Resources at the Gallatin History Museum Research Library

Archives Collection
1000s of documents and archival materials related to Gallatin County. These items include: programs, diaries, letters, reports, ephemera, diplomas, scrapbooks, sheet music, city/county documents, and more.

Library Collection
100s of books, pamphlets, and magazines on Gallatin County and Montana. These include a complete collection of Montana The Magazine of Western History and the Gallatin History Quarterly.

Genealogy Collection
100s of family history books written and assembled by and about Gallatin County families.

Photograph Collection:
20,000 images of historic homes, people, businesses, events, buildings, and places in Gallatin County and southwest Montana.

Real Estate Photograph Collection:
7 photo file boxes of photographs of Gallatin County properties and homes, mostly taken in the 1990s. Uncatalogued but organized by street.

Gallatin History Museum Vertical Files:
1000s of vertical files for Gallatin County families, businesses, and places. These files contain obituaries, newspaper articles, genealogies, research papers, and notes.

Bozeman Polk City Directories:

Newspapers
Complete collection of Courier (Bozeman) newspapers from 1871-1953. Also included are a few years of the Bozeman Chronicle and the Gallatin County Tribune and Belgrade Journal.

Maps
Over 300 Gallatin County and Montana-related maps.
High School and University Annuals


Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps:
Original Belgrade – 1896
Original Belgrade/Bozeman – 1912 (corrected 1923)
Original Bozeman – 1927 with corrections (last correction 1958)
Copies of Bozeman maps: 1884, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1904, 1913, 1927, 1946 (update of 1927)
Original Manhattan – 1912 (corrected 1922)

MSU Student Architecture Projects Collection:
140+ student architecture projects from MSU Architecture Professor John DeHaas. These student projects were mostly created in the 1960s and 1970s and contain structure history, drawings, photographs, and architectural survey worksheets.

Gallatin County Property Abstract Collection:
600+ abstracts for properties around Gallatin County, including Bozeman, Belgrade, Manhattan, Salesville, Three Forks, West Yellowstone, Willow Creek, and rural areas. This collection is organized by Community, Addition, Block, and Lot for properties in towns, and by Township, Range, and Section for rural areas.

Oral History Collection/Audio Recording
Over 150 oral history interviews and audio recordings. Many have been transcribed.

Gallatin County Records Collection
100s of miscellaneous Gallatin County documents on the following topics: Sheriff’s Office, Poor Farm, Police Department, welfare, voter registration, crime records, court cases, mining records, bonds, jail records, and more. (Please note: this is not a complete collection. Many other records exist in other locations in Gallatin County.)