Jackson County

Jackson County was organized in 1832. The county coordinates are Range 3W-2E and Township 1S-4S. Adjacent counties include Ingham (north), Livingston (northeast), Washtenaw (east), Lenawee (southeast), Hillsdale (southwest), Calhoun (west), and Eaton (northwest).

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

**Census**
- State census 1884; 1894 RG 81-37

**Court records**
- Justice Court docket 1843-1849 RG 88-5
- Lawyers’ certificate of defense 1876 RG 52-6

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

**Military**
- Return of names of Civil War veterans 1888 MS 2009-20
- now living in Jackson County
- Claims for exemption from draft 1863-1864 RG 62-15
GAR post records 1876-1945 RG 63-19
* Jackson County GAR posts: 48 (Jackson), 204 (Brooklyn), 228 (Grass Lake), 239 (Concord), 273 (Hanover), 321 (Springport), 328 (Napoleon), 374 (Parma), 416 (Brooklyn)
Male citizens liable for military duty 1862-1879 RG 62-15
Volunteers’ family relief fund 1863 RG 52-6
* 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

**Occupational**
Certificates of census takers 1864-1874 RG 52-6
Registers for normal school & college certificates 1900-1928 RG 62-1
Teacher certification examination record 1881-1928 RG 62-15
Teachers’ Institute fees 1883-1888 RG 52-6

**Prison records**
Bills to Detroit House of Corrections 1875; 1884-1888 RG 52-6
* See also Guide No. 3: Correctional Facilities Records

**Probate**
Estate case files 1853-1887 RG 2018-77

**Recreation**
Sparrow bounty orders 1888 RG 52-6

**Schools**
School records, District #7 (Liberty Twp.) 1839-1918 RG 87-154

**Tax records**
Assessment rolls 1844-1880; 1900; 1920; 1940
1945-1975 RG 96-197
Assessment rolls (Rives Twp.) 1882-1965 RG 2017-125
Assessment rolls (Springport Twp.) 1900; 1905 RG 2018-76

**Vital records**
* See Guide No. 19: Vital Records

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