

ALLEGAN CITIES & VILLAGES—call to check if open

- **City of Allegan**— <http://www.cityofallegan.org/civic.php>
112 Locust St., Allegan, MI 49010, city hall open MTuWThF 8:30-5 (269) 673-5511, [Oakwood Cemetery records]
- **Fennville**—<http://www.cityofallegan.org/civic.php> city hall
222 S. Maple St., P.O. Box 666, Fennville MI 49408, MTuWThF 8:00-4:30; (269) 561-8321; City of Fennville Cemetery. records
- **City of Holland**—www.cityofholland.com City Hall, 270 River Ave., Holland, MI 49423, (616) 355-1300, city cemeteries: Pilgrim Home & Graafschap; office 429 E 24th St.; (616) 928-2450; Andy Kenyon; a.kenyon@cityofholland.com in charge cemeteries
- **City of Otsego**—<http://www.cityofotsego.org/cityhall.htm> City Hall, 117 E. Orleans St., Otsego, MI 49078, (269) 692-3391; 8-5 MTuWThF; email city.clerk@ci.otsego.mi.us
- **City of Plainwell**—www.plainwell.org/ City Hall, 141 North Main St., Plainwell, MI 49080 (269) 685-6821 city records
- **City of Saugatuck**—www.saugatuckcity.com city hall, 102 Butler St., PO Box 86, Saugatuck, MI 49453, 369-857-2603 M-F 8:30-5,
- **City of South Haven**—www.southhaven.com city hall, 539 Phoenix St., South Haven, MI 49090 (269) 673-0700; clerk 8-5
- **City of Wayland**—www.cityofwayland.org city hall, 103 S. Main Wayland, MI 49348 (269) 792-2265 8-5 M-F
- **Douglas Village**—www.douglasmichigan.com Village Hall, 86 W. Center St., Douglas, MI 49406-0757, Clerk/Treasurer, 47 Center, (269) 857-1438
- **Hopkins Village**—Village Hall, 128 S. Franklin St., P.O. Box 337, Hopkins, MI 49328; (269) 793-7433 unmanned phone
- **Martin Village**—www.martinoffice.com 1586 S. Main, P.O. Box 234, Martin MI 49070 (269) 672-6790 clerk (269) 673-6790 unchecked

ALLEGAN CO. TWP OFFICES—

- **Allegan Twp.** www.allegantownship.org 3037 118th. Ave Allegan, MI 49010 (269) 673-5051 office open 9-1 MTuWTh Hudson Corners Cemetery
- **Casco Twp** www.cascotownship.org 71st at 107th. Ave);107th Ave, South Haven MI 49090 269-637-4441 Tu 9-4 W 9-1 Th 9-12
- **Cheshire Twp.**, 104th. & 41st. St. , Allegan, MI 49010 [no regular hours]
- **Clyde Twp.** 1679 56th St Fennville, MI 49408 (269) 561-2505
- **Dorr Twp.**, www.dorrtownship.org 4196 18th. St., Dorrr, MI 49323; 616-681-9874 Hours: MWF 8-12 & 1-4:30
- **Fillmore Twp.** www.fillmoretownship.com 4219 52nd St. Holland, MI 49423 (269) 751-7655, MWF 8—12
- **Ganges Twp.**, www.gangestownship.org (119th. Ave. & 64th. St.); 1904 64th St., Fennville, 269-543-8316 (ans. machine); sexton Gary Holton 561-2054
- **Gun Plain Twp.** www.gunplain.org, 381 Eighth St., Plainwell, MI 49080 cemetery links, 269-685-9471 M-Th 8:30-4:30
- **Heath Twp.** www.heathtownship.net , 3440 M-40, Hamilton, MI 269-751-2403 MW 9-11:30, 12-3
- **Hopkins Twp.**, 142 W Main St., PO Box 217, Hopkins, MI 49328 (269) 793-3188
- **Laketown Twp.** www.laketown.org 4338 Beeline Rd., Holland, MI 49423, (616) 335-3050, Fax (616) 335-5459; M-Th 8-6, F 8-5; Gibson Cemetery information

- **Lee Twp.** www.leetwp.org 877 56th. St., PO Box 427, Pullman, MI 49450; no regular hrs., (269) 236-6485
- **Leighton Twp** www.leightontownship.org 4475 Kalama-zoo Ave., Caledonia MI 49316, 616-891-8238; TuWTh 9-4,
- **Manlius Twp.** www.manliustownship.com 3134 - 57th. St., Fennville, MI 49408, 269- 561-8855, MW 8-4, F 8-12
- **Martin Twp.** www.martintownship.org 114 Templeton, P.O. Box 27, Martin, MI 49070; no hrs; clerk Carrie Coburn (269) 672-5027
- **Monterey Twp.** Jct 130th & 30th 2999; 30th St. Allegan, MI 49010; no hours; clerk Janice Lodenstein (269) 793-7432; sexton Larry Teravest (269) 673-2573
- **Otsego Twp.** www.otsegotownship.org -400 N. 16th. St., PO Box 257, Otsego, MI 49078 (269) 694-9434, M-Th 8-4; Mt. Home sexton Chuck Cushman 269-692-6002
- **Overisel Twp.** www.overiseltownship.org A4307 144th Ave (269) 751-7030 Tu 9-5; Holland MI 49423; sexton Ken Klienheksel 260-751-6785
- **Salem Twp.** www.salemtownship.org 3003 142nd. Ave. PO Box 49 Burnips MI 49314 (616) 896-9857, TuTh 9-12, 1-4 cemetery: Betty Brower (616) 688-5408 896-9857
- **Saugatuck Twp.** www.saugatucktownship.org 3461 Blue Star Hwy, Saugatuck, MI 49453 (269) 857-7721, M-F 8-4 Douglas & Riverside Cemetery records in twp office
- **Trowbridge Twp.**, 913 M-40 South, (32nd St.) Allegan, MI 49010; 673-8189 open?;
- **Valley Twp.**, www.valleytwp.org 2054 N, M-40 Allegan, MI 49010 (269) 673-5962, M-Th 9-3; Bradlee Eillis, Millgrove cemetery sexton 269-744-0692
- **Watson Twp.** www.watsontownship.org 1895 118th Ave., Allegan, MI 49010, (269) 672-7254, M 6-8 pm sexton Dave Kok 269-673-4032
- **Wayland Twp.** www.waytwp.org 1060 129th. Ave., Bradley, MI 49311, (269) 792-6394 clerk TuWTh 8-11; cem. sexton Beverly Taylor office 269.792.6394

Visit websites for more information. Many offices are open only a few hours a week or not open at all. You may need to call and leave a message on an answering machine or look for an email contact box on websites. Often, township clerks may handle business from their homes. If you are inquiring about a cemetery sexton, do state the correct person's name, cemetery, and if you need a plot location.

Family History Centers (Mormon Church) - for other locations, hours; in MI go to www.familysearch.org

- Battle Creek- 1312 Capital Ave SW, 269-964-0878,
- Grand Rapids- 2780 Leonard NE, 616-949-3343,
- Hastings: 600 Airport Rd, 616-948-2104—Tuesdays
- Kalamazoo-1112 Drake Rd; 269-342-1906;
- Van Buren Regional Genealogical satellite location in Webster Library, Decatur, MI

NOTE: Centers do not respond to mail queries; call before you go to verify addresses, parking, hours...

Please inform Linda Koch lkoch@alleganlibrary.org of any corrections or changes you note. Thank you!

Genealogical & Historical Regional Resources for Allegan County

6/2012

Allegan District Library

331 Hubbard St., Allegan, MI 49010

269-673-4625 www.alleganlibrary.org

Serving Allegan School District, city of Allegan, Allegan, Cheshire, Heath, Trowbridge & Valley Townships; reciprocal borrowers with Plainwell, Otsego & Hopkins libraries

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Reference, Adult Services, Genealogy & Local History Librarian

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Allegan City Clerk/City Hall www.cityofallegan.org

- 112 Locust St., Allegan, MI 49010; M-F 8:30-5
- 269-673-5511 Oakwood Cemetery Records

Allegan Co. Clerk/Probate / Courthouse 113 Chestnut St.

- **Co. Clerk:** 269-673-0450; FAX 269-673-0298; deaths 1867-; marriages 1836-; limited birth record lookups if not 100 yrs old
- Genealogy: 3 persons allowed in at a time, TuWTh 8:30 -4:30; pencils only; NO food, drinks, kids, pets; note: security search
- certified copy (marriage/birth/death) \$10; \$10 prepaid fee for search/record 1st copy; \$10 certification fee/document divorce judgments; for other court records; \$1/pg copy fee
- **Probate Clerk:** 269-673-0250; Genealogy Hours, MTuW mornings; Probate Court is in session WThF afternoons.

Allegan Co. "Old Jail" Museum & Historical Society -

- 113 Walnut St., Allegan, MI 49010; 269-673-8292
- Jun-Sep F & Sa 10-4 open; volunteers work Tu 10-2
- large photo collection & local histories, plat maps
- E-mail: oldjailmuseum06@yahoo.com

Allen County Public Library, Ft. Wayne, IN

- 900 Library Plaza. Ft. Wayne, IN 46801; P.O. Box 2270; 260 -421-1225; Fax: 260-421-1386; genealogy research center of midwest; M-Th 9-9, F Sa 9-6, closed Su in summer, holidays; <http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy/>

Barry County Genealogy Club

- Hastings P. L.; 227 E State St, Hastings MI 49058; 269-945-4263 www.hastingspubliclibrary.org/?page_id=86; queries

Berrien County Genealogical Society

- P.O. Box 8808, Benton Harbor, MI 49023-8808
- Cemetery records, surname searches; lots of researchers
- <http://w3.qtm.net/bcgensoc/> & bcgensoc@qtm.net

Kalamazoo Public Library www.kpl.gov

- 315 S Rose St. Kalamazoo, MI 49007 269 342-9837 MTuWTh 9-9; F 9-6 Sa 9-5; Su 1-5; Summer MTuW9-9; F 9-6 Th 9-6; Su closed—Great local history, genealogy
- indexes to older *Kalamazoo Gazette* births, weddings, obits, articles at www.kpl.gov/local-info

Kalamazoo Valley Genealogical Society - P.O. Box 405, Comstock, MI 49041 mikvs@yahoo.com www.mikvgs.org/

- Kalamazoo River Valley, SW MI; GREAT SW MI resource, offer classes, meets at Portage D. L.; include SASE for obits
- Covers entire Kalamazoo River Valley counties

Library of Michigan - Abrams Coll.

- 702 W. Kalamazoo, P.O. Box 30007, Lansing, MI 48909 email librarian@michigan.gov 517-373-1300 10-5 M-F closed SaSu
- <http://libraryofmichigan.org> click on genealogy &
- www.seekingmichigan.org death records 1897-1920
- extensive collection microfilm, documents; MI & US records; Government repository; genealogists; reference, many state records & duplicates of county records; microfilmed treasures

Salem Twp. Historical Committee. (Allegan Co.) P.O. Box 49, Burnips MI 49314 www.salemtownship.org/History.html

- This group is scanning local histories & photos, and collecting Salem genealogies; many of this committee are also associated with Then & Now Genealogy Library in Dorr, MI

Saugatuck-Douglas Museum & S-D Historical Society

- 753 Park, PO Box 617, Douglas, MI 49406 Saugatuck, MI 49453; museum: 269-857-7900; 12-4 daily Memorial-Labor Day; 12-4 F, Sa, Su Sept. through Oct.
- <http://sdhistoricalsociety.org/sdhs/Home.php?AC>
- e-mail: sdhistory@accn.org
- 136 years of the *Commercial Record* newspapers, much online; users may add comments and help index pages
- The S-D society has published many books on area history, great lakes wrecks, Saugatuck area, etc. & regularly has museum exhibits and historical programs

Then and Now Genealogical Library -

- <http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mitanhgs>
- thenandnow1807@yahoo.com president. Linda Stoecker:
- Especially good for NE Allegan Co.; mail PO Box 389, Dorr MI 49323; phone & fax 616.681.0333; Linda 616.896.9744
- In old Dorr Library, at 1807 142nd Ave. (NW corner 142nd & 18th) Dorr; W 1-5; Sa 10-3; other times by appointment
- obit/records/newspapers of NE Allegan Co., local holdings, one-room schools, cemeteries; veterans, programs

Van Buren Regional Genealogical Society (VBRGS) (Allegan, Berrien, Cass, Kalamazoo & Van Buren Cos.)

- Local History Room, Webster Memorial Library, 200 N Phelps St., Decatur- PO Box 143, Decatur MI 49045; 269-423-4771
- <http://www.vbrgs.htm> e-mail: tbenson@vbdl.org
- Obit index SWMI newspapers, SWMI military registry, catalog
- VBRGS; quarterly publ. *Van Buren Echoes*; one-room school collection, yearbooks, many local documents, programs
- SWMI Obituary Index; Family History satellite, SW MI area,

Western Michigan Genealogical Society (WMGS)

Grand Rapids, Kent Co. & nearby areas, GR Public Library, 111 Library St. NE, G.R., MI 49503-3268

- www.wmgs.org; E-mail: wmgs@wmgs.org
- online searchable databases - Kent Co. obits 1920-present, social; 1881 Kent Co. history every name index, funeral home records 1903 -1962, Farm Bur. News 1918-26; records, genealogists, training, meetings; excellent resources

Check Genealogy Resource links on our home page.

Western Michigan University Archives & Regional History

[June 2012, new building under construction, see website] East Campus, East Hall, WMU, Kalamazoo, MI 49008-5307

- Sept-Apr Tu-F 8-5, Sa 8-4; May-Aug M-F 9-4; ck hours
- sharoncarlson@wmich.edu 269-387-8496
- WMU & area history, SWMI archives, docs, records; unique items, subject guides, searchable subjects, genealogy links

Allegan District Library's Genealogy is Growing!

- Please add your family history to our growing collection of local histories, area records, and local history.
- Your monetary or family history contributions to our genealogy/local history collection are welcome; we are indexing family histories and improving accessibility to our local history collections, adding materials weekly. **Please donate copies-not valuable originals** - of documents or photos. Please add family stories or memories; these will be treasured by future generations.
- We accept digital attachments, CDs, hard copies, etc. and put loose materials or printed copies into archival page protectors and into 3-ring binders, on shelves accessible to the public all the hours we are open.
- Documents on local history & genealogy shelves in notebooks were acquired since April 2002. We depend upon volunteers and donated materials to help fill our lack of records. Any donations for genealogy go towards purchase of family and local history materials, page protectors, and binders. Volunteers are welcome; we need people to improve our collection, look up records at the courthouse....
- **Microfilmed Allegan city newspapers are not yet indexed for obituaries, except for (1856-1889) & 1978-2006.** We have an A-Z necrology list for deaths in Allegan Co. 1995 through 2007, over 7000 names.
- Thank you volunteers and Senior workforce trainees—you have accomplished a mountain of work!

Have you written your obituary? We have a helpful handout to guide you. Avoid embarrassing errors and slights, misspelled names, and wrong information; write how **you** want to be remembered. Everyone dies, but some are remembered better than others by their obituaries.

MI residents have free access to Heritage Quest through the Library of Michigan and our webpage. Allegan D. L. patrons have in-library access to Ancestry Library Edition. Register at the circulation desk for our genealogy computer. Limit one hour if others are waiting. Printing is 15 cents a page.

For maps showing present-day township roads and land divisions, go to www.allegancounty.org, the Allegan County home page, and click on **search parcel records**, then click on **tax map search** and on a township map.

OTHER AREA PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Charles A. Ransom District Library (Plainwell)

- 180 Sherwood, Plainwell, MI 49080 www.ransomlibrary.org/
- 269-685-8024; open MTuWTh 10-9; FSa 10-5; Su 1-5; serves Plainwell, Gun Plain, & part Cooper Twp. in Kalamazoo Co.; recip. borrowers: Allegan, Otsego, Kalamazoo & Portage libraries

Dorr Township Library www.dorrlibrary.org

- 1804 Sunset Dr., Dorr, MI 49323; 616-681-9678
- MTh 12-8; TuWF 10-5; Sa 10-2; Serves Dorr Township

Fennville District Library (www.fennvillelibrary.org) <http://plinkit-michigan.hosting.enfoldsystems.com/MichiganLibraries/fennville>

- P.O. Box 1130, 400 W. Main, Fennville, MI 49408; 269-561-5050; MTuWTh 10-8; F 10-5; Sa 10-2; Su 2-4
- serves Fennville city & Casco, Clyde, Ganges, Lee, Manlius twps

Henika District Library (Wayland) www.henikalibrary.org

- 149 S. Main St., Wayland, MI 49348 **[Note: No MICHICARD]**
- 269-792-2891; open MW 9-8; TuTh F 9-6; Sat 9-3, closed Su Serves Wayland city & Wayland Twp.

Herrick District Library (Holland) www.herrickdl.org

- Serves city of Holland & Fillmore, Heath, Laketown & Overisel N 1/2 Manlius twps Allegan Co. Port Sheldon & Park twp Ottawa Co.
- **Main Library** 300 S River, 616-355-3100; MTu 9-9 WTh FSa 9-6
- **North Side Branch** 155 Riley St., 616-738-4360; MTu 10-7; WThF 10-6; closed SaSu; both in Holland, MI 49423;

Hopkins Public Library <http://plinkit-michigan.hosting.enfoldsystems.com/MichiganLibraries/hopkins> 269-793-7516

- 118 E. Main Hopkins, MI 49328 MW 10-8, TuF 10-50; Sa 10-1; closed ThSu; serves Hopkins, Monterey, & Watson Twps
- Recip. borrower with Allegan & Otsego libraries

Leighton Township Library (Moline) www.leightonlibrary.org

- 4451 12th St Moline, MI 49335; 616-877-4143 MWTh 10-8 F 10-4 Sa 9-1, closed TuSu; serves Leighton Township

Otsego District P. L. www.otsego.library.org

- 401 Dix St, Otsego, MI 49078; 269-694-9690; MTuWTh 9-8 F 9-5:30; Sa 9-2:30; serves Otsego & twps Otsego, Trowbridge, Watson (Kalamazoo Co.) & Alamo (Kalamazoo Co.)., recip. borrowers: Allegan, Hopkins, Martin, Plainwell, Van Buren Dist. & Kalamazoo

Salem Township Library (Burnips) www.burnips.lcoop.org -

- 3007 142nd Ave., P.O. Box 58, Burnips, MI 49314; 616-896-8170 MW10-8 TuF 1-6 Th 1-8 Sa 9-1; serves Salem & Overisel Twps

Saugatuck-Douglas District Library <http://sdl.library.org>

- 10 Mixer St. at Center, PO 789 Douglas MI 49406; 269-857-8241
- MTuWThF 10-6 Sa 10-2 Su 1-4; assoc. with S-G Historical Soc., but most local history/genealogy materials in society holdings
- Serves Saugatuck, Douglas Village, & Twps of Laketown, Manlius, & Saugatuck

J. C. Wheeler Library (Martin) <http://wheelerpl.michlibrary.org>

- 1576 Main St., Martin, MI 49070; phone/FAX 269-672-7875
- M 12-7 TuWF 10-5 Sa 9-1 closed ThSu; Serves Martin & Watson Twps Allegan Co. & contracts Orangeville Twp. in Barry Co.
- Most Allegan Co. libraries honor MichiCard (not Henika), allowing patrons issued free MichiCard stickers at their **home** libraries to check out up to 5 printed items (books, magazines) at many MI libraries. You must bring your MichiCard & I.D. showing residence in the tax-based district of your home library. Reciprocal borrower cards must bring home library cards & residence proof.