

# Areas of Interest

Current as of June 1, 2023

*Please note that this list is not all inclusive and may be subject to change. Please contact us if you have any questions about your donation!*

## Physical Communities

- Coloma
- Watervliet
- Stevensville
- Bridgman
- Lakeside
- New Buffalo
- Grand Beach
- Three Oaks
- Galien
- Buchanan
- Townships, census designated spaces, and unincorporated communities

## Social Communities

- Women & Girls
- African American
- Asian American
- Native American\*
- Latinx American
- LGBTQ+
- Disability
- Religious

## Subject Specific

- Pioneer history
  - Log cabins & early housing
  - Frontier living & needs
  - Land grants & property deeds
- Agricultural
  - Centennial & Sesquicentennial farms
  - Roadside stands & markets
  - Crops & livestock
  - Environmental & scientific developments
- Environmental
  - Lakes, rivers, & other waterways
  - Ecological biomes

- Plants & animals
- Scientific advancements
- Gardening & foraging
- Law & Order
  - General county legal history
  - Lawyers & the Bar Association
  - Local laws & ordinances
  - Courthouses
  - Police departments & other first responders
  - Jails & arrest records, including photography
- Tourism & Recreation
  - Hotels & motels
  - Resorts, with special focus on minority or immigrant owned
  - Amusement parks & entertainment facilities
  - Ecotourism (hiking, boating, fishing, etc.)
  - Agrotourism (u-picks, etc.)
  - Heritage Tourism (museums, historic sites, etc.)
  - Parks, including state, county, local, & private
  - Sports teams, professional & amateur
- Business
  - Home-based businesses (no MLMs)
  - Retail, big & small
  - Restaurant & food services, big & small
  - Manufacturing, big & small
  - Businesses that fall in other categories
  - Union & labor rights
  - Advertisements & promotional products
  - Products & packaging
  - Corporate files (all kinds)
  - Corporate-owned employee clubs (i.e. company baseball team)
- Community Groups
  - Churches & communes,
  - Social groups, such as Freemason
  - Benevolent societies
  - Youth groups & clubs (i.e. scouts)
  - Membership associations
  - Social clubs (i.e. DANK)
  - Sports teams and similar clubs
- Education
  - Pre-school & daycares
  - K-12, including rural schools (1 – 3 room schoolhouses)
  - College & university,
  - Trade schools
  - Certification programs

- Libraries
- Educational supply companies
- Medical:
  - Hospitals & private practice
  - Maternity wards
  - Health department
  - Pandemics & epidemics (i.e. COVID-19, Spanish Flu, AIDS etc.)
  - Pharmacy
  - Nursing
  - EMS & first responder
- Entertainment
  - Theater & concert venues
  - Musicians & musical groups
  - Theater companies & actors (local or national)
- Events
  - Blossomtime Activities (pageants, parades, etc.)
  - Berrien County Youth Fair
  - Community Fairs & Festivals
  - Senior PGA Tournament
  - Art on the Bluff Event
  - Parades
  - Holiday events (i.e. Kindle Your Christmas Spirit)
  - Defunct events (i.e. St. Joseph Venetian Night)
- Home Front
  - Civil War
  - Spanish American War
  - WW1
  - WW2
  - Korea
  - Vietnam
  - Gulf War (1990)
  - Balkans Conflict
  - Iraq/ Afghanistan
  - Ukrainian invasion
- Military Conflicts\*\*
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- Military History\*\*
  - Battalions, platoons, & special corps
  - Training camps
  - POW and internment camps
  - Minority-dominated battalions, platoons, & special corps

\*Native American artifacts must be authenticated if not coming directly from tribal members, please see our not see Items Not Needed list for the full roster

\*\*The BCHA does not collect random military items, please see our Items Not Needed list for what we are not accepting at this time