

Collections

Paw Paw Library (Historical records including photos and newspaper clippings)
Country Schools (Van Buren County area)
Paw Paw Schools (High, Middle, Athletics)
Plat Books for Van Buren county
Cemetery Indexes
Michigan Civil War Records
Coterie Club
AAUW (American Association of University Women)
Elks Lodge
Books (Michigan, Van Buren Co., Paw Paw)
Photos
Physical artifacts (textiles, furniture, etc.)

Country Schools

Title	Description
Notebook	Photos, maps, locations, newspaper clippings
Schools Awake: A cooperative community program in Van Buren Co.	Oversized paperback 1942
Wooden box filled with miniature books	(Inferno Vol. 1 & 2; Uses of Great Men; A Tillyloss Scandal; The Holy Grail; On Going to Church; Pelleas and Melisande; Lancelot and Elaine; A Christmas Carol; A Comedy of Errors; Pippa Passes; The Trail of Socrates; Land of Hearts Desire, etc.
Record of School Inspectors of Almena 1843 (copy)	Green 3 ring notebook
Records of Almena township school	Information on the Downings (Eliza, teacher and A.S. deeded the land to the school); teacher contracts, financial records, correspondence, school inspector reports,

Plat Books

*Library of Congress has 1930; 1963; 1969; 2003; 2012

1860	1 large paper back
1873	2 large paper back
1873	2 large hard cover – do not use
1873	microfilm
1887	microfilm
1895	1 large hard cover
1895	1 large hard cover – do not use
1912	1 large hard cover
1912	microfilm
1928	White notebook
1933	Paperback
1954	Paperback
1957	White notebook
1960s	(no date on book)
1967	White notebook
1968	
1970	
1974	
1975	2 paperback
1978	
1980-1	2
1983	2
1986	
1987	
1987	
1992	
1995	
1997	
2000	
2005	
2008	
2009	
1912-2011	Combined Historical

Cemetery Indexes

Clapp	Paw Paw Township
Cuddleback	Paw Paw Township
Pioneer	Paw Paw Township
Prospect Hill	Paw Paw Township
St. Mary's	Paw Paw Township
Wildey	Paw Paw Township
Bangs	Antwerp
Lakeview	South haven Township
Hill	Lawrence Township
Prospect Lake	Lawrence Township
Harrison	Decatur Township
Anderson	Decatur
Lakeside	Decatur
Kern	Porter
Chamberlin	Porter
Hamilton	Hamilton
Earl	Pine Grove
Kendall	Pine Grove
Old Pine Grove	Pine Grove
Thomas	Bangor
Van Auken	Bangor
Southard and Smiley	Bangor
Taylor	Bangor
Keeler	Keeler
Almena	Almena

Village of Paw Paw items

Paw Paw Centennial 1859-1959 "Footpaths to Freeways" August 16-22 1959	Souvenir Program 1 hardback; 13 paperback
Paw Paw Sesquicentennial notebook	
A Survey of The Village of Paw Paw from WMU J.Z. Oas	
Community Assessment of Paw Paw Yvonne Lean Dec. 5, 1983	
Paw Paw Centennial oversized archival box	Flag, buttons, photos of businesses
Assorted books and notebooks on Public works; soil; hydrology	
Public Works photo collection	
US EPA Paw Paw Plating Site Removal action 2010	
Soil Survey Van Buren Co. 1986	

Hydrology and Land Use in Van Buren Co. Harry L. Bush 1984	
Paw Paw River Basin Hidrologic Unit nonpoint pollution inventory and implementation plan 1991	
Street and Drainage System Study Dept. of public Works 1984	
Feasibility analysis arsenic impacted sediments Briggs Pond Dept. of public Works 2009	

Book Collection

Category: Michigan

Title/Author	Description
Michigan: visions of our past by Richard J. Hathaway	
Michigan in the war by Jno Robertson	1882
The rural Black heritage between Chicago and Detroit, 1850-1929 : a photograph album and random thoughts by Benjamin C. Wilson	1985
Michigan gazetteer: A Comprehensive Reference to all of the places in the state by the American Historical Publications	Provides detailed on events that have occurred and the people that participated in them
John Allen: Michigan's pioneer promoter by Kit Lane	
Michigan's centennial family farm heritage, 1986: a Michigan sesquicentennial history by Mary L. Wermuth	
The great Territorial Road by Dennis Burlingham	History and images of the markers of the old territorial road
Toni's List: a bibliography of SouthWest Michigan local/family history resources and their repositories by Toni Benson	
One Man's Family History and Genealogy by John E. Fetzer	
Economic and Social Beginnings of Michigan : a study of the settlement of the lower peninsula during the territorial period 1805-1837 by George Newman Fuller	
The Potawatomis by Edmunds	
Michigan Cemetery Compendium compiled and published in 1979	List of most cemeteries in the state of Michigan

Michigan Cemetery Source Book	Companion volume to the Michigan cemetery atlas
All Aboard! A history of railroads in Michigan	
Michigan Railroads & Railroad Companies	
Michigan's Courthouses old and new by Maurice F. Cole	
Michigan Biographies Vol. 1 (1924) A-K	Includes members of congress, elective state officers, justices of the supreme court, members of the Michigan legislature, etc.
Michigan Biographies Vol. 2 (1924) L-Z	Includes members of congress, elective state officers, justices of the supreme court, members of the Michigan legislature, etc.
Women of Michigan by girl scout troop 763	
Country towns of Michigan	
Michigan surname index Vol. 1 and Vol. 2 by the Michigan Genealogical council	
*Michigan Through the Centuries by Willis Frederick Dunbar, Ph.D.	Vol. 1 1955; 17 th century – 20 th century; recreation; government
*Michigan Through the Centuries	Vol. IV 1955; Family and Personal History
*Michigan History Stories: For Boys and Girls	1955; Information about Michigan in general, pioneers, industry, government, recreation.
*Then and Now in Michigan by Ferris e. Lewis	1944; Collection of stories and correspondence regarding animals, indigenous peoples, and life in Michigan.
*A Primer of Michigan History with a brief sketch of the material resources of the state. By Wm J Cox	1915; History of the state starting in 1524. Designed as a supplement to the student's textbook on American history.
Do you know – an illustrated history of Michigan by willis Atwell	1937; told in a question answer format chronologically from Sept. 3, 1835.
Mystic Michigander by Mark Jager	1997; 3 books telling tales of peculiar wonders of Michigan and its people.
Michigan Laws made plain	Laws and legal forms prepared for the use of mechanics, farmers, and business men presented by the First National Bank of Paw Paw 1922
Michigan farm laws	1909 business forms and model business letters; presented by Citizens state bank of Decatur, MI.
Michigan log marks	An illustrated booklet depicting the nature and magnitude of one phase of Michigan's Gigantic Lumbering

	industry. Functions of log marks and methods of use together with a description of the operation of boom companies.
*Michigan at Gettysburg	1889; July 1, 2, 3 1863; incident to the dedication of the Michigan monuments upon the battlefield of Gettysburg, June 12, 1889. Detailed statement of the work committed to and performed by it, and the proceedings at the various regimental reunion.
*Michigan Postal Markings by Maurice F. Cole	1955; A collection of various postal markings from Michigan
History of the Michigan organizations at Chickamauga, Chattanooga and Missionary Ridge 1863	Signed by the author Captain Charles E. Belknop.
History of Michigan by Lawton T. Hemans	1907 History of Michigan starting with the French occupation covering topics such as colonization, the Northwest territory, statehood, and geography.
Our State of Michigan by Dondineau and Spencer	Textbook from 1929

Category: Van Buren Co.

History of Van Buren Co. Vol. 1 by O.W. Rowland	Blue cover, published in 1912 2 nd copy Black cover donated in memory of Warners Digital version here
History of Van Buren Co. Vol. 2 by O.W. Rowland	Blue cover, published in 1912 2 nd copy Black cover donated in memory of Warners Digital version here
History of Berrien & Van Buren Cos. Michigan with illustrations	1880 2 Hardback copies brown cover Microfilm version Digital version here
Index to the History of Berrien & Van Buren Cos. Michigan	Microfilm
Portrait and Biographical Record: Kalamazoo, Allegan, and Van Buren Counties Michigan	Green Cover; Digitized version here Our copy missing pages about Presidents of USA
Waverly Township Zoning Ordinances 1996	
Spoken Treasures from the past by Shirley Masten Huffman, 2006	Living during the 20 th century in Almena, MI

	1 Hardback bound 1 Spiral bound
History of Van Buren County MI 1982 Van Buren Co. Historical Society; Edited by Douglas L. Semark	1 Hardback Red 1 Hardback blue
Weekly Affairs by BC Hibbard; edited by Mark E Porath	Marcellus MI History sources Memories of author's grandfather; includes photos
Legends of Lake Cora: a retrospective of growing up on "The Other Great Lake" by Susan Burger Erion	1 hardback 1 paperback
Eagle Lake: Initial progress report for the implementation of the midFoil process of Eurasian watermilfoil control 2002	
How it was in Hartford: an affectionate account of a Michigan small town in the early years of the twentieth century by Willis Frederick Dunbar copyright 1968	2 copies
Paw Paw River Times & People By Roy M. Davis	
Paw Paw River Days and Nights by Roy M. Davis	
The Dowagiac Lakes Resort Area and More about its Potawatomi Indians by Everett Claspy 1970	
Bloomington Area Centennial 1870-1970	
The Lawton Story 1858-1958	
Antwerp Township Zoning Ordinance	
Round Oak Stove People and other Dowagiac, MI personalities Barbara W. and Grafton H. Cook	
A Time to Remember: A history of the Jewish community in South Haven by Bea Kraus	
Historical Sketches of Berrien County Robert C. Myers, Curator at the 1839 Courthouse museum	
A Scrapbook History of Early Decatur, Michigan & Vicinity 1829-1976 by Catherine Howland	Collection of histories, newspaper clippings, photos, etc. in chronological order. 2 volumes
Van Buren County Michigan: A Pictorial History by Van Buren Genealogical Society 2003	
1880 Census index for Van Buren County	

Van Buren County Poorhouse/Infirmary records: and abstract of the births, deaths, burials & general register Vol. 1 & Vol. 2	
Family Maps of Van Buren County	
1860 Census index for Van Buren, Berrien, Cass County	
1870 Census index for Van Buren County	
Marriage Records Van Buren County 1836-1866	
Pioneer Families in the Kalamazoo Valley of Michigan	
Early Birth Records DAR Paw Paw	
Voices From the Past	
Gene the Pumpkin Man: 50 th year of the pumpkin farm by Carol Rhodes	Fictional picture book based on the real Gene the pumpkin man

Category: Paw Paw

Sales Ledger for the Barber Shop in Paw Paw 1914-1924 Frank H. McLean	
History of the Paw Paw Bait Company	
Historic Paw Paw Photos: Postcard Views of Historic Paw Paw	Fr. Joseph Clayton Neiman
Historic Paw Paw: In Celebration of the Sesquicentennial 2009	Fr. Joseph Clayton Neiman
The Building of a Lake by Rick Bradford	History of Maple Lake
Varieties of Gifts: a 150 th anniversary history of St. Mark's Episcopal Church by Rosemary Oliver	
Knights of Columbus Paw Paw council 50 years	
Paw Paw area rotary club history as of March 3, 1995	
Paw Paw area rotary club 1992-2005	
Moments with Millie: A memory walk by Michael S. Pritchard	Mildred Pritchard was the Director of the Paw Paw District Library from 1985-2000
The Paw Paw Bait Company (2 copies)	
Love, War & Curling Irons: A Memoir by Leni Schick-Grehl	Memoir of Helene Lambertine Grehl the widow of Fred Gunther of Paw Paw
An Antipasto of La Cantina Memories	Compiled by Susan Burger Erion
Voices from the Wilderness by Maurice F. Cole	

Category: Native American

Book of Indian Life Crafts by Oscar E. Norbeck	
A treasury of Indian tales by Clara Kern Bayliss	1921
The threat of sitting bull by D. Lange	1920
The league of the Iroquois by Hathaway	Inscription: Congratulations from Mr. an Mrs. Fred Knapp to Cecilia M. Goble 1881
Indian Clothing of the Great lakes: 1740-1840 by Sheryl Hartman	Illustrated and informational text on native American clothing in the Great Lakes region.
Indian Nature Myths by Julia Darrow Cowles	A retelling of myths of the Native people in North America.
O-Gi-maw-kwe-mit-i-gwa-ki Queen of the Woods by Chief Simon Pokagon	1899
The Story of the totem pole by Ruth Brindze	An explanation and history of the stories carved into wood called totem poles.
The Legends of Green Sky Hill signed by author Louise Jean Walker	A collection of Native stories of interesting animals, plants and people.
Michilimackinac	A pamphlet commemorating the opening of the Mackinac Bridge June 26-28 1958
Indians of the Upper Great Lakes by the Michigan Historical Commission	Folder with black and white plates depicting life of Native americans in the region of Lakes Huron, Michigan, and Superior before the arrival of Europeans.
Booklet: Chippewa Totem Village in St. Ignace	
Booklet: The Indian in Michigan	History of the Ottawa, Chippewa, Potawatomi
Michigan's Upper Peninsula Indians: Before the Invasion...and after by Bill Finlan	
The Indians of Michigan by Emerson F. Greenman (published by John M. Munson Michigan History Fund)	
Early Indians of Michigan (Farm Bureau publication)	
A Brief History of Michigan Indians by Charles E. Cleland	
Kitch-iti-ki-pi "namesakes": Ojibway and Chippeway Indian legends, myths, etc. by Inaqtik Atanoqke (Raven Legenbard	

The Potawatomi Indians of Southwestern Michigan by Everett Claspy 1966	
The story of Michigan by Claude S Larzelere	Published by Michigan Education Company ; First Narrative: Indian Legends
The story of Michigan by Claude S Larzelere	Second Narrative: the coming of the white man
The story of Michigan by Claude S Larzelere	Fifteenth Narrative: The Noble Savage
Moki Snake Dance	An account of a pagan ceremony of the pueblo Indians of Tusayan, Arizona with mention of their life and customs
Handbook of Indian Place Names in America by James Lawson (Chief Night Sun)	Listed by state in alphabetical order
Michigan: the wolverine state vol 6-S	1936 booklet starts with a chronology of the state and discusses the history in the subsequent chapters
Reminiscences by Chief White Wolf of the Chippewas(signed copy)	Philosophy and culture of the Ojibwa in the Great lakes area
Tommy and the Indians by Genevieve Cross	Story based on Tom Weesaw, grandson of Chief Louie Weesaw.

Genealogy Resources and Family Histories

The Source 3 rd edition: A guidebook to American Genealogy	
The librarian's guide to genealogical research	
Genealogy and History of the Descendants of Mr. Edward Woodman	Information on Elder Joseph Woodman of Paw Paw
Notebook of family histories of Paw Paw	Alden, Chester F. Allen, Brett or Britt family, Ammi Grandison Fowler family, Munger family, Rowland family index, Sherman, Truesdell, Harriet Cook Van Antwerp, Vopicka, Woodman, William McKeown, Ada Hawley, Catherine Cusumano, Harrison family, Joshua Hunt family
Whatever it is...by Viola Stephayn	A memoir and family history
One Man's Family: A history and genealogy of the Fetzer Family	
The family history of Myrtle Weston and Lloyd Calloway	

Our Washburn Heritage	Family history of the lines Washburn, Carpenter, Craft, Dickinson, Noble, Rogers
History of the Meachum family of Van Buren County	
Christian G. Haefner the builder as told by Rolland Haefner	
The Greenman Family of Prospect Lake (a genealogy family history)	
Haefner family history	
Skibbe family history in America 1893-1993	
Frisbie family history	
Family History of Bill Smith	
White family history	
James Watkins and Catherine Hen and Their Decendants	
Dowd family in Michigan	
The Drakes of Van Buren Co.	
World book of Bushes Family History	
Van Buren County Genealogies Vol. 1	

Rare Books and Fragile Items

Bright Eyes - Little people Series 1891	
Chatterbox - Little people Series 1907	
Pictorial History of the Civil War	From Harvey House library (very fragile)
Theodore E. Hendrick, Justice of the Peace ledger 1859	
The Indian Drum	belonged to Rena Van Fossen; 1917; A mystery based on a legend that near the northern end of Lake Michigan a sound like the booming of an Indian drum is heard whenever the lake takes a life.
The song of Hiawatha by Longfellow	Inscription: Belle L. Gremps. Paw Paw, Mich. Dec. 25 th , 1898
Godey's Lady's Book – Miss N.M. Gremps 1856	Belonged to Belle Gremps, daughter of Peter Gremps
History of Berrien and Van Buren Counties 1880	

Misc.

Cookbooks	Almena Historical Society; PP Newcomers
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Elks Lodge Photo albums/Scrapbooks	Scrapbook 1975; Photo albums 1980s
AAUW Records	75 years of the American Association of University Women of Michigan 1922-1997
Assortment of books on Michigan	Governors; Asparagus; Trees; Historical; Attractions
Mothers club of Paw Paw 1936-1995	
Almena Township photo album	Photos of schools, Almena center, the fish hatchery, churches, and homes

Paw Paw Schools

PPHS Yearbooks	Digital versions here
PPMS Good Times	
Box of athletic records	Photos, publications, programs
School District Records District 1 1865-1901	
Paw Paw Yearbooks and Sports Score books	
Paw Paw High School Friendship book Caroline Johnson 1915	
Paw Paw High school scrapbook Caroline Johnson 1919	
Paw Paw High school scrapbook Mildred Sheperd 1914	
My Golden School days Caroline Johnson	Caroline Johnson's scrapbook; She was the last of the Gremps line
PPHS graduating classes 1869-1966	
Scrapbook Barbara Jean Smith 1930s	
Old Red Brick book 1915	Yearbook from 1915
School Inspectors book 1843-	
Early Schools by Bobbie Kalman	
The Little Country Schoolhouse	
Good Old Days Remembers the Little Country School House	
Early schools scrapbook 1850s	
Alumni Association Scrapbook 1876-1926	
Paw Paw Public Schools	Pride and Progress School Beat Assorted Years
Legacy Letters	From Paw Paw High, Class of 1963 to PPH Class of 2013
A summary of Paw Paw High School Athletics 1895-2011	

Vertical Files - People

Agard, John	Harrison, John
Andrews, Dr. Josiah	Edward H. Harvey
Boothby, Dixie	Hinkley, Rodney
Beck family	Hoyt, Wilbur (physician)
Briggs, Emory O.	Killefer family
Bush, Harry	Labadie family
Buskirk, Carl E.	Maxwell, Charlie
Castle, Arthur (band director)	Mitchell, Derek
Cooper, Howard	Phelps family
Dacoba, Norma	Rhodes, Gene (the pumpkin man)
Dyckman house	Smith family
Gremps family	Tuttle family
Van Fossen family	Willard, Isaac
Woodman, Daniel 2d	Woodman, Joseph

Vertical Files - Paw Paw

AAUW	Library
Banks	Maple City Dairy
Basket Factory	Maple Lake
Businesses – stores	Mills
Carnegie Bldg.	Oak Cove Resort
Cemeteries	Opera House
Chautauqua	Parks
Civil War Veterans	Paw Paw Bait Co.
Churches	Paw Paw history
Clubs	Paw Paw lumber and coal co.
Fire Department	Paw Paw tree and fruit
Golf Courses	Post Office mural
Harvey House	Prospect Hill Cemetery
Houses	Railroads
Lake Cora	Strand theatre
Lakeview Hospital	Village of Paw Paw
Legal Papers (Harry Bush, Belle Gremps Johnson, etc.)	Wine and Harvest festival

Vertical Files - Van Buren County

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Civil War Records

Infantry volumes 1-46	
Michigan Soldiers and Sailors Alphabetical index	
Michigan Soldiers in the Civil War by Frederick D. Williams	
United States Civil War Soldiers living in Michigan in 1894	Published by the Genealogists of the Clinton County Historical Society
Michigan in the War 1861-1865	By Jno Robertson
Michigan Soldiers in the Civil War	By Frederick D. Williams
Negroes in Michigan during the Civil War	Published by the Michigan civil war centennial observance commission
A study in valor: Michigan Medal of Honor winners in the Civil War	
Michigan's own The Medal of honor: Civil War to Vietnam War	By Stanley J. Bozich
Michigan in the World War	Military and Naval honors
The 32 nd division of the world war	
Michigan Boys in Blue: Andersonville National Cemetery	
Michigan Boys in Blue: a compendium of Michigan's contribution to the Union in the War of the Rebellion 1861-1865	Compiled by John Upschel; Volume 2 Decatur area
Michigan Boys in Blue:	Volume 7 Allegan & Northern Van Buren Counties
Real World War II Stories	By local Veterans and families of Veterans who live in SW Michigan; gathered by Marlene Ailes, Portage, MI
The effects of the civil war on mining in Michigan	By Beeson, Lewis and Lemmer, Victor F.
Twice told tales of Michigan and Her soldiers in the civil war	Edited by Millbrook, Minnie Dubbs
Michigan institutions of higher education in the civil war	Edited by Dunbar, Willis F.
Michigan civil war monuments	Compiled by May, George S.
Michigan Men in the civil war	By Brown, Ida C.
The Baptists of Michigan and the civil war	Published by the Michigan civil war centennial observance commission
Michigan Catholicism in the era of the civil war	Edited by Beeson, Lewis
The Dutch churches in Michigan during the civil war	Edited by Beeson, Lewis
The Methodist Episcopal Church in Michigan during the civil War	Edited by Beeson, Lewis

The Episcopal church in Michigan during the civil war	
Michigan in the civil war: a guide to the material in Detroit Newspapers 1861-1865	By Ellis, Helen H.
Effects of the civil war on farming in Michigan	Edited by Marks, Joseph J.
Michigan and the Civil war years 1860-1866: a wartime chronicle	By May, George S.
Report of the Michigan civil war centennial observance commission to the governor legislature and the people of Michigan	Edited by Glazer, Sidney
Pamphlet: History of Company C 70 th NY infantry (Lafayette Lightguard	
The Jewish soldier from Michigan in the civil war	By Katz, Irving I.
Michigan labor and the civil war	
Materials on the civil war: recommended for use in schools	A list of readings
The effect of the civil war on music in Michigan	
Effects of the civil war on manufacturing in Michigan	
Congregationalism, slavery and the civil war	
Impact of the civil war on the Presbyterian church in Michigan	
Civil war tri-state soldiers' and sailors' encampments 1889-1918	

Daughters of the American Revolution Volumes

Historical Record of the MI DAR Genealogy	1930 Vol. 1
	1930 vol. 2 (one copy is missing pages)
	1930-1940
	1940-1952
	1964-1976 2 copies
	1976-1988
MI military records	MI historical commission

Microfilm - Census and Union Veteran records

1850 Federal Census--Michigan Sanilac, Schoolcraft, Tuscola, Shiawassee, and Van Buren Counties	Microfilm
1860 Federal Census--Michigan Van Buren and Tuscola Counties	Microfilm
1870 Federal Census--Michigan Van Buren County	Microfilm
1880 Federal Census--Michigan Tuscola County (part) Van Buren County (Part A thru G)	Microfilm
1880 Federal Census--Michigan Van Buren County (Part H thru Z) Washtenaw County (part)	Microfilm
1900 Federal Census--Michigan Tuscola County (part) Van Buren County (18 townships)	Microfilm
1910 Federal Census--Michigan Tuscola County (part) Van Buren County (part)	Microfilm
1910 Federal Census--Michigan Van Buren County (part) Washtenaw County (part)	Microfilm
1890 Union Veterans and Widows Enumeration Schedules--Van Buren County, Michigan	Microfilm
Schedules of Union Veterans & Widows of Union Vets of the Civil War--Michigan Counties of: Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Cass, Kalamazoo, Kent, Muskegan, Newago, Oceana, Ottawa, St. Joseph,	Microfilm

and Van Buren	
1920 Federal Census--Michigan Van Buren County	Microfilm