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## **Hillsdale County** County Research Guide: No. 30

Hillsdale County was set off in 1829 and formally organized in 1835. The county coordinates are Range 1W–4W and Township 5S–9S. Adjacent counties include Branch (west), Calhoun (northwest), Jackson (north), Lenawee (east), Fulton County, Ohio (southeast), Williams County, Ohio (south), and Steuben County, Indiana (southwest).

Here is a listing of original source records available at the Archives for Hillsdale 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**

Hillsdale County files	1967–1976	RG 83-53
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### **Census**

Population schedules	1884, 1894	RG 80-92
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### **Court records**

Assignment docket	1887–1891	RG 85-10
Chancery calendars	1847–1930	RG 85-10
Chancery case files	1840–1910	RG 85-10
Chancery order books	1872–1937	RG 85-10
Chancery record books	1847–1935	RG 85-10
Chancery rule books	1847–1897	RG 85-10
Circuit court commission record	1897–1935	RG 85-10
Circuit court journals	1839–1933	RG 85-10 #

Common rule books	1858–1931	RG 85-10
County court records	1847–1851	RG 85-10
Criminal calendars	1885–1932	RG 85-10
Criminal case files	1835–1903	RG 85-10
Divorce decrees	1891–1939	RG 85-10
Divorce record	ca. 1898–1942	RG 85-10
Execution docket	1840–1954	RG 85-10
Foreclosure and divorce decrees	1872–1899	RG 85-10
Judgment records	1839–1939	RG 85-10
Law calendars	1840–1930	RG 85-10
Law case files	1835–1914	RG 85-10
Motion docket	1898–1915	RG 85-10
Record of sentences	ca. 1903–1930	RG 85-10
Register of court files loaned	1899–1922	RG 85-10
Rule to plead	1902–1932	RG 85-10
Special motion books	1839–1896	RG 85-10
Transcripts	1887–1917	RG 85-10
Witness records	1861–1894	RG 85-10

#Circuit court journals contain naturalization records. See index included with RG 85-10 finding aid.

## Military

GAR post records	1876–1945	RG 63-19
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\*Hillsdale County GAR posts: 4 (Reading), 6 (Hillsdale), 146 (Waldron), 189 (North Adams), 209 (Montgomery), 219 (Jonesville), 245 (Frontier), 247 (Cambria), 259 (Litchfield), 282 (Camden), 392 (Ransom)

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

## Naturalization

Certificates of naturalization	1907–1929	RG 85-9
Circuit court journals	1839–1933	RG 85-10 #
Declarations of intention	1846–1930	RG 85-9
Petition and record	1904–1930	RG 85-9

#See index included with RG 85-10 finding aid.

## Prison records

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

## Probate

Appraisers' warrants and inventory	1857–1921	RG 69-81
Record of Wills	1865–1952	RG 69-81

## Vital records

\* See Court records: Chancery and Divorce

\* See Guide No. 19: Vital Records