

Archives of Michigan



Wayne County County Research Guide: No. 82

Wayne County was organized in 1796. The county coordinates are Range 8E-13E and Township 1S-4S. Adjacent counties include Macomb (northeast), Monroe (south), Washtenaw (west), and Oakland (northwest).

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

Businesses

Articles of association	1916	RG 2012-32
Indexes to annual reports	1923-1930	RG 2012-32

Cemeteries

Wayne County files	1961-1979	RG 83-53
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Court records

Chancery calendars	1851-1901	RG 85-34
	1901-1941	RG 2012-32
Chancery case files (1st District)	ca. 1836-1850	RG 85-34
Chancery decrees (Superior Court)	1873-1887	RG 85-34
Chancery entry books	1937-1962	RG 2012-32
Chancery indexes	1847-1903	RG 85-34
	1903-1939	RG 2012-32
Chancery journals (Superior Court)	1873-1884	RG 85-34

Circuit Court calendars	1851–1901	RG 85-34
Criminal calendars	1837–1909	RG 85-34
Criminal indexes	1833–1879	RG 85-34
	1934–1961	RG 2012-32
Detroit Recorder's Court Criminal Calendars	1858–1949	RG 2011-37
Detroit Recorder's Court Criminal Indexes	1918–1944	RG 2011-37
Detroit Recorder's Court Criminal Journals	1909–1965	RG 2011-37
Law entry books	1924–1925	RG 2012-32
Law indexes	1855–1908	RG 85-34
	1908–1939	RG 2012-32
Roll of attorneys	1824–1929	RG 85-34
Superior Court calendars	1873–1889	RG 85-34
Superior Court indexes	1873–1889	RG 85-34
Superior Court journals	1873–1887	RG 85-34
Territorial Court judgment record	1825–1834	RG 85-34

Military

GAR post records	1876–1945	RG 63-19
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* *Wayne County GAR posts: 17 (Detroit), 95 (Flat Rock), 162 (Detroit), 184 (John Brown), 225 (Trenton), 231 (Plymouth), 261 (Wayne), 270 (Ecorse and Wyandotte), 376 (Belleville), 393 (Detroit), 404 (Livonia), 406 (Detroit), 413 (Wyandotte), 427 (Dearborn), 431 (Wayne), 433 (Detroit)*

Naturalization

Declarations of Intention	1837–1946	RG 85-36
Petitions for Naturalization	1818–1935	RG 85-36

* *Records are also held at the National Archives regional facility in Chicago and the Detroit Public Library's Burton Historical Collection.*

Occupational

Chiropractor registrations	1934–1953	RG 85-38
Nurse registrations	1915–1966	RG 85-38
Optometrist registrations	1910–1945	RG 85-38
Osteopath registrations	1910–1936	RG 85-38
Physician registrations	1894–1950	RG 85-38
Veterans' licenses to vend	1933–1948	RG 85-38

Prison records

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

Probate

Bonds	1841–1846	RG 85-35
Calendars	1797–1914	RG 85-35
Estate case files	1797–1901	RG 85-35
Inventories and accounts	1825–1845	RG 85-35
Journals	1821–1926	RG 85-35

Letters of administration

1837–1848

RG 85-35

Vital records

* *See Court records: Chancery*

* *See Guide No. 19: Vital Records*