

Archives of Michigan



Washtenaw County County Research Guide: No. 81

Washtenaw County was organized in 1826. The county coordinates are Range 3W-7E and Township 1S-4S. Adjacent counties include Wayne (east), Lenawee (southwest), Monroe (southeast), Jackson (west), Livingston (north), and Oakland (northwest).

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

Washtenaw County files	1931-1979	RG 83-53
------------------------	-----------	----------

Court records

Chancery calendars	1838-1885	RG 96-226
Chancery case files	1834-1876	RG 96-178
	1837-1877	RG 96-229
Chancery journals	1838-1870	RG 96-226
	1888-1935	RG 2009-10
Circuit Court blotters	1932-1940	RG 2009-10
Circuit Court dockets	1840-1844	RG 96-226
Circuit Court journals	1827-1873	RG 96-226
	1877-1939	RG 2009-10
Circuit Court rule books	1839-1927	RG 2009-10
Commissioners docket	1895-1920	RG 76-22
	1895-1946	RG 2009-10
County coroner records	1895; 1908-1928	RG 2009-10

County court calendars	1847–1851	RG 96-226
County court case files	1834; 1847–1851	RG 96-178
County court journals	1847–1851	RG 96-226
Criminal calendars	1835–1880	RG 96-226
Criminal case files	1834–1876	RG 96-178
Justice of the Peace case files	1827–1869	RG 96-229
	1880–1887	RG 2009-10
Justice of the Peace transcripts	1841–1869	RG 96-226
Juvenile court calendars	1907–1935	RG 2009-10
Law calendars	1832–1859	RG 96-226
Law case files	1828–1873	RG 96-178
Law journals	1836–1844	RG 96-226
Record of jurors' fees	1839–1878	RG 96-226
Special motion books	1838–1877	RG 96-226

Land

Rural Property Inventories	1939–1940	RG 2003-69
	1938	RG 90-283
	1937–1938	RG 2000-37
	1938	RG 70-87
	1940	RG 2005-23
	1936–1938	RG 71-139

Military

Burial records	1900–1903	RG 2009-10
	1911–1915	RG 2009-10
Enlistments	1917	RG 2009-10
GAR post records	1876–1945	RG 63-19
* <i>Washtenaw County GAR posts: 41 (Chelsea), 137 (Ann Arbor), 180 (Ypsilanti), 274 (Milan), 330 (Dexter), 352 (Manchester)</i>		
World War I service record	n.d.	RG 2009-10
* <i>See also Guide No. 4: War Records and Guide No. 7: Post-War Records</i>		

Naturalization

Certificate stubs	1909–1926	RG 90-278
Declarations of Intention	1855–1975	RG 90-278
Index	1833–1873	RG 96-226
Naturalization depositions	1921–1955	RG 91-362
	1830–1931	RG 90-278
Petitions granted list	1929–1985	RG 90-278
Petitions for Naturalization	1853–1983	RG 90-278
Records contained in court journals	1833–1873	RG 96-226
Repatriation oaths	1937–1983	RG 90-278
Transfer petitions	1954–1981	RG 90-278

Occupational

Auctioneer licenses	ca. 1838–1893	RG 91-361
Physician and clergy credentials	ca. 1838–1893	RG 91-361
Sheriff commissions	ca. 1838–1931	RG 91-361

Prison records

Jail records	1883–1963	RG 66-4
--------------	-----------	---------

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

Probate

Calendars	1842–1941	RG 2009-10
Estate files	1828–1889	RG 2005-79
	1889–1940	RG 2009-11

Tax records

Assessment rolls	1830–1871	RG 55-22
	1900; 1920; 1940	RG 66-4
Recorded tax returns	1845–1904; 1925	RG 2009-10
Tax record journal	1849–1879	RG 2009-10

Vital records

Birth index	1914–1922	RG 2009-10
Death indexes	1867–1933	RG 2009-10
Marriage indexes	1833–1934	RG 2009-10

** See also Court records: Chancery*

** See also Guide No. 19: Vital Records*