

Archives of Michigan



Eaton County County Research Guide: No. 23

Eaton County was organized in 1837. The county coordinates are Range 3W-6W and Township 1N-4N. Adjacent counties include Clinton (northeast), Ingham (east), Jackson (southeast), Calhoun (south), Barry (west), and Ionia (northwest).

Here is a listing of original source records available at the Archives for Eaton County, including the years of coverage and the Record Group number. Finding aids available in the Archives, arranged by RG, give a more itemized listing of each collection.

Cemeteries

Eaton County files	1968-1976	RG 83-53
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Census

State census	1845; 1854; 1864	RG 65-4
State census	1874	RG 65-36

Court records

Chancery case files	1852-1880	RG 69-72
Chancery common order book	1861-1872	RG 80-79
Chancery journal	1861-1881	RG 80-79
Chancery notices	1842-1861	RG 80-79
Circuit court case files	1931-1941	RG 80-15
Justice court cases	1838-1882	RG 80-79
List of jurors	1838-1848	RG 65-36

Land

Deeds	1856-1889, 1898	RG 69-72
Lands returned	1837-1878	RG 78-72

Rural Property Inventory	1939	RG 94-303
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Military

Burials of indigent soldiers	1886-1890	RG 74-61
Burials of indigent soldiers	1906-1919	RG 80-120
Establishment certificates	1862-1864	RG 74-61
GAR post records	1876-1945	RG 63-19

* Eaton County GAR posts: 40 (Charlotte), 107 (Dimondale), 108 (Grand Ledge), 111 (Eaton Rapids), 112 (Mulliken), 163 (Vermontville), 213 (Bellevue), 275 (Olivet), 283 (Sunfield), 326 (Potterville)

Military lists	1886-1887	RG 74-61
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Naturalization

Certificates	1892-1959	RG 2002-17
Declarations of Intention	1889-1959	RG 2002-17
Second Papers	1836-1959	RG 2002-17

Occupational

Statements of medical practitioners	1883-1898	RG 65-36
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Poor home/infirmiry

County infirmiry patient register	1936-1951	RG 80-120
Poor house register of inmates	1859-1936	RG 80-120

Prison records

Jail records	1899-1916	RG 80-120
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* See also Guide No. 3: Correctional Facilities Records

Probate

Estate files	1838-1940	RG 80-73
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Schools

Census of students	1865-1888	RG 80-76
Register of teachers	1865-1886	RG 80-76
Teacher contracts	1865-1883	RG 80-76

Tax records

Account books	1839-1888	RG 78-72
Assessment rolls	1845-1880; 1900; 1920; 1940	RG 65-15
Assessment rolls	1844; 1854; 1860; 1862-1865; 1868-1869; 1878-1899; 1901-1914; 1919-1921; 1928; 1933; 1945-1948; 1951-1953;	RG 78-72

Assessment rolls	1955 1902-1928	RG 79-66
Delinquent tax registers	1838-1927	RG 78-72
Vital records		
Divorce	1860-1880	RG 69-72
* See also Court records: Chancery case files		
* See also Guide No. 19: Vital Records		
Voter records		
Canvassers returns	1838-1915	RG 80-120
Statements of votes	1892-1939	RG 80-120