, Julia Burnham, Peter Donald Riley, Louis VanSipe, William Saxon Pulford]
35. Kline – Lewis T. Kline Company

Box 2 [Alpena History L - Z]***Folder***

1. Alpena History – Log Marks
2. Alpena History – Lumbering
3. Alpena History – Lumberjack Songs – Songs
4. Alpena History – Lyons Brothers
5. Alpena History – Maltz Opera House
6. Alpena History – Maps (misc.)
7. Alpena History – Metz Fire (1908)
8. Alpena History – Misc [Alpena Flyer ad, Gladys Williams, Tripe-De-Roche, Wreck of the Grover, Alpena Guards (1875), First Drug Store, Alpena Motels, Principal Fires, Alpena's First Bell, Sa Gona Ka To
9. Alpena History – Molitor [murder]
10. Alpena History – Morgan, Blinky
11. Alpena History – Movies
12. Alpena History – Newspaper Clippings ["Alpena Argus" August 11, 1897 p. 1-2]
13. Alpena History – Newspapers

14. Alpena History – Old-Fashioned Cures and Treatments
15. Alpena History – Oliver, D. D. – History of Alpena
16. Alpena History – Onaway
17. Alpena History – Ossineke
18. Alpena History – Pewabic
19. Alpena History – Railroads
20. Alpena History – Roads
21. Alpena History – Rogers Brothers Seed Company
22. Alpena History – Sawyer/Crawford Murder (1865)
23. Alpena History – Smallpox
24. Alpena History – Street Names
25. Alpena History – Tanneries
26. Alpena History – Thunder Bay Island
27. Alpena History – Thunder Bay River – Fossils
28. Alpena History – Turtle Lake Club
29. Alpena History – Viall's Date Book – 1914

Box 3 [Alpena History - Radio Scripts]

(public service announcements sponsored by Alpena Savings Bank)

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1. Churchill House Fire of 1899 (incomplete) – no date
2. Electric Lights in 1883 (incomplete) – no date
3. Indian Legends; Gerald Haltiner [copied from original found in Haltiner Collection: Native American – 1951
4. Mr. Mortimer's Memories – 1952
5. Cullings, W. F. (Uncle Billy) – 1952
6. Archaeology; Gerald Haltiner – 1952
7. Misc. – 1952
8. Potvin, Jules – 1952
9. Storm of 1913 – 1952
10. Swinefurth, George Jacob – 1953
11. Tug Boats – 1952
12. Catholic Churches – 1952
13. Murder in 1865 – 1952
14. A Month Out of History – 1877
15. Disease in Alpena – 1953
16. Paulette Cicero – 1953
17. Alpena 1888 – 1953
18. Alpena 1896 – 1953
19. Wildflowers – 1953

20. Alpena 1895 – 1953
21. Alpena 1887 – 1953
22. Cold Weather; Boxing – 1954
23. Alpena 1899 (incomplete) – 1954
24. Alpena 1893 – 1954
25. Alpena 1889 – 1954
26. Weather Bureau 1872 – 1954
27. Alpena 1878 – 1954
28. Cranberry Farming – 1954
29. Alpena 1905 (incomplete) – 1954
30. Alpena 1893 – 1954
31. Alpena 1884 – 1954
32. Storm of 1872 – 1954
33. Alpena 1877 (incomplete) – 1954
34. Alpena 1888 – 1954
35. Alpena 1889 – 1954
36. Alpena 1899 – 1954 [Eva LeRoy]
37. Alpena 1899 (continued) – 1954
38. Alpena – 1955
39. Oral History Cassettes [Metz Fire, Finding Roots]
40. Oral History Cassettes [One Room School, Mrs. Joseph Atkinson, Green School, Mildred Turner Larsen, Farmer, Alpena Roots, Wife of Commercial fisherman and daughter, Alpena Roots]

Box 4 [Ann Taber Slides]

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1. Ann Taber Alpena History Slides
2. Ann Taber Discover Alpena Root Slides