

EATON COUNTY GUIDE

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Eaton County was organized in 1837. The county coordinates are Ranges 3 West through 6 West (3W-6W) and Townships 1 North through 4 North (1N-4N). Adjacent counties include Clinton (northeast), Ingham (east), Jackson (southeast), Calhoun (south), Barry (west), and Ionia (northwest).

Original records from Eaton 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 1838 to 1889** – RG 65-4
 - from **1848 to 1901** – RG 65-36
 - from **1889 to 1951** – RG 80-120

CEMETERY RECORDS

- **Eaton County files, from 1968 to 1976** – RG 83-53

CENSUS RECORDS

- **Federal census, from 1850 to 1880** – RG 65-4
- **State census, from 1845 and from 1854 and from 1864** – RG 65-4
 - from **1874** – RG 65-36

COURT RECORDS

- **Chancery case files, from 1852 to 1880** – RG 69-72

- **Chancery common order book**, from **1861 to 1872** – RG 80-79
- **Chancery journal**, from **1861 to 1881** – RG 80-79
- **Chancery notices**, from **1842 to 1861** – RG 80-79
- **Circuit Court case files**, from **1931 to 1941** – RG 80-15
- **Justice Court cases**, from **1838 to 1882** – RG 80-79
- **List of jurors**, from **1838 to 1848** – RG 65-36

LAND RECORDS

- **Deeds**, from **1856 to 1889** and from **1898** – RG 69-72
- **Lands returned**, from **1837 to 1878** – RG 78-72
- **Rural Property Inventory**, from **1939** – RG 94-303

MILITARY RECORDS

- **Burials of indigent soldiers**, from **1886 to 1890** – RG 74-61
 - from **1906 to 1919** – RG 80-120
- **Claims for exemption from draft**, from **1863 to 1864** – RG 62-15
- **Establishment certificates**, from **1862 to 1864** – RG 74-61
- **Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) post records**, from **1876 to 1945** – RG 63-19
 - *Eaton County GAR posts: Post 40 (Charlotte), Post 107 (Dimondale), Post 108 (Grand Ledge), Post 111 (Eaton Rapids), Post 112 (Mulliken), Post 163 (Vermontville), Post 213 (Bellevue), Post 275 (Olivet), Post 283 (Sunfield), Post 326 (Potterville)*
- **Military lists**, from **1886 to 1887** – RG 74-61

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

- **Certificate stubs**, from **1892 to 1959** – RG 2002-17
- **Circuit Court journal**, from **1895 to 1914** – RG 2002-17
- **Declarations of Intention**, from **1889 to 1959** – RG 2002-17
- **Petitions**, from **1909 to 1959** – RG 2002-17
- **Petitions granted**, from **1929 to 1959** – RG 2002-17
- **Second papers**, from **1836 to 1902** – RG 2002-17

OCCUPATIONAL RECORDS

- **Dentists' certificates**, from **1907 to 1956** – RG 2013-84
- **Justices of the Peace and notaries**, from **1839 to 1907** – RG 80-120

- **Medical practitioners** , from **1883 to 1939** – RG 80-120
- **Nurses**, from **1912 to 1957** – RG 80-120
- **Optometrists**, from **1910 to 1953** – RG 80-120
- **Osteopaths**, from **1920 to 1948** – RG 80-120
- **Physicians returned by assessors**, from **1900 to 1904** – RG 80-120
- **Professional record**, from **1924 to 1986** – RG 2013-84
- **Sheriff's deputies**, from **1889 to 1964** – RG 80-120

POOR HOME / RELIEF RECORDS

- **County infirmary patient register**, from **1936 to 1951** – RG 80-120
- **List of people sent to county infirmary**, from **1859 to 1945** – RG 80-120
- **Poor house register of inmates**, from **1859 to 1936** – RG 80-120

PRISON RECORDS

- **Inmate register**, from **1899 to 1916** – RG 80-120

See also Guide No. 3: Correctional Facilities Records

PROBATE RECORDS

- **Estate files**, from **1838 to 1940** – RG 80-73
- **Probate calendar**, from **1855 to 1941** – RG 2014-36
- **Probate index**, from **1838 to 1941** – RG 2014-36

SCHOOL RECORDS

- **Census of students (Kalamo Township)**, from **1865 to 1888** – RG 80-76
- **Register of teachers (Kalamo Township)**, from **1865 to 1886** – RG 80-76
- **Teacher contracts (Kalamo Township)**, from **1865 to 1883** – RG 80-76

TAX RECORDS

- **Account books**, from **1839 to 1888** – RG 78-72
- **Assessment rolls**, from **1844 to 1955** – RG 78-72
 - from **1845 to 1880** and from **1900** and from **1920** and from **1940** – RG 65-15
 - from **1902 to 1928** – RG 79-66
- **Delinquent tax registers**, from **1838 to 1927** – RG 78-72

VITAL RECORDS

- **Divorce, from 1860 to 1880** – RG 69-72

See Guide No. 19: Vital Records

VOTER RECORDS

- **Canvassers' returns, from 1838 to 1915** – RG 80-120
- **Statements of votes, from 1892 to 1939** – RG 80-120

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