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Circular No. 15 – Corporation Records

Annual Reports

Each year the foreign and domestic corporations operating in Michigan are required to file with state government reports summarizing their financial status. These statements, prepared on forms issued by the Department of Commerce, reveal such facts as name of firm, post office address, character of business, places of operation, amount of authorized capital stock, value of property owned, cash on hand, and other assets. Also included is information on all debts and liabilities, names and post office addresses of corporate directors, and occasionally, the names and post office addresses of stockholders with data on their respective holdings. Arranged chronologically, then alphabetically by name of corporation.

Indexes to Annual Reports

When you are uncertain of when a company filed for an annual report, please check this index first: Record Group 98-189; years 1840-1980; microfilm reels 9437-9462.

Agency	Record Group	Profit Dates	Reel Numbers	Non-Profit Dates
Corporation and Securities	61-11	1847-1920	1327-1904	
Corporation and Securities	61-11	1920	4810-4818	
Corporation and Securities	61-11	1921-1924	5071-5199	
Corporation and Securities	61-11	1925-1928	5784-5939	
Corporation and Securities	61-11	1927	7865-7912	
Corporation and Securities	61-11	1929-1930	6101-6208	
Corporation and Securities	61-14			1924-1930
Corporation and Securities	62-19	1931	6209-6262	
Corporation and Securities	63-7	1932	6485-6527	
Corporation and Securities	64-6	1933	7192-7236	1933
Corporation and Securities	65-20	1934	7237-7286	1934
Corporation and Securities	66-14	1935	7287-7340	1935
Corporation and Securities	66-26	1935	7287, 7317	
Treasury	67-6	1936	8493-8543	1936
Treasury	68-89	1937		1937
Treasury	70-35	1938-1948		1938-1963
Treasury	70-132			1964
Treasury	71-126			1965
Treasury	72-16			1966
Treasury	74-16	1949-1950		
Treasury	74-9	1951-1953		



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Agency	Record Group	Profit Dates	Reel Numbers	Non-Profit Dates
Commerce	74-63			1967
Commerce	74-52			1968
Commerce	74-62*	1954		
Commerce	75-45*	1955		
Commerce	75-55			1969
Commerce	76-8*	1956		
Commerce	76-9			1970
Commerce	77-23			1971
Commerce	77-24*	1957		
Commerce	78-10	1958		
Commerce	78-12			1972
Commerce	79-16	1959		
Commerce	79-25			1973
Commerce	80-56	1960		
Commerce	80-80			1974
Commerce	81-102			1975
Commerce	82-11			1976
Commerce	82-12	1961		
Commerce	82-13	1962		
Commerce	83-62			1977
Commerce	84-11			1978
Commerce	85-14	1963		
Commerce	85-12	1964		
Commerce	85-13	1965		
Commerce	86-101	1966		
Commerce	89-149	1967		
Commerce	89-152	1968		
Commerce	89-215	1969		
Commerce	90-110	1970		
Commerce	92-430	1971		
Commerce	92-432	1972		
Commerce	94-209	1973		
Commerce	96-194	1974		

^{*} These collections will be found in the Treasury Department binder.

Indexes to Corporations

These records offer name of firm, its location, date of incorporation, and years that annual reports were filed.

Agency	Record Group	Type of Enterprise	Dates
Corporations and Securities	61-11	Profit Corporations	1853-1891
Department of State	84-82	Manufacturer's Abstracts	1854-1891



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Agency	Record Group	Type of Enterprise	Dates
Department of State	84-82	Building and Loan Associations	1887-1930
Corporations and Securities	61-11	Profit Corporations	1892-1898
Corporations and Securities	61-11	Profit Corporations	1899-1904
Corporations and Securities	61-11	Miscellaneous Corporations	1903-1909
Corporations and Securities	61-11	Profit Corporations	1903-1909
Corporations and Securities	61-11	Profit Corporations	1910-1914
Corporations and Securities	61-11	Miscellaneous Corporations	1910-1917
Corporations and Securities	61-11	Profit Corporations	1915-1921
Corporations and Securities	61-11	Miscellaneous Corporations	1918-1921

The most comprehensive index to Michigan corporations is kept at the Corporate Records Information Office, Department of Consumer and Industry Services, 6546 Mercantile Way, P. O. Box 30222, Lansing, 48909, 1-900-555-0031.

Securities Applications

Before businesses could sell stocks, bonds, debentures, or investment funds in Michigan, they had to receive permission from the state's Corporation and Securities office. The applications to sell contain a great deal of information about each firm, and thus can be of value to researchers.

Agency	Record Group	Coverage	Dates	Index
Commerce	70-5	1 - 18,131	1913-1953	Reels 296-272
Commerce	72-47	18,136 - 19,139	1955-1957	None

Expired Trademark Registrations

Consists of "labels, trademarks, and forms of advertisement" for hundreds of U.S. firms from 1894 to 1950. Series 2 of Record Group 70-50 is arranged alphabetically by name of business.

County Records

County	Record Group	Container	Record Type
Antrim	57-19	V1	Articles of Association, 1881-1902
Bay	86-09	V1-7	Articles of Association, 1858-1931
Branch	93-134	V 14-15	Articles of Association, ca. 1870-1900
Charlevoix	90-172	V1-4	Articles of Association, 1869-1969
Cheboygan	54-09	B1	Articles of Association, 1887-1906
Delta	82-117	V1-3	Articles of Association, 1888-1931
Eaton	65-04	V1-3	Articles of Association, 1838-1883
Eaton	65-36	B1	Articles of Association, 1848-1901
Eaton	80-120	V1-5	Articles of Association, 1889-1951
Genesee	81-50	V1-10	Articles of Association, 1841-1935
Grand Traverse	99-65	V1-5, B6-10	Articles of Association, 1902-1978



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County	Record Group	Container	Record Type
Ingham	80-118	V1-5	Articles of Association, 1871-1918
Ionia	66-73	B1-3	Articles of Association, 1837-1923
Kent	65-29	B1-5	Articles of Association, 1845-1900
Montcalm	63-14	B2	Articles of Association, 1855-1894
Muskegon	84-32	V2-11	Articles of Association, 1859-1935
Muskegon	84-32	B9-17	Articles of Association, 1921-1948
Muskegon	84-32	B18	Corporation Annual Reports, 1870-1889
Otsego	67-22	B2-3	Corporation Annual Reports, 1897-1932
Saginaw	67-21	B22	Corporation Annual Reports, 1942-1949
Saginaw	71-131	B4	Articles of Association, 1854-1919
St. Clair	80-63	V1-6	Articles of Association, 1888-1921
St. Clair	80-63	V7	Assumed Names, 1933-1946
St. Clair	83-31	CB22	Articles of Association, 1870-1888
Tuscola	90-157	V23	Assumed Names, 1930-1951
Washtenaw	91-361	All	Articles of Association, 1938-1921

Some business-related records had to be filed at the county level.

