

CALHOUN COUNTY GUIDE

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Calhoun County was organized in 1833. The county coordinates are Ranges 4 West through 8 West (4W-8W) and Townships 1 South through 4 South (1S-4S). Adjacent counties include Eaton (northeast), Jackson (east), Hillsdale (southeast), Branch (south), St. Joseph (southwest), and Kalamazoo (west), and Barry (northwest).

Original records from Calhoun 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 Western Michigan University Archives & Regional History Collections in Kalamazoo - these are indicated with a * after the RG number. For assistance with these records, please contact the Western Michigan University Archives directly.

BUSINESS RECORDS

- **Articles of association, from 1886 to 1918** – RG 2017-111
- **Record of societies and corporations, from 1866 to 1885** – RG 2017-111

CEMETERY RECORDS

- **Burial permits, from 1962 to 1978** – RG 2014-32
- **Calhoun County files, from 1968 to 1982** – RG 83-53
- **Index to burial permits, not dated** – RG 2017-111
- **Riverside Cemetery burials (Albion), from 1837 to 1989** – Manuscript Collection 2013-105

COURT RECORDS

- **Appeals case files**, from **1947** and from **1951 to 1954** – RG 91-453
- **Chancery case files**, from **1929** and from **1935 to 1955** – RG 91-453
- **Chancery records**, from **1847 to 1898** – RG 91-453
- **Circuit Court chancery common rule book**, from **1873 to 1878** – RG 2017-111
- **Circuit Court chancery index**, not dated – RG 2017-111
- **Circuit Court chancery order book**, from **1873 to 1878** – RG 2017-111
- **Circuit Court common rule book**, from **1861 to 1889** – RG 2017-111
- **Circuit Court criminal docket**, from **1839 to 1885** and from **1907 to 1914** – RG 2017-111
 - from **1883 to 1909** – RG 91-453
- **Circuit Court journal**, from **1876 to 1881** – RG 2017-111
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- **Circuit Court law docket**, from **1836 to 1838** – RG 2017-111
- **Circuit Court law journal**, from **1840 to 1860** – RG 2017-111
- **Circuit Court special motion book**, from **1839 to 1877** – RG 2017-111
- **Judgment record**, from **1833 to 1837** and from **1848 to 1860** – RG 2017-111
 - from **1838 to 1839** – RG 91-453
- **Justice case files**, from **1913 to 1935** – RG 91-453
- **Justice docket (Battle Creek)**, from **1840 to 1869** – RG 84-103*
- **Justice docket (Bedford Township)**, from **1866 to 1887** – RG 77-93
- **Justice of the Peace reports**, from **1908 to 1911** – RG 2017-111
- **Law court docket**, from **1847 to 1959** – RG 91-453
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HEALTH RECORDS

- **Applications to tuberculosis hospital**, from **1937 to 1981** – RG 2014-32**
- **Record of tuberculosis (Pennfield Township)**, from **1921 to 1931** – RG 91-165**

***Death certificate required to view records*

LAND RECORDS

- **Chattel mortgage record (Fredonia Township)**, from **1901 to 1929** – RG 89-544
- **Entry book of mortgages**, from **1839 to 1871** – RG 83-81*
- **List of non-resident lands delinquent**, from **1838 to 1844** – RG 69-50*
- **Plats (Battle Creek)**, from **1920 to 1930** – RG 84-103*
- **Record of mortgages**, from **1833 to 1870** – RG 83-81*

- **Rural Property Inventory**, from **1936 to 1942** – RG 72-76
- **Statement of lands advertised for unpaid taxes**, from **1838 to 1842** – RG 69-50*

MILITARY RECORDS

- **Burials of indigent veterans**, from **1886 to 1919** – RG 2007-48
- **Claims for exemption from draft**, from **1863 to 1864** – RG 62-15
- **Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) post records**, from **1876 to 1945** – RG 63-19
 - *Calhoun County GAR posts: Post 32 (Battle Creek), Post 105 (Tekonsha), Post 155 (Homer), Post 166 (Marshall), Post 191 (Burlington), Post 210 (Albion), Post 242 (Athens), Post 256 (Partello)*
- **List of volunteers**, from **1861 to 1862** – RG 68-39*
- **Michigan Battalion, Regiment Merrill Horse Association**, from **1884 to 1929** – Manuscript Collection 66-78
- **Soldier, sailor, and marine burials**, from **1953 to 1972** – RG 2017-111

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

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- **Record of visiting nurses (Battle Creek)** from **1931 to 1938** – RG 84-103*
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- **Oaths of office (Pennfield Township), from 1873 to 1926** – RG 91-165

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- **Account of volunteers' relief** , from **1862 to 1865** – RG 68-39*
- **Superintendent of the Poor proceedings, from 1839 to 1877** – RG 2017-111

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