



Lake County

Originally laid off in 1840 as Aishcum County, Lake County was later officially organized in 1871. The county coordinates are Range 11W-14W and Township 17N-20N. Adjacent counties include Wexford (northeast), Osceola (east), Mecosta (southeast), Newaygo (south), Oceana (southwest), Mason (west), and Manistee (northwest).

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

Lake County files	1968-1976	RG 83-53
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Census

State census	1933-1934	RG 78-20
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Court records

Circuit Court case files	1871-1963	RG 78-77
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Land

Rural Property Inventory	1936-1942	RG 72-76
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Military

GAR post records	1876-1945	RG 63-19
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* *Lake County GAR posts: 218 (Luther), 272 (Chase), 362 (Baldwin), 367 (Glencoe)*

Record of Civil War discharges	1871-1888	RG 2000-78
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* 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 stub books	1907-1927	RG 2000-71
Declarations of Intention	1874-1951	RG 2000-71
Indexes to journals	n.d.	RG 2000-71
Petitions	1907-1955	RG 2000-71
Petitions granted and denied	1930-1951	RG 2000-71
Second papers	1872-1906	RG 2000-71

Prison records

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

Vital records

* See *Guide No. 19: Vital Records*

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