



Alger County

Alger County was set off from Schoolcraft County in 1855. The county coordinates are Range 13W-16W and Township 5N-9N. Adjacent counties include Luce (east), Schoolcraft (southeast), Delta (south), and Marquette (west).

Here is a listing of original source records available at the Archives for Alger 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 Central Upper Peninsula and Northern Michigan University Archives in Marquette, which are indicated below with a #. For assistance with those resources, please check with the staff there: nmu.edu/archives/home-page.

Businesses

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| Record of estrays (Onota Twp.) | 1909 | RG2016-137# |
| Record of marks and brands (Onota Twp.) | n.d. | RG2016-137# |
| Statement of liquor tax collected | 1885–1917 | RG 68-53 # |
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Cemeteries

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| Alger County files | 1962–1976 | RG 83-53 |
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Court records

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| Chancery calendars | 1899–1972 | RG 2008-30 |
| Chancery case files | 1912–1944 | RG 2008-30 |
| Chancery journals | 1886–1972 | RG 2008-30 |
| Circuit court blotters | 1911–1921 | RG 2008-30 |

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| Circuit court calendars | 1885–1964 | RG 2008-30 |
| Circuit court journals | 1885–1954 | RG 2008-30 |
| Common orders | 1886–1920 | RG 2008-30 |
| Criminal calendars | 1899–1958 | RG 2008-30 |
| Criminal case files | 1911–1944 | RG 2008-30 |
| Divorce case files | 1924–1944 | RG 2008-30 |
| Juror list and witness timetable | 1887–1916 | RG 2008-30 |
| Justice of the Peace records | 1896–1967 | RG 2008-30 |
| Law case files | 1899–1941 | RG 2008-30 |
| Subpoenas (order book) | 1886–1901 | RG 2008-30 |
| Transcript of judgments | 1891–1975 | RG 2008-30 |

Land

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|---|-----------|-------------|
| Farm assessment record (Limestone Twp.) | 1978 | RG 98-47 |
| Rural Property Inventory (Limestone Twp.) | 1938-1954 | RG 98-47 |
| Rural Property Inventory (Onota Twp.) | 1939 | RG2016-137# |

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Military

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| Correspondence of the County War Preparedness Board | 1918–1919 | RG 68-53 # |
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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

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| Declarations of Intention | 1885–1953 | RG 2008-30 |
| Petitions for naturalization | 1886–1965 | RG 2008-30 |
| Petitions denied | 1929–1945 | RG 2008-30 |
| Petitions to be granted | 1929–1945 | RG 2008-30 |

Occupations

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| Hearing aid dealer registrations | 1974–1982 | RG 2008-30 |
| Nurse registrations | 1911–1957 | RG 2008-30 |
| Optometrist registrations | 1910–1981 | RG 2008-30 |
| Physician registrations | 1900–1969 | RG 2008-30 |
| Physician registrations returned by assessor | 1900–1903 | RG 2008-30 |
| Physicians' sworn statements | 1908–1914 | RG 2008-30 |

Political records

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| Oath book (Onota Twp.) | 1894-1920 | RG2016-137# |
| Oaths of office (Onota Twp.) | 1909; 1925-1939 | RG2016-137# |
| Register of town officers (Onota Twp.) | 1942-1953 | RG2016-137# |

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Poor home\relief

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| Chatham fire relief fund | 1925 | RG 68-53 # |
| Records of the Superintendent of the Poor | 1888–1926 | RG 2008-30 |
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Prison records

* See Guide No. 3: Correctional Facilities Records

Probate

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| Calendar | 1890-1983 | RG 2010-49 |
| Case files | 1886-1944 | RG 2018-48 |
| Court journal | 1889-1896 | RG 2010-49 |
| General probate index | n.d. | RG 2010-49 |
| Journal | 1892-1983 | RG 2010-49 |
| Probate court property decisions (Onota Twp.) | 1965 | RG2016-137# |
| Probate of wills | 1897-1984 | RG 2010-49 |
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Recreation

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| Record of hunters' licenses | 1899–1925 | RG 2008-30 |
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Schools

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| Register of school officers (Onota Twp.) | 1941-1942 | RG2016-137# |
| Reports of teacher institute fees | 1885–1940* | RG 68-53 # |
| * Note that there are gaps in the record | | |
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Tax records

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| Abstract of sales of state tax land | 1888; 1892–1894 | RG 68-53 # |
| Assessment rolls | 1885–1899 | RG 74-72 # |
| Assessment rolls (Onota Twp.) | 1912-1977 | RG2016-137# |
| Returned delinquent roll | 1933 | RG 68-53 # |
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Vital records

* See Guide No. 19: Vital Records

Voter records

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| Party registration book (Onota Twp.) | 1912 | RG2016-137# |
| Voter registration book (Onota Twp.) | 1919-1944 | RG2016-137# |
| Women voter registration book (Onota Twp.) | 1924 | RG2016-137# |
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