Clinton County was organized in 1839. The county coordinates are Range 1W-4W and Township 5N-8N. Adjacent counties include Gratiot (north), Saginaw (northeast), Shiawassee (east), Ingham (southeast), Eaton (southwest), Ionia (west), and Montcalm (northwest).

Here is a listing of original source records available at the Archives for Clinton 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**
Clinton County files 1968-1975 RG 83-53

**Census**
Federal census 1860; 1870 RG 65-28
State census 1864 RG 65-28

**Court records**
Chancery case files 1833-1871 RG 98-148
Justice of the Peace dockets (Watertown Twp.) 1860-1881 RG 91-73

**Land**
Chattel mortgages (Watertown Twp.) 1872-1928 RG 91-73
Rural Property Inventory (Ovid, Ovid Twp., and Shepardsville) 1935-1942 RG 95-139
Military
Burial records, Union soldiers, sailors 1920-1937  RG 2013-80
and marines
GAR post records 1876-1945  RG 63-19
* Clinton County GAR posts: 58 (Dewitt), 104 (Ovid), 127 (Maple Rapids), 129 (Fowler), 156 (St. John's), 167 (Elsie), 217 (Eureka), 248 (Wacousta), 355 (Bath)
* 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
Certificate stubs 1907-1929  RG 2005-20
Declarations of Intention 1869-1960  RG 2005-20
Journals 1894-1906  RG 2005-20
Petitions 1907-1964  RG 2005-20

Occupations
Bonds and oaths (Watertown Twp.) 1889-1936  RG 91-73
Medical practitioners' sworn statements 1883-1889  RG 2013-80
Record of dentists' certificates 1907-1971  RG 2013-80
Record of nurses 1912-1957  RG 2013-80
Record of optometrists 1910-1973  RG 2013-80
Record of osteopaths 1921-1974  RG 2013-80
Registered physicians 1900-1974  RG 2013-80

Poor home/relief
Record of poor account 1896-1914  RG 2013-80

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

School records
Bower School (Dallas Twp.) 1869-1926  RG 81-3
Denison School (Ovid & Victor Twps.) 1866-1943  RG 81-40
Riley School #2 (Bengal & Riley Twps.) 1866-1919  RG 72-54
Stafford School (Duplain Twp.) 1865-1932  RG 85-21

Tax records
Account and record of unpaid taxes 1839-1844  RG 86-126
Assessment rolls 1844-1960  RG 86-127
1960; 1995  RG 2017-56
Delinquent tax returns 1840-1843  RG 86-126
Tax rolls 1965; 1975  RG 2002-97
1985  RG 2007-35
Treasurers' journal 1845-1891  RG 86-126
Vital records
*See Guide No. 19: Vital Records

Voter records
Poll book (Watertown Twp.)  1890-1900  RG 91-73
Register of electors (Watertown Twp.)  1882-1946  RG 91-73