

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY GUIDE

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Originally laid off as Keskauko County in 1840, Charlevoix County was later officially organized in 1869. The county coordinates are Ranges 4 West through 12 West (4W-12W) and Townships 32 North through 34 North (32N-34N) and 37 North through 39 North (37N-39N). Adjacent counties include Emmet (north), Cheboygan (northeast), Otsego (southeast), and Antrim (south). Lake Michigan is on the western border of Charlevoix County.

Original records from Charlevoix 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 **1869 to 1969** – RG 90-172
- **Record of lost goods and estrays**, from **1899 to 1925** – RG 72-85

CEMETERY RECORDS

- **Charlevoix County files**, from **1968 to 1975** – RG 83-53

COURT RECORDS

- **Chancery calendar**, from **1878 to 1942** – RG 77-15
- **Chancery case files**, from **1884 to 1913** – RG 77-15
- **Circuit Court calendar**, from **1882 to 1963** – RG 77-15
- **Circuit Court calendar (Manitou County)**, from **1857 to 1892** – RG 75-70
- **Circuit Court journal**, from **1869 to 1957** – RG 77-15
- **Circuit Court journal (Manitou County)**, from **1870 to 1894** – RG 75-70

- **Common rulebook (Manitou County)**, from **1872 to 1894** – RG 75-70
- **Criminal case files**, from **1890 to 1913** – RG 77-15
- **Justice’s docket**, from **1884 to 1968** – RG 72-85
- **Law case files**, from **1883 to 1913** – RG 77-15

LAND RECORDS

- **Abstract of sales of state land**, from **1886 to 1895** – RG 67-47
- **Abstract of sales of state land (Manitou County)**, from **1860** – RG 80-62
- **Deeds**, from **1852 to 1901** – RG 80-122
- **Deeds (Manitou County)**, from **1854 to 1895** – RG 80-122
- **Deeds & abstract of title (Manitou County)**, from **1854 to 1960** – RG 80-122
- **Delinquent tax lands sold (Manitou County)**, from **1860 to 1884** – RG 80-62
- **Mortgages**, from **1857 to 1903** – RG 80-122
- **Mortgages (Manitou County)**, from **1857 to 1895** – RG 80-122
- **Rural Property Inventory**, from **1937 to 1939** – RG 75-70
- **Tax record of lands offered for sale for unpaid taxes**, from **1877 to 1893** – RG 67-47

MILITARY RECORDS

- **Burial of indigent soldiers**, from **1913 to 1915** – RG 72-85
- **Burial of soldiers and sailors** , from **1883 to 1961** – RG 72-85
- **Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) post records**, from **1876 to 1945** – RG 63-19
 - *Charlevoix County GAR posts: Post 66 (East Jordan), Post 119 (Charlevoix), Post 235 (Boyne City), Post 246 (Boyne Falls), Post 401 (Horton Bay)*
- **Soldier discharges**, from **1862 to 1865** – RG 72-85

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

- **Declaration of Intention**, from **1876 to 1951** – RG 90-173
- **Final papers orders admitted**, from **1870 to 1897** – RG 90-173
- **Index**, from **1855 to 1941** – RG 90-173
- **Lists of petitions granted**, from **1930 to 1957** – RG 90-173
- **Oaths and declarations**, from **1897 to 1903** – RG 90-173
- **Orders admitted, Oaths and declarations**, from **1904 to 1906** – RG 90-173
- **Petition and record**, from **1907 to 1956** – RG 90-173

- **Record of Intention for citizenship (Manitou County), from 1870 to 1894 – RG 75-70**

OCCUPATIONAL RECORDS

- **Assessor's record of physicians, from 1900 – RG 72-85**
- **Chiropractors' record, from 1934 to 1973 – RG 90-172**
- **Dentists' record, from 1907 to 1951 – RG 90-172**
- **Medical practitioners' roll, from 1887 to 1935 – RG 90-172**
- **Nurses' registration, from 1912 to 1939 – RG 90-172**
- **Optometrists' register, from 1910 – RG 90-172**
- **Physicians' registration, from 1903 to 1935 – RG 90-172**
- **Roll of attorneys, from 1868 to 1912 – RG 72-85**
- **Salaries of county employees, from 1941 to 1942 – RG 72-85**

POLITICAL RECORDS

- **Election records, from 1900 to 1972 – RG 90-172**
- **Record of township officers, from 1887 to 1963 – RG 90-172**

POOR HOME / RELIEF RECORDS

- **Financial record & journal, from 1934 – RG 72-85**
- **Superintendent of the Poor journal, from 1912 to 1923 – RG 72-85**
- **Superintendent of the Poor ledgers, from 1912 to 1923 – RG 72-85**

PRISON RECORDS

See also Guide No. 3: Correctional Facilities Records

PROBATE RECORDS

- **Bonds & letters (Manitou County), from 1873 to 1885 – RG 75-70**
- **Calendars, from 1882 to 1968 – RG 2020-31**
- **Case files, from 1882 to 1970 – RG 2020-31**
- **Petitions & affidavits of publication (Manitou County), from 1873 to 1888 – RG 75-70**
- **Warrants & reports (Manitou County), from 1876 to 1892 – RG 75-70**

RECREATION RECORDS

- **Hunting license registrations**, from **1887 to 1900** – RG 72-85
- **Registration of automobiles**, from **1916** and from **1923 to 1924** – RG 72-85

SCHOOL RECORDS

- **School census cards**, from **1910 to 1968** – RG 2017-142**

***Death certificate required for records less than 75 years old.*

TAX RECORDS

- **Assessment rolls**, from **1877 to 1940** – RG 80-62
- **Assessment rolls (Manitou County)**, from **1857 to 1890** – RG 72-85
 - from **1866 to 1893** – RG 80-62
- **Delinquent tax rolls**, from **1881 to 1920** – RG 72-85
- **Liquor assessment (Manitou County)**, from **1876 to 1879** – RG 72-85
- **Statements of unpaid taxes (Manitou County)**, from **1864 to 1893** – RG 80-62
- **Tax rolls**, from **1945 to 1975** – RG 90-171

VITAL RECORDS

- **Record of births (Manitou County)**, from **1871 to 1894** – RG 75-70
- **Record of deaths (Manitou County)**, from **1871 to 1893** – RG 75-70
- **Record of marriages (Manitou County)**, from **1868 to 1895** – RG 75-70

See Guide No. 19: Vital Records

VOTER RECORDS

- **Voter registrations**, from **1908** and from **1912** – RG 72-85

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