

Collection name: Fred R. Trelfa Collection

Collection number: FRTC-1

Dates: c1900-1979

Quantity: 29 volumes (binders)

Provenance note: Collection created by donor over adulthood. This portion is a third of the Trelfa Collection. One part is at the Clark Historical Library (CMU) in Mt. Pleasant, MI. Another part had originally been donated to the Jesse Besser Museum. The museum transferred its portion to the library in 2011. Collection donated by Mr. Trelfa in 1974. The 180 + page Index to the collection was created by Rhea & Lorrie LaCross.

Biographical & Historical Information:

Fred Trelfa was born in Strathroy (ONT) on April 9, 1886. He moved to Alpena on May 6, 1895. He married Mable C. Hagen (d. Aug 19, 1974) in 1914 and had two children, Mable and Richard. He worked for the Alpena City Water Co., Holmes & Kelsey Wholesale Grocery, and Alpena County Savings Bank. From 1919 until his retirement in 1964, he worked at the Fletcher Paper Company. He was active in the community having served on the hospital and school boards, as well as being a member of the Masons. He was a self-made historian and photographer dedicated to preserving and documenting Alpena's heritage. His catalogued files contained hundreds of photographs and articles that traced Alpena's growth from its earliest beginnings. Trelfa died at the age of 92 on March 27, 1979. (The Alpena News March 28, 1979)

Scope & Content: Newspaper clippings and papers relating to Alpena, MI and surrounding counties organized by topics such as history, schools, businesses, fishing / shipping, railroads, service organization, people, churches, sports, hospital, military, disasters, and events.

Access: Open to research.

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