Lake County

Originally laid off in 1840 as Aishcum County, Lake County was later officially organized in 1871. The county coordinates are Range 11W-14W and Township 17N-20N. Adjacent counties include Wexford (northeast), Osceola (east), Mecosta (southeast), Newaygo (south), Oceana (southwest), Mason (west), and Manistee (northwest).

Here is a listing of original source records available at the Archives for Lake 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**
Lake County files 1968-1976 RG 83-53

**Census**
State census 1933-1934 RG 78-20

**Court records**
Circuit Court case files 1871-1963 RG 78-77

**Land**
Rural Property Inventory 1936-1942 RG 72-76

**Military**
GAR post records 1876-1945 RG 63-19

*Lake County GAR posts: 218 (Luther), 272 (Chase), 362 (Baldwin), 367 (Glencoe)*

Record of Civil War discharges 1871-1888 RG 2000-78

*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 stub books: 1907-1927, RG 2000-71
- Declarations of Intention: 1874-1951, RG 2000-71
- Indexes to journals: n.d., RG 2000-71
- Petitions: 1907-1955, RG 2000-71
- Petitions granted and denied: 1930-1951, RG 2000-71
- Second papers: 1872-1906, RG 2000-71

**Prison records**

*See Guide No. 3: Correctional Facilities Records*

**Vital records**

*See Guide No. 19: Vital Records*

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