

ALGER COUNTY GUIDE

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Alger County was set off from Schoolcraft County in 1855. The county coordinates are Ranges 13 West through 16 West (13W - 16W) and Townships 5 North through 9 North (5N - 9N). Lake Superior is on the north border of Alger County. Adjacent counties include Luce (east), Schoolcraft (southeast), Delta (south), and Marquette (west).

Original records from Alger County are available at the Archives of Michigan. The list below is organized by record type; each record type lists specific records, the years of coverage and the record group (RG) number assigned to that collection. A more detailed list of each collection can be found in finding aids at the archives.

Some of the collections below are housed at the Northern Michigan University Archives in Marquette - these are indicated with a * after the RG number. For assistance with these records, please contact the Northern Michigan University Archives directly.

BUSINESS RECORDS

- **Record of estrays (Onota Township), from 1909 – RG 2016-137***
- **Record of marks and brands (Onota Township), not dated – RG 2016-137***
- **Statement of liquor tax collected, from 1885 to 1917 – RG 68-53***

CEMETERY RECORDS

- **Alger County files, from 1962 to 1976 – RG 83-53**

COURT RECORDS

- **Chancery calendars, from 1899 to 1972 – RG 2008-30**
- **Chancery case files, from 1912 to 1944 – RG 2008-30**
- **Chancery journals, from 1886 to 1972 – RG 2008-30**

- **Circuit court blotters**, from **1911 to 1921** – RG 2008-30
- **Circuit court calendars**, from **1885 to 1964** – RG 2008-30
- **Circuit court journals**, from **1885 to 1954** – RG 2008-30
- **Common orders**, from **1886 to 1920** – RG 2008-30
- **Criminal calendars**, from **1899 to 1958** – RG 2008-30
- **Criminal case files**, from **1911 to 1944** – RG 2008-30
- **Divorce case files**, from **1924 to 1944** – RG 2008-30
- **Juror list and witness timetable**, from **1887 to 1916** – RG 2008-30
- **Justice of the Peace records**, from **1896 to 1967** – RG 2008-30
- **Law case files**, from **1899 to 1941** – RG 2008-30
- **Subpoenas (order book)**, from **1886 to 1901** – RG 2008-30
- **Transcript of judgments**, from **1891 to 1975** – RG 2008-30

LAND RECORDS

- **Farm assessment record (Limestone Township)**, from **1978** – RG 98-47
- **Rural Property Inventory (Limestone Township)**, from **1938 to 1954** – RG 98-47
- **Rural Property Inventory (Onota Township)**, from **1939** – RG 2016-137*

MILITARY RECORDS

- **Correspondence of the County War Preparedness Board**, from **1918 to 1919** – RG 68-53*

See also Guide No. 4: War Records, Guide No. 7: Post-War Records, Guide No. 4 c: Spanish American War, and Guide No. 4 d: World War I

NATURALIZATION RECORDS

- **Declarations of Intention**, from **1885 to 1953** – RG 2008-30
- **Petitions for naturalization**, from **1886 to 1965** – RG 2008-30
- **Petitions denied**, from **1929 to 1945** – RG 2008-30
- **Petitions to be granted**, from **1929 to 1945** – RG 2008-30

OCCUPATIONAL RECORDS

- **Hearing aid dealer registrations**, from **1974 to 1982** – RG 2008-30
- **Nurse registrations**, from **1911 to 1957** – RG 2008-30
- **Optometrist registrations**, from **1910 to 1981** – RG 2008-30

- **Physician registrations, from 1900 to 1969** – RG 2008-30
- **Physician registrations returned by assessor, from 1900 to 1903** – RG 2008-30
- **Physicians' sworn statements, from 1908 to 1914** – RG 2008-30

POLITICAL RECORDS

- **Oath book (Onota Township), from 1894 to 1920** – RG 2016-137*
- **Oaths of office (Onota Township), from 1909 and from 1925 to 1939** – RG 2016-137*
- **Register of town officers (Onota Township), from 1942 to 1953** – RG 2016-137*

POOR HOME / RELIEF RECORDS

- **Chatham fire relief fund, from 1925** – RG 68-53*
- **Records of the Superintendent of the Poor, from 1888 to 1926** – RG 2008-30

PRISON RECORDS

See also Guide No. 3: Correctional Facilities Records

PROBATE RECORDS

- **Calendar, from 1890 to 1983** – RG 2010-49
- **Case files, from 1886 to 1944** – RG 2018-48
- **Court journal, from 1889 to 1896** – RG 2010-49
- **General probate index, not dated** – RG 2010-49
- **Journal, from 1892 to 1983** – RG 2010-49
- **Probate court property decisions (Onota Township), from 1965** – RG 2016-137*
- **Probate of wills, from 1897 to 1984** – RG 2010-49

RECREATION RECORDS

- **Record of hunters' licenses, from 1899 to 1925** – RG 2008-30

SCHOOL RECORDS

- **Register of school officers (Onota Township), from 1941 to 1942** – RG 2016-137*
- **Reports of teacher institute fees, from 1885 to 1940 with some gaps** – RG 68-53*

TAX RECORDS

- **Abstract of sales of state tax land**, from **1888** and from **1892 to 1894** – RG 68-53*
- **Assessment rolls**, from **1885 to 1899** – RG 74-72*
- **Assessment rolls (Onota Township)**, from **1912 to 1977** – RG 2016-137*
- **Returned delinquent roll**, from **1933** – RG 68-53*

VITAL RECORDS

See Guide No. 19: Vital Records

VOTER RECORDS

- **Party registration book (Onota Township)**, from **1912** – RG 2016-137*
- **Voter registration book (Onota Township)**, from **1919 to 1944** – RG 2016-137*
- **Women voter registration book (Onota Township)**, from **1924** – RG 2016-137*

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