

Below is a sample of some of the great resources we have in the LOCAL HISTORY CENTRE.

548,173 items in the Windsor Public Library local history/archives collection, including:

Newspapers

Detroit and Amherstburg;
Windsor Star, full run since 1888- ; a fire in 1887 destroyed all copies of previous versions

School Yearbooks

Many local high schools, including Herman, Riverside, Brennan, Massey, Assumption, and closed schools like Patterson and Guppy Commercial
Selected University of Windsor, Assumption College, and St. Clair College

Company annual reports

Hiram Walker, Detroit-Canada Bridge company

Land registry deeds – nearly 500,000 property deeds, 1867-1965

Personal letters and diaries

Index to Windsor Star

Genealogy resources: census records, BMD (birth, marriage, death) records, church registers, baptismal records.

UNIQUE ITEMS

Dominion Public Building – Architectural Drawings

Architects: Sheppard & Mason, John E. Trace, G. Buller-Colhurst Associated Architects
Date: 9 March 1932
Drawings made of Linen
44 sheets in the set.

Maps

Fire Insurance Plan – entire City of Windsor + Ojibway, Riverside and South Windsor which were not part of Windsor at that time

Creator: Underwriters' Survey Bureau Limited
Date: revised September 1937 from original plan completed in July 1920
Two volume set
Map No. 14 shows the location of the Windsor Public Library Carnegie Branch at the corner of Victoria Avenue and Park Street West.
These maps are the most used items in the archives.
Series of street maps of Windsor illustrating its growth and development from 1800 to 1982

School yearbooks

38 schools from Windsor and Essex County from 1927...