

Archives of Michigan



Barry County County Research Guide: No. 8

Barry County was set off by the legislature in 1829 and organized in 1839. The county coordinates are Range 11W-16W and Township 1N-4N. Adjacent counties include Kent (northwest), Ionia (northeast), Eaton (east), Calhoun (southeast), Kalamazoo (southwest), and Allegan (west).

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

Cemeteries

Barry County files	1968–1976	RG 83-53
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Census

Federal census schedules	1850–1880	RG 60-23
State census schedules	1884; 1894	RG 60-23

Land

Rural property inventories	ca. 1939	RG 89-25
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Military

GAR post records	1876-1945	RG 63-19
<i>* Barry County GAR posts: 82 (Nashville); 99 (Bowens Mills); 122 (Assyria); 125 (Hastings); 159 (Middleville); 249 (Banfield); 418 (Thornapple Lake)</i>		
Record of burial of indigent soldiers	1886-1958	RG 60-23#
Record of local draft board	1917	RG 60-23#
Record of soldiers discharged from service	1863-1866	RG 60-23#
<i># Held at Western Michigan University Archives, Kalamazoo</i>		
<i>* See also Guide No. 4: War Records & Guide No. 7: Post-War Records</i>		

Naturalization

Certificate stubs	1907-1958	RG 2004-68
Declarations of Intention	1840-1929	RG 2004-68
Petitions for Naturalization	1894-1958	RG 2004-68
Petitions granted	1928-1958	RG 2004-68

Political records

Record of township officers	1875-1896	RG 60-23#
<i># Held at Western Michigan University Archives, Kalamazoo</i>		

Prison records

Record of jail	1873-1911	RG 67-41#
<i># Held at Western Michigan University Archives, Kalamazoo</i>		
<i>* See also Guide No. 3: Correctional Facilities Records</i>		

Probate

Case files	1860-1873; 1879-1913	RG 67-38#
	1863-1966	RG 68-15#
	1846-1940	RG 71-143#
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Tax records

Assessment rolls	1852-1901; 1930	RG 67-41#
	1860; 1940	RG 67-108#
	1881	RG 71-29#
Delinquent tax receipt book	1850-1865	RG 67-41#
Delinquent tax receipt ledger	1845-1849	RG 67-41#
Lands advertised for unpaid tax	1839-1840	RG 67-41#
Lands sold for unpaid tax	1846; 1848	RG 67-41#
Record of lien on lands sold for delinquent taxes	1919-1920	RG 67-41#
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Vital records

** See Guide No. 19: Vital Records*