

Kent County



Kent County was organized in 1836. The county coordinates are Range 9W-12W and Township 5N-10N. Adjacent counties include Newaygo (north), Montcalm (northeast), Ionia (east), Barry (southeast), Allegan (southwest), Ottawa (west), and Muskegon (northwest).

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

Businesses

Account ledger for lighting (Lowell)	1897-1898	RG 56-5
Register of log marks	1867-1877	RG 71-113

Cemeteries

Kent County files	1962-1976	RG 83-53
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Census

State census	1884, 1894	RG 80-75
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Court records

Circuit Court in chancery cases	1859-1861	RG 71-44
Journal of Circuit Court proceedings	1854-1873	RG 71-44
	1875-1926	RG 71-49

Justice's transcript	1869-1902	RG 71-49
Orders of Circuit Court	1876-1882	RG 71-44
Special motions of Circuit Court	1860-1877	RG 71-49

Health records

Register of communicable disease (Lowell)	1921-1934	RG 56-5
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Land

Rural Property Inventory (Alpine Twp.)	1939	RG 2016-14
Statement of lands sold for unpaid taxes	1855-1860	RG 71-44
Statement of non-resident lands	1861-1863	RG 71-44

Military

GAR post records	1876-1945	RG 63-19
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* *Kent County GAR posts: 1 (Grand Rapids), 5 (Grand Rapids), 29 (Grand Rapids), 62 (Cedar Springs), 87 (Lowell), 237 (Rockford), 243 (Sparta), 247 (Harvard), 276 (Ada), 296 (Alaska), 302 (Byron Center), 306 (Casnovia), 350 (Sand Lake), 395 (Grand Rapids), 408 (Grand Rapids)*

* 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*

Naturalization

Certificate stubs	n. d.	RG 89-28
Citizenship journal	1860-1906	RG 89-28
Declarations of Intention	1871-1929	RG 89-28
Petitions	1906-1927	RG 89-28

Organizations

Articles of association	1845-1900	RG 65-29
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Poor home/infirmery

Direct relief case files	1933-1966	RG 72-98
Journal of Superintendent of the Poor	1930-1939	RG 71-44
Record of persons admitted	1930-1943	RG 71-49

Prison records

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

Recreation

Liens on watercraft	1869; 1901; 1915	RG 71-113
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Tax records

Abstract of sale of state tax lands	1877, 1879, 1881, 1886	RG 71-49
Assessment rolls	1872-1940	RG 71-49

Assessment rolls (Oakfield Twp.)	1857	RG 87-65 #
Bond tax record	1921-1939	RG 71-49
Business tax record	1902-1908	RG 71-49
Cash book	1877-1882	RG 71-44
Index to assessment roll for Grand Rapids	1895	RG 71-49
Liquor tax record	1878-1879; 1884-1898	RG 71-49
Monies received for delinquent taxes	1861-1864	RG 71-49
	1868-1874	RG 71-44
Mortgage tax report	1926-1939	RG 71-49
Special assessment of Village of Lowell	1912	RG 71-49
Statement of lands with unpaid taxes	1859, 1875, 1897, 1899	RG 71-49
Statement of lands with unpaid taxes	1878, 1886	RG 71-44

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Vital records

* See *Guide No. 19: Vital Records*

Voter records

Voter registration book (Lowell)	1876; 1912; 1919-1946	RG 56-5
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