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Circular No. 32 – Roads and Bridges

The Michigan Highway Department, and later the Department of Transportation, deposited with the Archives of Michigan numerous materials relating to roads and bridges. Anyone researching these subjects would logically consult the records of these agencies in their quest for information. However, documents pertaining to these topics have also been received from many other government offices. The purpose of this circular is to identify these alternative sources of data on Michigan roads and bridges. For similar records from Highway and Transportation, see the appropriate binders.

State Records

Agency	Record Group	Series	Subject	Dates
Administrative Board	64-32	1	Transportation Committee Reports	1949-1954
Administrative Board	67-11	1	Transportation Committee Reports	1955-1956
Administrative Board	69-61	1	Transportation Committee Reports	1957-1958
Administrative Board	71-62	1	Transportation Committee Reports	1959-1960
Attorney General	53-10	5	Highway Department Correspondence	1931-1932
Attorney General	70-77	1	Highway Reference Materials	1958-1969
Attorney General	73-24	11	Highway Projects	1928
Auditor General	58-18	1	Fort Gratiot Turnpike	1912-1916
Auditor General	71-97	5	Expressway Bonds	1962-1963
Auditor General	71-122	2	Expressway Audits	1958-1960
Commerce	69-32	3	Highway Engineering Reports	1963-1964
Conservation	57-31	4, 5	Swampland State Roads	1866-1874
Conservation	58-17		Road Maps	Ca. 1828-1889
Conservation	59-04		Road Maps	Ca. 1859-1922
Conservation	60-08	8	Swampland State Roads	1864-1894
Conservation	60-08	10	Plats and Field Notes of Roads	1806-1917
Conservation	60-08	19	State Road Laws	1805-1911
Conservation	60-08	22	Swampland State Roads	1860-1901
Conservation	60-08	23	Certificates of Road Acceptance	1877-1888
Conservation	60-08	24	Road Contracts	1877-1889
Conservation	60-08	57	Petitions for Swampland Roads	1859-1899
Conservation	60-08	83	Road Contract	1865
Conservation	62-16	4	Military Road	1863-1874
Conservation	62-16	14	Swampland State Roads	1873-1880
Conservation	62-16	27	Roads Right-of-way Leases	1930-1940
Conservation	62-16	29, 41	State Road Office Acceptances	1868-1893



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Conservation	62-16	30	Index to Swampland Road Contracts	n.d.
Conservation	62-16	42	State Road Office Contracts	1859-1874
Conservation	62-16	43	State Road Office Letters Received	1865-1882
Conservation	62-16	44, 48	Swamplands Exchanged for Roads	1860-1871
Conservation	62-16	45	Swampland Road Scrip Lists	1864-1872
Conservation	62-16	46, 47	State Road Office Letterpress Book	1870-1875
Conservation	66-02	3	Highway Department	1945
Conservation	66-02	3	Highway Department	1949
Conservation	66-02	3	Highway Department	1950
Conservation	66-02	3	Highway Department	1951
Conservation	66-02	3	Highway Department	1952
Conservation	66-02	3	Highway Department	1954
Executive Office	44	2	Roads	1834-1910
Executive Office	44	1	Highway Department	1941-1942
International Bridge	63-24	1	Records from the Authority	1960-1962
Legislature	91-291	1	Zilwaukee Bridge	1987
Legislature	91-291	2	Woodward Corridor	Ca. 1985
Management and Budget	74-25	1	Transportation Committee Reports	1961-1963
Management and Budget	76-64	1	Transportation Committee Reports	1964-1966
Management and Budget	78-45	1	Transportation Committee Reports	1967-1968
Management and Budget	80-18	1	Transportation Committee Reports	1969
Management and Budget	81-81	1	Transportation Committee Reports	1970
Mileage Administration	66-38	1	General Records	1942-1945
Natural Resources	87-152	1	Military Wagon Road	1870-1873
Natural Resources	89-16	1	Rural Bridges	1944-1946
Natural Resources	89-282	2	Highway Projects	1970-1980
Natural Resources	94-36	1	Highway Projects	1972-1986
State	56-26	54	Military Road Lands	Ca. 1870-1876
State	56-26	62	Road Records	1828-1860
State	56-26	72	Bridges and Roads	1837-1853
State	84-94	1	Highway Right-of-Way Lists	1937-1938
State	84-94	1	Military Road Land Grant	1870-1924
State	84-94	1	Days River to Bay de Noquet Road	1884
Transportation	89-11	1	Michigan Highway Maps	1912-1990
Transportation	96-281	1	Zilwaukee Bridge Files	1980-1988
Treasury	68-35	27	State Road Commissioners	1859-1860
Treasury	68-35	82	State Swampland Roads	1859-1863

Turnpike Authority

Agency	Record Group	Series	Subject	Dates
Turnpike Authority	59-07	1-4	Administrative Records	1953-1958
Turnpike Authority	62-10	1-2	Minutes and Budgets	1953-1958

Local Records

Agency	Record Group	Series	Subject	Dates
Alcona County	69-47	1-5	Harrisville & Grand Traverse Road	1879-1887
Alcona County	69-47		Ogemaw & Oscoda State Road	1879-1880
Bay County	71-19	3	Letterpress Book of Road Commission	1887
Bay County	72-144	1	Road Commission Correspondence	1911-1912
Charlevoix County	72-85	2, 3	Bridges	1912-1924
Charlevoix County	72-85		Road Commission Annual Reports	1950-1966
Charlevoix County	72-85		Road Commission Ledger Sheets	1913-1914
Dickinson County	71-95	4	Road Commission Orders Issued	1903-1920
Eaton County	65-04	3	Road Account Book	1836-1880
Ionia County	66-73	14	District Road Assessments	1926, 1929
Ionia County	66-73	31	Reward & Trunkline Roads	1925-1926
Ionia County	66-73	32	List of Covert Roads	1926
Luce County	71-115	22	Road Commission Records	1914-1962
Ogemaw County	67-37	2	Expenditures on Roads	1914-1920
Roscommon County	63-15	5	Road Commission Records	1916-1931
Saginaw County	71-131	8	Records Relating to Roads	1892-1918
Schoolcraft County	67-23	3	Bills to Road Commission	1911-1926
Wayne County	66-16	1	Road Commission Reports	1943-1963
Augusta Township	68-13	9	Record of Road Districts	1866-1880
Avon Township	69-52	4	Surveys of Roads	1835-1916
Burton Township	63-30	2	Highway Assessments	1870-1903
Burton Township	63-30	3	Highway Commission Records	1870-1903
Chapin Township	85-33	1	Highway Commission Records	1867-1901
Clayton Township	84-59	3	Highway Commissioners' Minutes	1839-1893
Danby Township	57-15	4	Highway Commission Records	1882-1927
Dearborn Township	71-157	4	Highway Records	1854-1902
Flushing Township	73-30	5	Highway Commissioners' Minutes	1841-1853
Forest Home Township	78-09	1	Highway Commissioners' Minutes	1870-1875
Fort Gratiot Township	80-128	2	Highway Commission Records	1878-1899
Freedom Township	73-37	1	Highway Improvements	1878-1879
Frenchtown Township	70-30	2	Highway Commission Records	1828-1876
Greenoak Township	68-34	3	Highway Commissioners' Minutes	1857-1934

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LaSalle Township	70-31	4	Highway Assessments	1901, 1929
LaSalle Township	80-31	5	Highway Commissioners' Reports	1894-1912
Macomb Township	88-259	1	Road Overseer's Accounts	1908-1913
Perry Township	75-17	1	Highway Commissioners' Records	1841-1871
Pine Grove Township	71-83	4	Highway Commissioners' Records	1849-1911
Pine River Township	76-93	1	Highway Records	1892-1900
Pine River Township	76-93	8	Highway Commissioners' Records	1878-1935
Port Austin Township	83-48	1	Highway Commissioners' Records	1876-1896
Raisinville Township	69-48	3	Highway Commissioners' Records	1850-1909
Troy Township	57-18	2	Highway Commissioners' Minutes	1853-1875
Wakeshma Township	76-17	5	Highway Commissioners' Records	1879-1901
Kalamazoo City	80-81	2	Paving Petitions	1884-1921
Kalamazoo City	80-131	2	Street and Bridge Commission	1884
Lansing City	67-43	3	Highway Assessment Rolls	1859-1864
Owosso City	67-104	14	Street Sprinkling and Paving	1897-1899
Sturgis City	67-88	3	Street Paving Assessments	1913-1919