

Branch County



Branch County was originally set off in 1829, but later officially organized in 1833. The county coordinates are Range 5W-8W and Township 5S-8S. Adjacent counties include Hillsdale (east), Steuben [IN] (south), Lagrange [IN] (southwest), St. Joseph (west), Kalamazoo (northwest), and Calhoun (north & northeast).

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

Articles of association	1885-1900	RG 93-134
Papers of John & Nathan Sargent	1844-1857	MS 2006-39

Cemeteries

Branch County files	1967-1975	RG 83-53
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Census

State census (Coldwater Twp.)	1854	RG 93-134
State census	1874	RG 93-134

Court records

Chancery orders	1847-1886	RG 76-75
Circuit Court journals	1833-1886	RG 76-74
County Court journal	1847-1851	RG 76-74

Military

GAR post records 1876-1945 RG 63-19

* *Branch County GAR posts: 2 (Quincy), 88 (Union City), 109 (Coldwater), 185 (Bronson), 336 (East Gilead), 361 (Sherwood)*

* 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*

Political records

Returns of township & city officers 1833-1943 RG 93-134

Poor home/relief

Proceedings of the Board of Supervisors 1839-1875 RG 76-74
of the Poor

Prison records

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

Tax records

Tax rolls 1833-1878 RG 91-489

Vital records

* See *Guide No. 19: Vital Records*

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