

Ionia County



Ionia County was organized in 1831. The county coordinates are Range 2W-2E and Township 1N-4N. Adjacent counties include Montcalm (north), Gratiot (northeast), Clinton (east), Eaton (southeast), Barry (southwest), and Kent (west).

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

Annual reports of manufacturers	1900–1965	RG 2010-20
Applications for insurance	1879–1890	RG 68-25
Articles of association	1837–1923	RG 66-73
	1885–1927	RG 2010-20

Cemeteries

Burial permits	1927-1937	RG 2013-4
Burial permits (Belding)	1937-1947	RG 2013-5
Danby Cemetery record (Danby)	1890-1950	RG 80-14
Ionia County files	1965–1981	RG 83-53

Churches

First Baptist Church of Smyrna trustees' minutes	1871–1908	RG 66-73
First Presbyterian Church of Pewamo records	1864–1893	RG 2010-20

Court records

Chancery decrees	1857–1862	RG 2010-20
	1901–1943	RG 2010-20
Chancery dockets	1857–1943	RG 2010-20
Chancery index	ca. 1845–1880	RG 2010-20
Chancery record	1848–1894	RG 79-51
Circuit Court blotter	1873–1876	RG 66-73
Circuit Court calendar	1898	RG 2003-11
Circuit Court commissioner's docket	1923–1944	RG 2010-20
Circuit Court docket	1837	RG 2010-20
Circuit Court grand jury record	1926	RG 77-102
Circuit Court journals	1846–1945	RG 2010-20
Common rule book	1857–1866	RG 2010-20
Common rule book of Circuit Court	1839–1886	RG 66-73
Criminal and civil orders	1916–1940	RG 2010-20
Criminal calendars	1874–1942	RG 2010-20
Criminal case files	1879–1948	RG 2010-20
Criminal docket	1827–1897	RG 2010-20
Criminal docket (Ionia)	1888-1893	RG 2013-108
Divorce decrees	1897–1920	RG 2010-20
	1957–1962	RG 2010-20
Divorce index	1930–1962	RG 2010-20
Justice docket (North Plains Twp.)	1860-1873	RG 2013-108
Law calendars	1845–1942	RG 2010-20
Law case files	1879–1948	RG 2010-20
Prosecuting attorney docket	1891-1892	RG 2013-108
Transcript docket (Civil)	1878–1964	RG 2010-20
Transcripts of civil judgments	1841–1879	RG 2010-20

Land

Abstracts of title	1833–1939	RG 80-69
Deed indexes	1835–1950	RG 80-69
Discharge of mortgage indexes	1893–1937	RG 80-69
Mortgage index	1835–1913	RG 80-69
Mortgage records	1842–1923	RG 80-69
Mortgage tax affidavits	1911–1918	RG 80-69
Mortgages of goods and chattels	1869–1953	RG 80-69
Pending lawsuit indexes	1857–1875	RG 80-69
Power of attorney	1843–1878	RG 80-69
Record of tax abstracts	1838–1876	RG 80-69
Registers of abstracts	1907–1942	RG 80-69
Registers of levies	1860–1954	RG 80-69
Rural Property Inventories	1937–1938	RG 54-10
Sheriff's deeds of mortgage sale indexes	1850–1915	RG 80-69
Unpaid mortgages book (non-residents)	1879–1891	RG 80-69

Unpaid mortgages book (residents)	1879–1891	RG 80-69
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Military

Agents for burials of soldiers list	1906–1914	RG 66-73
American Legion publication	1942	RG 78-66
Burial of indigent soldiers report	1886–1930	RG 66-73
Civil War discharge record	1871	RG 2010-20
Emergency farm labor and POW camp records	1944–1945	RG 66-73
GAR descriptive roll (Post 211)	1883–1930	RG 2008-21
GAR post records	1876-1945	RG 63-19
* <i>Ionia County GAR posts: 100 (Lyons), 126 (Smyrna), 132 (Portland), 151 (Sebewa), 153 (Saranac), 211 (Ionia), 234 (Hubbardston), 441 (Mason)</i>		
Record of soldiers and sailors in the Great War	ca. 1930	RG 66-73
Selective service lists	1917–1918	RG 78-66
	1945	RG 66-73
Soldiers' Relief Board minutes	1899	RG 66-73
Veterans transfer card register	1944–1946	RG 2008-21

* 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	1907–1959	RG 85-32
Court orders	1941–1959	RG 85-32
Declarations, oaths, and petitions	1835–1920	RG 85-32
Declarations of intention	1869–1953	RG 85-32
Petition and record	1895–1959	RG 85-32

Occupational

Dentist registers	1907–1973	RG 2008-21
Justice of the peace registers	1892–1915	RG 66-73
	1909–1964	RG 2008-21
Notary public lists	1857–1913	RG 66-73
Optometrist registers	1910–1981	RG 2008-21
Osteopath, drugless healer, and chiropractor registers	1902–1968	RG 2008-21
Physician registers	1900–1971	RG 2008-21
Statements of medical practitioners	1883–1899	RG 66-73
Veterinary surgeon registers	1900-1906	RG 2008-21
	1957–1978	RG 2008-21

Organizations

Civilian Conservation Corps records	1936–1941	RG 66-73
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Political records

Oaths of office	1928–1978	RG 2010-20
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Poor home/relief

Admission forms to county poor home	1906–1967	RG 83-26
Children's aid record	1883–1905	RG 66-73
Inmate record	1876–1943	RG 76-133

Prison records

Jail record	1897-1908	RG 2013-108
	1919–1932	RG 87-137

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

Probate

Appraisers' warrants and inventories	1858–1918	RG 78-67
Assignment of dower petitions	1864–1906	RG 78-67
Case files	1837–1869	RG 78-67
Correspondence	1911–1936	RG 78-67
Final account orders	1871–1908	RG 78-67
	1906–1965	RG 78-67
Index	1851–1871	RG 78-67
Index to executors, administrators, and guardians	1839–1937	RG 78-67
Journals	1837–1895	RG 78-67
Licenses to mortgage real estate	1877–1924	RG 78-67
Licenses to sell real estate at private sale	1896–1969	RG 78-67
Licenses to sell real estate at public sale	1858–1916	RG 78-67
Orders admitting dependent and neglected children to state public school	1885–1904	RG 78-67
Orders determining heirs	1917–1954	RG 78-67
Partition petitions	1867–1905	RG 78-67
Petitions to probate estates	1857–1865	RG 78-67
Record of wills	1866–1917	RG 78-67
	1923–1969	RG 78-67
Taxable inheritance abstracts	1899–1966	RG 78-67
Widows' pension orders	1887–1903	RG 78-67
	1915–1921	RG 78-67

Recreation

Hunting license record	1899–1904	RG 66-73
Motor vehicle register	1910	RG 66-73

Schools

Attendance & scholarship (Portland Twp.)	1905-1956	RG 2014-42#
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Attendance record (Danby Twp.)	1866-1918	RG 73-64
Directories of school districts, officers, and teachers	1923-1962	RG 71-153
Examination register	1881-1894*	RG 54-10
School census	1905-1925	RG 2015-149
School examiner reports	1905-1936	RG 66-73
School inspection reports	1878-1884	RG 54-10
Teacher directories	1911-1921	RG 63-4
Teacher reports	1894-1895	RG 54-10
Teachers' institute fee reports	1917-1919	RG 66-73

* Please note that some gaps exist.

Death certificate required for records less than 75 years old.

Tax records

Assessment rolls	1840-1900	RG 68-25
	1880-1883	RG 69-37
	1895-1906; 1915	RG 79-49
	1910-1950	RG 71-134
	1960	RG 82-101

Vital records

Birth record index	1874-1891	RG 79-51
Death record index	1885-1925	RG 79-51
Marriage affidavits	1893-1910	RG 2013-108
Register of deaths (Belding)	1894-1921	RG 2013-5
Return of births (Belding)	1894	RG 2013-5

* See also *Court records: Chancery and Divorce*

* See also *Guide No. 19: Vital Records*

Voter records

Register of electors (Danby Twp.)	1859-1879	RG 57-15
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