

**Collection name:** Adam Ludewig Collection

**Repository:**

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**Accession Number:** 2011.001

**Dates:** 1875 to 1946

**Donor:** Dann Frisch; Besser Museum of Northeast Michigan

**Quantity:** 1 linear ft. and 1 box

**Language:** eng - English

**Biographical & Historical Information:**

Born in Sondershausen, Germany, Adam Ludewig (b.1864 and d.1955) as a child and his family (Robert, Amalie, Marie) immigrated to Detroit in 1867. Several years after his family moved to Alpena he eventually began working for a variety of local businesses at the age of 14. He started working at Lockwood, Luce & Seage Lumber co., then as a clerk at H.H. Wittleshofer Book Store, with the L.A. Tompkins dry goods store, finally he bought Elizabeth Nason's bookstore which was located in the Odd Fellow Block (Centennial Building) (Alpena News, *Adam Ludewig Hits 90 Mark*, April 1, 1952). Ludewig opened his store on 118 Second Ave around 1899, later moving the store to 105 Water St in 1951.

**Scope & Content:**

The Adam Ludewig Collection highlights the paper materials of the Adam Ludewig's Bookstore located on 118 N 2d Ave (Polk City Directory 1914 pg.266). Several materials, within the collection, also show his family and employees throughout his time (1900s to 1950s). The collection fits into the archives in that it presents the business' history and materials stored at the book store Ludewig owned for many years. The collection is unique from other collections in that it provides in-depth primary sources of a long standing downtown business in Alpena.

**Access:** Open to research.

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**Related Materials:** E.C Spens Collection, Besser Museum of Northeast Michigan, Fletcher Collection, and Matthew McCormack Collection.

### **Collection Contents:**

#### *Box 1*

#### *Folder:*

1. Adam Ludewig Family, Photo
2. C.N.R. Depot, Port Hope, Photo
3. Correspondence to Adam Ludwig 1953
4. Easter Flowers - Greeting Cards 1889
5. Marina by Rocco Granata - 45 RPM record
6. Merry Christmas - Carrier's Address, Booklet 1888
7. Photo Album - Alpena 1886
8. Scrapbook Sing Page 1886, 1914
  - a. Trinity Church - Christmas - Newspaper Clipping 1886
  - b. Arthur Burton, Aged 16 Dead - Newspaper Clipping 1914
9. Trinity Church - Confirmation Class, Photo 1927
10. Art Series - Private Greeting Cards: Card Book 1900s
11. McCall Embroidery Book: Magazine
12. Colton's Common School Geography, Book 1875
13. Adam's Bookstore ledger 1908 to 1919
14. Dance Instructor, Arthur Murray 1946