



# Genealogy Resources at the Caro Library

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## Researching at the Library

Because of limitations of time and staff the Caro Area District Library's policy for genealogical search requests is to limit searching to three names per request. Due to the type of searching which may need to be done, this research can take some time, but we will send the requested information (if found) as soon as possible. If you are in the area and come to the Library we will be happy to get you started with the resources we have available.

## Resources Available at the Library

Index to the History of Bay and Tuscola counties; this has some biographies from 1851. Index is also available online at the Michigan Electronic Library (MEL.org).

For a listing of genealogical resources go to [www.carolibrary.org](http://www.carolibrary.org), *Internet Resources, Genealogy*.

### **Cemetery Records**

- Almer
- Brookside (Fairgrove)
- Colombia Township
- Demorest (Akron area)
- Ellington
- Elmwood
- Freemont – (Mayville area)
- Kingston
- Millington Township
- Moreland (Fairgrove area)
- Perkins
- Pine Grove
- Saginaw (Various)
- St. Agatha's (Gagetown)
- St. Michaels
- Tuscola Township
- Wahjamega

### **Michigan Census**

- 1850 Index only

- 1870 Index and film

### **Film Only**

- 1880
- 1890 Genesee, Huron & Tuscola Veterans and widows only
- 1900
- 1910
- 1920

### **Miscellaneous**

- A Microfilm reader and microfilm printer
- A list of sextons and contact people for the county cemeteries; compiled in 2006
- Caro High School yearbooks - various years
- Donated family histories and group sheets
- Genealogy reference books
- Listing of cemeteries and locations
- Old telephone books
- Tuscola County Genealogical Society and some back issues
- Various Plat Maps and Atlas'
- Vertical files on local and county history

### **Tuscola County Advertiser**

We have an index of obituary files composed mostly from the Tuscola County Advertiser. It was started as a volunteer effort—an obituary may not be indexed. If we have the data of death we may be able to find the obituary in the back issues of the Advertiser.

#### **Tuscola County Advertiser – *Rolls Available to Search***

- Aug 1868 – December, 2012

#### **Tuscola County Advertiser – *See staff: not available to the public.***

- 1993 – 1996

#### **Tuscola County Advertiser – *Print and Microfilm Missing, No Records Available***

- 1872-1884 – Entire Years
- 1891 – August 15
- 1892 – May 5
- 1895 – December 3, 6
- 1896 – May 1; August 7, 14, 21, 28
- 1897 – Nov 19, 26; Dec 17
- 1899 – Feb 17
- 1900 – Jan 12; Apr 13, 20, 27; June 29

## **Local Non-Profits with Genealogical Information**

**Bullard Sanford Memorial Library – 520 W Huron St. Vassar, MI 48768. (989) 823-2171**

- Limited general research aids, but excellent local information

**Fairgrove Township Library – 1959 Main St. Fairgrove, MI 48733. (989) 693-6050**

- Good selection local family files, local history, newspaper clippings birth, death, marriages
- Plat books
- Some back issues newspaper
- A lot of history concerning the Tuscola County Bean Festival

**Mayville District Library – 6090 Fulton St. Mayville, MI. 48744. (989) 843-6522**  
**<http://mayvillelibrary.org>**

- Mayville Monitor Newspaper on microfilm and online
- Reader Printer
- Limited local history

**Mayville Historical Society – 2124 Ohmer Rd. PO Box 242 Mayville, MI. 48744. (989) 843-7185**

- Located in Old Railroad Depot
- Historical artifacts
- Extensive obituary file & cemetery readings

**MIGenWeb —[www.mifamilyhistory.org/tuscola/](http://www.mifamilyhistory.org/tuscola/)**

- A copy of some of the courthouse's death index records
- Some plat maps
- Other miscellaneous, but good genealogical information on Tuscola county
- Contributions from a few local genealogists

**Rawson Memorial Library – 6495 Pine St. Cass City, MI 48726. (989) 872-2856.**  
**[www.rawson.lib.mi.us](http://www.rawson.lib.mi.us)**

- Good selection oral histories on video tape available for check out
- Large amount local township histories
- Newspaper on microfilm (1970's to present)
- Obit file (most 1970 to present)
- Reader printer available

- Some family histories
- Some information online
- Cass City Chronicle and Cass City Enterprise dating back to the 1800's that have been scanned to digital format available online from their webpage [www.rawson.lib.mi.us](http://www.rawson.lib.mi.us)

**Tuscola County Genealogical Society, Gloria Hall – 1405 Hunt Rd. Mayville, MI 48744. (989) 673-4535. [trischhall@centurytel.net](mailto:trischhall@centurytel.net)  
<http://www.usgennet.org/usa/mi/county/tuscola/tcgs.htm>  
<http://www.usgennet.org/usa/mi/county/tuscola/>**

- 1880 Tuscola County Census with index
- Abstracts Tuscola County Advertiser
- Abstracts Tuscola County Estates
- Access to :
  - Tuscola County Court Records
  - Lapeer County Court Records
  - Some Saginaw, Bay Oakland, Sanilac, St. Clair, Huron, Genesee County Records
  - Tuscola County census records 1850 - 1920
  - Lapeer newspapers on microfilm
- Cemetery records, Tuscola and Lapeer Counties
- Civil War muster rolls, Tuscola County
- Civil war graves index Tuscola County
- Family files on some local families
- Index Tuscola, Lapeer, Genesee Biographical Record, 1892
- Lapeer County, various history books, e.g. Pioneer families by J Dee Ellis
- Michigan Cemetery Atlas and correlating source book
- Naturalization index to 1900
- Plat book Tuscola County, pre depression
- Tuscola Bay History 1883
- Tuscola County Atlases 1888, 1902

**Watrousville Caro Historical Society & Museum —[www.watrousville.com/](http://www.watrousville.com/)**

- Monthly meetings the second Tuesday of each month (with a few exceptions) at 7:30 p.m. at the Juniata Township Hall, 1971 S. Ringle Road in Watrousville.
- The Historical Society has the Museum at 4607 W. Caro Road in Watrousville
- Additional information or a copy of the newsletter is available
  - Jo Ann Gray, 989-823-3638 or Esther Gorashko, 989-823-2360

## **Tuscola County Courthouse**

Vital Records from the Tuscola County Courthouse **must be obtained from the Courthouse**. They have Marriage, death, divorce, probate, and land records of Tuscola County 1867 to the present. Birth records are closed by Michigan Public Act 161— in order to get a birth record you must prove ancestry by document if the certificate is under 100 years old. **You must request birth records yourself** from the Tuscola County Clerk's Office—we cannot do this for you. Hours are Monday—Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### **Tuscola County Courthouse**

440 North State Street  
Caro, MI 48723  
Phone: 989-672-3780  
Fax: 989-672-4266

Because of their condition, visitors cannot look through the original books themselves. You can request a search (through the mail as well). They offer certified copies only.

**Searching fee:** \$5.00

**Certified copies:** \$13.00 for first, \$5.00 for each additional same day request\*

*\*Please call the courthouse as pricing is subject to change.*

## **Miscellaneous Sources of Information**

### **Churches**

Call and ask if the records are available to the public and if they could give any information.

### **Civil War Directories**

These directories are available at the Michigan State Library, Clarke Library, and Burton Library (a lot of this information is on the internet).

### **Funeral Homes**

Call and ask if records are available, remember to ask what year they started keeping records. Phone numbers are listed in the phonebook. Some libraries have (current) record online.

### **Newspapers**

Most small town Michigan newspapers can be found at the Library of Michigan and the Clarke Historical Library. Please note these two libraries have different newspapers.

- **Library of Michigan, Government Document Service – 717 Allegan St. PO Box 3007 Lansing, MI 48909. (517) 373-3381.**  
<http://michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-54504---,00.html>
- **Clarke Historical Library, Central Michigan University – Mount Pleasant, MI 48859. (989) 774-3352.** <http://clarke.cmich.edu>
- **Cass City Chronicle** – Available at Rawson Library in Cass City 1970—present  
<http://newspapers.rawson.lib.mi.us/search/>
- **Mayville Monitor** – Available at Mayville Library in Mayville 1800—present  
<http://monitor.mayvillelibrary.org/mayville.html>
- **Tuscola County Advertiser** – Here at the Caro Library/

## Other Libraries

### **Allen County Public Library**

900 Library Plaza  
Fort Wayne IN 46801-2270  
Phone: (260) 421-1200  
Fax: (260) 421-1386  
Email: [Genealogy@ACPL.Info](mailto:Genealogy@ACPL.Info)  
<http://www.genealogycenter.org/Home.aspx>

### **Family History Library, Salt Lake City**

35 North West Temple St.  
Salt Lake City, Utah, 84150  
1-866-406-1830  
1-800-485-3860  
<http://www.familysearch.org>  
<https://www.familysearch.org/locations/saltlakecity-library>

- Microfilm, rare documents, records, books, obscure books, and miscellaneous materials. The obituary index is online.

### **Hoyt Library**

505 Janes Avenue  
Saginaw, MI  
Phone: (989) 755-0904  
Fax: (989) 755-9829  
[www.saginawlibrary.org](http://www.saginawlibrary.org)

- The entire top floor of the library is dedicated to genealogy. A lot of information can be found online.

## **Stake Library**

1700 W. Sugnet Rd.

Midland, MI 48640

(989) 835-7239

Hours: Wednesday-Thursday 9am-3pm, 6:30-9pm; Saturday 10am-1pm

- A Mormon facility which has a large genealogical section with most of the birth, marriage, and death records on microfilm.
- Due to limited staff, Family History Centers are unable to respond to mail inquiries.

## **State of Michigan**

### **Archives of Michigan**

Michigan Library and Historical Center

702 W. Kalamazoo Street

Lansing, MI 48913

Phone: (517) 373-1408

E-mail: [archives@michigan.gov](mailto:archives@michigan.gov)

<http://www.michigan.gov/archivesofmi>

### **Library of Michigan**

702 W. Kalamazoo St.

P.O. Box 30007

Lansing, MI 48909-7507

Phone: (517) 373-1300

Fax: (517) 373-3381

E-mail: [librarian@michigan.gov](mailto:librarian@michigan.gov)

<http://www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan>

### **Miscellaneous Departments**

<http://www.michigan.gov/som/0,1607,7-192--225350--,00.html>

## **Research Check List**

### **Church**

- Archives
- Local parish records
- Local church histories

### **County Records**

- Vital Records

- Marriage records, wills, estates, deeds, Mortgages
- Naturalization records

## **Home**

- Family Bible
- Family Letters
- Interviews
- Photographs

## **National records**

- Biographical Compendia
- Cemetery Records / Grave Inscriptions
- Censuses
- Immigration Records
- Libraries Indexes, Special
- Land Records
- Manuscript Histories
- Military Records
- Obituary Collection / Indexes
- Occupational Histories
- Passenger Lists
- Pension Records
- Printed & Miscellaneous Genealogies
- Printed Histories

## **State Records**

- Vital Records
- Land Grants
- State Census
- Militia Records
- Tax Lists
- Archives
- Acts, Journals

## **Town Records**

- City / County Directories
- Cemetery Records / Grave Inscriptions
- Manuscripts and Published Histories
- Newspaper Files
- Tax Lists
- Voter Records
- Public School Records



## Internet Resources

[www.carolibrary.org/internetresources/genealogy.html](http://www.carolibrary.org/internetresources/genealogy.html)

Title	URL Address
<b>Burial sites of Michigan veterans 1861-1866</b>	<a href="http://www.michiganinthewar.org">www.michiganinthewar.org</a>
<b>Burton Historical Collection</b>	<a href="http://www.detroit.lib.mi.us/burton/burton_index.htm">www.detroit.lib.mi.us/burton/burton_index.htm</a>
<b>Cass City Genealogical Society</b>	<a href="http://www2.rawson.lib.mi.us/HistoricalGenealogySociety/GenealogySociety.aspx">http://www2.rawson.lib.mi.us/HistoricalGenealogySociety/GenealogySociety.aspx</a>
<b>Cyndi's List</b> – A starting place for those doing genealogy research online.	<a href="http://www.cyndislist.com/">http://www.cyndislist.com/</a>
<b>Death Records and Indexes</b>	<a href="http://deathindexes.com/michigan/index.html">http://deathindexes.com/michigan/index.html</a>
<b>Ellington Death Index</b>	<a href="http://www.usgennet.org/usa/mi/town/ellington/deaths/index.htm">http://www.usgennet.org/usa/mi/town/ellington/deaths/index.htm</a>
<b>Family Search</b>	<a href="http://www.familysearch.org">www.familysearch.org</a>
<b>Find a Grave</b>	<a href="http://www.findagrave.com">www.findagrave.com</a>
<b>Genealogy Connect</b>	<a href="http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/lom_caroadl?db=GENVRL">http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/lom_caroadl?db=GENVRL</a>
<b>Genesee County</b>	<a href="http://www.co.genesee.mi.us/vitalrec">www.co.genesee.mi.us/vitalrec</a>
<b>Interment.net</b> – This is a work in progress. Many of the cemeteries have an entire listing.	<a href="http://www.interment.net">www.interment.net</a>

<b>Latter Day Saints</b> – Contact the local ward of the Mormon Church and see if they have public access to their records.	<a href="http://www.lds.org">www.lds.org</a>
<b>MEL's Genealogy Gateway</b> – Michigan Electronic Library available to Michigan residents form home or from most libraries.	<a href="http://www.mel.org/index.php?P=SP--BrowseResourcesGenealogy&amp;ParentId=839">www.mel.org/index.php?P=SP--BrowseResourcesGenealogy&amp;ParentId=839</a>
<b>MIGenWeb</b> – Several Tuscola County genealogical records, including platmaps and some of the courthouse's death records.	<a href="http://www.mifamilyhistory.org/tuscola">www.mifamilyhistory.org/tuscola</a>
<b>National Cemetery Administration</b>	<a href="http://www.cem.va.gov">www.cem.va.gov</a>
<b>Obituaries Help</b> – Templates for creating family trees and other miscellaneous resources.	<a href="http://obituarieshelp.org/free_printable_blank_family_tree.html">http://obituarieshelp.org/free_printable_blank_family_tree.html</a>
<b>Plat Maps</b>	<a href="http://www.mifamilyhistory.org/tuscola/maps/">http://www.mifamilyhistory.org/tuscola/maps/</a>
<b>Plat Maps via Seeking Michigan</b>	<a href="http://cdm16317.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/collection/p15147coll10">http://cdm16317.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/collection/p15147coll10</a>
<b>Pilot Family search</b>	<a href="http://www.pilotfamilysearch.org">www.pilotfamilysearch.org</a>
<b>Public Libraries of Saginaw</b> – Has obituaries and death notices. Several Tuscola County residents listed on this site.	<a href="http://www.saginawlibrary.org">www.saginawlibrary.org</a>
<b>Rawson Memorial Library</b> – Online newspapers.	<a href="http://newspapers.rawson.lib.mi.us/search/">http://newspapers.rawson.lib.mi.us/search/</a>
<b>Seeking Michigan</b> – Death Records 1897-1920.	<a href="http://www.seekingmichigan.org">www.seekingmichigan.org</a>
<b>Tuscola County Death Index</b>	<a href="http://www.usgennet.org/usa/mi/county/tuscola/deaths">www.usgennet.org/usa/mi/county/tuscola/deaths</a>
<b>Tuscola County Genealogy and History</b>	<a href="http://www.usgennet.org/usa/mi/county/tuscola">www.usgennet.org/usa/mi/county/tuscola</a>
<b>Tuscola County Veterans</b>	<a href="http://www.tuscolaveterans.org">www.tuscolaveterans.org</a>

**US Land Records** – Look up land records for various counties.

<https://www.uslandrecords.com/uslr/UslrApp/index.jsp>