I. Statewide sources for primary and secondary materials

Public Libraries

www.wplc.info/map.html (linked map of library systems)
There are 388 public libraries in Wisconsin in 17 different regional library systems. They all hold local histories, some dating back to the late 19th century, and many have censuses, local newspapers on microfilm, and city directories.

Some regional systems and local libraries have developed their own local history and genealogical catalogs. For example, OWLSnet, a consortium of northeastern Wisconsin libraries, has developed a rich local history page in its InfoSoup website, http://info.infosoup.org/localhistory.asp. Amongst other things, the page lists libraries with local history collections and locally created newspaper and obituary indexes. It also has easy links to on-line census databases. See http://info.infosoup.org/dir/ for a list of member libraries.

Area Research Centers (ARC)

http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/libraryarchives/arcnet/
Fourteen Wisconsin Area Research Centers across the state hold historical sources.

Wisconsin GenWeb

http://www.rootsweb.com/~wigenweb/index.html
A genealogical website for Wisconsin put together by volunteers and organized by counties. Types of sources vary by county and energy of volunteers.

University of Wisconsin Digital Collections

http://digicoll.library.wisc.edu/WI/
To search by county, click “Search collections,” then click “Atlas Search” on top bar to bring up a map of the state. You can then search the county of choice.

Wisconsin Historical Society

http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/
The site is a tremendous resource for anyone interested in Wisconsin history. Specific areas to check out are:
• “Turning Points in Wisconsin History,” collections of primary documents, images, artifacts, lesson plans, activities, and essays arranged by themes, http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/turningpoints/
• “Wisconsin Historical Images,” http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/whi/
Maps
County Register of Deeds and/or Planning Department. Plat maps. Call ahead. See http://www.wrdaonline.org/ListOfOffices/Index.htm to find Register of Deeds by county.


Wisconsin Blue Books http://digital.library.wisc.edu/1711.dl/WI.WIBlueBks and your local public library. Many editions also provide a special article focusing on either a natural feature or some social aspect about the state. For an index of these special articles through the years, see the following lists: for 1919-1933, look in the 1954 Blue Book, p. 177-182; for 1935-1962, look in the 1964 Blue Book, p. 227-232; for 1960-2001, look in the 2003/04 Blue Book, p. 175-176.

Historic Buildings

Wisconsin Architecture & History Inventory, http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/ahi/. Many historic buildings and sites in your area are listed in this searchable database.

National Register of Historic Places in Wisconsin, http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/hp/register/list.asp Searchable database includes both state and nationally registered historic places. A nationally registered historic place is at least 50 years old, has retained its integrity (original design and location), and has met at least one of four criteria: 1) associated with an historic event, 2) associated with a significant person or people, 3) represents a distinctive architectural design or construction, 4) has information potential about the past (e.g. archaeological sites).

II. Region-specific resources
On-line Censuses
Many regional library systems subscribe to online census databases AncestryLibrary or HeritageQuest. To see a map of the library systems, go to www.wplc.info/map.html. For all regions, click on their member lists to see if your local library is a member.

Northern Waters Library Services - http://nwls.wislib.org/ Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Sawyer, Vilas, Washburn
• Ancestry Library edition. Access limited to in-library use at any NWLS library. Click on site for list of public libraries.

Indianhead Federated Library System - www.more.lib.wi.us/
MORE Libraries: Barron, Chippewa, Dunn, Eau Claire, Pepin, Pierce, Price, Polk, Rusk, St. Croix
- Ancestry Library edition. Some libraries within IFLS subscribe to this on-line site, but access is limited to in-library use only. Check with your local library.
- HeritageQuest. Can be used with a MORE library card number from any internet-accessible computer. Go to http://www.more.lib.wi.us/ or your public library’s address.

Wisconsin Valley Library Services - http://wvls.lib.wi.us/
Clark, Forest, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida, Taylor
- Ancestry Library edition. Access limited to in-library use at any WVLS library. Click on website for list of member public libraries.
- HeritageQuest. Can only be used with a WVLS library from any internet accessible computer. Go to http://wvls.lib.wi.us/Databases/ElectronicDatabase.html, and scroll down to Heritage Quest.

Nicolet Federated Library System - www.nfls.lib.wi.us/
Brown, Door, Florence, Kewaunee, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, Shawano
- HeritageQuest. Can be used with a NFLS library from any internet accessible computer. Go to http://www.nfls.lib.wi.us/elec_source.htm, click on Heritage Quest.

Outagamie Waupaca Library System - www.owlsweb.info/
Outagamie, Waupaca
- HeritageQuest. Can be used with any OWLS library card from any Internet accessible computer. Go to http://info.infosoup.org/localhistory.asp, click on Heritage Quest.

Winding Rivers Library System - www.wrlsweb.org/
Buffalo, Jackson, La Crosse, Monroe, Trempealeau, Vernon
- No regional subscription to either database. Check with your local library because there may be local exceptions. The Black River Falls Public Library does have access to HeritageQuest.

Southwest Wisconsin Library Services - http://www.swls.org/
Crawford, Grant, Iowa, Lafayette, Richland
- No regional subscription to either database. Check with your local library because there may be local exceptions.

South Central Library System - http://www.scls.info/
Adams, Dane, Columbia, Green, Portage, Sauk, Wood
- Ancestry Library edition. Access limited to in-library use at any SCLS library. Click on site for list of public libraries.
- HeritageQuest. Can be used with an SCLS library card from any Internet accessible computer. Go to www.scls.info/resources/name.html

Historical Sites – a sampling of places recommended by fellows in the MAMA program
CESA 3

**Folklore Village**
3210 County Rd BB, Dodgeville, WI 53533
608-924-4000
http://www.folklorevillage.org/t2/node/1

**Little Norway**
3576 Hwy JG North, Blue Mounds, WI 53517
608-437-8211
http://www.littlenorway.com/

**Pendarvis**
114 Shake Rag Street, P.O. Box 270, Mineral Point, WI 53565
608-987-2122
http://pendarvis.wisconsinhistory.org/

**Platteville Mining Museum & Rollo Jamison Museum**
405 E. Main Street, P.O. Box 780, Platteville, WI 53818
(608) 348-3301
http://mining.jamison.museum/

**St. John Mine**
P.O. Box 155, Potosi, WI 53820
608-763-2121

**Villa Louis**
P.O. Box 65, 521 Villa Louis Road, Prairie du Chien, WI 53821-0065
608-326-2721
http://villalouis.wisconsinhistory.org/

CESA 4

**Norskedalen**
P.O. Box 235, Coon Valley, WI 54623
608-452-3424
http://www.norskedalen.org/index.asp

CESA 5

**Historic Point Basse / Wakely House**
P.O. Box 295, Nekoosa, WI 54457-0295
715-886-4202
http://www.historicpointbasse.com/index.html

CESA 8

**Camp 5 Museum**
P.O. Box 5, Laona, WI 54541
715-674-3414
http://www.camp5museum.org/
Pioneer Park History House  
32 11th Street, Clintonville, WI 54929

CESA 10
Bohemian Fraternal Hall  
11787 250th Street, Cadott, WI 54727 

Chippewa Valley Museum  
P.O. 1204, Eau Claire, WI 54702  
http://www.cvmuseum.com

CESA 11
Rassbach Heritage Museum  
1820 Wakanda Street, P.O. Box 437, Menomonie, Wisconsin 54751  
(715) 232-8685  
http://www.discover-net.net/~dchs/sitehm.html

CESA 12
Little Finland  
P.O. Box 352, Hurley, WI 54534  
715-561-4360  
http://www.littlefinland.com/

Washburn Cultural Center  
1 East Bayfield Street, P.O. Box 725, Washburn WI 54891  
715-373-5591  
http://washburnculturalcenter.art.officelive.com/default.aspx

Your local historical organization: To find a historical organization in your area, go to  
http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/localhistory/directory/regionsearch.asp (map of 360  
local historical organizations affiliated with the Wisconsin Historical Society).