

Allegan County



Allegan County was established by the legislature in 1831 and organized in 1835. The county coordinates are Range 11W-16W and Township 1N-4N. Adjacent counties include Ottawa (north), Kent (northeast), Barry (east), Kalamazoo (southeast), and Van Buren (south).

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

Businesses

Articles of association	1873-1909	RG 82-92#
Articles of incorporation of religious societies	1859-1943	RG 82-92#
Index of business conducted under assumed name	1907-1916	RG 82-92#
Index to certificates of co-partnership	1907-1956	RG 82-92#
Record of docked horses	1901-1903	RG 82-92#
Record of estrays	1871-1941	RG 82-92#
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Cemeteries

Allegan County files	1968-1976	RG 83-53
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Census

State census of agriculture	1894	RG 81-15
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Court records

Assignment docket	1888-1898	RG 82-93#
Certificates of conviction	1899-1900	RG 82-93#
Chancery calendar	1849-1906	RG 82-93#
Chancery case files	1849-1900	RG 82-93#
Chancery common rule book	1852-1901	RG 82-93#
Chancery journal	1849-1859	RG 82-93#
Chancery order book	1873-1911	RG 82-93#
Chancery orders publication	1891-1925	RG 82-93#
Chancery record of decrees	1851-1914	RG 82-93#
Chancery sale of real estate of infants	1894-1916	RG 82-93#
Chancery special motions book	1852-1904	RG 82-93#
Circuit Court calendar	1836-1895	RG 82-93#
Circuit Court final judgment record	1838-1840	RG 82-93#
Circuit Court journal	1836-1901	RG 82-93#
Circuit Court journal, dismissals	1830-1916	RG 82-93#
Common rule book	1839-1921	RG 82-93#
County Court calendar	1847-1851; 1878-1888	RG 82-93#
County Court journal	1847-1851	RG 82-93#
Court blotter	1894-1910	RG 82-93#
Criminal calendar	1887-1903	RG 82-93#
Criminal case files	1838-1900	RG 82-93#
Justice of Peace transcripts	1849-1900	RG 82-93#
Law case files	1846-1900	RG 82-93#
Law index	n.d.	RG 82-93#
Order pro confesso	1890-1901	RG 82-93#
Special motions book	1840-1910	RG 82-93#

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Land

Deeds prepared by county treasurer for lands sold for delinquent taxes	1840; 1842	RG 71-46#
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Military

Civil War volunteers from Allegan County	1861-1863	RG 82-92#
GAR post records	1876-1945	RG 63-19

* *Allegan County GAR posts: 34 (Otsego); 46 (Ganges); 56 (Allegan); 74 (Wayland); 80 (Monterey); 148 (Douglas); 269 (Plainwell); 287 (Cheshire); 346 (Hamilton); 371 (Fennville); 412 (Burnips Corners); 422 (Saugatuck); 460 (Saugatuck)*

Indigent soldiers and sailors burial record	1887-1925	RG 82-92#
Record of local draft board	1917	RG 82-92#

Relief granted to dependents of military servicemen 1862-1865 RG 71-46#

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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

Certificates	1908-1955	RG 98-14
Declarations of Intention	1850-1855	RG 94-342
Petitions	1894-1956	RG 94-342
Repatriations	1930-1955	RG 94-342

Occupations

List of physicians returned by assessor	1900-1915	RG 82-92#
Record of dentists	1907-1958	RG 82-92#
Record of medical practitioners	1883-1959	RG 82-92#
Record of nurses	1912-1936	RG 82-92#
Record of optometrists	1910-1958	RG 82-92#
Record of osteopathy and chiropractic	1902-1953	RG 82-92#
Register of notary public & Justice of Peace	1871-1956	RG 82-92#
Registration of drugless healers	1925-1934	RG 82-92#

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Political records

Record of township & village officers	1873-1910	RG 82-92#
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Poor home/relief

Report of County Relief Board, Spanish-American War	1899	RG 82-92#
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Prison records

Sheriff's reports of meals furnished prisoners in county jail	1920-1924	RG 82-92#
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* See also Guide No. 3: Correctional Facilities Records

Probate

Estate files	1839-1890	RG 88-48#
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Recreation

Bounties	1920-1933	RG 82-92#
Hunter's license record	1895-1916	RG 82-92#

Record of licenses concealed weapons 1912-1917 RG 82-92#
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Schools

Family census cards (Otsego) 1926-1957 RG 89-276
 Record of school examiners 1887-1891 RG 82-92#
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Tax records

Assessment rolls 1843-1900 RG 77-58#
 Certificate of sale of land for delinquent 1839-1845 RG 71-46#
 tax and receipts for tax paid on land
 Certificates of land sold for delinquent 1839 RG 71-46#
 taxes of 1836
 Delinquent returns 1836-1858 RG 77-58#
 Primary school and swamp land receipts 1873-1882 RG 82-92#
 Record of delinquent tax receipts 1928-1940 RG 82-92#
 Record of tax receipts 1873-1925 RG 82-92#
 Statement of lands upon which taxes 1837-1842 RG 71-46#
 were unpaid
 Statement of taxes delinquent, rejected 1837-1847; 1852 RG 71-46#
 by Auditor General
 Tax returns 1844-1849 RG 77-58#
 Tax sales 1836-1861; 1896-1900 RG 77-58#
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Vital records

* See Guide No. 19: Vital Records

Voter records

Record of elections 1867-1947 RG 82-92#
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