

# Genealogy

MRML has an internationally recognized collection of genealogy and local history materials.

While the strength of the collection focuses primarily on the history of the Palatine Germans, it is also reflective of the history of the Mohawk Valley and in a broader respect, the history of New York State.

The collection includes county histories, church records, cemetery records, scrapbooks and individual family histories.

Also available is the St. Johnsville Enterprise and News newspaper dating from 1901. An obituary, marriage, and birth index has been compiled and is continually maintained. In addition, during the 1920s, 30s, and 40s, the Enterprise and News routinely published genealogical column about many Mohawk Valley families and related local history articles.

You are welcome to use the collection onsite or contact the library to see how we can best facilitate your request.



## Museum

In addition to providing traditional library services, MRML houses a remarkable museum. The museum features an outstanding collection of fine art, sculpture, and historically significant memorabilia reflecting the rich cultural heritage of the Mohawk Valley.

Included are over 50 paintings by European and American artists, bronze sculptures, and a Tabriz Palace carpet.

Additional exhibits highlight the Erie Canal, Civil War, Palatine Germans, minerals, antique farm and carpentry tools and a pictorial history of St. Johnsville and its citizens.

The Reaney Library is also home to the Robert Hartley Collection featuring powder horns and sketches, military buttons, and archeological artifacts.

Pictured below is Trustee and Museum Committee Chairman Mat Rapacz with a St. Johnsville made meloharp.



You can check out some of the collection in our online catalogue here.

<http://www.mvls.info/lhg/margaret/index.html>