



Resources at the Clarke Historical Library Michigan Genealogical Council, Sept. 2026

Resources available at the Clarke:

- Michigan Newspapers (Hard copy, microfilm, and digital),
- Native American research materials (copies of US Government records on microfilm),
- Michigan territorial period records (e.g., fur trade documents or canoe manifests),
- CMU History,
- Lumber records,
- Railroad Records,
- Regional history from the Bay to the Bridge.

On-line Resources from the Clarke:

Michigan Newspapers on:

- DigMichNews (<https://digmichnews.cmich.edu>),
- Chronicling America, the Library of Congress (<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov>).
 - The Clarke is the Michigan hub for the National Digital Newspaper Project.

Identifying Resources at the Clarke:

- Catalog: <https://www.clarke.cmich.edu> → Click “Library Catalog.”
- Finding aids: <https://www.clarke.cmich.edu> → Click “Archival Finding Aids.”
 - The finding aid site is hosted by the University of Michigan.
- Contact the staff: clarke@cmich.edu or 989-774-3864.

What you can expect when working with the Clarke:

- Open Monday to Friday, 9 am to 5 pm; appointments are not required, but planning your visit with us is a good idea,
- Registration is required, we will hold an ID while you have materials, and all materials are to be used only in the reading room,
- No food or drink, we only use pencils, we ask that you put bags and jackets away,
- One book or archives folder at a time, and we swap them one-for-one as you work,
- The Clarke is part of Central Michigan University, a higher-education institution with a mission of providing services to students, faculty, staff, and the public:
 - The reading room is a place of instruction, many student staff work there,
- The staff are your agents of research, but not researchers for hire,
- Parking can be difficult,
- Plan ahead.