

Wayne County



Wayne County was organized in 1796. The county coordinates are Range 8E-13E and Township 1S-4S. Adjacent counties include Macomb (northeast), Monroe (south), Washtenaw (west), and Oakland (northwest).

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

Business records

Articles of association	1916	RG 2012-32
Indexes to annual reports	1923–1930	RG 2012-32

Cemeteries

Burial transit permits (Canton Twp.)	1930-1956	RG 88-22
Wayne County files	1961-1979	RG 83-53

Court records

Chancery calendars	1851–1901	RG 85-34
	1901–1941	RG 2012-32
Chancery case files	1873-1874; 1890-1892	RG 97-322#
Chancery case files (1 st District)	ca. 1836–1850	RG 85-34
Chancery decrees (Superior Court)	1873–1887	RG 85-34
Chancery entry books	1937–1962	RG 2012-32
Chancery indexes	1847–1903	RG 85-34
	1903–1939	RG 2012-32
Chancery journals (Superior Court)	1873–1884	RG 85-34
Circuit Court calendars	1851–1901	RG 85-34

Criminal calendars	1837–1909	RG 85-34
	1909-1940	RG 2012-32
Criminal case files	c.1841-1950	RG 2012-32
Criminal indexes	1833–1879	RG 85-34
	1934–1961	RG 2012-32
Justices' docket (Dearborn)	1879-1881	RG 83-68
Law entry books	1924–1925; 1937-1962	RG 2012-32
Law indexes	1855–1908	RG 85-34
	1908–1939	RG 2012-32
Recorder's Court criminal calendars (Detroit)	1858–1949	RG 2011-37
Recorder's Court criminal case files (Detroit)	c.1858-1949	RG 2011-37
Recorder's Court criminal docket (Detroit)	1930-1941	RG 68-19
Recorder's Court criminal indexes (Detroit)	1918–1944	RG 2011-37
Recorder's Court criminal journals (Detroit)	1909–1965	RG 2011-37
Roll of attorneys	1824–1929	RG 85-34
Superior Court calendars	1873–1889	RG 85-34
Superior Court indexes	1873–1889	RG 85-34
Superior Court journals	1873–1887	RG 85-34
Territorial Court judgment record	1825–1834	RG 85-34
Writs of habeas corpus	1879	RG 87-162

This collection includes a very small sampling of chancery case files.

Land

Assessor cards (Detroit)	c.1920-2000	RG 2015-132
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Military Records

GAR post records	1876–1945	RG 63-19
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* *Wayne County GAR posts: 17 (Detroit), 95 (Flat Rock), 162 (Detroit), 184 (John Brown), 225 (Trenton), 231 (Plymouth), 261 (Wayne), 270 (Ecorse and Wyandotte), 376 (Belleville), 393 (Detroit), 404 (Livonia), 406 (Detroit), 413 (Wyandotte), 427 (Dearborn), 431 (Wayne), 433 (Detroit)*

* 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	1837–1946	RG 85-36
Petitions for Naturalization	1818–1935	RG 85-36
Sample of naturalization records	c.1839-1895	RG 97-322#

This collection includes a very small sampling of naturalization records.

* *Detroit and Wayne County records are also held at the National Archives regional facility in Chicago and the Detroit Public Library's Burton Historical Collection.*

Occupations

Chiropractor registrations	1934–1953	RG 85-38
Nurse registrations	1915–1966	RG 85-38
Oaths and bonds of township officers (Dearborn Twp.)	1854; 1857-1889	RG 71-157
Optometrist registrations	1910–1945	RG 85-38
Osteopath registrations	1910–1936	RG 85-38
Physician registrations	1894–1950	RG 85-38
Record of dentistry	1907-1966	RG 2014-96
Record of volunteer enrollment for civil defense (Dearborn Twp.)	1942	RG 71-157
Veterans' licenses to vend	1933–1948	RG 85-38

Prison records

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

Probate

Bonds	1841–1846	RG 85-35
Calendars	1797–1914	RG 85-35
Estate case files	1797–1901	RG 85-35
	1901-1916	RG 2018-67
Inventories and accounts	1825–1845	RG 85-35
Journal of wills	1870-1955	RG 2013-72
Journals	1821–1926	RG 85-35
Letters of administration	1837–1848	RG 85-35

Tax records

Assessment rolls (Dearborn Twp.)	1864; 1871	RG 71-157
Assessment rolls (Ford)	1903-1923	RG 68-30
Assessment rolls (Glenwood)	1900-1905	RG 68-30
Assessment rolls (Wyandotte)	1868-1911	RG 68-30

Vital records

Marriage records (Dearborn)	1881-1883	RG 83-68
Register of deaths (Dearborn Twp.)	1897-1938	RG 71-157

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

Voter records

Register of electors (Dearborn Twp.)	1888; 1892-1895	RG 71-157
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