

## Cass County



Cass County was officially organized in 1829. The county coordinates are Range 13W-16W and Township 5S-8S. Adjacent counties include Saint Joseph (east), Elkhart [IN] (southeast), St. Joseph [IN] (southwest), Berrien (west), Van Buren (north), and Kalamazoo (northeast).

Here is a listing of original source records available at the Archives for Cass 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](http://wmich.edu/library/collections/archives).

### Businesses

Account ledger sheets (Pokagon Twp.)	1936-1983	RG 2003-44
Grist mill book	1874-1878	RG 75-35 #
Record of estrays	1871-1903	RG 75-35 #
# Held at Western Michigan University Archives, Kalamazoo		

### Cemeteries

Cass County files	1968-1976	RG 83-53
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### Court records

Common rule book	1839-1864	RG 75-35 #
Justice Court record	1852-1872	RG 2008-12
Justice Courts, Docket of judgement	1841-1872	RG 75-35 #

Justice docket 1852-1882 RG 72-21 #  
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### Land

Delinquent returns 1956-1957 RG 77-70 #  
 List of non-resident lands 1836-1842 RG 72-21 #  
 Rural Property Inventory (Milton Twp.) 1938 RG 2014-139  
 Rural Property Inventory (Pokagon Twp.) 1938 RG 2003-44  
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### Military

GAR post records 1876-1945 RG 63-19  
 \* Cass County GAR posts: 44 (Pokagon), 47 (Dowagiac), 57 (Marcellus), 65 (Jones), 96 (Union),  
 157 (Cassopolis), 230 (Wakelee), 341 (Calvin), 448 (Edwardsburg)  
 Soldiers and Sailors record of service 1916-1919 RG 75-35 #  
 # Held at Western Michigan University Archives, Kalamazoo  
 \* 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

### Political records

Bonds and oaths (Milton Twp.) 1921-1957 RG 2019-52#  
 Clerk's account book (Milton Twp.) 1903-1959 RG 2019-52#  
 Election returns, Justice of the Peace 1837-1876 RG 75-35 #  
 Treasurer's account book (Milton Twp.) 1866-1947 RG 2019-52#  
 # Held at Western Michigan University Archives, Kalamazoo

### Poor home/relief

Record of volunteers' relief fund 1862-1865 RG 72-21 #  
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### Prison records

\* See Guide No. 3: Correctional Facilities Records

### Tax records

Record of taxes 1850-1858 RG 72-21 #  
 Record of township treasurers' bonds 1895-1897 RG 72-21 #  
 Statement of lands for unpaid taxes 1841-1846 RG 72-21 #  
 Tax assessment rolls 1845-1880 RG 71-163#  
 Tax assessment rolls (Milton Twp.) 1882-1935 RG 2014-139  
 1901-1934 RG 2019-52#  
 Tax rolls 1900-1940 RG 72-21  
 Tax rolls 1944-1957 RG 77-70 #  
 Tax rolls (Pokagon Twp.) 1932-1935 RG 2003-44  
 1942-1944; 1955-1957 RG 2004-70#  
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## **Vital records**

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

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