Alger County

Alger County was set off from Schoolcraft County in 1855. The county coordinates are Range 13W-16W and Township 5N-9N. Adjacent counties include Luce (east), Schoolcraft (southeast), Delta (south), and Marquette (west).

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

Several Archives of Michigan collections are housed at the Central Upper Peninsula and Northern Michigan University Archives in Marquette, which are indicated below with a #. For assistance with those resources, please check with the staff there: nmu.edu/archives/home-page.

**Businesses**

| Record of estrays (Onota Twp.) | 1909 | RG2016-137# |
| Record of marks and brands (Onota Twp.) | n.d. | RG2016-137# |
| Statement of liquor tax collected | 1885–1917 | RG 68-53 # |

*# Held at Northern Michigan University Archives, Marquette*

**Cemeteries**

| Alger County files | 1962–1976 | RG 83-53 |

**Court records**

| Chancery calendars | 1899–1972 | RG 2008-30 |
| Chancery case files | 1912–1944 | RG 2008-30 |
| Chancery journals | 1886–1972 | RG 2008-30 |
| Circuit court blotters | 1911–1921 | RG 2008-30 |
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Circuit court calendars 1885–1964 RG 2008-30
Circuit court journals 1885–1954 RG 2008-30
Common orders 1886–1920 RG 2008-30
Criminal calendars 1899–1958 RG 2008-30
Criminal case files 1911–1944 RG 2008-30
Divorce case files 1924–1944 RG 2008-30
Juror list and witness timetable 1887–1916 RG 2008-30
Law case files 1899–1941 RG 2008-30
Subpoenas (order book) 1886–1901 RG 2008-30
Transcript of judgments 1891–1975 RG 2008-30

### Land

Farm assessment record (Limestone Twp.) 1978 RG 98-47
Rural Property Inventory (Limestone Twp.) 1938-1954 RG 98-47
Rural Property Inventory (Onota Twp.) 1939 RG 2016-137#

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### Military

Correspondence of the County War 1918–1919 RG 68-53#
Preparedness Board

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*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

Declarations of Intention 1885–1953 RG 2008-30
Petitions for naturalization 1886–1965 RG 2008-30
Petitions denied 1929–1945 RG 2008-30
Petitions to be granted 1929–1945 RG 2008-30

### Occupations

Nurse registrations 1911–1957 RG 2008-30
Physician registrations 1900–1969 RG 2008-30
Physician registrations returned by assessor

1900–1903 RG 2008-30
Physicians’ sworn statements 1908–1914 RG 2008-30

### Political records

Oath book (Onota Twp.) 1894–1920 RG2016-137#
Oaths of office (Onota Twp.) 1909; 1925–1939 RG2016-137#
Register of town officers (Onota Twp.) 1942–1953 RG2016-137#

# Held at Northern Michigan University Archives, Marquette
Poor home relief
Chatham fire relief fund 1925 RG 68-53 #
Records of the Superintendent of the Poor 1888–1926 RG 2008-30
# Held at Northern Michigan University Archives, Marquette

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

Probate
Calendar 1890-1983 RG 2010-49
Case files 1886-1944 RG 2018-48
Court journal 1889-1896 RG 2010-49
General probate index n.d. RG 2010-49
Journal 1892-1983 RG 2010-49
Probate court property decisions (Onota Twp.) 1965 RG2016-137#
Probate of wills 1897-1984 RG 2010-49
# Held at Northern Michigan University Archives, Marquette

Recreation
Record of hunters’ licenses 1899–1925 RG 2008-30

Schools
Register of school officers (Onota Twp.) 1941-1942 RG2016-137#
Reports of teacher institute fees 1885–1940* RG 68-53 #
* Note that there are gaps in the record
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Tax records
Abstract of sales of state tax land 1888; 1892–1894 RG 68-53 #
Assessment rolls 1885–1899 RG 74-72 #
Assessment rolls (Onota Twp.) 1912-1977 RG2016-137#
Returned delinquent roll 1933 RG 68-53 #
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Vital records
* See Guide No. 19: Vital Records

Voter records
Party registration book (Onota Twp.) 1912 RG2016-137#
Voter registration book (Onota Twp.) 1919-1944 RG2016-137#
Women voter registration book (Onota Twp.) 1924 RG2016-137#
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