

BRANCH COUNTY GUIDE

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Branch County was originally set off in 1829, but later officially organized in 1833. The county coordinates are Ranges 5 West through 8 West (5W-8W) and Townships 5 South through 8 South (5S-8S). Adjacent counties include Hillsdale (east), Steuben [IN] (south), Lagrange [IN] (southwest), St. Joseph (west), Kalamazoo (northwest), and Calhoun (north & northeast).

Original records from Branch 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.

BUSINESS RECORDS

- **Articles of association**, from **1885 to 1900** – RG 93-134
- **Papers of John & Nathan Sargent**, from **1844 to 1857** – Manuscript Collection 2006-39

CEMETERY RECORDS

- **Branch County files**, from **1967 to 1975** – RG 83-53

CENSUS RECORDS

- **State census (Coldwater Township)**, from **1854** – RG 93-134
- **State census**, from **1874** – RG 93-134

COURT RECORDS

- **Chancery orders**, from **1847 to 1886** – RG 76-75

- **Circuit Court journals, from 1833 to 1886** – RG 76-74
- **County Court journal, from 1847 to 1851** – RG 76-74

MILITARY RECORDS

- **Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) post records, from 1876 to 1945** – RG 63-19
 - *Branch County GAR posts: Post 2 (Quincy), Post 88 (Union City), Post 109 (Coldwater), Post 185 (Bronson), Post 336 (East Gilead), Post 361 (Sherwood)*

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

POLITICAL RECORDS

- **Returns of township & city officers, from 1833 to 1943** – RG 93-134

POOR HOME / RELIEF RECORDS

- **Proceedings of the Board of Supervisors of the Poor, from 1839 to 1875** – RG 76-74

PRISON RECORDS

See also Guide No. 3: Correctional Facilities Records

TAX RECORDS

- **Tax rolls, from 1833 to 1878** – RG 91-489

VITAL RECORDS

See Guide No. 19: Vital Records

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