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The Library of Michigan and MCLS work together to bring relevant, timely, and accessible MeL Databases training to all Michigan library staff and teachers. The focus is to meet the needs in real time, and through MeL provide libraries with the tools and training to better serve and educate their communities; thereby strengthening our libraries and state. MCLS serves as a training provider to increase awareness and use of MeL

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A PDF version of the slides in this webinar, and an additional guide to the resources in the related MeL portal, are available for downloading now at the bottom right of your screen.



Family history resources: Genealogy with MeL - Presenters

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Very Brief Overview with MCLS

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- ✓ U.S. Public Records
- ✓ Periodical Source Index Archive (PERSI)
- ✓ Freedman's Bank Records
- ✓ U.S. Serial Set Memorials, Petitions and Private Relief Actions
- ✓ Map and Photo Collection

Research Aids

- ❖ Getting Started
- ❖ Census
- ❖ Beyond the Basics



GETTING STARTED

Whether you are just starting your family history or you are looking for a new perspective on your research these guides will put you in the right frame of mind.

Ancestry Anne's Top 10 Search Tips

Creating Timelines that Produce Answers

Census Forms



CENSUS

Census records establish a framework for your ancestor's life. We offer some tips on how to get the most out of them.

Historical U.S. Censuses

Published Statewide Censuses and Indexes

Countywide Census Indexes

Non-population Census Schedules



BEYOND THE BASICS

Ready to move beyond the census records? Here are a few ideas to get you moving.

Cemetery Research Primer

Black Sheep: 10 Things to Know

African American Family Research

once or twice a census

MI 1830

once or twice a census

1830

CENSUS AVAILABILITY

Federal census extant for all counties.

*NOTES:

The Chippewa-Michilimackinac boundary in 1830 was uncertain, the east end probably being geographically impossible as defined by law.

Brown and Crawford counties are described in Wisconsin 1830. The isolated, unsurveyed extremities shown here were unenumerated Indian lands.

The modern Ohio area five to seven miles wide along the present Michigan boundary was part of Michigan claim to the "Toledo Strip." The area was surveyed as part of Michigan townships and ranges and fell within the federal censuses for Michigan 1810-1830. Congress granted this disputed area to Ohio in 1836. See Michigan 1860 (p.164) for an explanation of attached counties.

WHITE = MODERN BOUNDARIES
BLACK = 1830 BOUNDARIES

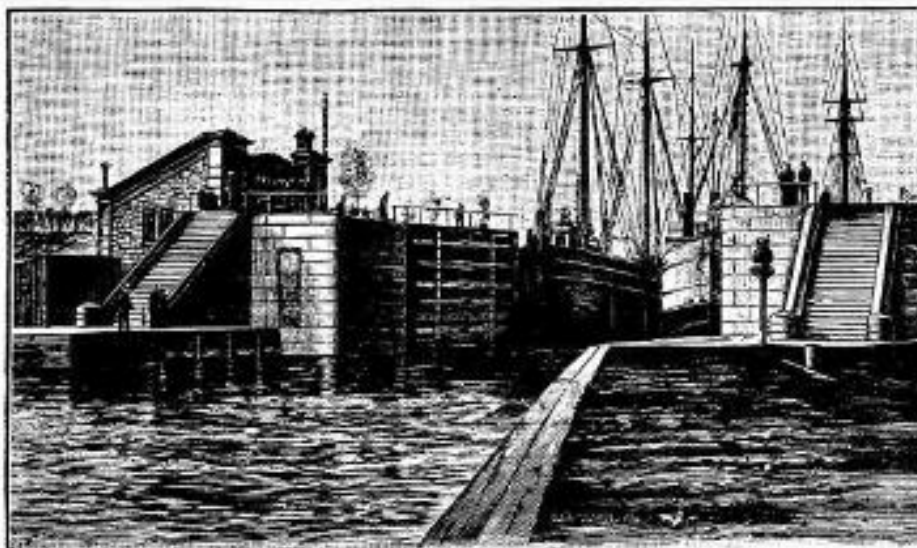
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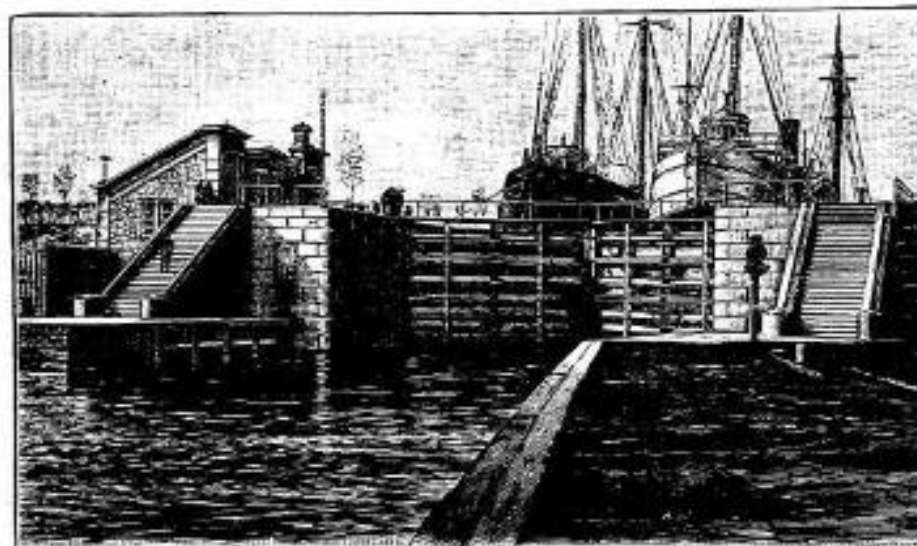
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Capt Ralph Ratnevelo Raymond Ekin Smyth

Memorial

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Birth: May 1, 1875
 London
 Greater London, England
 Death: Sep. 3, 1916, France

Son of Thomas G. and Mary J. Ekin Smyth.
 Husband of Hilda Marson Ekin Smyth of
 Ranelagh Street, Woodville Park, South
 Australia. He applied for a Commission in the
 Australian Imperial Force on 11 June 1915. He
 was killed in action at Moquet Farm, aged 41
 years.

52nd Battalion, Australian Infantry, A.I.F.

Burial:
[Bouzincourt Ridge Cemetery](#)
 Bouzincourt
 Departement de la Somme
 Picardie, France
 Plot: III. G. 8.

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Revolutionary War Records

West Liberty Morgan County Ky.
Decr 8th 1835.

Dear Sir

At the request of John Smother, br
of this County I trouble you with ^{this} communica-
~~tion~~tion, on the 14th of May last his Pension
was suspended. I have taken pains in
making enquiry respecting his case. and from
all the information I can get. from all
those who are well acquainted with him
and have been from his infancy, they all

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Record for *Dolly Liggins*
Date and No. of Application, *Nov 5 1870*
Name of Master,
Name of Mistress,
Plantation,
Height and Complexion, *24 Black*
Father or Mother? Married? *Albert*
Name of Children, *2. Alcesta & Shos*
Regiment and Company,
Place of Birth, *Charleston S.C.*
Residence, *Olivia Maynard's*
Occupation, *Seamstress & Washer.*
REMARKS, *I have no brother & sister
 Mary & Maria Charleston S.C.*
Signature, *Dolly Liggins*
M. L.

No. 1786 **Record for** *William Ford*
Date of Application, *Aug 20 1871*
Where born, *Ga. in Clarke Co*
Where brought up, *Same place*
Residence, *Frazier Street*
Age, *22*
Complexion, *Brown rather dark*
Occupation, *Plasterer*
Works for *David Dickerson*
Wife, *Eliza*
Children, *Eddie & one unnamed*
Father, *Anderson Peddeford* *dead*
Mother, *Antoinette* *dead*
Brothers, *William Ford & Elder & John & George Ford*
Sisters, *Elizabeth & Harriet & Hannah* *(dead)*
Signature, *William Ford*
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Periodical Source Index (PERSI) Archive

Largest index of its type:

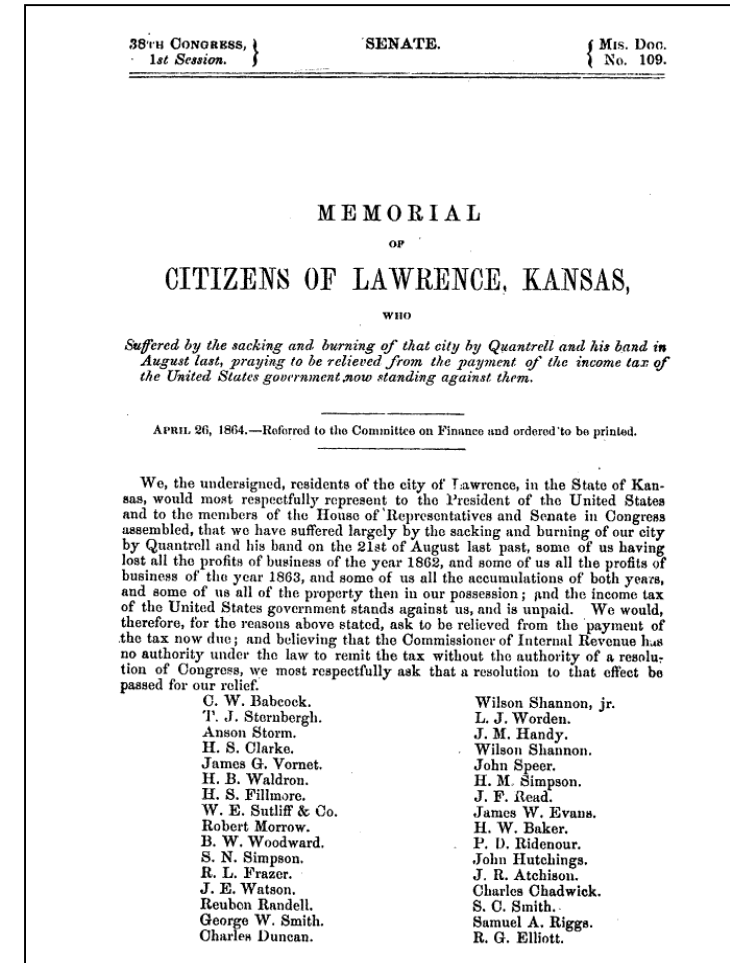
- ✓ Highly respected index from the Allen County Library (IN)
- ✓ Over 2.5 million records from over 6,500 genealogy and local history periodicals
- ✓ Archival records up to and including 2010
- ✓ Covers the U.S., Canada, and abroad from 1800 to 2009

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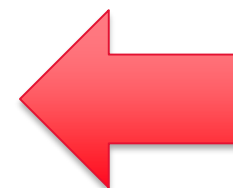


Slave Schedules

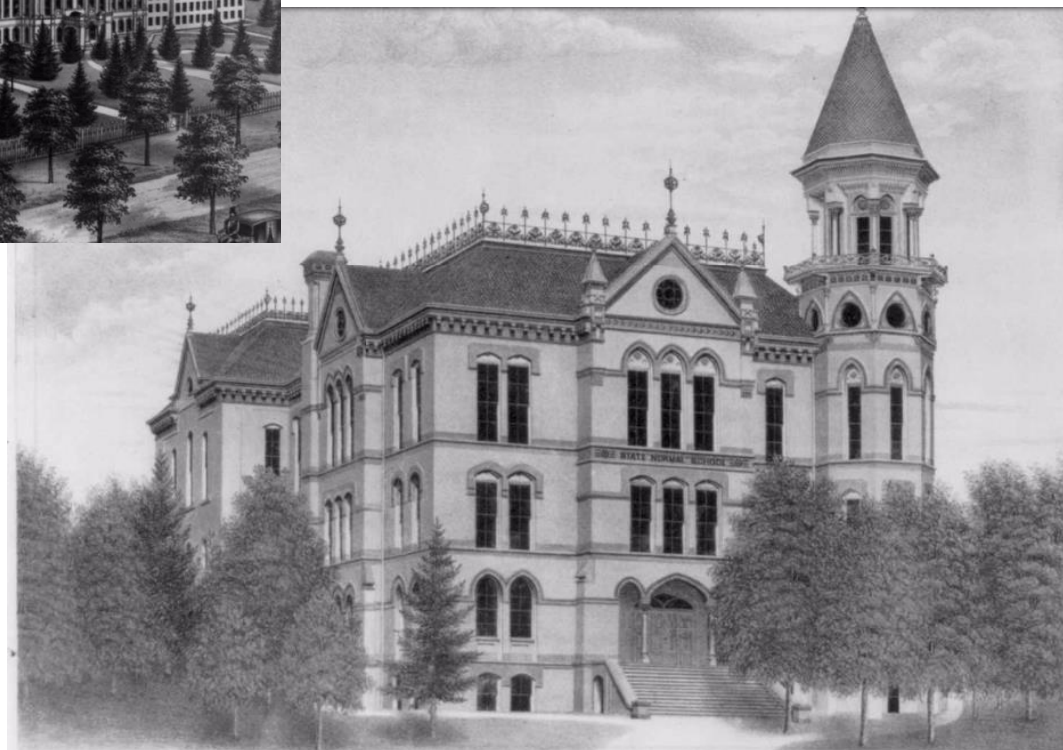
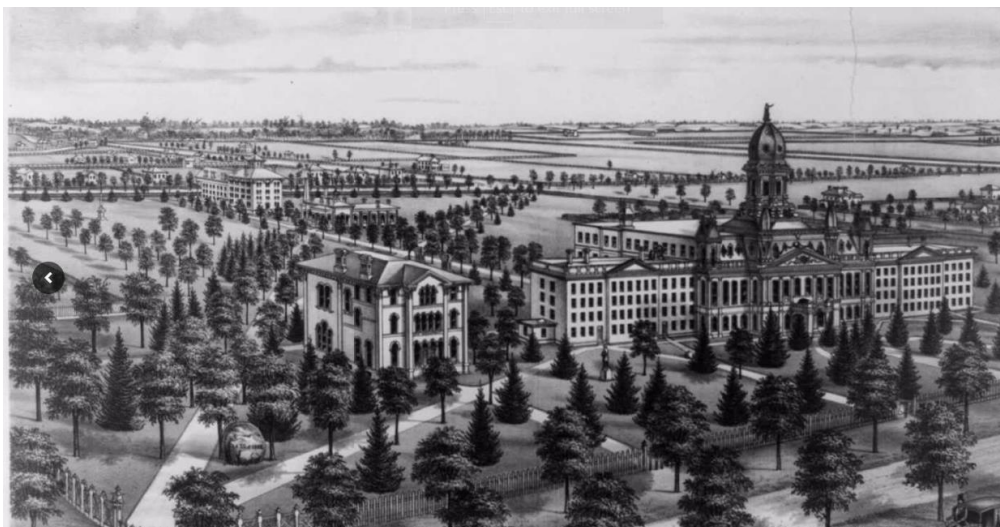
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SCHEDULE 2.—Slave Inhabitants in Mullersburg
of Kentucky, enumerated by me, on the 13 day

NAMES OF SLAVE OWNERS.	Number of Slaves.	DESCRIPTION.			Fugitives from the State.	Number manumitted.	Deaf & dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic.	No. of Slave houses.
		Age.	Sex.	Color.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1 <u>W J Batterson</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>m</u>	<u>B</u>				<u>2</u>
2	<u>1</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>f</u>	<u>B</u>				
3	<u>1</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>m</u>	<u>m</u>				
4	<u>1</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>m</u>	<u>w</u>				
5	<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>f</u>	<u>m</u>				
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Helpful Resources & Tips

- ✓ <http://proquest.libguides.com/heritagequestonline>
- ✓ Search tips and explanations in HQO
 - ✓ Tip of the day
- ✓ Use truncation characters * or &
- ✓ Be aware of interface (records vs. categories)
- ✓ Start broad vs. specific
- ✓ Receiving records at home (HQO vs. ALE)
- ✓ Connect the dots, make notes, use forms
- ✓ Pay attention to dates of coverage



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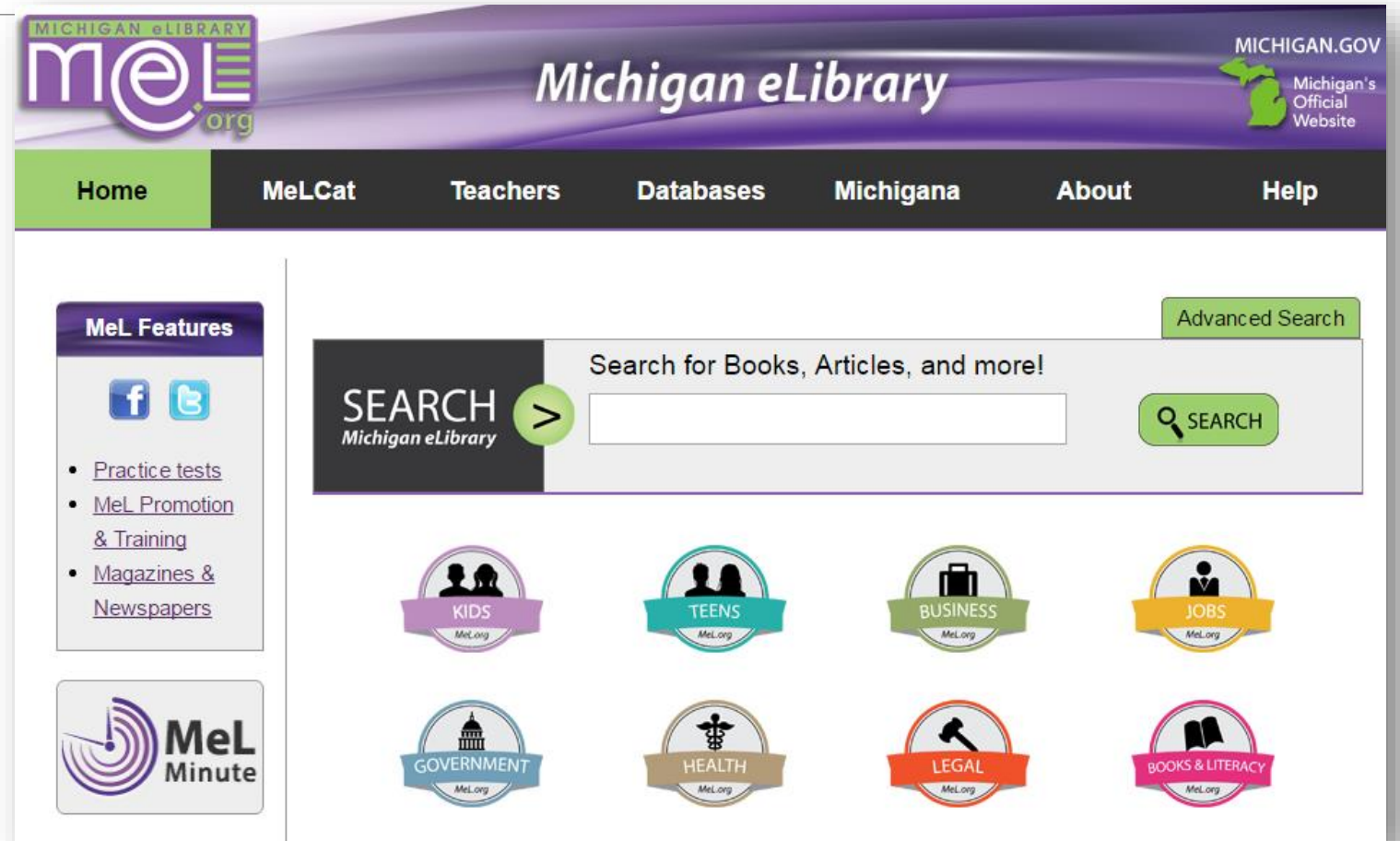
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Topics included in the word cloud:

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- transport
- cities
- industry
- architecture
- research
- government
- villages
- archives
- archaeology
- libraries
- people
- agriculture
- museums

Michigana

- Main page
- Categories
 - Various topics
 - Topics have multiple websites
 - Share and Like buttons
 - Let's explore a few



The screenshot shows the Michigan eLibrary website. The header includes the MeL logo, the text "Michigan eLibrary", and a link to "MICHIGAN.GOV Michigan's Official Website". The navigation bar has links for Home, MeLCat, Teachers, Databases, Michigana (highlighted), About, and Help. The main content area is titled "MeL Michigana" and features a photo of the Mackinac Bridge with a caption: "Photo: Courtesy of MDOT and the Mackinac Bridge Authority". Below the photo is a search bar with the text "SEARCH Michigan" and a "SEARCH" button. A sidebar on the left lists various topics under the heading "MeL Michigana": Academic & Research Archives, Agriculture, Archaeology, Arts & Architecture, Associations and Organizations, Business, Cities and Villages, Government, History, Industry, Libraries & Archives, Maps & Atlases, Military, Museums, Newspapers, People, and Slider Carousel. The main content area also features three featured collections: "Digital Collections" for "Governing Michigan" (47 People Like This), "Michigan Website" for "Bentley Historical Library" (507 People Like This), and "Digital Collections" for "Black Abolitionist Archive" (9 People Like This). Each featured collection includes a "Share This" button and a "Like This" button.

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Governing Michigan: The Governing Michigan portal (GoverningMichigan.org) provides access to electronic versions of selected Michigan government publications collected [More...](#)

Bentley Historical Library: Repository for original, unpublished archival and manuscript collections pertaining to the history of the University of Michigan and the state [More...](#)

Black Abolitionist Archive: Offers speeches of people, and newspaper editorials about civil and political rights of the slaves in the nineteen century United States. [More...](#)

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[African American Clippings Index Search](#): The Grand Rapids Public Library maintains an index to articles about African Americans from about 70 newspapers around Michigan. [More...](#)


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Digital Collections

[Benzie County Newspapers from 1888-2012](#): A searchable collection of area newspapers specific to the county and area of Benzie. [More...](#)


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[Cass City Newspapers](#): Searchable scanned images of the Cass City Chronicle and the Cass City Enterprise dating to the 1800s. From the Rawson Memorial Library in Cass [More...](#)


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Website

[Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers](#): This site allows you to search and read newspaper pages from 1900-1910 and find information about American newspapers [More...](#)

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Births, Deaths, Marriage Licenses, and Marriages reported in The Isabella County Enterprise 1875-1900

Compiled by Eunice E. May
Transcribed for the Isabella MIGenWeb by
Barbara Lesser

Marriages and Marriage Licenses:

Please note that a marriage licenses does not indicate that an actual marriage took place,
only that a license was taken out.

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Michigan Digital Newspaper Portal



About This Collection

This collection contains either digitized versions of newspapers or links to digitized newspapers made available from a variety of sources. Among these links are papers held by the Clarke Historical Library and also Michigan newspapers found in [Chronicling America](#), a database maintained by the Library of Congress.

The Library of Michigan has developed newspaper family histories that trace the connections between papers within a city. Click [\[here\]](#) to see this resource. For more information on the microfilming and digitizing services provided by the Clarke Historical Library click [here](#).



☐ Match whole words only

Welcome to the *Sault Ste. Marie Evening News Index!*

Search the index for citations to articles in the Evening News microfilm found at Bayliss Public Library (Evening News 1888 to present; other Sault Ste. Marie papers 1887 to 1903) and the LSSU Shouldice Library (1953 to present). LSSU Shouldice Library index coverage is from 1991 to the present and includes local and regional news, such as business and municipal news, major sports events, obituaries, marriages, and births. Bayliss Public Library index coverage begins with 1887 and includes local news, births, marriages, and obituaries. Currently only the first few years are completed in this ongoing project.

Welcome to the *Rawson Memorial Library*

Cass City, Michigan

This web page is your portal to archived versions of the Cass City Chronicle and Cass City Enterprise dating back to the 1800's that have been scanned to digital format.

Methods to review the papers on file, by keyword search or by manually browsing by newspaper, year, and issue.

- [Tips Page](#)
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Pioneering the Upper Midwest

17th – early 20th centuries

Local histories, pamphlets
and more

Searchable

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This full-text, searchable digital collection is composed of a variety of original documents, death notices, maps, and photos in various formats contributed or reviewed and approved by OCHR members. Each item is documented with the citation or source. The focus is on pre 1930's copyright free materials.

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Headstones of Saginaw County

Welcome to the Headstones of Saginaw County Collection. A special thank you goes out to John and Betty Mayer and the Saginaw County Genealogical Society, who are responsible for the photography and organization of the photos in this collection. Through their diligence and hard work we are able to bring you photographed headstones ...

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Goodridge Brothers


The Goodridge Brothers were among the first African American photographers to operate professionally in the nation. Begun by Glenalvin Goodridge in York, PA in 1847 and continued by his younger brothers, Wallace and William in Saginaw, MI between 1864 and 1922, the Goodridge Brothers Photography Studio was internationally renowned for ...




About the collections

Through the generosity and vision of one of Saginaw's greatest library benefactors, the Public Libraries of Saginaw proudly presents the Maxwell K. Pribil Digital History Collection. Mr. Pribil left a grand legacy to the library in the form of the Maxwell K. Pribil Hoyt Library Trust, and believed that libraries are "an important part of the intellectual life and vitality of a community and are a place for young and old to broaden their horizons". The library is pleased to honor Mr. Pribil by naming this important and valuable research tool after him.

Michigan County Histories and Atlases



Michigan County Histories and Atlases



The Michigan County Histories and Atlases Digitization Project is comprised of 428 digitized titles (many composed of multiple volumes) published before 1923. The collection offers all members of the community free keyword searching and page-by-page access to digitized reproductions of Michigan county histories and atlases as a resource for historical and genealogical research. The collection is made possible, in part, through a generous [Library Services and Technology Act \(LSTA\)](#) grant. Additional funding was provided by Michigan Council of Library Directors institutions and a Michigan Digitization and Preservation for Access grant. Titles were selected from Frances Loomis's *Michigan Biography Index* (Detroit: Detroit Public Library, 1946), William Miles' *Michigan Atlases and Plat Books* (Lansing: State Library Services, 1975), Bentley Historical Library holdings, and the Research Publications microfilm publication *County and Regional Histories of the Old Northwest*.

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Thank you!

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