

## Calhoun County



Calhoun County was organized in 1833. The county coordinates are Range 4W-8W and Township 1S-4S. Adjacent counties include Eaton (northeast), Jackson (east), Hillsdale (southeast), Branch (south), St. Joseph (southwest), and Kalamazoo (west), and Barry (northwest).

Here is a listing of original source records available at the Archives for Calhoun 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 in Kalamazoo, these collections are indicated below with a #. For assistance with those resources, please check with the staff there: [wmich.edu/library/collections/archives](http://wmich.edu/library/collections/archives).

### Businesses

Articles of association	1886-1918	RG 2017-111
Record of societies and corporations	1866-1885	RG 2017-111

### Cemeteries

Burial permits	1962-1978	RG 2014-32
Calhoun County files	1968-1982	RG 83-53
Index to burial permits	n.d.	RG 2017-111
Riverside Cemetery burials (Albion)	1837-1989	MS 2013-105

### Court records

Appeals case files	1947; 1951-1954	RG 91-453
Chancery case files	1929; 1935-1955	RG 91-453

Chancery records	1847-1898	RG 91-453
Circuit Court chancery common rule book	1873-1878	RG 2017-111
Circuit Court chancery index	n.d.	RG 2017-111
Circuit Court chancery order book	1873-1878	RG 2017-111
Circuit Court common rule book	1861-1889	RG 2017-111
Circuit Court criminal docket	1839-1885; 1907-1914	RG 2017-111
	1883-1909	RG 91-453
Circuit Court journal	1876-1881	RG 2017-111
	1888-1893	RG 91-453
Circuit Court law docket	1836-1838	RG 2017-111
Circuit Court law journal	1840-1860	RG 2017-111
Circuit Court special motion book	1839-1877	RG 2017-111
Judgment record	1833-1837; 1848-1860	RG 2017-111
	1838-1839	RG 91-453
Justice case files	1913-1935	RG 91-453
Justice docket (Battle Creek)	1840-1869	RG 84-103#
Justice docket (Bedford Twp.)	1866-1887	RG 77-93
Justice of the Peace reports	1908-1911	RG 2017-111
Law court docket	1847-1959	RG 91-453
Non-chancery case files	1927-1935	RG 91-453

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## Health records

Applications to tuberculosis hospital	1937-1981	RG 2014-32\$
Record of tuberculosis (Pennfield Twp.)	1921-1931	RG 91-165\$

\$ Death certificate required to view records

## Land

Chattel mortgage record (Fredonia Twp.)	1901-1929	RG 89-544
Entry book of mortgages	1839-1871	RG 83-81 #
List of non-resident lands delinquent	1838-1844	RG 69-50 #
Plats (Battle Creek)	1920-1930	RG 84-103#
Record of mortgages	1833-1870	RG 83-81 #
Rural Property Inventory	1936-1942	RG 72-76
Statement of lands advertised for unpaid taxes	1838-1842	RG 69-50 #

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## Military

Burials of indigent veterans	1886-1919	RG 2007-48
Claims for exemption from draft	1863-1864	RG 62-15
GAR post records	1876-1945	RG 63-19

\* Calhoun County GAR posts: 32 (Battle Creek), 105 (Tekonsha), 155 (Homer), 166 (Marshall),  
191 (Burlington), 210 (Albion), 242 (Athens), 256 (Partello)

List of volunteers	1861-1862	RG 68-39 #
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Michigan Battalion, Regiment Merrill Horse Association	1884-1929	MS 66-78
Soldier, sailor, and marine burials	1953-1972	RG 2017-111
* See also <i>Guide No. 4: War Records</i> , <i>Guide No. 7: Post-War Records</i> , <i>Guide No. 4c: Spanish American War</i> , and <i>Guide No. 4d: World War I</i>		
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## Naturalization

Certificate stubs	1921-1980	RG 91-270
Certificates of naturalization	1907-1925	RG 91-270
Declarations of Intention	1892-1938	RG 91-270
Journal	1899-1906	RG 91-270
Naturalization records	1894-1900	RG 2017-111
Petitions	1907-1980	RG 91-270
Petitions denied, lists	1930-1962	RG 91-270
Petitions, depositions taken for	1930-1955	RG 91-270
Petitions granted, lists	1929-1980	RG 91-270
Petitions, military (Camp Custer)	1918-1919	RG 91-270
Petitions, transfer	1949-1953	RG 91-270
Repatriation records	1939-1961	RG 91-270

## Occupations

Fireman's record (Battle Creek)	1879-1881	RG 84-103#
Record of visiting nurses (Battle Creek)	1931-1938	RG 84-103#
Register of chiroprodists	1915-1968	RG 2017-111
Register of dentists	1907-1953	RG 2017-111
Register of miscellaneous professions	1933-1974	RG 2017-111
Register of nurses	1911-1974	RG 2017-111
Register of optometrists	1910-1976	RG 2017-111
Register of physicians	1883-1938	RG 2017-111
Veterinary certificates of registration	1914-1962	RG 2014-32

## Political records

Bonds and oaths (Fredonia Twp.)	1901-1951	RG 89-544
Oaths of office (Pennfield Twp.)	1873-1926	RG 91-165

## Poor home/relief

Account of volunteers' relief	1862-1865	RG 68-39 #
Superintendent of the Poor proceedings	1839-1877	RG 2017-111
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## Prison records

\* See *Guide No. 3: Correctional Facilities Records*

**Probate**

Abstract of taxable inheritance	1951-1954	RG 2007-48
Accounts	1872-1880	RG 2007-48
Accounts order allowing decree of assignment	1903-1911	RG 2007-48
Adjournment and discharge of executor, administrator, and guardian	1918-1930	RG 2007-48
Administration bond	1845-1857	RG 2007-48
Administrator's sale of real estate	1872-1892	RG 2007-48
Appointment of administrators and insane	1916-1920	RG 2007-48
Appointment of guardians and administrator	1917-1922	RG 2007-48
Appointment of guardians for incompetents and insane	1920-1931	RG 2007-48
Appointment of guardians for minors, incompetents, adoptions	1931-1937	RG 2007-48
Appraiser's warrant and inventory	1860-1940	RG 2007-48
Appraiser's warrant and inventory for deceased persons	1870-1876	RG 2007-48
Appraiser's warrant for deceased persons and minors	1881-1903	RG 2007-48
Appraiser's warrant for minors	1862-1878	RG 2007-48
Bond of administrator and guardian	1950-1957	RG 2007-48
Bond of guardian	1953-1957	RG 2007-48
Bonds and letters	1849-1903	RG 2007-48
Book of accounts	1880-1903	RG 2007-48
Calendars	1835-1986	RG 2007-48
Case files	1836-1870	RG 87-49 #
Claims allowing payments	1913-1916	RG 2007-48
Claims heard by Court	1902-1920	RG 2007-48
Commissioner's claims adjournment	1929-1936	RG 2007-48
Commissioner's report	1871-1894	RG 2007-48
Commissioner's warrant and report	1857-1874; 1903-1914	RG 2007-48
Commissioner's warrant and report, bonds and orders allowing appeal	1915-1939	RG 2007-48
Commissioner's warrant and report, indigent, insane, and dependent	1894-1903	RG 2007-48
Commissioner's warrant and report, widows allowance	1909-1951	RG 2007-48
Decrees appointing administrator, determining heirs, hearing claims	1896-1905	RG 2007-48
Decrees appointing bonds, letters of administration	1902-1907	RG 2007-48
Discharge of administrator	1874-1894	RG 2007-48
Discharge of administrator and guardian	1894-1908	RG 2007-48

Discharge of executor, administrator, or guardian	1928-1950	RG 2007-48
Estate files	1890-1967	RG 2018-164
Estate real estate record	1875-1894	RG 2007-48
Executors and guardians	1882-1903	RG 2007-48
General probate index	1891-1990	RG 2018-164
Guardians and appraisers	1911-1936	RG 2007-48
Guardians petition to sell land	1860-1872	RG 2007-48
Guardians sale of real estate	1872-1905	RG 2007-48
Guardianship and incompetents accounts	1927-1932	RG 2007-48
Guardianship record	1845-1847	RG 2007-48
Index	1847-1875	RG 2007-48
Index to calendars	1870-1900	RG 2007-48
Index to wills	1850-1955	RG 2007-48
Inventory	1938-1947	RG 2007-48
Journals	1835-1957	RG 2007-48
Letters of administration	1844-1848	RG 2007-48
Letters of guardianship	1844-1854	RG 2007-48
License to sell real estate private sale	1914-1916	RG 2007-48
Oaths of administrators	1838-1843	RG 2007-48
Order allowing account	1929-1935	RG 2007-48
Order allowing account, order appointing time for hearing claims	1939-1946	RG 2007-48
Order allowing account, order appointing trustee	1935-1941	RG 2007-48
Order allowing account, order for publication	1908-1919; 1947-1950	RG 2007-48
Order allowing claims	1880-1905	RG 2007-48
Order allowing claims and for payment of debt	1904-1950	RG 2007-48
Order allowing claims and for payment of debt, order closing hearing of claims	1934-1942	RG 2007-48
Order appointing administrator	1910-1914; 1940-1953	RG 2007-48
Order appointing administrator and appraiser	1924-1940	RG 2007-48
Order appointing appraisers	1913-1944	RG 2007-48
Order appointing bonds and letters	1905-1910; 1920-1925	RG 2007-48
Order appointing guardian	1941-1957	RG 2007-48
Order appointing medical or financial Personnel	1931-1935	RG 2007-48
Order appointing special administrator or guardian	1894-1897	RG 2007-48
Order appointing time for hearing claims	1946-1950	RG 2007-48
Order assigning residue of estate	1911-1957	RG 2007-48
Order closing hearing of claims	1948-1950	RG 2007-48
Order confirming adoption	1940-1957	RG 2007-48

Order determining heirs	1941-1950	RG 2007-48
Order determining legal heirs	1949-1957	RG 2007-48
Order for adjournment	1934-1948	RG 2007-48
Order for personal service	1947-1953	RG 2007-48
Order for publication	1904-1907; 1927-1950	RG 2007-48
Order of hearing for general purpose	1882-1898	RG 2007-48
Order personal service	1905-1950	RG 2007-48
Petition and decree for guardian and administrator	1865-1875	RG 2007-48
Petition or application for guardian	1873-1886	RG 2007-48
Petitions and affidavits for publication	1857-1875	RG 2007-48
Private sale of real estate to pay debts	1900-1905	RG 2007-48
Proceedings in cases of insane persons	1885-1895	RG 2007-48
Proceedings in dower and partition	1863-1900	RG 2007-48
Record of adjournments	1911-1918	RG 2007-48
Record of administrators sales	1894-1904	RG 2007-48
Record of bond renewals	1937-1959	RG 2007-48
Record of bonds	1904-1956	RG 2007-48
Record of dower proceedings	1880-1900	RG 2007-48
Record of mentally diseased	1928-1935	RG 2007-48
Record of minors and insane cases	1911-1918	RG 2007-48
Record of minors order confirming adoption and insane cases	1906-1923	RG 2007-48
Record of orders	1905-1920	RG 2007-48
Record of orders appointing and bonds and letters	1914-1933	RG 2007-48
Record of probate orders	1898-1905	RG 2007-48
Record of sureties and annual accounts	1904-1940	RG 2007-48
Record of wills	1841-1957	RG 2007-48
Register	1860-1873	RG 2007-48
Report of commissioners on claims	1919-1937	RG 2007-48
Sale of land	1839-1859	RG 2007-48
Sale of real estate	1861-1872; 1924-1957	RG 2007-48
Sale of real estate, private sale	1907-1924	RG 2007-48
Sale of real estate, public sale	1901-1927	RG 2007-48
Summons to probate court	1863-1882	RG 2007-48
Tardy claims and widows allowance	1914-1950	RG 2007-48
Unidentified indexes	1840-1910	RG 2007-48

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## Tax records

Account book	1838-1861	RG 68-39
Assessment rolls	1844-1930	RG 69-50 #
	1873-1957	RG 79-34 #
	1960; 1990-1995	RG 2018-55

Delinquent tax roll under moratorium 1928-1935 RG 79-34 #  
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**Vital records**

Delayed registration of births 1931-1970 RG 2007-48  
Marriage waivers 1936-1987 RG 2019-6

\* See also *Guide No. 19: Vital Records*

**Voter records**

Voter registration (Washington Heights) 1913-1928 RG 84-103#

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