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Mason County County Research Guide: No. 53

Mason County was set off and named Notipetago County in 1840. The name was changed to Mason in 1843 and the county was formally organized in 1855. The county coordinates are Range 15W–18W and Township 17N–20N. Adjacent counties include Manistee (north), Lake (east), Newaygo (southeast), and Oceana (south).

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

Mason County files	1967–1976	RG 83-53
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Military

GAR post records	1876–1945	RG 63-19
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GAR Post 15 minutes	1894–1921	RG 63-37
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**Mason County GAR posts: 15 (Ludington), 319 (Freesoil), 348 (Scottville)*

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

Naturalization

Certificate stub books	n.d.	RG 99-25
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Declarations of intention	1870–1962	RG 99-25
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Petitions granted or not granted	1930–1969	RG 99-25
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Second papers	1874–1969	RG 99-25
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Prison records

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

Tax records

Liquor tax assessment roll

1875–1876

RG 69-81

Vital records

* *See Court records: Chancery and Divorce*

* *See Guide No. 19: Vital Records*