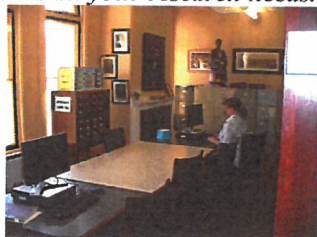


Local History Resources

The Piqua Public Library's Local History Department was organized in 1986. The Local History Room contains over 7000 printed volumes on the history and genealogy of Ohio and surrounding states and a Vertical File containing in excess of 6,800 file folders. The Archives hold over 265 manuscript **collections** and over 8,030 **small collections** for researchers. Microfilm records, computer databases, Piqua High School Yearbooks, and an extensive reference section complete the resources available for patrons.

Items of interest to genealogists include local cemetery indexes, marriage indexes, slave narratives, land grant records, probate and will records, death records, birth records, church records, deeds, mortgages, and military discharges. Also very useful to researchers is the Department's growing **Vertical File**. Currently at over 6,800 listings, the Vertical File includes indexed clippings on local events, organizations, businesses, and families. Included are over 1,560 **House Files** documenting research on various Piqua buildings including the downtown area and the Caldwell Historic District.

The Local History Department stands ready to assist you with all your research needs.



Online Sources

The library is a subscriber to **ANCESTRY LIBRARY EDITION, FOLD 3, AFRICAN-AMERICAN GENEALOGY, HERITAGE QUEST, HISTORIC MAP WORKS** and **PROQUEST HISTORIC NEWSPAPERS-DAYTON DAILY NEWS 1898-1922**. This can be accessed from any computer in the library or

from your laptop while in the library (if your laptop is WiFi capable). There are two public access computers in the Local History Department to serve your research needs. Other databases are available that can be accessed from your home. Check the library website for titles.

Microfilm

The library has an extensive collection of newspapers from Piqua and the surrounding communities.

Weekly newspapers 1820-1896 – incomplete runs

- *Piqua Gazette*
- *Piqua Western Courier & Enquirer*
- *Piqua Intelligencer*
- *Piqua Register*
- *Piqua Enquirer*
- *Piqua Democrat*
- *Piqua Journal*

Newspapers – weekly or daily – with complete or nearly complete runs

- *Miami Democrat*, 1872-1882
- *Piqua Daily Leader*, 1889-1892
- *Miami Helmet*, 1874-1905
- *Piqua Daily Press*, 1916-1918
- *Piqua Leader Dispatch*, 1901-18
- *Piqua Daily Call*, 1883-present

Newspapers from surrounding communities:

- *Troy Times* 1831-1871 (weekly)
- *Troy Democrat* 1927-1935 (weekly)
- *Miami Union* 1864-1920 (weekly)
- *The Buckeye* (Troy) 1886-1901 (weekly)
- *Shelby County Democrat* 1874-1906 (weekly)
- *Valley Sentinel* (Sidney) 1881-1886 (weekly)
- *Weekly Republican* (Sidney) 1909-1913 (weekly)
- *Sidney Daily Journal* 1914-1916
- *Greenville Journal* 1851-1906 (weekly)
- *Greenville Democrat* 1864-1908 (weekly)
- *Bradford Sentinel* 1888-1955 (weekly)
- *Stillwater Valley News* (Covington) 1955-1957 (weekly)
- *Stillwater Valley Advertiser* (Covington) 1957-1978 (semi-weekly)

- *Lena-Conover Searchlight* (Lena-Conover High School) vol. 1 1925-1953

Other Microfilm Collections

- Ohio Tax Duplicates, Miami County 1824-1838
- Slave Narratives
- U.S. Land Grant Records
- John Johnston Papers
- Jonathan Meigs Jr. papers
- William Henry Harrison Papers
- Knoop Children's Home Records
- Civil War Index
- Miami County Marriage Records 1871-1922
- Index to Marriage Records, Miami County 1807-1951
- Miami County Probate and Will Records Index 1807-1902
- Birth Records, Miami County 1853-1908
- Death Records, Miami County 1867-1908
- Naturalization Records 1860-1872
- Piqua City Council Minutes 1840-1992
- Papers of Vice Adm. Stephen C. Rowan
- Ohio Board of Canal Commissioners Records 1820-1842
- Church Records:
 - Westminster United Presbyterian Church 1817-1985
 - St. James Episcopal Church 1822-1986
 - Greene Street United Methodist Church 1823-1986
- Miami County General Index to Mortgages 1833-1894
- Miami County General Index to Deeds 1856-1936
- Miami County Military Records of Discharges Index 1864-1918

Magazines

- The following genealogical magazines are available at the Library and may be checked out under the same conditions as other magazines. Back issues older than one year are housed in the Local History Department.
- *Family Tree Magazine*

- *Internet Genealogy*
- *History Magazine*
- *National Genealogical Society Magazine*
- *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*
- *Ohio Genealogical Society Quarterly*
- *Ohio Genealogy News*
- *Ohio Magazine* – We have *Ohio Magazine* from September 1965 to the present.
- *Timeline* – 1957 to the present
- *Ohio History* – this scholarly journal is found in the Department at LH977.1 O.

Book Collections and Listings



The Local History Department's book collection is in excess of 7000 volumes, with an extensive collection of Native American materials. We have family histories and genealogical resource books especially with strong collections on Ohio, New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, and Indiana. We also have a collection of state histories of the states of the northeast and Midwest. Our collection of biographies of key individuals in the formation of the Old Northwest and of Ohio is very good. We have histories of Ohio and of the majority of the counties in Ohio. We have an extensive collection of Piqua City Directories beginning in 1870 and business directories dating back to 1843. Included in our collection are a large number of Piqua telephone books.

Among the major series of books to be found in Local History of interest to genealogists are:

- *Germans to America* volume 1-67 and Series II volume 1-7 by Glazier and Filby
- *Italians to America* volume 1-17 by Glazier and Filby

- *Passenger and Immigration Lists Index* 1st edition, volume 1-3 by Filby and Meyer
- *Passenger and Immigration Lists Index* 1st edition, 1982-1985, 4 volumes, by Filby and Meyer
- *Passenger and Immigration Lists Index* 1st edition, 1986-1990, 3 volumes, by Filby and Meyer
- *Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.) lineage Books*, volumes 43-166
- *Roster of Ohio Soldiers, 1861-1866*, volumes 1-12
- *Official Roster of Ohio Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines: World War 1917-1918*, volumes 1-23
- *Migration From the Russian Empire: Jan. 1875-May 1889*, 4 volumes.
- *Genealogies of Virginia Families*, 14 volumes
- *Documents Relative to the Colonial History of the State of New York*, volumes 1-15 and an index volume.
- *Wisconsin Historical Collections*, volumes 1-20
- *Colonial Records (Pennsylvania)* volumes 1-16
- *Pennsylvania Archives: Series I & II*, 30 volumes
- *War of the Rebellion: The Official Records of the Union and Confederate Army*, 120 volumes
- *Official Records of the Union and Confederate Navy in the War of the Rebellion*, 31 volumes
- *The Great Migration Begins: Immigrants to New England 1620-1633*, volumes 1-3
- *The Great Migration: Immigrants to New England 1634-1635*, volumes 1-7

Maps

We have a collection of Piqua and Miami County plat maps dating back to the 1850s. Most useful among these are original Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps from 1887 and 1949. Other Sanborn Maps from 1892, 1898, 1905, 1911, 1920 and 1931 are available on microfilm or online. The Smiley Map

Collection contains maps of the Old Northwest and Canada dating back to the late 1600s and early 1700s. The Hill Collection contains numerous U.S. Department of the Interior maps of Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and Pennsylvania. We also have a variety of Piqua street maps and several aerial photomaps.

Original Materials



The Library's Archives houses paper based historic artifacts. These are invaluable and irreplaceable items for the study of Piqua's past. They include:

Manuscript Collections

The Archives holds over 265 completely processed manuscript collections, which are organized, indexed and available to researchers. Collections include: Atlas Underwear, local G.A.R. (1897-1930), local I.O.O.F. (1839-1962), local Rotary Club, various women's clubs (1890s to present), scrapbooks from individuals and organizations, Mills Brothers, William Pitsenbarger, Piqua Female Bible Society (1818-1969), the Piqua Schools Collections (1835-1990), the Lange Photography Collection of over 26,000 negatives from 1943-1967, glass plate negatives, and records of numerous local businesses and organizations. There are also very large collections of photographs and negative from *The Piqua Daily Call*.

Small Collections

Indexed by name and date, the small collections of the Archives include over 8030 individual items.

Photographs, programs, advertisements, post cards, Flood of 1913 memorabilia, pamphlets, ledgers, diaries, maps, and government documents are all a part of the small collections.

Museum Artifacts

The artifact collection of the former Piqua Historical Museum is housed at the Piqua Public Library. Displays of many of these artifacts are arranged and exhibited throughout the library.

Horace Rollin Gallery and the Library Art Collection

The library also houses and exhibits an extensive local art collection built around the works of the late 1800s landscape artist, Horace Rollin.

Local History Department Information

- The Local History Department is a **Family Search Center**. You may access materials from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah on department computers.
- The Local History Department is open all of the hours that the Library is open.
- No materials from within the department are available for checkout or interlibrary loan. Some genealogical and historical materials are available for circulation in other parts of the library.
- Some local history titles are available for sale, please inquire.
- Copies – the first 5 copies are free, additional copies are 25 cents per page.
- FAX, e-mail, and written research requests are welcomed. Please include a return address.

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