

**Cross-Listings (Bressers & Polk):** current copy at desk information- ownership, residence length, phone #  
Bresser's Cross-Index for Kalamazoo County & Surrounding Communities: Allegan, Hamilton, Otsego & Plainwell areas, **1983-present M R 917.741 BRES**  
Holland, MI Polk City Directory, including Hudsonville, Jamestown, Zeeland, and all of Allegan County, **1999-present M R 917.7414 HOLL**  
 some old Allegan city/Co. directories have street lists

### **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

1921-1922 Allegan City & Rural Directory

1924 Historical & Pictorial Dir. of Allegan, MI

1928 Allegan County R.R. Dir. & Buyers' Guide

1933-1934 Allegan Co. Bus. Guide & Hist. Review

1938 Allegan, MI City Directory

1941-1942 Allegan City Directory

1950 Ludders' City Directory of Allegan, MI, Dec., 1950\*\*

1953 Ludders' City Directory of Allegan, MI, May, 1953\*\*

1955 Ludders City Dir. Allegan, MI- with R.R.

1956-1957 - \* = microfilm copy only

1959 Official Allegan City Directory

1961 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**

Kalamazoo County Business Data Bank Directory, Jan.,

1972 **M R 338.09774 KALA**

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

1998 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,

Singapore, Saugatuck, Wayland, Otsego maps & bus. dir.

• MI State Gazetteer & Business Directory v. V, 1881

**M R 977.4 MICH**

• Allegan Co. Land Atlas Indexes ( 1873 Titus, 1895 Kace, & 1913 Ogle; in notebook)

• C. O. Titus Atlas of Allegan County Michigan, 1883. Twp & Business Dir., business district maps: Allegan, Plainwell, Saugatuck, Douglas, Otsego, Wayland, Singapore, Diamond, Burnip's Corners, Moline, Pier Cove, Rabbit River, Martin Corners, Hopkins, Dorr, Fennville, Monteith & Richmond

• Kace Illustrated Atlas of Allegan County, Michigan, 1895. Twp./village maps: Allegan, Bradley, Douglas, Dorr, Fennville, Glenn, Graafschap, Hamilton, Hopkinsburg, Hopkins Station, Martin, Moline, Otsego, Overisel, Plainwell, Saugatuck, Wayland; Business/Farmer's Dir.

• Geo. A. Ogle & Co. Standard Atlas of Allegan Co., Michigan, 1913. Twps; directory; villages: Allegan, Bradley, Bravo, Burnip's Corners, Castle Park, Clemensville, Douglas, Dudleyville, Dorr, Eaton Park, Fennville, Forest Park, Glenn, Graafschap, Green Lake, Green Mountain Beach, Hamilton, Hemlock Terrace, Hillards, Holland, Lomax City, Hopkinsburg, Lake Hutchins, Hopkins, Macatawa Park, Moline, Monterey Center, New Richmond, North Dorr, Otsego, Overisel, Pearl, Peck, Pier Cove, Plainwell, Pullman, Rabbit River, Ridgewood Beach, Riverside Heights, Round Lake Saugatuck, Sexton's Black River, Turner's Beach, Shelbyville, Shorewood, Taylor Park, Variety Park, Unger's Resort, Wayland

• Directory of Michigan Centennial Farmers, 1948-1964

**M R 631.2 DIRE & Michigan's Centennial Family Farm**

Heritage, 1986 **M R 631.2 WERM**

• Family Maps of Allegan Co., MI

### **Allegan County Farm Directory/ Plat Map Books-**

**M R 912.77** -photocopies in notebooks in MI Reference

7 undated plat books, 1912-1930?, some borrowed

from Allegan County Historical society and historians

1916, 1954, 1958, 1962 RFD, 1962, 1969 RFD,

1969, 1972, 1974, 1977, 1979, 1983, 1984, 1987-89,

1990, 1993, 1996, 2000, 2004, 2007, 2015 **M R**

**912.77**

### **Plat Books from other counties -**

1955 Barry County, MI Farm Plat Book

Index to 1873 Berrien Co. Plat Maps (city maps)

1953 Kalamazoo County, MI Plat Book

1955 Kent County, MI Plat Book

1963 Tri-annual Atlas & Plat Book, Van Buren Co. MI and

others.



**Allegan District  
Library –Land  
Search Resources**

331 Hubbard St., Allegan, MI 49010

269.673.4625; FAX269.673.8861

<http://www.alleganlibrary.org>

E-mail [apl@alleganlibrary.org](mailto:apl@alleganlibrary.org)

### **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: 1884, 1892, 1899, 1904, 1911, 1918, 1928, (+)

Saugatuck:1895, 1900, 1910, 1916, 1928, (+)

Wayland: 19212, 1930, (+)

### **Telephone Directories**: \* = microfilmed; a few copies at

circ desk; listed by city/year; several cities/directory, ex:

Tri-Co. Telephone Co., 1930, has multiple listings; see

microfilm notebook for specific locations

Allegan City: 1930, 1946-47, 1952, 1953-1970, 1977,

1981, 1983, 1984

Bloomington: 1960

Dorr: 1961, 1969

Fennville: 1958, 1964, 1967, 1983 & 1984

Ganges: 1958, 1964, 1967, 1983 & 1984

Glenn: 1962 & 1963, 1966

Gobles: 1954-1970, 1977, 1981

Hamilton: 1954-70, 1977, 1981, 1983 & 1984

Hopkins:1959, 1961, 1966/1967, 1969, 1975-76

Martin: 1961, 1966, 1969

Moline: 1961, 1969

Otsego: 1960

Plainwell: 1960, 1966

Saugatuck-Douglas:1958, 1964, 1967, 1983& 84

Watson: 1940, 1945

Wayland: 1959, 1961, 1969, 1975-76

### **Superfund & Other Environmental Impact Info:**

Gun Lake Gaming & others, Kalamazoo 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, Overisel, 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) National Wetlands 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 Twps.

1920 Census - Salem Twp.

1820 - 1820 Census of Detroit, Wayne Co.,

Michigan, partial record. **GEN R 312 CENS**

1850 - \*Allegan, Barry, Berrien Co. [M432-346]

1850 - 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**

1880 - \*Alcona [begin 3/20, continued on T9-576] & Allegan

Co. [T9-569] 1880 - \*Allegan Co. - Gun Plain Twp.

[T9-570] & Arenac Co. [T626-673]

1870 - \*Alcona & Allegan Co. [M593-660]

Census of Michigan - **GEN R 317.3 MICH**

## Miscellaneous Books

•*As It Was In Otsego*, nd **M & M R 977.414 NEVI**

•*Along the Tracks: a directory of named places on Michigan rail roads*, 1987 **M R 917.74 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, 1830-1930*; 1946 **M R**

**977.414 HEAT**

•*Fennville Area*, 1983 **M & 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! 1977* (Allegan City: buildings, street scenes, 1884 fire history) **M & M R 628.9 GREE**

•*Ganges Township Allegan County, Michigan, History, Legends and Memories*

•*Ghost Towns & Ghosts; 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 Glimpse at Watson Township's Past, 1842-1992*, 1992 **M R 977.414 GLAN**

•*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 977.414 MART**

•*Hopkins Picture History* **MR 977.414 HITT**

•*Indian Names in Michigan*, 1986 **M R 917.74 VOGEL**

•*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 977.414 WIE**

•*Picturesque Allegan* **917.77414 PICT**

•*Piers, Pancakes and People. A history of Glenn*, 1987 **M & , M R 977.414 HALL**

•*Portrait and Biographical Record of Kalamazoo, Allegan, and Van Buren Counties, Michigan...*, 1892 **M R 977.4 PORT**

•*Readin' and 'ritin' and 'rithmetic*, 1980 (history of Allegan Co. schools) **M & M R 371 GREE**

•*Remember When... Remember Then... Remember Now. A history of Burnips, Michigan with Burnips 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**

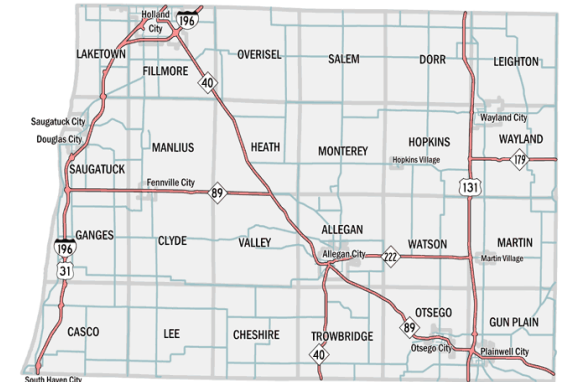
•*Saugatuck. A brief history*, 1973 **M R 977.414 LANE**

•*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 SKET**
- 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 numbered stickers to aid you to reshelve, but history books are better left in the wooden bin rather than lost on shelves. Thank you.



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>

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.

### **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 photocopier to make copies. Please ask for help.
- Our photocopies are \$0.15 for black and white, \$0.25 for color copies 2015 LK