

Welcome!

to the

Mount Clemens Public Library

Local History Room

Please sign the Guest Book.

Volunteers from the Macomb County Genealogy Group are usually available to assist you with your research at the following times:

Volunteers	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
Morning	X	X	X	X	X		
Afternoon	X	X					X
Evening		X					

If there is not a Volunteer available, please see the Reference Librarian, concerning any questions concerning the resources or the equipment.

If you are a beginner and wish to start tracing your ancestry, try to come back when a Volunteer is available. You may also request a copy of the “Beginner’s Kit.”

Joining a Genealogy Group is one of the best ways to learn how to research. You will find flyers for meetings of the Macomb County Genealogy Group and other organizations and events in the folders, behind the exterior door. Also behind the door are booklets on “Finding Your African-American Roots” and “Tracing the History of Your House.”

The **Main Room** houses 2 internet computers with subscription databases (Ancestry, Footnote, Heritage Quest, & New England Ancestors), a database computer with Macomb and Wayne Co. records, a microfiche reader, and most of the Genealogy Collections. **Through the doorway**, you will find 3 microfilm readers, microfilm collections including newspapers, periodicals (except for *The American Genealogist* (TAG) which is in the Main Room), and the large **Macomb Collection**. All of these resources are found in the Library Catalog. Another large collection of books, including resources for the southern states are in **Special Collections**. Refer to the Guidebook for an Inventory to this collection.

Guidebooks to various Collections are located on the Vertical Files.

On the following pages you will find more detailed summary of the major collections. Many more resources in each category.

Macomb County Collection

Most of these resources are marked with a green M label. For access to materials located in Special Collections (SC) such as the Surname Files, or in the locked Vertical Files (VF), fill out the purple slips & give to the Volunteer or the Reference Librarian. Several Macomb Co Databases are on the on the database computer (DbPC) against the wall.

Birth Records: 1867-1923 on film, with Index on the DbPC; images 1867-1897 on pilot.familysearch.org; Out of State Births recorded in Macomb Co during the forties

Cemetery Records: Many printed volumes are available. Resurrection, St. Peter Catholic, and partial readings for Cadillac Gardens & Romeo are on the DbPC. Misc readings in the VF. Cemetery Master Index.

Census Records: Federal 1820-1930 on film or on-line through Ancestry or Heritage Quest. *Agricultural schedules* 1850-1880; *Mortality Schedules* 1850-1880, *1890 Census of Union Veterans' & Widows*

Chancery Index & Circuit Court Records: Circuit Court cases dealing with equity to about 1927, including *Divorces*. An Index to Current Circuit Court Files from about 1966 is linked from the MCPL Genealogy Page.

Church Records: Grace Episcopal, St. Peter Catholic, Trinity Lutheran (Townline), Zion Evangelical, Utica Methodist, St. Peter (St.Paul) Lutheran. Church booklets etc are in the VF.

City & County Directories: East Detroit (includes Roseville, Fraser, & Vicinity); Mount Clemens; Telephone Books; Bressers

Coroner's Records: Index & Abstracts 1895-1927 is on the DbPC.

Deaths: 1867-1917 are on film. An index 1867-1962 is on the DbPC, & an index from 1960 is linked from the MCPL Genealogy page; Washington Twp Clerk's Index & Erin Twp death certificates from 1911.

Digital Archives: search the on-line index for photos of persons, business & documents.

Divorce Records: Index & Abstract 1890-1944 is on the DbPC, also see Chancery Index

Erin Township Records Project: school records, school census 1921; deaths, voters & twp records, etc.

Funeral Home Records: Schwarzkoff Funeral Home (Utica); Cooley Funeral Home Obituary Scrapbook; Abstracts for the Bell, DeSantis, Eppens, Hamilton, Kaul, Killeen, LaCroix-Groesbeck, Eppens-VanDeweghe & Wasik Funeral Homes; Funeral Home Master Index. Funeral Cards in SC with Index on the DbPC.

Genealogies & Family Files: Charbonneau Collection of 50 vol. plus supplements (SC) includes most Catholic Families of the Mount Clemens area and many others. Many other printed genealogies. Surname files in VF; Surname files in SC with a printed index & an update on the DbPC.; Macomb Co Family Database & other Surname databases on DbPC.

Histories: Leeson (1882), Eldredge (1905), & many local histories of communities or businesses.

Internal Revenue Assessment Lists: 1862-1866

Land Records: *Land Owners Atlases* 1859, 1875, 1895, 1916(Mich Hist film #171); *Land Entry Tract Book* of original government purchases; *Family Maps of Macomb County*, *Sanborn Fire Maps 1888-1945* for Mount Clemens. *American State Papers* (private claims); Abstracts of Title with index on the DbPC.

Local History Vertical Files: A-Z subjects are included in the on-line catalog, & a printed list in the Volunteer's Book on the desk. Also, refer to Local History from the MCPL Homepage.

Marriages: 1819-1922 & index 1922-1927 on film; Index 1819-1922 on DbPC, Misc from newspapers 1876-1968 on DbPC; images 1868-1925 on pilot.familysearch.org

Military Records: Military Index up through Korean War on-line, *Michigan Volunteers in the Civil War* (brown books), CW pension files (SC), Soldier & Widow Burials, CW Discharges, CW Volunteers, 1890 Census of Union Veterans & Widows; H.D. Terry Post GAR, Allen's Cemetery Books on Civil War Soldiers; *History of the Michigan 22nd Infantry*; *Record of Macomb County Soldiers and Sailors in Service in the Great War*, WWI Draft Registration Cards. Indexes to WW I & WW II discharges on DbPC.

Naturalization Records: Index to 1989; Abstracts to 1894. Actual records are at the State Archives.

Newspapers: Armada 1919-1979, Mount Clemens from 1880, Pageant of Progress 1928, St. Clair Shores News 1926-1931, South Macomb News 1931-1964, Richmond Review 1911-1954, Utica Sentinel 1876-1923. On-line Obituary Index; Richmond Review news items, Armada Obituary Scrapbook, and Romeo & Bay Voice Obituaries

Probate Records: estates, guardianships, change of names etc. 1820- abt 1925 & some later films Printed Index to Case files, with an update on the DbPC. Probate Case file index from 1977 on-line with files available at Probate Court..

Year Books for Mount Clemens HS: Request at the Reference Desk

Detroit & Wayne County Collection

Births: 1868-1918 (excludes Detroit 1906-1918) on film

Church Records: *Harper Avenue Methodist, St. Columba Episcopal, St. Anne Catholic Marriages.* St. Anne Catholic (*Drouin film*)

Deaths: 1867-1918 on film; *Death Index 1835-1944* (excludes Detroit)

DSGR Magazine: (*Detroit Society for Genealogical Research*): 72 vol. of source material.

Marriages: 1836-1913 on film with index 1836-1937

Newspapers: Detroit News from 1999 & Grosse Pte from 1930 through on-line links

Cemeteries: Elmwood, Holy Cross, Woodmere; Mt Elliott records & index, Mt Olivet Index on DbPC.

Dearborn City Directories: 1941, 1946, 1948, 1950-51, 1953, 1956, 1958, 1960, 1965, 1967, 1970 in SC

Detroit City Directories: 1861-1923 on Footnote.com; 1935, 1938, 1940, 1956-58, 1964, 1965 (East), 1967 (West) in SC; Telephone books 1970, 1980-81.

Funeral Homes: See Macomb Collection as many began in Detroit; Bird & Mott.

Yearbooks: Southeastern HS (1923-1927) & Detroit College (1927-1930) in SC

Also see *Guidebook to Wayne County Resources* for a comprehensive topic listing

MCPL - Other Resources

Michigan Collection

Michigan Pioneer Collection – 40 vol.; *Michigan County Histories & Atlases* (film); *Michigan Civil War Volunteers*; State Censuses on film; State Department Territorial Papers. Territory northwest of the River Ohio, 1787-1801; Many source records for Monroe, Oakland (including vital records on film), St. Clair & other Michigan Counties;

United States

American State Papers: (Government Land Records); Source Records for New England, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, and many other states; Mayflower Series; Military Records: Colonial Wars, Revolution, War of 1812, & Mexican War. New England Historical & Genealogical Register; New York Historical & Biographical Record on fiche; Pennsylvania Archives on fiche; The American Genealogist (TAG)

Immigration & Ethnic Research

Immigration: Filby's Passenger and Immigration Index – 34 vol.; Germans to America; Wuerttemberg Emigration Index; Famine Immigrants; Antwerp Emigration Index; Swedish Passenger Arrivals 1820-1850; Dutch Immigrants 1820-1880; German Research: Map Guide to German Parish Registers -21 vol; Native American: Durant Roll (1908 Census of Chippewa & Ottawa Indians on film); Dawes Packets; Indian Census Rolls 1885-1940 & Ratified Indian Treaties are on Footnote.com; A major Black History Collection with documents from slavery through the civil rights movement; Southern Claims Commission records; and Military Records for Colored Troops in the Civil War are all available through Footnote.com & the Freedman Bureau Records are available through Heritage Quest.

Ontario and French-Canadian Collections

The **Ontario Collection** is located in the 2 wooden bookcases & are marked with a red maple leaf & consists of histories, atlases, pre-registration vital records & Surrogate Court Indexes, "The Canadian Genealogist," The Ontario Register," "Families," and other resources. In the microfilm room you will find many censuses, Indexes to Civil Registrations for Births 1869-1905, Marriages 1873-1921, & Deaths 1869-1919, all of the birth registrations, & 20 reels of marriage registrations.

The **French-Canadian Collection** is extensive, and is identified by the blue "fleur-de-lis" label. Miller's Manual (R929.3714 MIL) explains the standard references such as Drouin, Tanguay, Jette, PRDH, all located in the collection, LaForest's 30 vol. series French Canadian Ancestors, many parish records, "Habitat Heritage" The French-Canadian Heritage Society of Michigan, also has a large collection located in SC. A bibliography and how to access these books is located on their website: <http://fchsm.habitant.org/index.htm#collection>. For more detailed information on both of these Collections, see the *Canadian Research Guidebook*.

Subscription Databases

Ancestry Library

Footnote.com: Extensive collection of digitized original documents from the National Archives; City Directories; Newspapers & other sources.

Heritage Quest: Censuses; Freedman Bureau Records; PERSI – Index to over 6000 periodicals; Genealogies & Local Histories – over 20,000 full text books; Revolutionary Pension Records – digital images. (home access through Mel.Org)

New England Historical & Genealogical Society Database (NEHGS): vital records, manuscripts etc. primarily pertaining to New England & New York.

Guidebooks by the Macomb County Genealogy Group:

Canadian Research; City Directories; Detroit & Wayne Co; Immigration & Naturalization Resources; Roseville Family History Center Permanent Loans (also see the microfiche on permanent load on the internet PCs), Inventory of Resources located in Special Collections.

How-to Books:

The Library has an extensive collection of How-to reference books covering all facets of genealogical research from general to specific and covering a wide range of subjects, localities, and ethnic groups. There is also a collection behind the exterior door that can be checked out, if you have a Mount Clemens Library card.