Branch County

Branch County was originally set off in 1829, but later officially organized in 1833. The county coordinates are Range 5W-8W and Township 5S-8S. Adjacent counties include Hillsdale (east), Steuben [IN] (south), Lagrange [IN] (southwest), St. Joseph (west), Kalamazoo (northwest), and Calhoun (north & northeast).

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

**Businesses**

- Articles of association: 1885-1900  
  RG 93-134
- Papers of John & Nathan Sargent: 1844-1857  
  MS 2006-39

**Cemeteries**

- Branch County files: 1967-1975  
  RG 83-53

**Census**

- State census (Coldwater Twp.): 1854  
  RG 93-134
- State census: 1874  
  RG 93-134

**Court records**

- Chancery orders: 1847-1886  
  RG 76-75
- Circuit Court journals: 1833-1886  
  RG 76-74
- County Court journal: 1847-1851  
  RG 76-74
Military
GAR post records 1876-1945 RG 63-19
* Branch County GAR posts: 2 (Quincy), 88 (Union City), 109 (Coldwater), 185 (Bronson), 336 (East Gilead), 361 (Sherwood)
* 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

Political records
Returns of township & city officers 1833-1943 RG 93-134

Poor home/relief
Proceedings of the Board of Supervisors of the Poor 1839-1875 RG 76-74

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

Tax records
Tax rolls 1833-1878 RG 91-489

Vital records
* See Guide No. 19: Vital Records

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