

# Archives of Michigan



## **Ottawa County** County Research Guide: No. 70

Ottawa County was organized in 1837. The county coordinates are Range 13W-16W and Township 5N-9N. Adjacent counties include Muskegon (north), Kent (east), and Allegan (south).

Here is a listing of original source records available at the Archives for Ottawa 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.

Several Archives of Michigan collections are housed at the Western Michigan University Archives in Kalamazoo, these collections are indicated below with a #. For assistance with those resources, please check with the staff there: [wmich.edu/library/collections/archives](http://wmich.edu/library/collections/archives).

### **Cemeteries**

Ottawa County files	1962-1976	RG 83-53
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### **Census**

Federal census	1870	RG 71-40
Federal census	1880	RG 68-65
State census	1884	RG 71-40
State census	1894	RG 68-65

### **Court records**

Civil docket, Recorder's office	1876-1879	RG 71-40 #
Justice dockets	1846-1890	RG 71-40 #

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**Land**

Record of land sales	1858	RG 71-40 #
Record of receipts for land sold for taxes	1865-1867	RG 71-40 #
Record of sale of land sold for taxes	1853-1856	RG 71-40 #
Rural Property Inventory	1936-1942	RG 72-76

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**Military**

GAR post records	1876-1945	RG 63-19
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\* Ottawa County GAR posts: 51 (Berlin), 75 (Grand Haven), 136 (Nunica), 238 (Coopersville), 262 (Holland), 279 (Spring Lake), 388 (Allendale)

\* See also Guide No. 4: War Records & Guide No. 7: Post-War Records

**Naturalization**

Circuit court journal	1894-1906	RG 2000-72
Declarations of Intention	1852-1961	RG 2000-72
Petitions	1907-1962	RG 2000-72

**Occupational**

Record of appointment of deputy sheriffs	1904-1927	RG 71-40 #
Statements of medical practitioners	1883-1899	RG 71-40 #

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**Prison records**

\* See Guide No. 3: Correctional Facilities Records

**Tax records**

Assessment rolls	1838-1873	RG 71-40 #
Assessment rolls	1860-1872; 1874-1880 1900; 1920; 1940	RG 71-8 #
Assessment rolls	1960	RG 84-85
Statement of lands upon unpaid taxes	1841-1849	RG 71-40 #

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**Vital records**

\* See Guide No. 19: Vital Records