Allegan County

Allegan County was established by the legislature in 1831 and organized in 1835. The county coordinates are Range 11W-16W and Township 1N-4N. Adjacent counties include Ottawa (north), Kent (northeast), Barry (east), Kalamazoo (southeast), and Van Buren (south).

Here is a listing of original source records available at the Archives for Allegan 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 Western Michigan University Archives & Regional History Collections in Kalamazoo, which are indicated below with a #. For assistance with those resources, please check with the staff there: wmich.edu/library/collections/archives.

**Businesses**

- Articles of association: 1873-1909, RG 82-92#
- Articles of incorporation of religious societies: 1859-1943, RG 82-92#
- Index of business conducted under assumed name: 1907-1916, RG 82-92#
- Index to certificates of co-partnership: 1907-1956, RG 82-92#
- Record of docked horses: 1901-1903, RG 82-92#
- Record of estrays: 1871-1941, RG 82-92#

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**Cemeteries**

- Allegan County files: 1968-1976, RG 83-53
Census
State census of agriculture 1894 RG 81-15

Court records
Assignment docket 1888-1898 RG 82-93#
Certificates of conviction 1899-1900 RG 82-93#
Chancery calendar 1849-1906 RG 82-93#
Chancery case files 1849-1900 RG 82-93#
Chancery common rule book 1852-1901 RG 82-93#
Chancery journal 1849-1859 RG 82-93#
Chancery order book 1873-1911 RG 82-93#
Chancery orders publication 1891-1925 RG 82-93#
Chancery record of decrees 1851-1914 RG 82-93#
Chancery sale of real estate of infants 1894-1916 RG 82-93#
Chancery special motions book 1852-1904 RG 82-93#
Circuit Court calendar 1836-1895 RG 82-93#
Circuit Court final judgment record 1838-1840 RG 82-93#
Circuit Court journal 1836-1901 RG 82-93#
Circuit Court journal, dismissals 1830-1916 RG 82-93#
Common rule book 1839-1921 RG 82-93#
County Court calendar 1847-1851; 1878-1888 RG 82-93#
County Court journal 1847-1851 RG 82-93#
Court blotter 1894-1910 RG 82-93#
Criminal calendar 1887-1903 RG 82-93#
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Special motions book 1840-1910 RG 82-93#
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Land
Deeds prepared by county treasurer for 1840; 1842 RG 71-46#
lands sold for delinquent taxes
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Military
Civil War volunteers from Allegan County 1861-1863 RG 82-92#
GAR post records 1876-1945 RG 63-19
* Allegan County GAR posts: 34 (Otsego); 46 (Ganges); 56 (Allegan); 74 (Wayland); 80 (Monterey); 148 (Douglas); 269 (Plainwell); 287 (Cheshire); 346 (Hamilton); 371 (Fennville); 412 (Burnips Corners); 422 (Saugatuck); 460 (Saugatuck)
Indigent soldiers and sailors burial record 1887-1925 RG 82-92#
Record of local draft board 1917 RG 82-92#
Relief granted to dependents of military servicemen 1862-1865 RG 71-46#

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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

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