

Archives of Michigan



Otsego County County Research Guide: No. 69

Otsego County was originally laid off in 1840 as Okkuddo County, but was later officially organized in 1875. The county coordinates are Range 1W-4W and Township 29N-32N. Adjacent counties include Cheboygan (north), Montmorency (east), Oscoda (southeast), Crawford (south), Kalkaska (southwest), Antrim (west), and Charlevoix (northwest).

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

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| Annual reports of corporations | 1897-1932 | RG 67-22 |
| Statement of labor liens | 1881-1927 | RG 67-22 |

Cemeteries

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| Otsego County files | 1962-1976 | RG 83-53 |
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Health records

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| Patient records (Northern Michigan Tuberculosis Sanatorium) | 1937-1963 | RG 94-424# |
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A patient's death certificate is required to view these records.

Land

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| Deeds | 1863-1922 | RG 75-4 |
| Deeds index | 1867-1900 | RG 75-4 |
| Mortgage index | 1875-1900 | RG 75-4 |

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| Rural Property Inventory | 1936-1942 | RG 72-76 |
| Tract book | 1875-1885 | RG 75-4 |

Military

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| GAR post records | 1876-1945 | RG 63-19 |
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* *Otsego County GAR posts: 61 (Gaylord), 263 (Vanderbilt), 390 (Elmira)*

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

Naturalization

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| Declarations of Intention | 1875-1952 | RG 2002-4 |
| Index | 1875-1956 | RG 2002-4 |
| Naturalization record | 1879-1906 | RG 2002-4 |
| Oaths | 1879-1894 | RG 2002-4 |
| Oaths of renunciation and allegiance | 1941-1949 | RG 2002-4 |
| Order of court granting petitions | 1956 | RG 2002-4 |
| Petition and record | 1907-1956 | RG 2002-4 |
| Petitions granted | 1930-1955 | RG 2002-4 |
| Quarterly abstracts of collections of naturalization fees | 1948-1953 | RG 2002-4 |

Political records

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| Oath and bond book (City of Gaylord) | 1898-1903; 1906-1911 | RG 68-49 |
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Prison records

* *See Guide No. 3: Correctional Records*

Tax records

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| Assessment rolls (City of Gaylord) | 1887-1939 | RG 68-49 |
| Assessment rolls (Village of Vanderbilt) | 1903-1913 | RG 67-22 |
| Claim book (City of Gaylord) | 1901-1914 | RG 68-49 |
| Special assessment paving roll (Gaylord) | 1920 | RG 68-49 |

Vital records

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| Births | 1875-1914 | RG 75-4# |
| Deaths | 1875-1934 | RG 75-4 |
| Marriages | 1875-1969 | RG 75-4 |

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

Records less than 100 years old are restricted.

Voter records

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| Election register (City of Gaylord) | 1898-1914 | RG 68-49 |
| Registration book of women electors (City Of Gaylord) | 1919 | RG 68-49 |
| Registration record | 1922-1946 | RG 68-49 |

