

# Archives of Michigan



## **Oceana County** County Research Guide: No. 64

Oceana County was originally laid off in 1831, but was later officially organized in 1851. The county coordinates are Range 15W-18W and Township 13N-16N. Adjacent counties include Mason (north), Lake (northeast), Newaygo (east), and Muskegon (south).

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

Oceana County files	1965-1976	RG 83-53
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### **Census**

Federal census	1880	RG 63-42
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### **Land**

Rural Property Inventory	1936-1942	RG 72-76
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### **Military**

GAR post records	1876-1945	RG 63-19
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\* *Oceana County GAR posts: 26 (Hart), 52 (Pentwater), 68 (Shelby), 138 (Ferry), 299 (Crystal Valley), 397 (Walkerville), 449 (Mears)*

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

### **Poor home / relief**

Record of inmates of poorhouse	1887-1948	RG 63-42
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**Prison records**

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

**Tax records**

Record of tax receipts

1856-1878

RG 63-42

**Vital records**

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