**Allegan City & County Directories**

In looseleaf notebooks on shelves: **M R 977.414**

**= includes rural route names

- **1877** Allegan Village Directory
- **1903** Pocket Map & Business Dir., Allegan Co.
- **1909** Allegan City Directory (business)
- **1919-1920** Allegan City & Rural Route Directory 1919-1922 Allegan City & Rural Directory
- **1924** Historical & Pictorial Dir. of Allegan, MI
- **1928** Allegan County R.R. Dir. & Buyers' Guide
- **1938** Allegan, MI City Directory
- **1941-1942** Allegan City Directory
- **1961** Official Allegan City Directory
- **1964** City Directory of Allegan, MI, Dec., 1961
- **1964** City Directory of Allegan, MI, Dec., 1964
- **1966-1967** * = microfilm copy only
- **1967** * = microfilm copy only
- **1970** * = microfilm copy only
- **1972** - Baldwin Consurvey Allegan Mi v. 1
- **1972** suppl. Baldwin Allegan Suppl. (telephone dir. & buyers' guide & classified business dir.)
- **1975** Johnson's Special Allegan Residential Ed.
- **1977** Johnson's Allegan, MI City Directory
- **1977** Special Residential Ed. Allegan, MI Dir.

**Other County/City Directories**

In one ring binder notebook: **M R 977.414 PLAI**

**1883** (March) Plainwell Directory
**1958** (May) Directory for the City of Plainwell
**1973** Otsego-Plainwell, Michigan City Dir.
**1933** Barry County Business Guide and Historical Review

**M R 977.4 BARR**

Kalamaizoo County Business Data Bank Directory Jan., 1972
**M 338.09774 KALA**

**1986** Allegan Co. Dir. of Mfgs. **M R 670 ALLE**

**1988** Regional Manufacturers Directory (GR-- has Kent, Ottawa & Allegan Co.) **M R 670 REGI**

**1998 Allegan County Bus. Dir.** **M R 670 ALLE**

**1998 Allegan County Mfg. Dir.** **M R 670 ALLE**

**1999-2000 Michigan Bus. Dir., 2 v.** **M R 670 MICH**

**2000 Michigan Mfg. Directory** **M R 670 MICH**

**2002 Michigan Industrial Dir.** **M R 670 MICH**

**Land Atlases & Directories**

- **Allegan County Historical Atlas and Gazetteer, 1998** (maps, lakes, place names,...) **M R 912.7 ALLE**
- **1864 Map of Allegan County, Michigan, indexed. Twps, Pier Cove, Plainwell, Allegan, Dudleyville, Douglas, Saugatuck, Wayland, Otsego maps & bus. dir.**
- **MI State Gazetteer & Business Directory v. 1881**
- **M R 977.4 MICH**
- **Allegan Co. Land Atlas Indexes** (1873 Titus, 1895 Kace, & 1913 Ogle; in notebook)

**Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps** * = microfilm only

Sanborn maps Allegan Co. cities: downtown bldgs, streets, [microfilm notebook] + = additions after 1928 1930

- **Allegan:1884, 1888, 1893, 1899, 1906, 1911, 1918, 1928 + Douglas: June, 1910**
- **Fennville: 1893, 1899, 1916, 1928, (+)**
- **Holland: 1883, 1889, 1893, 1902, 1908, 1916, 1925**
- **Hopkins: Sept., 1923, (1923+)**
- **Otsego: 1884, 1892, 1898, 1906, 1911, 1918, 1928, (+)**
- **Plainwell: 1864, 1892, 1894, 1904, 1911, 1918, 1928, (+)**
- **Saugatuck:1895, 1900, 1910, 1916, 1928, (+)**
- **Wayland: 1921, 1930, (+)**

**Telephone Directories**: * = microfilmed; a few copies at circ desk; listed by city/year; several cities/directory, ex: Tri-Co. Telegraph Co., 1930, has multiple listings; see microfilm notebook for specific locations


**Bloomington: 1960**

**Dorr: 1961, 1969**


**Moline: 1961, 1969**

**Otsego: 1960**

**Plainwell: 1960, 1966**


**Watson: 1940, 1945**


**Superfund & Other Environmental Impact Info:**

Gun Lake Gaming & others, Kalamaizoo River, Superfund sites, County jail - some copies on reference shelves; ask for specific studies

Allegan county's original 4 townships of 1836 have been divided/subdivided & boundary lines/names changed -- last in 1898, Pine Plains Twp. was renamed Valley Twp. Look for names & boundary changes prior to 1898.
Kalamazoo River Watershed Maps - 2002
Maps of 19 Allegan Co. Twps. [Allegan, Cheshire, Clyde, Dorr, Gun Plain, Heath, Hopkins, Leighton,Manlius, Martin, Monterey, Otsego, Oversisel, Salem, Saugatuck, Trowbridge,Valley, Watson, & Wayland] draining into Kalamazoo River system. These are in the Maps stand. You may choose to use a digital camera and/or photocopy portions of these 22" x 24" maps.

Table of contents for each map:
(1) Community Portrait - 1996
(2) Digital Raster Graphic
(3) Natural Resources Inventory
(4) Zoning
(5) Zoning Acreage Table
(6) 1996 Land Cover
(7) 1996 Land Cover Acreage - Township
(8) 1978 Land Cover - City
(9) 1978 Land Cover
(10) 1978 Land Cover Acreage - Township
(11) 1978 Land Cover - City
(12) 1996 Land Cover within 1/4 mi. Water
(13) 1996 Land Cover within 1/4 mi. Water - Twp
(14) 1996 Land Cover within 1/4 mi. Water - City
(15) Vegetation circa 1800
(16) Prime Farmland Soils
(17) Hydric Soils
(18) Soil Suitability - Septic Tank Absorption Fields
(19) Environmental Sites

Local & Michigan Federal Census records - (Allegan & other counties, * = on microfilm)
We subscribe to ancestrylibrary.com, which has ALL U.S. & more) census records fully indexed
Allegan Co. Census Information - in “Census” 3-ring binder notebook. GEN R 517.7 ALLE
Blank Federal Census Forms 1790-1930
Microfilm List 1850-1930 Allegan Co. Census Records
1840 Index - Heads of Household Allegan Co.
1850 Allegan Co. Census, arranged A-Z
1860 Allegan Co. Census, Index Heads of Household
1870 Census - Allegan Village, Salem, Dorr, Hopkins
Allegan & Monterrey Twps
1880 Census extracts/Cheshire, Salem Twp.
1920 Census - Salem Twp.
1820 - 1820 Census of Detroit, Wayne Co., Michigan, part record. GEN R 312 CENS
1850 - Allegan, Barry, Berrien Co. [M432-346]
1860 - Allegan County Census (arranged A-Z)
Paperback folder; GEN R 312 ALLE
1850 - Index to the 1850 Federal Population
1860 - Alpena, Alcona, Allegan & Antrim Co. [M653-535]
1870 - Michigan 1870 Census Index (10 vol. - Allegan in #2), pbk - GEN R 312 MICH
1870 - Alcona & Allegan Co. [M593-660]
Census of Michigan - GEN R 313.7 MICH

Miscellaneous Books
• As It Was In Osceola, nd M & R 977.414 NEVI
• Along the Tracks: a directory of named places on Michigan road, 1987 M R 917.4 MEIN
• Casco Township, Bounty by the Lake MR
• Early History of Wayland. 1975. MR 977.414 EARL
• Early Times in Allegan Township, 1986 M R 977.414 ARMS
• Early Memories of Saugatuck, 1930-1930, 1946 M R 977.414 HEAT
• Fennville Area, 1983 M & R 977.4 LANE
• Fennville, The Early Years. 1982 M & R 977.4 LANE
• Fennville: Village to City, 1983 M & MR 977.4 LANE
• Fire! Fire! Fire 1977 (Allegan City: buildings, street scenes, 1844 fire history) M & M 628.9 GREE
• Ganges Township Allegan County, Michigan, History, Legends and Memories
• Ghost Towns & Ghost; with an Index and Photographic Supplement to River & Lake (pictures of old buildings, past places) M 977.4 ARMS, M R 977.4 ARMS
• A Historical Brief: Allegan Michigan 1838-1963; 1963 M 977.4 GREE, M R 977.4 GREE
• History of Allegan and Barry Counties, Michigan,.... 1880 M R 977.4 HIST
• Index History of Allegan and Barry Counties Michigan, 1945? M R 977.4 INDE
• History of Western Allegan County Michigan, 1988 M & M R 977.414 LANE
• History of Hopkins Township MR 977.4 MART
• Hopkins Picture History MR977.414 HITT
• Indian Names in Michigan, 1996 M R 917.74 VOGE
• Inland Lakes of Michigan 1921 M R 551.4 SCOT
• The Late, Great Lakes: an environmental history, 1986 M R 363.7 ASHW
• The Lower Peninsula of Michigan. An Inventory of Historic Engineering and Industrial Sites, 1976 M R 609 LOWE
• "Memories of Pine Creek" 1983 M & MR 977.414 DALR
• Michigan Ghost Towns – MR 977.4 DODGE
• Michigan Place Names, 1975 M R 917.74 ROMI
• One Room Schools of Hopkins Township MR 371.977 ONE
• Otsego and Plainwell MR 977.4 WIE
• Picturesque Allegan 1977 (Allegan City: buildings, street scenes, places) M R 977.414 PICT
• Piers, Pancakes and People. A history of Glenn County, 1987 M & M R 977.414 HALS
• Portrait and Biographical Record of Kalamazoo, Allegan, and Van Buren Counties, Michigan...., 1892 M R 977.4 PORT
• Readin' and 'rinin' and 'rithmetic, 1980 (history of Allegan Co. schools) M & M R 371 GREE
• Remember When... Remember Then... Remember Now. A history of Bumps. Michigans with Bumps Wesleyan Church, 1991 M & M R 977.414 LOWE
• River & Lake; a sesquicentennial history of Allegan County Michigan, 1985 (for index, see Ghost Towns & Ghosts) M & M R 977.4 ARMS
• Saugatuck Through the Years, 1830-1980; 1982 M R 977.414 SHER
• Saugatuck. A brief history, 1973 M R 977.414 LANE
• Singapore, the buried city, 1988 M R 977.414 LANE
• Sketches of Early Homes, Churches, Schools and Residents of Allegan, Michigan, 2002/1954 M & M R 977.414 SKEET
• Surface Geology and Agricultural Conditions of the Southern Peninsula of Michigan, 1917 M R 553 LEVE
• Surface Geology and Agricultural Conditions of the Southern Peninsula of Michigan, 1912 M R 553 LEVE
• A Twentieth Century History of Allegan County, Michigan, 1907 M R 977.4 THOM
• The Upper Peninsula of Michigan. An Inventory of Historic Engineering and Industrial Sites, 1978 M R 338.09
• Upper Michigan Oil & Gas Story: County by County, 1991 M R 338.2 MICH
• Wayland. Where yesterday meets today, 1966 M R 977.414 SMIT

There are many other resources available – just ask!
If you are absolutely certain, you may replace books on shelves, but if in doubt, place books in the wooden bin near the computers. City directories and plat maps have a number of stickers to aid you to reshelve, but history books are better left in the wooden bin rather than lost on shelves. Thank you.

Ways to Take Home Your Land Records:
• You may scan maps or directory pages and email the images or scan to a flash-drive. The scanner is easy to use and staff members will be happy to help you.
• You may take photos with a digital camera or use our photocopy machine to make copies. Please ask for help.
• Our photocopies are $0.15 for black and white, $.25 for color copies.
• Search for current land records by address or owner name—or search location on a parcel map. Parcel boundaries are usually given, along with a record of recent land sale prices and a legal description of each parcel.

Allegan County parcel maps and tax information on current land parcels are online at the Allegan County webpage http://www.allegancounty.org/taxmaps/index.html