

## Muskegon County



Muskegon County was organized in 1859. The county coordinates are Range 13W-18W and Township 9N-12N. Adjacent counties include Oceana (north), Newaygo (northeast), Kent (east), and Ottawa (south).

Here is a listing of original source records available at the Archives for Muskegon 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](http://wmich.edu/library/collections/archives).

### Businesses

|                                   |           |          |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Articles of association           | 1859-1948 | RG 84-32 |
| People's State Bank expense books | 1928-1939 | RG 84-31 |

### Cemeteries

|                       |           |          |
|-----------------------|-----------|----------|
| Muskegon County files | 1968-1980 | RG 83-53 |
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### Census

|                |            |          |
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| Federal census | 1870       | RG 84-32 |
| State census   | 1884; 1894 | RG 75-89 |

### Court records

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| Chancery calendars | 1859-1931 | RG 84-31 |
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| Chancery case files                        | 1859-1939                            | RG 84-31   |
|  | 1905-1921; 1931-1940                 | RG 2012-23 |
| Chancery decrees                           | 1874-1931                            | RG 84-31   |
| Chancery journals                          | 1860-1874                            | RG 84-31   |
| Chancery order books                       | 1873-1936                            | RG 84-31   |
| Chancery register                          | 1907-1908                            | RG 84-31   |
| Circuit court calendar                     | 1917-1918                            | RG 84-84   |
| Circuit court commissioners' dockets       | 1936-1940                            | RG 2012-23 |
| Circuit court commissioners' registers     | 1880-1936                            | RG 84-31   |
| Circuit court docket ledgers               | 1921-1931                            | RG 2012-23 |
| Circuit court journals                     | 1859-1932                            | RG 84-31   |
| Coroner's inquests                         | 1863-1920                            | RG 88-31   |
|  | 1871; 1881; 1893-<br>1932; 1939-1953 | RG 84-32   |
| Criminal calendars                         | 1873-1931                            | RG 84-31   |
| Criminal case files                        | 1876-1931                            | RG 84-31   |
|  | 1931-1940                            | RG 2012-23 |
| General docket                             | 1880-1883                            | RG 84-31   |
| Justice court civil dockets (Muskegon)     | 1860-1904                            | RG 56-4    |
| Justice court criminal dockets (Muskegon)  | 1870-1911                            | RG 56-4    |
| Justice court transcripts                  | 1858-1940                            | RG 84-84   |
| Law calendars                              | 1859-1932                            | RG 84-31   |
| Law case files                             | 1856-1935                            | RG 84-31   |
|  | 1931-1940                            | RG 2012-23 |
| Law indexes                                | 1859-1932                            | RG 84-31   |
| Motion calendars                           | 1888-1934                            | RG 84-31   |
| Prosecuting attorney's criminal case files | 1905; 1911-1925                      | RG 84-84   |
| Prosecuting attorney's general files       | 1889-1921                            | RG 84-84   |
| Sheriff's civil writs                      | 1905-1914                            | RG 84-32   |
| Sheriff's execution docket                 | 1905-1914                            | RG 84-32   |
| Special motions                            | 1860-1897                            | RG 84-31   |

## Land

|                                   |                           |          |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------|
| Petitions to Board of Supervisors | 1870; 1879;<br>1889; 1916 | RG 84-32 |
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## Military

|  |           |          |
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| Burial of indigent soldiers  | 1889      | RG 84-32 |
| GAR post records   | 1876-1945 | RG 63-19 |
| <i>* Muskegon County GAR posts: 3 (Montague), 7 (Muskegon), 149 (Holton), 280 (North Muskegon), 290 (Lakeside), 337 (Ravenna), 342 (Twin Lake)</i> |           |          |
| List of Korean War veterans  | 1954      | RG 84-32 |
| List of Vietnam War veterans   | 1973      | RG 84-32 |
| List of World War I veterans   | 1951      | RG 84-32 |

List of World War II veterans 1951 RG 84-32

\* 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

|                                     |           |           |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Applications for repatriation       | 1937-1951 | RG 94-302 |
| Certificate stubs                   | 1907-1926 | RG 84-119 |
| Declarations of Intention           | 1859-1929 | RG 84-119 |
|                                     | 1929-1974 | RG 94-302 |
| Depositions and correspondence      | 1930-1959 | RG 94-302 |
| Index cards                         | 1929-1947 | RG 94-302 |
| Index to Declarations of Intentions | 1859-1941 | RG 84-119 |
|                                     | 1941-1974 | RG 94-302 |
| Oaths of naturalization             | 1850-1911 | RG 84-119 |
| Petitions and records               | 1894-1931 | RG 84-119 |
|                                     | 1931-1980 | RG 94-302 |

## Occupations

|   |                      |            |
|---|----------------------|------------|
| Chiropractor register                     | 1928-1956            | RG 84-32   |
| Dentist register                          | 1907-1976            | RG 84-32   |
| Drugless healer register                  | 1923; 1926           | RG 84-32   |
| Lists of physicians                       | 1902-1904            | RG 84-32   |
| Lists of township officers                | 1859-1947            | RG 84-32   |
| Medical practitioner's sworn statements   | 1882-1924            | RG 84-32   |
| Memorials by County Bar Association       | 1884-1941            | RG 88-31   |
| Nomination petitions                      | 1896; 1926-1966      | RG 84-32   |
| Nurse register                            | 1892-1956            | RG 84-32   |
| Nurses and trained attendant register     | 1922-1959            | RG 2012-23 |
| Oaths and bonds (Norton Twp.)             | 1902-1911; 1931-1943 | RG 68-135  |
| Optometrist register                      | 1910-1952            | RG 84-32   |
| Osteopathy register                       | 1897-1948            | RG 84-32   |
| Physician register                        | 1900-1952            | RG 84-32   |
|   | 1930-1958            | RG 2012-23 |
| Physician and surgeon register            | 1899-1957            | RG 84-32   |
| Professional registers (various)          | 1953-1985            | RG 2012-23 |
| Specifications, contracts, and agreements | 1868-1943            | RG 84-32   |
| Surgery and midwifery register            | 1899-1929            | RG 84-32   |
| Veterinarian register                     | 1900-1965            | RG 84-32   |

## Poor home/relief

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|---|-----------|------------|
| Report of volunteer relief fund         | 1862-1865 | RG 71-47 # |
| Superintendent of Poor letterpress book | 1899-1907 | RG 79-101  |

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**Prison records**

|   |           |          |
|---|-----------|----------|
| Detroit House of Corrections, inmates held at | 1877-1930 | RG 84-32 |
| Jail records                                  | 1873-1917 | RG 84-32 |
| List of prisoners                             | 1884      | RG 84-32 |
| Sheriff's record                              | 1907-1916 | RG 84-32 |

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

**Schools**

|                                   |           |          |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Census field sheets               | 1935-1951 | RG 88-35 |
| Eighth grade graduation records   | 1942      | RG 88-35 |
| School inspector's annual reports | 1862-1926 | RG 84-32 |

**Tax records**

|                                |                                     |            |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Assessment rolls               | 1859-1944                           | RG 79-32 # |
| Assessment rolls (Norton Twp.) | 1863-1890; 1900-1940                | RG 62-28   |
| Tax records                    | 1877-1879; 1884;<br>1887-1888; 1892 | RG 84-32   |

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**Vital records**

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| Record of divorce proceedings | 1894-1947 | RG 84-31 |
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\* See also *Guide No. 19: Vital Records*

**Voter records**

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|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Register of electors (Norton Twp.) | 1882-1908 | RG 68-135 |
| Statement of votes                 | 1859-1940 | RG 84-32  |
| Statement of votes in dispute      | 1916-1944 | RG 84-32  |

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