

# Archives of Michigan



## **Allegan County** County Research Guide: No. 3

Allegan County was established by the legislature in 1831 and organized in 1835. The county coordinates are Range 11W-16W and Township 1N-4N. Adjacent counties include Ottawa (north), Kent (northeast), Barry (east), Kalamazoo (southeast), and Van Buren (south).

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

Several Archives of Michigan collections are housed at the Western Michigan University Archives & Regional History Collections in Kalamazoo, which are indicated below with a #. For assistance with those resources, please check with the staff there: [wmich.edu/library/collections/archives](http://wmich.edu/library/collections/archives).

### **Cemeteries**

Allegan County files	1968-1976	RG 83-53
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### **Census**

State census of agriculture	1894	RG 81-15
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### **Land**

Deeds prepared by county treasurer		
For lands sold for delinquent taxes	1840, 1842	RG 71-46#

**Military**

GAR post records	1876-1945	RG 63-19
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*\* Allegan County GAR posts: 34 (Otsego); 46 (Ganges); 56 (Allegan); 74 (Wayland); 80 (Monterey); 148 (Douglas); 269 (Plainwell); 287 (Cheshire); 346 (Hamilton); 371 (Fennville); 412 (Burnips Corners); 422 (Saugatuck); 460 (Saugatuck)*

Relief granted to dependents of military servicemen	1862-1865	RG 71-46#
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\* See also Guide No. 4: War Records & Guide No. 7: Post-War Records

**Naturalization**

Certificates of Naturalization	1908-1955	RG 98-14
Declarations of Intent	1850-1855	RG 94-342
Petitions for Naturalization	1894-1956	RG 94-342
Repatriations	1930-1955	RG 94-342

**Prison records**

\* See Guide No. 3: Correctional Facilities Records

**Schools**

Otsego school census	1926-1957	RG 89-278
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**Tax records**

Assessment rolls	1843-1900	RG 77-58#
Delinquent returns	1836-1858	RG 77-58#
Certificates of land sold for delinquent taxes of 1836	1839	RG 71-46#
Certificate of sale of land for delinquent tax and receipts for tax paid on land	1839-1845	RG 71-46#
Statement of lands upon which taxes were unpaid and assessment roll of real and personal property within school districts in 1839	1837-1842	RG 71-46#
Statement of taxes delinquent, rejected by auditor general	1837-1847; 1852	RG 71-46#
Tax returns	1844-1849	RG 77-58#
Tax sales	1836-1861; 1896-1900	RG 77-58#

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**Vital records**

\* See Guide No. 19: Vital Records