

# GRATIOT COUNTY GUIDE

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## ARCHIVES OF MICHIGAN



Gratiot County was first set off in 1831 and then organized in 1855. The county coordinates are Ranges 1 West through 4 West (1W-4W) and Townships 9 North through 12 North (9N-12N). Adjacent counties include Midland (northeast), Saginaw (east), Shiawassee (southeast), Clinton (south), Ionia (southwest), Montcalm (west), and Isabella (northwest).

Original records from Gratiot 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. More detailed lists of these collections can be found in finding aids at the archives.

Some of the collections below are housed at the Clarke Historical Library at Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant - these are indicated with a \* after the RG number. For assistance with these records, please contact the Clarke Historical Library at Central Michigan University directly.

### CEMETERY RECORDS

- **Burial permits (Alma)**, from **1951 to 1965** – RG 74-70\*
- **Gratiot County files**, from **1968 to 1976** – RG 83-53
- **Record of cremation and removals (Pine River Township)**, not dated – RG 76-93\*

### CENSUS RECORDS

- **State census**, from **1894** – RG 66-72

### COURT RECORDS

- **Assignment docket**, from **1885 to 1894** – RG 2007-19

- **Calendar, from 1857 to 1949** – RG 2007-19
- **Chancery case files, from 1858 to 1940** – RG 2007-19
  - from **1897** and from **1904** – RG 2013-91
- **Chancery case files, divorce, from 1899 to 1937** – RG 2007-19
- **Chancery decrees, from 1858 to 1898 and from 1911 to 1946** – RG 2007-19
- **Chancery docket, from 1858 to 1963** – RG 2007-19
- **Chancery index, from 1879 to 1925** – RG 2007-19
- **Chancery orders, from 1909 to 1949** – RG 2007-19
- **Chancery transcripts of judgment, from 1858 to 1881** – RG 2007-19
- **Circuit Court blotters, from 1902 to 1909 and from 1929 to 1940** – RG 2007-19
- **Circuit Court case files, from 1885 to 1889** – RG 2013-91
- **Circuit Court journals, from 1858 to 1949** – RG 2007-19
- **Circuit Court records, from 1872 to 1962** – RG 2007-19
- **Civil Court docket (Pine River Township), from 1886 to 1891** – RG 76-93\*
- **Common rule books, from 1858 to 1938** – RG 2007-19
- **Court commissioners docket, from 1909 to 1922** – RG 2007-19
- **Criminal calendar, from 1874 to 1912** – RG 2007-19
- **Criminal case files, from 1857 to 1940** – RG 2007-19
- **Criminal court docket (Pine River Township), from 1883 to 1906** – RG 76-93\*
- **Divorce calendar, from 1899 to 1944** – RG 2007-19
- **Divorce decrees, from 1891 to 1929** – RG 2007-19
- **Divorce proceedings, from 1897 to 1904** – RG 2007-19
- **Index, not date** – RG 2007-19
- **Justice court docket (Pine River Township), from 1871 to 1920** – RG 76-93\*
- **Justice of the Peace calendar, from 1904 to 1927** – RG 2007-19
- **Justice of the Peace court transcripts, from 1857 to 1925** – RG 2007-19
- **Law and criminal docket, from 1877 to 1886 and from 1902 to 1907** – RG 2007-19
- **Law case files, from 1857 to 1949** – RG 2007-19
- **Law index, not dated** – RG 2007-19
- **Order books, from 1873 to 1922** – RG 2007-19
- **Prosecutor's docket, from 1930 to 1937** – RG 2007-19
- **Register of notaries and Justice of the Peace, from 1915 to 1976** – RG 2007-19
- **Special motion books, from 1859 to 1911** – RG 2007-19

## HEALTH RECORDS

- **Record of tuberculosis (Pine River Township), from 1911 to 1959** – RG 76-93\*#

# A patient's death certificate is required to view these records.

## LAND RECORDS

- **Chattel mortgages (Pine River Township)**, from **1873 to 1907** – RG 76-93\*
- **Deeds**, from **1854 to 1921** – RG 67-64

## MILITARY RECORDS

- **Burial records, Union soldiers**, from **1886 to 1936** – RG 2007-19
- **Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) post records**, from **1876 to 1945** – RG 63-19
  - *Gratiot County GAR posts: Post 91 (St. Louis), Post 101 (Ithaca), Post 152 (Alma), Post 158 (Elm Hall), Post 171 (Rathbone), Post 172 (North Star), Post 323 (Ashley), Post 329 (Estella), Post 347 (Breckenridge), Post 353 (Wheeler), Post 379 (Bannister), Post 405 (Perrinton)*
- **Soldiers' discharge, Civil War**, from **1863 to 1865** – RG 2007-19
- **Soldiers' & sailors' discharge, World War I**, from **1919** – RG 2007-19
- **World War II list of registrants**, from **1940** – RG 2007-19

*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

- **Calendar**, from **1907 to 1918** – RG 94-341
- **Certificate stubs**, from **1916 to 1922** – RG 94-341
- **Declarations of Intention**, from **1857 to 1951** – RG 94-341
- **Index**, from **1857 to 1940** – RG 94-341
- **Petitions**, from **1906 to 1956** – RG 94-341
- **Petitions denied**, from **1929 to 1954** – RG 94-341
- **Second papers**, from **1859 to 1906** – RG 94-341

## OCCUPATIONAL RECORDS

- **Bonds and oaths (Pine River Township)**, from **1895 to 1947** – RG 76-93\*

## POOR HOME / RELIEF RECORDS

- **County infirmary register**, from **1915 to 1971** – RG 80-135
- **Poor house register**, from **1886 to 1914** – RG 80-135

## PRISON RECORDS

*See also Guide No. 3: Correctional Facilities Records*

## PROBATE RECORDS

- **Calendar**, from **1912 to 1969** – RG 2022-87
  - from **1969 to 1976** – RG 2019-62
- **Case files**, from **1867 to 1968** – RG 2019-62
- **Index**, from **1904 to 1992** – RG 2019-62
  - from **1939 to 1960** – RG 2022-87
- **Record of wills and letters liber**, from **1903 to 1913** – RG 2022-87
- **Selected wills**, from **1890 to 1920** – RG 2021-61

## TAX RECORDS

- **Assessment rolls (Alma)**, from **1903 to 1953** – RG 74-70\*
- **Assessment rolls (Pine River Township)**, from **1890 to 1965** – RG 76-93\*
- **Delinquent tax rolls (Alma)**, from **1929 to 1946** – RG 74-70\*
- **Tax rolls**, from **1856 to 1958** – RG 80-37
- **Tax rolls (Alma)**, from **1917 to 1932** – RG 74-70\*

## VITAL RECORDS

- **Death certificates (Alma)**, from **1897 to 1966** – RG 74-70\*
- **Death records**, from **1916 to 1925** – RG 2007-19
- **Index to births**, not dated – RG 2007-19
- **Index to marriages**, not dated – RG 2007-19
- **Record of births**, from **1886 to 1896** – RG 2007-19

*See Guide No. 19: Vital Records*

## VOTER RECORDS

- **Party enrollment book (Pine River Township)**, from **1906 to 1910** – RG 76-93\*
- **Record of nominations**, from **1926 to 1938** – RG 2007-19
- **Voter registration book (Pine River Township)**, from **1860 to 1944** – RG 76-93\*

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