



County Records

Ottawa County Clerk's Office

miottawa.org

The Ottawa County Clerk's Office maintains a record of all deeds issued in the county, using the free deeds search listed above.

Ottawa County GIS Department

gis.miottawa.org

Current land plat information and mapping for Ottawa County are accessible with this site. Using this resource to find a parcel number or street address can help significantly in tracing property sales.

Ottawa County BS&A Online

bsaonline.com

This resource can help with more detailed property information and is searchable by business/personal name, street address, and parcel number.



Local Historian

Dr. Wallace K. Ewing

The 'Northwest Ottawa County Encyclopedia of History' is a comprehensive resource for local history researchers. It has four volumes, covering people, businesses, buildings, and topics (fires and other major events). This gem of a reference is available for use free at CARC and available for purchase in our Museum Store.



Tri-Cities Historical Museum



Genealogy Resources

This pamphlet provides a wealth of resources to help you unearth your family's unique history!

Scan here to visit our collections page for all these resources and to access our online database of the collection using our free tool, Collective Access!





Local Archives



Community Archive and Research Center

jyax@tchmuseum.org

CARC houses TCHM's collection of documents and photographs. Individuals or organizations interested in scheduling facilitated research with these resources can contact Jared Yax at the e-mail address above.



Loutit District Library

loutitlibrary.org/local-history-genealogy

A full list of resources can be found at this link, or by contacting Head of Local History & Genealogy Jeanette Weiden at jweiden@loutitlibrary.org.

Spring Lake District Library

sllib.org/local-history

Check out the MyHeritage genealogy database and a vast collection of Spring Lake yearbooks.



Online Records

Ancestry.com

This website gathers and facilitates access to genealogical records like censuses, marriage records, death certificates, and agriculture schedules. This paid service can be acquired for free by patrons of the Loutit District Library or the Spring Lake District Library if accessed inside the building.

Fold3.com and Newspaper.com

These resources are also paid services that can be accessed for free inside the libraries.



Newspapers

The Grand Haven Tribune (1891-present)

Older issues of the *Grand Haven Tribune* have been scanned and can be accessed at the Loutit District Library Local History Room or at CARC. We encourage people interested in viewing these records to schedule a visit by contacting the library or CARC staff.

Chronicling America

chroniclingamerica.loc.gov

The Library of Congress's Chronicling America project has digitized archives from all over the country, including *The Grand Haven News* (1858-1866), and *The Grand River Times* (1851-1857).



Local Institutions

Grand Valley State University Special Collections

gvsu.edu/library/specialcollections/

Western Michigan University Archives and Regional History

wmich.edu/library/archive-collections

Clarke Historical Library - Central Michigan University

cmich.edu/library/clarke/Pages/default.aspx