

ALLEGAN CITIES & MUNICIPALITIES—

- **City of Allegan**- 112 Locust St., Allegan, MI 49010, (269) 673-5511 www.cityofallegan.org/ [Oakwood Cemetery] M-F 8:30-5
- **Fennville**-222 S. Maple St., PO Box 666, Fennville, MI 49408, (269) 561-8321, MTuWThF 8-4:30 www.fennncity@wmwisp.net
- **City of Holland**—City Hall, 270 River Ave., Holland, MI 49423, (616) 355-1300 www.cityofholland.com M-F 8-5
- **City of Otsego**—City Hall, 117 E. Orleans St., Otsego, MI 49078, (269) 692-3391 M-F www.cityofotsego.org
- **City of Plainwell**—City Hall, 211 North Main St., Plainwell, MI 49080, (269) 685-6821 M-F 8-5 www.plainwell.org/
- **City of Saugatuck**—City Hall, 102 Butler St., PO Box 86, Saugatuck, MI 49453; (369) 857-2603, 8:30-5 M-F <http://www.saugatuckcity.com/>
- **City of South Haven**—City Hall, 539 Phoenix St., South Haven, MI 49090-1499, (269) 673-0700 M-F www.south-haven.com/
- **City of Wayland**—City Hall, 103 S. Main St., Wayland, MI 49348, (269) 792-2265, M-F 8-5 <http://www.cityofwayland.org/>
- **Douglas Village**—Village Hall, 86 W. Center St., Douglas, MI 49406-0757, Clerk/Treasurer, 47 Center, (269) 857-1438, M-F 8:30-4:30 <http://www.ci.douglas.mi.us/>
- **Hopkins Village**—Village Hall, 128 S. Franklin St., P.O. Box 337, Hopkins, MI 49328; (269) 793-7433 unmanned office, ans. machine, <https://sites.google.com/site/villagehopkins>
- **Martin Village**—office 1586 S. Main, PO Box 234, Martin, MI 49070; (269) 672-7777, 9-11 am M-F <http://www.martinmi.org/>

ALLEGAN CO. TOWNSHIP OFFICES

- **Allegan Twp.** 3037 - 118th. Ave.; Allegan, MI 49010; (269) 673-5051; open 9-1 M-Th www.allegantownship.org/
- **Casco Twp.**; 7401-107th Ave, South Haven MI 49090; 269-637-4441; Tu 9-4, W 9-1, Th 9-12 www.cascotownship.org/
- **Cheshire Twp.** 471 41st. St. , Allegan, MI 49010; mail: 630 38th St. Allegan, MI 49010; (269) 673-8191 no office hrs. http://www.michigantownships.org/twp_details.asp?fips=15200
- **Clyde Twp.** (1679 - 56th. St.), 1679 56th PO Box 671 Fennville, MI 49408, 269-561-2505 <http://www.clydetwp.net/> hrs?
- **Dorr Twp.**, 4196 - 18th. St., Dorrr, MI 49323; 616-681-9874; Hours: MWF 9-12, 1-4:30 <http://www.dorrtownship.org/>
- **Fillmore Twp.**, 5527 - 4219 52nd St., Holland, MI 49423, (269) 751-7655 MWF 8-12 <http://www.fillmoretownship.com/>
- **Ganges Twp.**, (119th. Ave. & 64th. St.); clerk 1904 64th St., Fennville, MI 49408; 269-543-8316, MTuTh 11-4 <http://www.gangestownship.org/>
- **Gun Plain Twp.**, 381 Eighth St., Plainwell, MI 49080-0146 269-685-9471; M-Th 8:30-4:30 <http://www.gunplain.org/>
- **Heath Twp.**, 3440 M-40, Hamilton, MI 49418, PO Box 241; 269-751-2403; MW 9-11:30, 12-3; <http://www.heathtownship.net/>
- **Hopkins Twp.**, (309 East Main St. behind library), P.O. Box 217, Hopkins, MI 49328 (269) 793-3188; Village Hall, 128 S. Franklin (269) 793-7433 <http://www.hopkinstownship.org/>
- **Laketown Twp.**, 4338 Beeline Rd., Holland, MI 49423, (616) 335-3050; M-F 7:30-5; <http://www.laketowntwp.org/>

- **Lee Twp.**, 877 - 56th. St., Pullman, MI 49450; (269) 236-6485, F 9-11; <http://www.leetwp.org/>
 - **Leighton Twp.**, 4475 Kalamazoo Ave., Caledonia, MI 49316, (616) 891-8238; TuWTh 9-4, <http://www.leightontownship.org/>
 - **Manlius Twp.**, 3134 - 57th. St., Fennville, MI 49408, 269- 561-8855; www.manliustownship.com – dead link
 - **Martin Twp.**, (114 Templeton), P.O. Box 27, Martin, MI 49070; 269-672-5027 <http://www.martintownship.org/>
 - **Monterey Twp.**, (corner 130th & 30th), 2999 - 30th. St., Allegan, MI 49010; no hours stated; Nevin Cooper-Keel, Supervisor; montereysupervisor@yahoo.com <http://www.montereytownship.net/>
 - **Otsego Twp.**, 400 N. 16th. St., PO Box 257, Otsego, MI 49078, (269) 694-9434, M-Th 8-4, <http://www.otsegotownship.org/>
 - **Overisel Twp.**, 4307 - 144th. Ave., Holland MI 49423; (269) 751-7030; <http://www.otsegotownship.org/>
 - **Salem Twp.**, 3003 - 142nd. Ave., Door, MI 49323; (616) 896-9857, TuF 9-12, 1-4 <http://www.salemtownship.org/>
 - **Saugatuck Twp.** ,3461 Blue Star Hwy, PO Box 100, Saugatuck, MI 49453 (269) 857-7721 <http://www.saugatucktownship.org/>
 - **Trowbridge Twp.**, 913 M-40 S (32nd St.), Allegan, MI 49010; fax (269) 673-2199 ; hrs? <http://www.allegancounty.org/trowbridge/>
 - **Valley Twp.**, 2054 M-40 North, Allegan, MI 49010 (269) 673-5962, M-Th 9-3 <http://www.valleytwp.org/>
 - **Watson Twp.**, 1895 - 118th. Ave., Allegan, MI 49010, (269) 672-7254M 6-8; <http://www.watsontownship.org/>
 - **Wayland Twp.**, 1060 129th. Ave., Shelbyville, MI 49344, PO Box 1, Bradley, MI 49311; (269) 792-6394; 1st M of month, 4:30-6:15, WTh 8-11
- Please check days & hours with township offices; call before visiting. No one may be in offices; people may work at home via computer.

Family History Centers www.familysearch.org

- **Battle Creek**- 1312 Capital Ave SW, 269-964-0878, W 12-8
- **Grand Rapids** 2780 Leonard NE 49505 (616) 949-3343, WTh 9:30 am - 9:30 pm
- **Hastings** -600 Airport Rd, Hastings, MI (616) 948-2104; Tu, & Other times by appointment
- **Kalamazoo**-1112 N Drake Rd (616).342.1906 TuW 10-9 Th 2-9



331 Hubbard
Allegan, MI 49010
269-673-4625
www.alleganlibrary.org
apl@alleganlibrary.org

Allegan County, Michigan Regional Resources for Genealogy & Local History

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, plot maps

Allegan Co. Clerk/ Courthouse

- 113 Chestnut St., Allegan, MI 49010; 269-673-0450; records: death 1867-; marriage 1836-; divorce 1900-
- Genealogy: 3 persons allowed at a time, Tu,W,Th, 8:30 - 4:30; pencils only; no food, drinks, kids, pets; security searches; lwatts@allegancounty.org www.allegancounty.org
- 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

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

- 113 Walnut St., Allegan, MI 49010; 269-673-8292 <http://alleganoldjail.com/> Jun-Sep Sa 10-4
- Private tours available; oldjailmuseum06@yahoo.com
- large photo collection & local histories, plat maps

Allen County Public Library, Ft. Wayne, IN

- 900 Library Plaza, Fort Wayne, IN 46802; P.O. Box 2270; 260-421-1225; genealogy research center of the midwest
- <http://www.genealogycenter.org/> genealogy@ACPL.info

Barry County Genealogy Club

- Hastings P. L.; 121 Church, Hastings MI 49058; 269-945-4263;
- Library website online form for queries <http://www.hastingspubliclibrary.org/sevices/genealogy/>

Berrien County Genealogical Society

- P.O. Box 8808, Benton Harbor, MI 49023-8808
- Cemetery records, surname searches, webpage contact form
- <http://www.bcgensoc.com/> bcgensoc@live.com

Kalamazoo Public Library www.kpl

- 315 Rose St., 269-342-9837 MTuWTh 9-9 F 9-6 Sa 9-5 Su 1-5; summer Th 9-6, Su closed; Genealogy 269-553-7808
- Indexes to Kalamazoo Gazette at www.kpl.gov/local-info

Kalamazoo Valley Genealogical Society

- <http://www.mikvgs.org/> email: mikvgs@yahoo.com
- PO Box 405, Comstock MI 49041-0405
- Meetings 3rd M each month 6:15 pm Portage District Library
- Counties researched: Allegan, Barry, Eaton, Van Buren, Kalamazoo, Calhoun, Jackson, Hillsdale, Kent and Ottawa
- Monthly mini-classes at meetings, speakers; research

Library of Michigan

- "Genealogy Research at the Library of Michigan and the Archives of Michigan" – lists many online resources, including cemetery sources, SeekingMichigan, & many resources
- (517) 373-1300 ; 702 W. Kalamazoo St., PO Box 30007, Lansing, MI 48909-7507 librarian@michigan.gov
- MTuWThF 10 -5 p.m. & 2nd Sa each mo; ck website
- <http://www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan/>

Michigan Historical Center – Archives of Michigan

- 702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48915; 517-373-3559
- MTuWThF 1-5, Sa 10-4; bring DL/photo ID for access
- 80 million state & local government records & private papers, 300,000 photographs and 500,000 maps, films....
- Archives assistance: 517-373-1359; website email form
- <http://www.michigan.gov/mhc/0,4726,7-282-61083---,00.html>

Salem Twp. Historical Committee

- Susan (Kipen) Welton craigsu4@yahoo.com, 616-281-2453 and others; local twp. Group: local history, scans, photos
- Many members are associated with Then & Now Genealogical Library in Dorr; ck website for other email/phone contacts
- <http://www.salemtownship.org/History.html>

Saugatuck-Douglas Museum & S-D Historical Society

- P.O. Box 617, Douglas, MI 49406; 269.857.5751
- Meetings 2nd W of month at the Old School House History Center, 130 Center St., Douglas, MI 49406; (269) 857-5751
- www.sdhistoricalsociety.org/ info@sdhistoricalsociety.org
- Museum open 12-4 June, July, Aug; weekends Sept- Oct
- 700+ members, online resources; 100+ yrs *Commercial Record* newspaper, many books on area history, exhibits

Seekingmichigan.org <http://seekingmichigan.org/>

- State Census, Civil War Records, Photos, Volunteer Registries, Battle Flags & Manuscripts, Plat Maps, Films, Early Documents & Photos. WPA Property Inventories, Oral Histories, Music of Michigan, Maps, Main Streets, Architecture, Lighthouses & Life-Saving Stations, Governors of Michigan & more online
- Many other records at Michigan Archives
- Photos of MI [Death Records 1897-1939 online](#)

Then and Now Genealogical Library

- In old Dorr library at 1807 142nd Ave, Dorr, MI 49323
- W 1-5 Sa 10-3 & by appointment; (616) 681-0333
- Especially good for NE Allegan Co. obits, family files, *Wayland Globe* newspapers thenandnow1807@yahoo.com
- <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mitanhg/>

Van Buren Regional Genealogical Society (VBRGS)

- Allegan, Berrien, Cass, Kalamazoo & Van Buren Counties
- Local History Room, Webster Memorial Library, 200 N. Phelps St., PO Box 143, Decatur, MI 49045, (269) 423-4471
- History room hours: M-F 10– 4, Sa. 9-3
- <http://www.vbrgs.org/> localhistory@vbdl.org
- Newspapers, military registry, one-room schoolhouses, yearbooks, Family History satellite site; *Echoes* publ.
- Online Southwest Michigan Obituary Index, many publications; monthly meetings/programs selected Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room , Van Buren District Library, Decatur

Western Michigan Genealogical Society (WMGS)

- Grand Rapids Public Library, 111 Library St. NE G.R., MI 49503-3266 www.wmgs.org email: wmgs@wmgs.org
- Reference area: Kent Co. & surrounding counties of Ottawa, Muskegon, Newaygo, Montcalm, Ionia, Barry, Allegan & other areas of the Western Lower Peninsula; *Michigana* journal.
- Online searchable databases (about 2.5 million records) Kent Co. obits 1920 – present, many other area records

Western Michigan University Archives & Regional History

- 1650 Oakland Drive, Charles C. & Lynn L. Zhang Legacy Collections Center, Kalamazoo, MI 49008-5353; (269) 387-5059; for information, (269) 387-5155 for hours; call ahead
- <http://wmich.edu/library/collections/archives> & online email from
- WMU & area history, SWMI archives, docs, records, subject guides, searchable subjects, genealogy links

AREA PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Charles A. Ransom D. L. (Plainwell, MI)

- 180 Sherwood, Plainwell, MI 49080 www.ransomlibrary.org
- 269-685-8024; open MTuWTh 10-9, FSa 10-5, Su 1-5; is a SWMI Library Co-Op; serves City of Plainwell, Gun Plain Twp in Allegan Co. & the part of Cooper Township in Kalamazoo Co. within Plainwell & Gull Lake School Districts
- Reciprocal borrowing: Allegan, Otsego, Kalamazoo, Martin, Parchment & Portage Libraries
- Many local newspapers now digitized and searchable for IN-library use: *The Forwarder* (1948-1949), *The New Enterprise* (1971), *The Otsego Union* (1970-2011), and *The Plainwell Enterprise* (1886-1974), *The [Plainwell-Otsego] Union Enterprise* (1974-2011).

Dorr Township Library (Dorr, MI)

- <http://www.dorrlibrary.michlibrary.org/>
- 1804 Sunset Dr., Dorr, MI 49323; (616) 681-9678; open MTh12-8, TuWF 10-5, Sa 10-2, closed Su; serves Dorr Twp., is a Lakeland Library Co-Op
- Genealogy queries are referred to Then & Now Genealogical Library in Dorr, MI

Fennville District Library (Fennville, MI)

- 400 W Main St, P.O. Box 1130, Fennville, MI 49408, (269) 561-5050; open MTh 10-8, F 10-5, Sa 10-2, Su 2-4
- <http://www.fennville.dl.michlibrary.org/>
- Service area: the City of Fennville, twps of Casco, Clyde, Ganges, Lee (by contract) & the portion of Manlius S of the Kalamazoo River (by contract); Lakeland Library Co-Op
- Has newspapers: *Fennville Herald* – 1892 – 1965, in part, on microfilm, a few local history materials

Henika District Library (Wayland, MI)

- <http://henikalibrary.org/> open MW 9-8, TuThF 9-6, Sa 9-3
- 149 S Main St, Wayland, MI 49348; (269) 792-2891
- Lakeland Library Co-Op member; MI; MI Library Card users
- Genealogy queries are referred to Then & Now Genealogical Library in Dorr, MI that has *The Wayland Globe* (1884-1893), *Saturday Globe* (1893-1906), *Wayland Globe* (1906- 1987), *Penasee Globe* 1987-present

Herrick District Library (Holland, MI) – Main branch

- www.herrickdl.org/ Main: 300 S. River Ave., Holland, MI 49423, (616) 355-3100, Genealogy (616) 355-3720
- M-Tu 9-9, W-Sa 9-6, Su: Closed; call genealogy to see if a volunteer or staff is on duty to assist
- Serves twps. of Port Sheldon, Park, & Holland in Ottawa Co., & twps. of Laketown, Fillmore, Heath, & N side of Manlius (N of Kalamazoo river) in Allegan Co.; Lakeland Library Co-op
- resources: *Holland Sentinel* Microfilm Index - births, deaths, marriages, articles, Jan 2004 – Present; Dutch center

Hopkins Public Library (Hopkins, MI)

- <http://www.hopkinspl.michlibrary.org/>
- Serves Hopkins Twp., sec. 1-26 N ½ sec 27 & 35-36 of Monterey Twp., & in Watson Twp., sec. 3, 9-10, 15-17 & parts secs. 18 – 22; map <http://www.hopkinspl.michlibrary.org/about-us/HopkinsLibraryDistrictmap.pdf>; Lakeland Library Co-Op
- Open W 10-8, Tu-F 10-5, Sa 10-1, closed ThSu; Hopkins area genealogy, see Then & Now Genealogical Library, Dorr, MI

Leighton Township Library (Moline, MI)

- 4451 12th St, Box H, Moline, MI 493368; (616) 877-4143; open MWTh 10-8, F 10-4, Sa 9-1, closed TuSu
- <http://www.leightonlibrary.org/> molkmk@llcoop.org
- Serves Leighton Twp.; member Lakeland Library Co-Op
- For Leighton Twp. genealogy: Then & Now Genealogical Library

Otsego District Public Library (Otsego, MI)

- 401 Dix St, Otsego, MI 49078; (269) 694-9690; open MTuWTh 9– 8, F 9-5:30, Sa 9-2:30, Su closed www.otsegolibrary.org/
- Serves Alamo Twp. (Kalamazoo Co.), city of Otsego, Twps. of Trowbridge, Otsego, Watson; reciprocal with Parchment Comm. L., Allegan D.L., Kalamazoo P.L., Plainwell's Ransom D. L., Martin P. L., & Van Buren D. L.; in SWMI Library Co-Op
- Online digitized city area newspapers 1869-1937 and IN-library use of years 1938-2011; has history room, in-library databases; no email given on website

Salem Township Library (Burnips, MI)

- 3007 142nd Ave, Burnips, MI 49314; (616) 896-8170 <http://www.burnips.llcoop.org/>; online email form
- Open MWTh 10– 8, TuF 1 – 6, Sa 10– 1, Su closed
- Serves Salem & Overisel Twps; in Lakeland Library Co-Op

Saugatuck-Douglas District Library (Douglas, MI)

- 137 Center St, Douglas, MI 49406; (269) 857-8241; Open MTuWThF 10 – 6, Sa 10-2, Su 1-4 www.sdlibrary.org
- Serves the City of Saugatuck, the City of the Village of Douglas & Saugatuck Township; in Lakeland Library Co-Op
- std@llcoop.org; links <http://www.sdhistoricalssociety.org/> that has many local history databases; online searchable *Commercial Record*, publications of local interest, museum

J. C. Wheeler Public Library (Martin, MI)

- 1576 S. Main, Martin, MI 49070; 269-672-7875
- Open M 12-7, TuWF 10-5, Sa 9-1, ThSu closed
- <http://www.wheelerpl.michlibrary.org/> online email form
- Serves Martin Twp. & Watson Twp; contracts with Orangeville Twp. in Barry Co.; in SWMI Library Co-Op
- Reciprocal with Plainwell & Otsego libraries