

HILLSDALE COUNTY GUIDE

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Hillsdale County was set off in 1829 and formally organized in 1835. The county coordinates are Ranges 1 West through 4 West (1W–4W) and Townships 5 South through 9 South (5S–9S). Adjacent counties include Jackson (north), Lenawee (east), Fulton [OH] (southeast), Williams [OH] (south), and Steuben [IN] (southwest), Branch (west), and Calhoun (northwest).

Original records from Hillsdale 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.

CEMETERY RECORDS

- **Hillsdale County files**, from **1967 to 1976** – RG 83-53

CENSUS RECORDS

- **State census**, from **1884** and from **1894** – RG 80-92

COURT RECORDS

- **Assignment docket**, from **1887 to 1891** – RG 85-10
- **Chancery calendars**, from **1847 to 1930** – RG 85-10
- **Chancery case files**, from **1840 to 1910** – RG 85-10
- **Chancery order books**, from **1872 to 1937** – RG 85-10
- **Chancery record books**, from **1847 to 1935** – RG 85-10
- **Chancery rule books**, from **1847 to 1897** – RG 85-10
- **Circuit court commission record**, from **1897 to 1935** – RG 85-10

- **Circuit court journals**, from **1839 to 1933** – RG 85-10*
- **Common rule books**, from **1858 to 1931** – RG 85-10
- **County court records**, from **1847 to 1851** – RG 85-10
- **Criminal calendars**, from **1885 to 1932** – RG 85-10
- **Criminal case files**, from **1835 to 1903** – RG 85-10
- **Divorce decrees**, from **1891 to 1939** – RG 85-10
- **Divorce record**, from circa **1898 to 1942** – RG 85-10
- **Execution docket**, from **1840 to 1954** – RG 85-10
- **Foreclosure and divorce decrees**, from **1872 to 1899** – RG 85-10
- **Judgment records**, from **1839 to 1939** – RG 85-10
- **Law calendars**, from **1840 to 1930** – RG 85-10
- **Law case files**, from **1835 to 1914** – RG 85-10
- **Motion docket**, from **1898 to 1915** – RG 85-10
- **Record of sentences**, from circa **1903 to 1930** – RG 85-10
- **Register of court files loaned**, from **1899 to 1922** – RG 85-10
- **Rule to plead**, from **1902 to 1932** – RG 85-10
- **Special motion books** , from **1839 to 1896** – RG 85-10
- **Transcripts**, from **1887 to 1917** – RG 85-10
- **Witness records**, from **1861 to 1894** – RG 85-10

**Circuit court journals contain naturalizations, see index included with RG 85-10 finding aid.*

LAND RECORDS

- **First purchaser record (Woodbridge Township)**, from **1825 to 1836** – RG 94-463
- **Rural Property Inventory**, from **1936 to 1942** – RG 72-76

MILITARY RECORDS

- **Grand Army of the Republic GAR post records**, from **1876 to 1945** – RG 63-19
 - *Hillsdale County GAR posts: Post 4 (Reading), Post 6 (Hillsdale), Post 146 (Waldron), Post 189 (North Adams), Post 209 (Montgomery), Post 219 (Jonesville), Post 245 (Frontier), Post 247 (Cambria), Post 259 (Litchfield), Post 282 (Camden), Post 392 (Ransom)*

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

- **Certificates of naturalization**, from **1907 to 1929** – RG 85-9

- **Circuit Court journals**, from **1839 to 1933** – RG 85-10*
- **Declarations of Intention**, from **1846 to 1930** – RG 85-9
- **Petition and record**, from **1904 to 1930** – RG 85-9

**See index included with RG 85-10 finding aid.*

PRISON RECORDS

See also Guide No. 3: Correctional Facilities Records

PROBATE RECORDS

- **Appraisers' warrants and inventory**, from **1857 to 1921** – RG 69-81
- **Calendars**, from **1857 to 1986** – RG 2019-9
- **Case files**, from **1835 to 1987** – RG 2019-9
- **Index**, from **1850 to 2004** – RG 2019-9
- **Liber No.55**, from **1889 to 1895** – RG 2019-9
- **Orders assigning estate**, from **1903 to 1931** – RG 2019-9
- **Petitions for administrators and probate of wills**, from **1883 to 1902** – RG 2019-9
- **Probate journal**, from **1849 to 1884** – RG 2019-9
- **Probate order book**, from **1868 to 1878** – RG 2019-9
- **Probate record**, from **1845 to 1934** – RG 2019-9
- **Record of assignments**, from **1934 to 1952** – RG 2019-9
- **Record of probate orders**, from **1878 to 1919** and from **1923 to 1925** – RG 2019-9
- **Record of wills**, from **1865 to 1952** – RG 69-81

SCHOOL RECORDS

- **School census (Woodbridge Township)**, from **1909 to 1910** and from **1922 to 1923** – RG 94-463
- **Teacher's daily register (Reading)**, from **1896** – RG 2016-93

TAX RECORDS

- **Assessment rolls**, from **1849 to 1911** – RG 2019-130
- **Assessment rolls (Woodbridge Township)**, from **1842 to 1847** – RG 94-463
- **Tax assessment rolls (Reading)**, from **1919 to 1946** – RG 2016-93

VITAL RECORDS

See Guide No. 19: Vital Records

VOTER RECORDS

- **Party enrollment book (Woodbridge Township), from 1906 to 1910 – RG 94-463**

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