Mason County

Mason County was set off and named Notipetago County in 1840. The name was changed to Mason in 1843 and the county was formally organized in 1855. The county coordinates are Range 15W–18W and Township 17N–20N. Adjacent counties include Manistee (north), Lake (east), Newaygo (southeast), and Oceana (south).

Here is a listing of original source records available at the Archives for Mason 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**
- Mason County files
  - 1967–1976
  - RG 83-53

**Military**
- GAR Post 15 minutes
  - 1894–1921
  - RG 63-37
- GAR post records
  - 1876–1945
  - RG 63-19

* Mason County GAR posts: 15 (Ludington), 319 (Freesoil), 348 (Scottville)
* 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
  - n.d.
  - RG 99-25
- Declarations of intention
  - 1870–1962
  - RG 99-25
- Petitions granted or not granted
  - 1930–1969
  - RG 99-25
- Second papers
  - 1874–1969
  - RG 99-25

**Prison records**
* See Guide No. 3: Correctional Facilities Records
Tax records
Liquor tax assessment roll 1875–1876 RG 69-81

Vital records
*See Guide No. 19: Vital Records

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