The Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways is known for its immense collection of historic records and documents. This collection of documents focuses primarily on the bands now identified as the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan. A great majority of our community history is held in a collection indexed by the “Calendar of Research.” This material was compiled under contract with Dr. James McClurken, an ethnohistorian who specializes in the Great Lakes area.

Some of the items are held in multiple formats, including the treaties pertaining to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, which can be found in Kappler's Indian Affairs: Laws and Treaties, three by five inch transparencies, hand written copies, and typed transcription.

RARE & SPECIAL BOOK COLLECTION

- Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society (42 volumes including two indexes)
- The History of Saginaw County, and several other local community history publications
- Wilbert B. Hinsdale books titled Archaeological Atlas of Michigan, 1931, Primitive Man in Michigan, The First People of Michigan, and The Indians of Washtenaw County Michigan
- O-GI-MAW-KWE MIT-I-GWA-KI (Queen of the Woods) by Chief Pokegon
- George Copway's Recollections of a Forest Life: Or, the Life and Travels of Kah-ge-ga-gah-bowh
- John C. Wright’s Stories of the Crooked Tree
- Clarence Monroe Burton’s Governor and Judges Journal, Proceedings of the Land Board of Detroit, EARLY DETROIT, A Sketch of Some of the Interesting Affairs of the Olden Time
- The Journal Of Pontiac’s Conspiracy 1763
- Ojibwa Religion and the Midewiwin by Ruthe Landes

PERIODICALS (various issues of all)

- The Tribal Observer
- ISABELLA COUNTY ENTERPRISE issues from 1875, 1876, 1879, 1898, 1899, 1912, 1918, 1926
- News from Indian Country
- American Indian Report: Indian Country's News Magazine
- Masinaigan: A Chronicle of the Lake Superior Ojibwe
- Lac du Flambeau News: Wisconsin Monthly Native Newspaper
- Michigan Indian Quarterly
- Native American Report: The Independent News Source on Native American Issues
- The Morning Sun

PHOTOGRAPHS AND SMALL COLLECTIONS

Photographs donated by families within the community such as Graveratte, Pontiac, Pego, Pelcher, Ritter, Laban, Wabagkeck, Otto, James, Ash, Gage, Jackson, and many others. The images are contained in formats from postcards and tintypes to electronic scans.

- Alice Littlefield - photos, books, clippings, etc.
- Mark Keller - 3 boxes of background files from some of his research
- Elmer B. Simonds Collection

CONSIDER DONATIONS TO THE ARCHIVES...

The Ziibiwing Center is equipped with state of the art systems for securing and preserving each individual piece of the collection.

- Security system with alarms
- Collections are monitored on video surveillance cameras
- Material is stored in acid-free boxes, tissue, folders, etc.
- 12 fire-proof file cabinets
- Mobile shelving units with enamel paint
- 2 flat map cabinets
- Collections are maintained under ideal environmental control for long life
The Nindakenjigewinoong Research Center, though not a genealogical repository, can be useful in searching family histories. Some materials of use when compiling a family history include:

- Allotment rolls
- Census rolls
- Annuity rolls
- The Gruett List
- Durant Roll and field notes on microfilm
- Approximately 70 probate (land record) files
- A manuscript by Dorothy L. Dinsmore entitled "Totems and Trees"
- Library Edition of HeritageQuest

**COMPUTER BANK**

Public access computers which allow you to:

- Search the internet on your own or by using bookmarked sites. Subject matter includes: Ojibwa language, ethnobotany, Indian boarding schools, Three Fires culture and history
- Investigate current news on North American Indian media sites
- Access genealogical sites on the internet and historic documents containing family history information
- Email your notes to an outside account
- Listen to Ojibwe language audio programs while consulting with our Ojibwemowin Language Specialist

**ENVIRONMENT AND EQUIPMENT**

- Black and white printer for computer bank users
- Copy machine
- Microfilm machine
- Work tables and seating for approximately 22
- Electric and internet access via floor ports for laptop users

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