

PROFILE OF THE COLLECTION

The Local History and Genealogy Collection (LHG) was created as a central repository and library of Saginaw local history in 1960, and has become one of the premier local historical and genealogical collections in the midwest. It serves students and specialists equally well with an array of materials in the fields of genealogy, Saginaw history and the history of Michigan. The Collection features many unique and valuable resources on the history of Saginaw, the Saginaw Valley and the people and families who settled the region. This includes original source materials as well as diaries, scrapbooks, business ledgers and photographs as well as over 18,000 books, microforms and periodicals. The Collection also includes extensive genealogical resources for those researching their family history.

This guide highlights some of the materials and services available, but it is only a brief introduction to the unique and valuable resources of the LHG Collection. We urge you to call or visit the library soon. Our friendly and knowledgeable staff will be happy to assist you.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES OF SAGINAW LOCAL HISTORY AND GENEALOGY AND NATIONAL WEBSITES

Saginaw Images (www.saginawimages.org)

Online Obituary Index (obits.netsource-one.net/)

African-American Biographical Database
(www.saginawlibrary.org - for Saginaw residents)
Click on "Genealogy Resources"

Also available at all branches:
Heritage Quest Online Access
Ancestry Plus Online Access

FAMILY HISTORY

If you are beginning to research your family tree, our knowledgeable staff will give you expert advice to get you started. The more experienced genealogist will find an extensive array of resources. Our Collection focuses on Saginaw County and Michigan records and those areas from which most of Michigan's early settlers came. This includes the New England states, the Great Lakes states, the eastern Canadian provinces and some Southern states.

ETHNIC RESOURCES

The LHG Collection also has special guides, dictionaries and resources to help people determine their ethnic origin. Materials are available for people of African, Asian, Canadian, European, Hispanic, Jewish, Middle Eastern and Native American descent.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Michigan Census, 1820-1930,
as well as Soundex and Miracode Indexes

Miscellaneous Census for other states

Ontario Canadian Census for each decade
1861-1901, and other miscellaneous years

Quebec Canadian Census for 1861,
and other miscellaneous years

Saginaw County Vital Records 1867-1900

Saginaw City Burial Registers

Military Records

Slave Schedules, 1850 & 1860

The LHG Collection also includes family papers, cemetery readings, research aids, ancestry charts and **SO MUCH MORE!**

SAGINAW PEOPLE AND HISTORY

Do you want to learn about Saginaw's unique history? Are you interested in a Saginawian, famous or not so famous? Whether you are researching a topic in depth, doing a school assignment or just wondering about something or someone in Saginaw's history, remember, the LHG Collection staff are ready to help.

SAGINAW HISTORY RESOURCES

Saginaw City Directories, 1867 – present

Saginaw newspapers on microfilm, 1853 – present

Saginaw County biography index

Subject index file on Saginaw history, business and events

Grant Smith Saginaw sheet music collection

Willie L. McKether Saginaw African-American Oral History Collection

Saginaw church, school and organization histories and historical papers

INFORMATION ON MICHIGAN

The LHG Collection includes many books and periodicals on Michigan history from prehistoric times to the present. Of special interest are the county histories, county atlases and plat books. The Hoyt Public Library is also a selective depository for Michigan government documents.

LOCAL HISTORY & GENEALOGY COLLECTION GUIDELINES

The LHG Collection is available to the public during the hours that the Hoyt Public Library is open. Inquiries are accepted by telephone, e-mail, in person, or in writing. Staff will not be able to conduct extensive genealogical or historical research on behalf of library users. The library staff can make referrals to local professional researchers, if needed.

All materials in the LHG Collection are restricted to library use only. They may not be borrowed, nor are they available for interlibrary loan. Most materials may be photocopied, but due to the fragile nature of some materials, permission is given on a case-by-case basis.

Materials available in the LHG Collection are listed regionally in the Valley Library Consortium's online catalog (www.saginawlibrary.org). We are always happy to confer with researchers from outside the region to discuss the resources available.

HOURS

Monday – Thursday • 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Friday & Saturday • 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday (October – April) • 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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Hoyt Library
505 Janes
755-0904



Wickes Library
1713 Hess
752-3821

Zaue Library
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799-2771



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Guide to Materials and Services Located in the Hoyt Library