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This bibliography provides an overview for Civil War research in the Burton Historical Collection. The BHC contains a wealth of material from the antebellum and Civil War era. Here one can research the history of slavery in Detroit (Michigan outlawed slavery when it became a state in 1837), the local Underground Railroad, and leading Michigan abolitionists Sojourner Truth, Henry Bibb, William Lambert, and George DeBaptiste. One will also find such poignant documents as deeds of manumission, bills of sale, and letters and diaries of Civil War soldiers including James Vernor (of Vernor’s Ginger Ale) and Lorenzo Barnes who’s wife and children were informed of his death near the end of the war in October 1864 as he was about to start for home.

Students and researchers can peruse a nearly complete run of William Lloyd Garrison’s abolitionist newspaper – The Liberator; the papers of Austin Blair, Michigan’s war-time governor; anti-slavery and pro-slavery pamphlets and sermons by national and local notables; a facsimile of the Emancipation Proclamation; an early copy of the 13th Amendment; and photographs of some of Michigan’s regimental units.

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