

COLLECTIONS AT THE GUSTAFSON RESEARCH CENTER

The following materials are available for researchers to use to study the history of Batavia or a Batavia family.

The Batavia Historian

The newsletter of the historical society. Issues are available for the years 1960-2000. Indexed

Bethany Lutheran Church Records (Microfilm)

History of Church, Family Information.

Biographical file with over 800 family histories

Books, papers, photographs, and museum displays about Batavia history, including Military, School, Churches, Clubs and Organizations, Businesses and Industries, Bernard Cigrand and Flag Day, Special Events, Athletic Groups, Medical, Miscellaneous Topics

Circuit Court Records for Batavia and Batavia Township 1860-1960. Original. Indexed

City Directories

Assorted years. Earliest is 1857
Batavia City Directory, 1859-60

Civil War Histories

Books and letters from soldiers Family Diaries and Histories, including Newton genealogy and Papers, and others. Miscellaneous family trees.

Fermilab History

Index of 50 scrapbooks.

Miscellaneous newspaper clippings. 1900-1995. Contains many obituaries, wedding announcements, wedding anniversaries, and profiles of servicemen during World War II.

Kane County Directory on CD.

Kane County History, including other county cities

Kane County Census Records

(Federal) -some indexes and all microfilm from 1840 to 1920

Kane County Marriages Indexes 1840-1900

Lincoln, Abraham and Mary Todd assorted materials. Some records of Mary's stay at Bellevue. Has furniture used by Mary Lincoln while in Bellevue. Plus other Bellevue information.

Microfilm of Indexes of Kane County Genealogical Society These are name indexes of data bases compiled by the KCGS

Microfilm of Illinois Census 1855 and 1865

Probate Records for Batavia and Batavia Township.
1860-1960. Original. Indexed

Railroad History

Books and miscellaneous pamphlets and documents

Structure History Miscellaneous records of business buildings and residences in the city. Some abstracts

Township and City documents Assorted miscellaneous

Telephone Directories City phone directories for various years particularly the 1920s and assorted others

Windmill Herald (Batavia Newspaper)

Microfilm and CD (Indexed) July 1982-August 1998

Windmill History Books, catalogs, advertisements, and miscellaneous information about the big three manufacturers, Appleton Company, Challenge Company, U. S. Wind Engine and Pump Company