

Archives of Michigan



Kent County County Research Guide: No. 41

Kent County was organized in 1836. The county coordinates are Range 9W-12W and Township 5N-10N. Adjacent counties include Newaygo (north), Montcalm (northeast), Ionia (east), Barry (southeast), Allegan (southwest), Ottawa (west), and Muskegon (northwest).

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

Kent County files	1962-1976	RG 83-53
-------------------	-----------	----------

Census

State census	1884, 1894	RG 80-75
--------------	------------	----------

Court records

Circuit Court in chancery cases	1859-1861	RG 71-44
Journal of Circuit Court proceedings	1854-1873	RG 71-44
Journal of Circuit Court proceedings	1875-1926	RG 71-49
Justice's transcript	1869-1902	RG 71-49
Orders of Circuit Court	1876-1882	RG 71-44
Special motions of Circuit Court	1860-1877	RG 71-49

Land

Statement of non-resident lands	1861-1863	RG 71-44
Statement of lands sold for unpaid taxes	1855-1860	RG 71-44

Military

GAR post records 1876-1945 RG 63-19

* *Kent County GAR posts: 1 (Grand Rapids), 5 (Grand Rapids), 29 (Grand Rapids), 62 (Cedar Springs), 87 (Lowell), 237 (Rockford), 243 (Sparta), 247 (Harvard), 276 (Ada), 296 (Alaska), 302 (Byron Center), 306 (Casnovia), 350 (Sand Lake), 395 (Grand Rapids), 408 (Grand Rapids)*

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

Naturalization

Certificate stubs n. d. RG 89-28

Citizenship Journal 1860-1906 RG 89-28

Declarations of Intention 1871-1929 RG 89-28

Petitions 1906-1927 RG 89-28

Organizations

Articles of association 1845-1900 RG 65-29

Poor home/relief

Journal of Superintendent of the Poor 1930-1939 RG 71-44

Record of persons admitted 1930-1943 RG 71-49

Prison records

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

Tax records

Abstract of sale of state tax lands 1877, 1879, 1881, 1886 RG 71-49

Assessment rolls 1872-1940 RG 71-49

Bond tax record 1921-1939 RG 71-49

Business tax record 1902-1908 RG 71-49

Cash book 1877-1882 RG 71-44

Index to assessment roll for Grand Rapids 1895 RG 71-49

Liquor tax record 1878-1879; 1884-1898 RG 71-49

Monies received for delinquent taxes 1861-1864 RG 71-49

Monies received for delinquent taxes 1868-1874 RG 71-44

Mortgage tax report 1926-1939 RG 71-49

Special assessment of Village of Lowell 1912 RG 71-49

Statement of lands with unpaid taxes 1859, 1875, 1897, 1899 RG 71-49

Statement of lands with unpaid taxes 1878, 1886 RG 71-44

Vital records

* *See Guide No. 19: Vital Records*