

Free Genealogy Research Resources:



Charlevoix Historical Society Museum at Harsha House: 231-547-0373 | info@chxhistory.com

- 20,000 images of Charlevoix subjects, including individuals, families, local clubs, school photos, etc.
- Family History Collection (Alphabetized collection of births, deaths, obituaries, marriages, facts, and stories)
- Justice of the Peace Marriage Records: 1941 – 1975
- Brookside Cemetery interment records: 1906 – 1997
- Plat Maps of Charlevoix County
- Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps
- Abstracts of Land Title for Charlevoix County
- Charlevoix Tax Records: 1901 – 1975
- Charlevoix Veterans Research – (Civil War, Spanish-American War, WWI, WWII)
- Transcribed newspaper articles listing the construction and sales of 19th Century and early 20th Century residences in Charlevoix.
- Transcribed newspaper articles about 19th century to mid-20th century local businesses.
- Document files about various topics of Charlevoix, including businesses, fraternal groups, churches, individuals, etc.
- Phone Books from the 1930s – present
- Charlevoix High School Yearbooks
- Books
 - *Bob Miles' Charlevoix I and II*
 - *Charlevoix the Beautiful: The City on Three Lakes*
 - *Stories of the Crooked Tree*
 - *The Crooked Tree: Indian Legends of Northern Michigan*
 - *The Land of the Crooked Tree*
 - *A Story About Peter Greensky*
 - *Gah-Baeh-Jhagwah-Buk – The Way It Happened* A Visual Culture History of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa
 - *Who Was Who in Company K* (1st Michigan Sharpshooters during the Civil War)
 - *The Traverse Region* (includes biographical sketches) printed in 1884
 - *Old Settlers of the Grand Traverse Region*

- *Biographical History of Northern Michigan: Containing Biographies of Prominent Citizens*. Published in 1905
- *Charlevoix County's Contribution to World War I and Charlevoix County's Contribution to World War II*
- *The Belvedere Club: Charlevoix, Michigan*
- *100 Years of Sequanota History*
- *Norwood: A Legacy of North Woods Living*
- *For Old Times' Sake* (Norwood Township)
- *The Men Who Built and Owned the Norwood, Michigan Sawmill: 1866 – 1901*
- *East Jordan Remembers*
- *Pictorial History of East Jordan: 1877 – 1970*
- *Settlers to Sidewalks in Boyne City*
- *A Pictorial History of the Boyne Valley Area*
- *How it was in Horton Bay, Charlevoix County, Michigan*
- *Memories of Ironton*
- *Memories of Little Traverse Bay*
- *Harbor Springs: A Collection of Historical Essays*
- *Looking Back at the Central Lake Area, Antrim County, Michigan*
- *The History of Banks Township*
- *Grace Hopper's Pioneer Notes* (pertaining to pioneer settlers in the Grand Traverse Region to Charlevoix Region)
- *Breath Escaping Envelopes: Letters and Photographs from the Grand Traverse Bay Region 1875 – 1905*
- *The Journal of Beaver Island* Volumes 1 – 5
- *A Beaver Island Scrapbook*
- *Island Life Island Toil: The House of David on High Island*
- Biographies on James Jesse Strang and the Mormon establishment on Beaver Island



Charlevoix Public Library: 231-547-2651

- Free use of Ancestry.com and Heritage Quest.com for library card holders.
- Genealogy Books
- Rare and out-of-print books relevant to this area of Northern Michigan. Includes fiction, non-fiction, biographies, and juvenile fiction.

- Yearbooks from Charlevoix High School and Northwest Academy.
- Local Charlevoix newspapers from their inception are available online and on microfilm:
 - Charlevoix Sentinel 1869-1934
 - Charlevoix Journal 1883-1890
 - Charlevoix Courier 1908-2016
- Local interest clippings file
- Plat Maps of Charlevoix County
- Complete collection of the War of Rebellion Official Records of the Union & Confederate Armies.
- Great Lakes navigational nautical charts

Resources:

- Research Computer
- Digital microfilm machine
- Microfilm: Federal census records, 1870-1930, Charlevoix Sentinel, 1869-1934, Charlevoix Journal, 1883-1890 and the Charlevoix Courier, 1908=present.
- Color scanner
- Convert slides and photographs to a digital format

Available Online Through the Library: www.charlevoixlibrary.org

- Digitized Newspapers (The three local newspapers listed above)
- Digitized Charlevoix Yearbooks
- Searchable Obituary Database
- 1901 Plat Map of Charlevoix County
- Local Charlevoix Icons Information
- Oral Histories – on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/ChxLib/videos>

Free Online Resources:

- Various Genealogy Resources for the Petoskey area from Greenwood Cemetery, including digitized newspaper database: <http://www.gwood.us/>
- Michigan County Histories and Atlases – Provides Plat Maps, Business Directories, and Brief Biographies about pioneer settlers and prominent early Michiganders. Version of *The Traverse Region* book printed in 1884: <https://quod.lib.umich.edu/m/micounty/>

- Michiganology: Michigan history website that has death records from 1897 to 1952, census, military, immigration, county records, photos, maps, and more. <https://michiganology.org/>
- Internet Archive: a non-profit library of millions of free books, movies, software, music, websites, and more. <https://archive.org/>
- Digital Michigan Newspaper Portal from Central Michigan University (provides links to free digitized Michigan newspapers.) <https://www.cmich.edu/library/clarke/Pages/Michigan-Digital-Newspaper-Portal.aspx>
- Google's Newspaper Archive: <https://news.google.com/newspapers>
- Google's Book Database: <https://books.google.com/>
- Library of Congress Digitized Newspaper Database: <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>
- Library of Congress Maps Database (Includes Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps of Charlevoix County) <https://www.loc.gov/maps/collections/>
- Searchable Map Database (Includes various maps of Michigan, including 1930 Charlevoix Co. Plat Map): <http://www.historicmapworks.com/>
- How to read and what information you can find on United States Census Records: https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Beginning_Research_in_United_States_Census_Records
- Free early Canadian census records: <http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/census/Pages/census.aspx>
- FamilySearch – Free census records, marriage, death, etc.: <https://www.familysearch.org/en/united-states/>
- Find A Grave – The World's largest searchable gravesite collection: <https://www.findagrave.com/>
- WikiTree – Where genealogists collaborate: <https://www.wikitree.com/>

Helpful Genealogy YouTube Channels

- Genealogy TV - <https://www.youtube.com/@GenealogyTV>
- Genealogy with Amy Johnson Crow - <https://www.youtube.com/@AmyJohnsonCrow>
- Lisa Luise Cooke's Genealogy Gems - <https://www.youtube.com/user/GenealogyGems>
- Family History Fanatics - <https://www.youtube.com/@FamilyHistoryFanatics>