Edward Beebe’s Historic Leelanau Photographs of Leland, Suttons Bay and North Manitou Island from 1909 to 1915
by Jack Hobey

During the Golden Age of Postcards, photographer Edward Beebe documented the resort, lumbering and transportation history of Leelanau County. In the early 1900’s, Beebe was the best-known photographer in northern Michigan. He used a large format camera, producing glass plate negatives that developed incredible black and white photographs.

Beebe first came to North Manitou Island to photograph a lumbering operation, but soon its beauty and the character of its residents captured his imagination and drew him back frequently. Edward Beebe expert, JACK HOBEY, wrote the narrative of these early times and included 300 rare historic photos.

Author JACK HOBEY, a graduate of the University of Michigan and Harvard Business School, retired from a career managing manufacturing companies. More than 15 years ago, he began researching and collecting real photo Michigan postcards and cabinet cards. Hobey’s first book, Wish You Were Here...The Edward Beebe Story (2007), details the life and career of Edward Beebe. Jack Hobey grew up in Midland, Michigan, and lives in Boyne City with his wife, Vicki.

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