

Archives of Michigan



Oakland County County Research Guide: No. 63

Oakland County was organized in 1819. The county coordinates are Range 7E-11E and Township 1N-5N. Adjacent counties include Genesee (northwest), Lapeer (north), Macomb (east), Wayne (south), Washtenaw (southwest), and Livingston (west).

Here is a listing of original source records available at the Archives for Oakland 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 Oakland University Archives in Rochester, which are indicated below with a #. For assistance with those resources, please check with the staff there:
library.oakland.edu/information/departments/archives.

Cemeteries

Oakland County files	1957-1981	RG 83-53
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Court records

Justice docket	1906-1911	RG 69-52 #
Lists of jurors (Troy Twp.)	1863-1885	RG 57-18
Petitions for parole	1950-1955	RG 67-56
Selected cases	1943-1960	RG 67-56
Selected complaints from prosecuting attorney referred to circuit court	1940-1943	RG 67-56
Testimony and statements	1943-1946	RG 67-56

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Land

Journal of sale of school lands	1867-1872	RG 57-16
Land ownership maps (Avon Twp.)	n. d.; 1958-1959	RG 69-52
Record of chattel mortgages (Avon Twp.)	1872-1895	RG 69-52
Record of chattel mortgages (Troy Twp.)	1862-1868	RG 57-18
Rural Property Inventory	1936-1942	RG 72-76

Military

Account book of Civil War bounty	1863-1865	RG 57-16
Draft quota enlistments (Troy Twp.)	1863-1885	RG 57-18
GAR post records	1876-1945	RG 63-19
* <i>Oakland County GAR posts: 147 (Pontiac), 181 (Milford), 183 (Holly), 187 (Oxford), 197 (Ortonville), 267 (Farmington), 333 (South Lyon), 363 (Clarkson), 373 (Leonard), 377 (Rochester), 456 (South Lyon)</i>		
Register of volunteers	1862-1865	RG 57-16

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

Naturalization

Certificate stubs	1959-1984	RG 2004-14
Court orders denied	1929-1986	RG 2004-14
Court orders granted	1929-1987	RG 2004-14
Declarations of Intention	1843-1978	RG 2004-14
Final papers	1843-1906	RG 2004-14
Petitions	1906-1984	RG 2004-14
Repatriations	1940-1960	RG 2004-14

Poor home/relief

Journal of Soldiers' Aid Fund	1902-1919	RG 57-16 #
Journal of Volunteer Relief Fund	1861-1863	RG 57-16

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Political records

Salary of county officers	1882-1919	RG 57-16 #
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Prison records

* See *Guide No. 3: Correctional Facilities Records*

School records

Minutes of school inspectors (Avon Twp.)	1852-1914	RG 69-52
Minutes of school inspectors (Southfield Twp.)	1857-1909	RG 69-74

Tax records

Account book of county treasurer	1838-1859	RG 57-16 #
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Assessment rolls	1868-1888	RG 37
Assessment rolls (Avon Twp.)	1841-1847	RG 69-52 #
Assessment rolls (Avon Twp.)	1879-1930	RG 69-52
Assessment rolls (Lyon Twp.)	1848-1879	RG 77-107
Assessment rolls (Southfield Twp.)	1933	RG 69-74
Assessment rolls (West Bloomfield Twp.)	1858-1930	RG 71-100
Assessment rolls for liquor tax	1875-1876	RG 57-16 #
Delinquent tax rolls	1842-1870	RG 37
Ledger of accounts with tax collector	1827-1837	RG 57-16
Non-resident tax returns	1836-1837	RG 37
Record of inheritance tax	1900-1915	RG 57-16
Record of specific state tax	1839-1842	RG 57-16
Tax rolls	1841-1867	RG 37

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Vital records

* See Guide No. 19: Vital Records

Voter records

Record of party enrollment (Avon Twp.)	1906-1912	RG 69-52
Register of electors (Avon Twp.)	1872-1924	RG 69-52
Register of electors (Southfield Twp.)	1859-1882	RG 69-74