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Branch County County Research Guide: No. 12

Branch County was originally set off in 1829, but later officially organized in 1833. The county coordinates are Range 5W-8W and Township 5S-8S. Adjacent counties include Hillsdale (east), Steuben [IN] (south), Lagrange [IN] (southwest), St. Joseph (west), Kalamazoo (northwest), and Calhoun (north & northeast).

Here is a listing of original source records available at the Archives for Branch 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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| Articles of Association | 1885-1900 | RG 93-134 |
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Cemeteries

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| Branch County files | 1967-1975 | RG 83-53 |
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Census

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| State census [Coldwater Twp.] | 1854 | RG 93-134 |
| State census | 1874 | RG 93-134 |

Court records

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| Chancery orders | 1847-1886 | RG 76-75 |
| Circuit Court journals | 1833-1886 | RG 76-74 |
| County Court journal | 1847-1851 | RG 76-74 |

Military

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| GAR post records | 1876-1945 | RG 63-19 |
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* *Branch County GAR posts: 2 (Quincy), 88 (Union City), 109 (Coldwater), 185 (Bronson), 336 (East Gilead), 361 (Sherwood)*

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

Political records

Returns of Township and City officers 1833-1943 RG 93-134

Poor home/relief

Proceedings of the Board of Supervisors 1839-1875 RG 76-74
of the Poor

Prison records

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

Tax records

Tax rolls 1833-1878 RG 91-489

Vital records

* *See Guide No. 19: Vital Records*