

SERVICES

Inquiries

Research correspondence and inquiries concerning the collection should be directed to the Curator of the History Room & Archive. Research requests take on average 7-14 days depending on the complexity of the request.

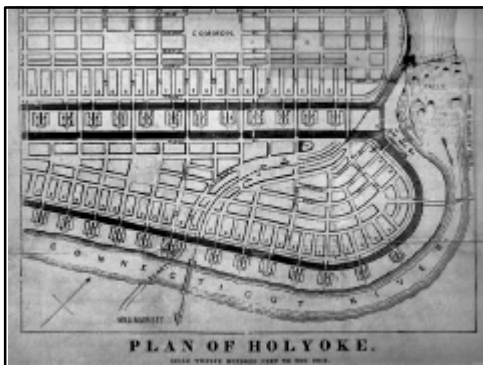
Obituary requests require full name, and exact date of death. As part of a public library there is no charge for information requests only for copies and scans. (photocopies/scans \$0.10 each, microfilm prints \$0.25 each)

Access to Materials

The materials in the History Room & Archive are non-circulating. Photocopying or scanning of selected materials is available to patrons visiting the facility.

Walk-in Use

Patrons are asked to bring their own writing materials with them (notepads, pencils, etc...) **Please, No Pens, Food, Drinks or Chewing Gum.**



DONATIONS

Materials

The History Room is interested in acquiring manuscript material, photographs and other organizational records from individuals, families, businesses, and other organizations. Donated materials must be clean of mildew; physically stable; and fall within our Collecting policy. The donation will be discussed with the donor and reviewed by the curator and, if accepted, become the property of the Holyoke Public Library History Room & Archive and will be made publicly available for research.

All cash donations, and gifts-in-kind are greatly appreciated as well, and help keep the History Room functioning.

Call Ahead for Exact Weekly Schedule

☎ 413-552-2842 ☎

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| Monday | 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. |
| Monday Eve. | 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. |
| Tuesday | 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. |
| Wednesday | closed |
| Thursday | 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. |
| Friday | 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. |
| Saturday | By Appointment |

Send Research/Obit Requests to:

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Holyoke Public Library

HISTORY ROOM & ARCHIVE



Temporarily housed at

**Holyoke Community College
Donahue Room 204
303 Homestead Avenue
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COLLECTIONS

The Holyoke Public Library History Room & Archive houses extensive collections that focus on Holyoke's unique history as it has developed as a planned city. The collections are available and preserved for use in scholarly and genealogical research.

Census Records

Holyoke, MA : 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1890, 1900, 1910, 1920

City Directories

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| Microfilm | 1882 to 1960 |
| Print | 1869, 1873-76, 1882-1991 |
| Street Lists | 1986-2000 |

City/Municipal Records

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| Town of Holyoke | 1850 to 1873 |
| City of Holyoke | 1874 to 1968 |

Newspapers (on Microfilm)

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|------------------------|----------------|
| Holyoke Transcript | 1882-Jan. 1926 |
| Holyoke Telegram | 1912 to 1922 |
| Transcript-Telegram | 1926 to 1993 |
| Springfield Union News | 1993-Ongoing |
| La Justice (French) | 1909 to 1944 |

Holyoke Vital Statistics

Births, Marriages, Deaths

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| Microfiche | 1850-1900 |
| Print | to 1850 |

Map Collection

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| Farms to Hadley Falls Co. | 1846-1849 |
| Richard's Atlas of Holyoke | 1911 |
| Sanborn Map of Holyoke | 1895 |
| Arial Photograph of Holyoke | 1985 |

Holyoke High School Yearbook Collection

1915 to the present.

COLLECTIONS

General History Resources

Books and materials that relate principally to Holyoke history, including local biographies, industry histories, geological and environmental overviews, as well as books about surrounding towns in Hampshire and Hampden counties.

Local History

Topical and Biographical materials collected on Holyoke community events, organizations, and resident families. These folders are readily available for browsing.

Holyoke Photo Collection

Views; Bridges, Dams, Canals, River; 1927& 1936 Floods; Mt. Tom; Mountain Park; Landmark Buildings; Schools; Churches; Mills, Factories; Apartments; Residences; Interiors: Homes, Factories; Businesses; Transportation; Associations; People; Bands.

Holyoke Postcard Collection

This collection contains over 500 postcards from Holyoke's Past.

Holyoke Street Railway Collection

8x10 photos, Photo cards, Track Layout Maps, Audio Visual Footage on VHS

Ella Merkel DiCarlo Collection

This collection includes 8500 note cards on Holyoke historical topics, arranged alphabetically, and kept in a card file.



SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Special Collections are held in a separate, environmentally controlled on-site repository. Access to items in these collections require a request made two days prior to your visit in order to have them available.

Milan P. Warner Collection

358 photographic prints made from glass-plate negatives taken by Milan P. Warner (1848-1903), photographer, who had a studio in Holyoke during the 1880's and 1890's. Due to their delicate condition the glass-plate negatives are not generally available to the public.

John Olsen Collection

Olsen completed 49 original pen and ink drawings of Holyoke Landmarks in 1973 for Holyoke's Centennial Celebration.

Parsons Paper Collection

Parsons Paper Company was Holyoke's first paper mill. The success of Parsons laid the foundation for subsequent paper mills and for Holyoke to become known as "Paper City." This collection contains early business records, paper samples, artifacts and photographs.

White & Wyckoff Collection

The White and Wyckoff Manufacturing Company created fine stationary products in Holyoke. This is an excellent example of the strength of the paper making industry in the city. This collection of materials traces the White and Wyckoff Manufacturing Company from its origins in 1889 when it was called Smith & White. It consists of six containers of material covering all aspects of their business.

Holyoke Savings Bank Collection

This collection banks records dates back to 1855 and includes journals, ledgers, scrapbooks, history, early accounts, officers, and photographs.

And much more...