

Clinton County



Clinton County was organized in 1839. The county coordinates are Range 1W-4W and Township 5N-8N. Adjacent counties include Gratiot (north), Saginaw (northeast), Shiawassee (east), Ingham (southeast), Eaton (southwest), Ionia (west), and Montcalm (northwest).

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

Clinton County files	1968-1975	RG 83-53
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Census

Federal census	1860; 1870	RG 65-28
State census	1864	RG 65-28

Court records

Chancery case files	1833-1871	RG 98-148
Justice of the Peace dockets (Watertown Twp.)	1860-1881	RG 91-73

Land

Chattel mortgages (Watertown Twp.)	1872-1928	RG 91-73
Rural Property Inventory (Ovid, Ovid Twp., and Shepardsville)	1935-1942	RG 95-139

Military

Burial records, Union soldiers, sailors and marines	1920-1937	RG 2013-80
GAR post records	1876-1945	RG 63-19
<i>* Clinton County GAR posts: 58 (Dewitt), 104 (Ovid), 127 (Maple Rapids), 129 (Fowler), 156 (St. Johns), 167 (Elsie), 217 (Eureka), 248 (Wacousta), 355 (Bath)</i>		
<i>* See also Guide No. 4: War Records, Guide No. 7: Post-War Records, Guide No. 4c: Spanish American War, and Guide No. 4d: World War I</i>		

Naturalization

Certificate stubs	1907-1929	RG 2005-20
Declarations of Intention	1869-1960	RG 2005-20
Journals	1894-1906	RG 2005-20
Petitions	1907-1964	RG 2005-20

Occupations

Bonds and oaths (Watertown Twp.)	1889-1936	RG 91-73
Medical practitioners' sworn statements	1883-1889	RG 2013-80
Record of dentists' certificates	1907-1971	RG 2013-80
Record of nurses	1912-1957	RG 2013-80
Record of optometrists	1910-1973	RG 2013-80
Record of osteopaths	1921-1974	RG 2013-80
Registered physicians	1900-1974	RG 2013-80

Poor home/relief

Record of poor account	1896-1914	RG 2013-80
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Prison records

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

School records

Bower School (Dallas Twp.)	1869-1926	RG 81-3
Denison School (Ovid & Victor Twps.)	1866-1943	RG 81-40
Riley School #2 (Bengal & Riley Twps.)	1866-1919	RG 72-54
Stafford School (Duplain Twp.)	1865-1932	RG 85-21

Tax records

Account and record of unpaid taxes	1839-1844	RG 86-126
Assessment rolls	1844-1960	RG 86-127
	1960; 1995	RG 2017-56
Delinquent tax returns	1840-1843	RG 86-126
Tax rolls	1965; 1975	RG 2002-97
	1985	RG 2007-35
Treasurers' journal	1845-1891	RG 86-126

Vital records

* See *Guide No. 19: Vital Records*

Voter records

Poll book (Watertown Twp.)	1890-1900	RG 91-73
Register of electors (Watertown Twp.)	1882-1946	RG 91-73

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