

Hillsdale County



Hillsdale County was set off in 1829 and formally organized in 1835. The county coordinates are Range 1W–4W and Township 5S–9S. Adjacent counties include Jackson (north), Lenawee (east), Fulton [OH] (southeast), Williams [OH] (south), and Steuben [IN] (southwest), Branch (west), and Calhoun (northwest).

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

Hillsdale County files	1967–1976	RG 83-53
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Census

State census	1884, 1894	RG 80-92
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Court records

Assignment docket	1887–1891	RG 85-10
Chancery calendars	1847–1930	RG 85-10
Chancery case files	1840–1910	RG 85-10
Chancery order books	1872–1937	RG 85-10
Chancery record books	1847–1935	RG 85-10
Chancery rule books	1847–1897	RG 85-10
Circuit court commission record	1897–1935	RG 85-10
Circuit court journals	1839–1933	RG 85-10 #
Common rule books	1858–1931	RG 85-10
County court records	1847–1851	RG 85-10
Criminal calendars	1885–1932	RG 85-10
Criminal case files	1835–1903	RG 85-10

Divorce decrees	1891–1939	RG 85-10
Divorce record	ca. 1898–1942	RG 85-10
Execution docket	1840–1954	RG 85-10
Foreclosure and divorce decrees	1872–1899	RG 85-10
Judgment records	1839–1939	RG 85-10
Law calendars	1840–1930	RG 85-10
Law case files	1835–1914	RG 85-10
Motion docket	1898–1915	RG 85-10
Record of sentences	ca. 1903–1930	RG 85-10
Register of court files loaned	1899–1922	RG 85-10
Rule to plead	1902–1932	RG 85-10
Special motion books	1839–1896	RG 85-10
Transcripts	1887–1917	RG 85-10
Witness records	1861–1894	RG 85-10

Circuit court journals contain naturalizations, see index included with RG 85-10 finding aid.

Land

First purchaser record (Woodbridge Twp.)	1825-1836	RG 94-463
Rural Property Inventory	1936-1942	RG 72-76

Military

GAR post records	1876–1945	RG 63-19
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* Hillsdale County GAR posts: 4 (Reading), 6 (Hillsdale), 146 (Waldron), 189 (North Adams), 209 (Montgomery), 219 (Jonesville), 245 (Frontier), 247 (Cambria), 259 (Litchfield), 282 (Camden), 392 (Ransom)

* 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 of naturalization	1907–1929	RG 85-9
Circuit Court journals	1839–1933	RG 85-10 #
Declarations of Intention	1846–1930	RG 85-9
Petition and record	1904–1930	RG 85-9

See index included with RG 85-10 finding aid.

Prison records

* See Guide No. 3: Correctional Facilities Records

Probate

Appraisers' warrants and inventory	1857–1921	RG 69-81
Case files	1835-1939	RG 2019-9
Liber No.55	1889-1895	RG 2019-9
Orders assigning estate	1903-1931	RG 2019-9
Petitions for administrators and probate of wills	1883-1902	RG 2019-9
Probate order book	1868-1878	RG 2019-9

Probate record	1865-1934	RG 2019-9
Record of assignments	1934-1952	RG 2019-9
Record of probate orders	1878-1919; 1923-1925	RG 2019-9
Record of wills	1865-1952	RG 69-81

Schools

School census (Woodbridge Twp.)	1909-1910; 1922-1923	RG 94-463
Teacher's daily register (Reading)	1896	RG 2016-93

Tax records

Assessment rolls (Woodbridge Twp.)	1842-1847	RG 94-463
Tax assessment rolls (Reading)	1919-1946	RG 2016-93

Vital records

* See *Guide No. 19: Vital Records*

Voter records

Party enrollment book (Woodbridge Twp.)	1906-1910	RG 94-463
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