

Brown County, Minnesota
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[The Wiki for Brown County can be found here.](#) [wikiwand]

Brown County Townships & Villages
 History, Formation, Misc Info
 "History of Brown County, Minnesota," 1916, Fritsche, L A
[Chapter VIII Pages 298-345](#)

Townships	Townships
Albin	Lake Hanska
Bashaw	Leavenworth
Burnstown	Linden
Cottonwood	Milford
Eden	Mulligan
Home	North Star
	Prairieville
Cities:	Sigel
Sleepy Eye [aka "Loreno & S/E Lake"]	Stark
	Stately
Villages:	Villages:
Comfrey	Essig [Hamlet within Milford]
Springfield	Evan
Searles	Corden
Hanska	Bedford

[Brown County Historical Society](#) [Massive amount of Resources, but no Online Links]



Biographies ~ Books

"American Women : The official who's who among the women of the nation"
 by Howes, Durward, 1899-
 Publication date, 1937 - V2

There are two interesting Indexes: Geographical, Occupational
 There is one page of Necrology [Names, no Dates, A - K]
[The Index for Minnesota and Missouri is Here](#)
[Read Online or Download \[Archive.org\]](#)

"Personal Recollections

Of
 Minnesota and Its People"
 Early History of Minneapolis
 John H Stevens, Minneapolis, Minn, 1890
[The Index is Here](#) ~ [Read Online or Download](#)

"History of Brown County, Minnesota
 Its People, Industries And Institutions "
 L. A. Fritsche, M D, Editor
 With Biographical Sketches Of Representative Citizens And
 Genealogical Records Of Many Of The Old Families
 Volumes I & II, 1916
 B. F. Bowen & Company, Inc.
 Indianapolis, Indiana
[The Index is Here: Historical and Biographical](#)

"History of the Minnesota Valley"
 By Rev. Edward D Neill
 Minneapolis:
 North Star Publishing Company: 1882
[Index for the whole book](#)
[The book can be downloaded here](#), it is full of great information.
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"Who's Who in Minnesota"
 1958: Centennial Edition
 Lithographed in USA
 Brown Printing Co., Waseca, Minn.

[The Index is Here](#) ~ [Brown County Pages are Here](#)
[The book can be downloaded here.](#)

"Memorial Record
of
Southwestern Minnesota"
Chicago: The Lewis Publishing Company, 1897
[Brown County Pages are Here](#)
[The Index is Here](#) ~ [Read Online or Download](#)

"History of the Great Northwest and it's Men of Progress"
CGW Hyde, 1901
Pub: The Minneapolis Journal - [The Index is here.](#)
[Read Online or Download](#)

"Appleton's Cyclopaedia of American Biography "
by Wilson, James Grant, 1832-1914; Fiske, John, 1842-1901
Publication date 1900
[Appleton Review](#) ~ [Archive.org](#) [All Volumes]

[Blue Earth County](#) is a Neighbor, be sure to check there for Biographies
[Nicollet County](#) is also a Neighbor:
The FS Wiki has a long list of Biographical Information for Minnesota / [Use this link](#)



More Historical Resources
There are a lot of books that have been written about Minnesota,
many of them have information
about Individuals who either were born or who lived there for a time.
Using " Minnesota History" on the [Archive.org Site](#) gives these results.

I found two books written about [Swedish Immigrants in Minnesota.](#)
They are chock full of very interesting information: Biographies & Genealogies



Historical Maps
[Plat Map - 1916](#): Brown County
Click on Township of Interest, a Plat with Land / Property Owners names pops up.

[Perry - Castaneda Collection](#) ~ [David Rumsey Collection](#)
Note: The Rumsey Collection now has a 'Search Text in Maps' feature
[MN Department of Natural Resources](#) ~ [Railroad Maps](#)
More...
[From the Alabama Collection](#) ~ [Earthquake Fault Maps](#)
[UWM Libraries Digital Collections](#) ~ [Humboldt State University Map Collection](#) ~ [Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps](#) ~ [MapGoose](#)
[Surveyors Maps: 1850's \[Base Maps\]](#) [Click on 'Download County' at left]
[Maplandia for Minnesota](#)



Queries, Mail Lists, Lookup Volunteers
[Cyndi's List has a list of Sites that may be used for posting Queries](#)

This is the Mail List for Minnesota: [iogroups, Minnesota](#)

Lookup Volunteers and "Help Wanted"
Types of Lookups: Obituaries ~ Books about Brown County
Military Records ~ City Directories
Please contact [Martha](#) if you have access to any of the above resources.

I have access to the following Subscription Databases and am happy to do limited lookups:

and... ['History Hub' = New Lookup Service](#)
Search for Living People: [Zaba Search](#)
And [RAOGK](#)



>>>New<<<
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Also New... [Tutorial on How to Search PDF Books and Publications on the Archive.org Site](#)

["Minnesota Medical Magazine"](#) [Archive Link]
[Here is the Link at the Harvard Library, all of the Issues are linked to the Archive.org Site](#)

Volume 17-25 (1897-1905) of *Northwestern Lancet*,
26-31 (1906-1911) of the *Journal of the Minnesota State Medical Association and Northwestern Lancet*,
32-43, 45, 48-84, 86-88 (1912-1923, 1925, 1928-1964, 1966-1968) of *Journal-Lancet*,
and
1-83 (1918-2000) of *Minnesota Medicine* are available online
Owned and Published by [The Minnesota Medical Association](#)

There are three 'Versions' beginning with the:
"Journal Lancet" [3 Issues]
"The Journal
Of The

Minnesota State Medical Association
The Northwestern Lancet" [9 Issues]

Then the final Version: "Minnesota Medical Magazine" [Still in Publication]

These Magazines vary widely in Topic, but the baseline is Medical in Nature.

When I began digging into them I discovered a unique window into Minnesota's Medical History.
There Journal Articles about Diseases, Maladies, Surgical Procedures, along with the growth of
the Medical Industry.

There is such a wide variety, it was difficult to figure out what to share and leave the rest of the
information

for the Individual Researcher to glean.

I have parsed out the Indexes: [Please use this Link](#)

Along with the Indexes, there are Obituaries and Memorials.

Some of the Memorials were lengthy: [They can be found Here](#)

The Minnesota Medical Association has the Authority to prosecute persons who violate their
laws.

In almost every Volume there were Criminal Prosecutions.

[Some of the Cases were included on the pages with the memoirs](#)

Because there were dozens of Magazines to go through, I created Yearly Sections of Information
Indexes, Medical Rosters, Memorials, Obituaries, Articles

[1904 - 1950](#) ~ [1951 - 1960](#) ~ [1961 - 1970](#) ~ [1971 - 1975](#) ~ [1976 - 1999](#)

Lastly, There were Histories of Medicine written for some Counties:

The Chart Below gives the Year when the Article was Written and the Name of The MN County
There are also Articles on Homeopathic Medicine, Lake Superior, Missabe Range, Pioneer
Doctors .

Also a History of the MN Medical Association and Early MN Hospitals

[Please Use This Link for the County Histories](#)

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Medical Directories:
"Medical and Surgical Directory
of The United States"
R L Polk & Co, Publishers,

Military Information is also included in these Books.

Such As...

Officers Of the Medical Department of the United States Army And Hospital Stewards.

Medical Corps of the United States Navy

Medical Officers Of the U. S. Marine Hospital Service.

Including Acting Assistant Surgeons And Hospital Stewards.

[Note: There Directories for the following years:](#) Scroll [Archive.org Site]

Years: 1886, 1890, 1893, 1896, 1898, 1900, 1902, 1904, 1906, 1908, 1910, 1912, 1917

The National Archives has a really nice set of digitized records that can be freely accessed.

[Please use this link for access.](#)



Family Search "Collections"

There is a wealth of Family and Historical information contained on the FamilySearch WebSite.

It can be overwhelming to try and figure out where to start.

[Here is the link to all of the Collections](#) for Minnesota

And a specific Set of Records

"Minnesota, Church Records, 1798-1991"

Family Search Database: [Please use this Link](#)



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