

Doing Research at the Mount Gretna Area Historical Society Jack Bitner Library & Research Center

Unlock Mount Gretna's Past

Mount Gretna Area Historical Society cares for over 4,000 objects ranging from turn of the century postcards to property information. It is our goal to make most of these materials available to the public for research purposes. By doing so, we hope to spark public interest in Mount Gretna's unique heritage.

Visiting the Jack Bitner Library & Research Center

The Jack Bitner Library & Research Center at Mount Gretna Area Historical Society is an excellent destination for studying materials in our collections. Some of our collections include the Jack Bitner Collection, the Pennsylvania National Guard Collection, or Mount Gretna's Historic Cottages Collection.

HOURS: The Jack Bitner Library & Research Center is open by appointment. We encourage patrons to call (717) 964-1105.

NOTE: Entrance to the Jack Bitner Library & Research Center is to the back-left, down the staircase.

Policies and Procedures

Upon arrival to Mount Gretna Area Historical Society, patrons who wish to conduct research are required to pay a \$5 research fee and deposit all bags and outerwear in provided storage space before entering the library. Patrons are permitted to bring their laptop, pencils, files, books, etc. into the library. Patrons may also wish to familiarize themselves with the research request form and reproduction request form. All reproductions (hardcopy or digital) require payment.

Donation Process

For inquiries or appointments to donate historic materials, please contact our staff at info@mtgretnahistory.org. Your item will be considered for our collection by our Collections Committee upon receipt of a deed of gift. Deeds of gift will be provided to the donor by one of our staff upon initial contact. It may take up to two months for the process to be completed.