

Archives of Michigan



Muskegon County County Research Guide: No. 61

Muskegon County was organized in 1859. The county coordinates are Range 13W-18W and Township 9N-12N. Adjacent counties include Oceana (north), Newaygo (northeast), Kent (east), and Ottawa (south).

Here is a listing of original source records available at the Archives for Muskegon 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 & Regional History Collections in Kalamazoo, which are indicated below with a #. For assistance with those resources, please check with the staff there: wmich.edu/library/collections/archives.

Businesses

Articles of association	1859-1948	RG 84-32
People's State Bank expense books	1928-1939	RG 84-31

Cemeteries

Muskegon County files	1968-1980	RG 83-53
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Census

Federal census	1870	RG 84-32
State census	1884; 1894	RG 75-89

Court records

Chancery calendars	1859-1931	RG 84-31
Chancery case files	1859-1939	RG 84-31

Chancery case files	1905-1921; 1931-1940	RG 2012-23
Chancery decrees	1874-1931	RG 84-31
Chancery journals	1860-1874	RG 84-31
Chancery order books	1873-1936	RG 84-31
Chancery register	1907-1908	RG 84-31
Circuit court calendar	1917-1918	RG 84-84
Circuit court commissioners' dockets	1936-1940	RG 2012-23
Circuit court commissioners' registers	1880-1936	RG 84-31
Circuit court docket ledgers	1921-1931	RG 2012-23
Circuit court journals	1859-1932	RG 84-31
Coroner's inquests	1871; 1881; 1893- 1932; 1939-1953	RG 84-32
Coroner's inquests	1863-1920	RG 88-31
Criminal calendars	1873-1931	RG 84-31
Criminal case files	1876-1931	RG 84-31
Criminal case files	1931-1940	RG 2012-23
General docket	1880-1883	RG 84-31
Justice court civil dockets (Muskegon)	1860-1904	RG 56-4
Justice court criminal dockets (Muskegon)	1870-1911	RG 56-4
Justice court transcripts	1858-1940	RG 84-84
Law calendars	1859-1932	RG 84-31
Law case files	1856-1935	RG 84-31
Law case files	1931-1940	RG 2012-23
Law indexes	1859-1932	RG 84-31
Motion calendars	1888-1934	RG 84-31
Prosecuting attorney's criminal case files	1905; 1911-1925	RG 84-84
Prosecuting attorney's general files	1889-1921	RG 84-84
Sheriff's civil writs	1905-1914	RG 84-32
Sheriff's execution docket	1905-1914	RG 84-32
Special motions	1860-1897	RG 84-31

Land

Petitions to Board of Supervisors	1870; 1879; 1889; 1916	RG 84-32
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Military

Burial of indigent soldiers	1889	RG 84-32
GAR post records	1876-1945	RG 63-19
* <i>Muskegon County GAR posts: 3 (Montague), 7 (Muskegon), 149 (Holton), 280 (North Muskegon), 290 (Lakeside), 337 (Ravenna), 342 (Twin Lake)</i>		
List of Korean War veterans	1954	RG 84-32
List of Vietnam War veterans	1973	RG 84-32
List of World War I veterans	1951	RG 84-32
List of World War II veterans	1951	RG 84-32

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

Naturalization

Applications for repatriation	1937-1951	RG 94-302
Certificate stubs	1907-1926	RG 84-119
Declarations of Intention	1859-1929	RG 84-119
Declarations of Intention	1929-1974	RG 94-302
Depositions and correspondence	1930-1959	RG 94-302
Index cards	1929-1947	RG 94-302
Index to declarations of intentions	1941-1974	RG 94-302
Indexes to declarations of intention	1859-1941	RG 84-119
Oaths of naturalization	1850-1911	RG 84-119
Petitions and records	1894-1931	RG 84-119
Petitions and records	1931-1980	RG 94-302

Occupations

Chiropractor register	1928-1956	RG 84-32
Dentist register	1907-1976	RG 84-32
Drugless healer register	1923; 1926	RG 84-32
Lists of physicians	1902-1904	RG 84-32
Lists of township officers	1859-1947	RG 84-32
Medical practitioner's sworn statements	1882-1924	RG 84-32
Memorials by County Bar Association	1884-1941	RG 88-31
Nomination petitions	1896; 1926-1966	RG 84-32
Nurse register	1892-1956	RG 84-32
Nurses and trained attendant register	1922-1959	RG 2012-23
Oaths and bonds (Norton Twp.)	1902-1911; 1931-1943	RG 68-135
Optometrist register	1910-1952	RG 84-32
Osteopathy register	1897-1948	RG 84-32
Physician register	1900-1952	RG 84-32
Physician register	1930-1958	RG 2012-23
Physician and surgeon register	1899-1957	RG 84-32
Professional registers (various)	1953-1985	RG 2012-23
Specifications, contracts, and agreements	1868-1943	RG 84-32
Surgery and midwifery register	1899-1929	RG 84-32
Veterinarian register	1900-1965	RG 84-32

Poor home/relief

Report of volunteer relief fund	1862-1865	RG 71-47 #
Superintendent of Poor letterpress book	1899-1907	RG 79-101
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Prison records

Detroit House of Corrections, inmates held at	1877-1930	RG 84-32
Jail records	1873-1917	RG 84-32
List of prisoners	1884	RG 84-32

Sheriff's record	1907-1916	RG 84-32
<i>* See Guide No. 3: Correctional Facilities Records</i>		

Schools

Census field sheets	1935-1951	RG 88-35
Eighth grade graduation records	1942	RG 88-35
School inspector's annual reports	1862-1926	RG 84-32

Tax records

Assessment rolls	1859-1944	RG 79-32 #
Assessment rolls (Norton Twp.)	1863-1890; 1900-1940	RG 62-28
Tax records	1877-1879; 1884; 1887-1888; 1892	RG 84-32

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Vital records

Record of divorce proceedings	1894-1947	RG 84-31
<i>* See also Guide No. 19: Vital Records</i>		

Voter records

Register of electors (Norton Twp.)	1882-1908	RG 68-135
Statement of votes	1859-1940	RG 84-32
Statement of votes in dispute	1916-1944	RG 84-32