

# JACKSON COUNTY GUIDE

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## ARCHIVES OF MICHIGAN



Jackson County was organized in 1832. The county coordinates are Ranges 3 West through 2 East (3W-2E) and Townships 1 South through 4 South (1S-4S). Adjacent counties include Ingham (north), Livingston (northeast), Washtenaw (east), Lenawee (southeast), Hillsdale (southwest), Calhoun (west), and Eaton (northwest).

Original records from Jackson 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

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

### CENSUS RECORDS

- State census, from 1884 and from 1894 – RG 81-37

### COURT RECORDS

- Justice Court docket, from 1843 to 1849 – RG 88-5
- Lawyers' certificate of defense, from 1876 – RG 52-6

### LAND RECORDS

- Rural Property Inventory, from 1936 to 1942 – RG 72-76

## MILITARY RECORDS

- **Return of names of Civil War veterans now living in Jackson County, from 1888**  
– Manuscript Collection 2009-20
- **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
  - *Jackson County GAR posts: Post 48 (Jackson), Post 204 (Brooklyn), Post 228 (Grass Lake), Post 239 (Concord), Post 273 (Hanover), Post 321 (Springport), Post 328 (Napoleon), Post 374 (Parma), Post 416 (Brooklyn)*
- **Male citizens liable for military duty, from 1862 to 1879** – RG 62-15
- **Volunteers' family relief fund, from 1863** – RG 52-6

*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

- **Declarations of Intention, from 1840 to 1968** – RG 2022-54
- **Depositions, from 1920 to 1930** – RG 2022-54
- **Petition & record, from 1911 to 1929** – RG 2022-54
- **Petitions & oaths, from 1935 to 1969** – RG 2022-54
- **Repatriation females, from 1939 to 1951** – RG 2022-54

## OCCUPATIONAL RECORDS

- **Certificates of census takers, from 1864 to 1874** – RG 52-6
- **Registers for normal school & college certificates, from 1900 to 1928** – RG 62-1
- **Teacher certification examination record, from 1881 to 1928** – RG 62-15
- **Teachers' Institute fees, from 1883 to 1888** – RG 52-6

## PRISON RECORDS

- **Bills to Detroit House of Corrections, from 1875, from 1884 to 1888** – RG 52-6

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

## PROBATE RECORDS

- **Estate case files, from 1853 to 1886** – RG 2018-77
  - from 1886 to 1928 – RG 2022-22
- **Index cards, from 1969 to 1971** – RG 2022-22

- **Probate calendars**, from 1853 to 1969 – RG 2022-22
- **Probate index**, from **1900 to 1976** – RG 2022-22

## RECREATION RECORDS

- **Sparrow bounty orders**, from **1888** – RG 52-6

## SCHOOL RECORDS

- **School records, District #7 (Liberty Township)**, from **1839 to 1918** – RG 87-154

## TAX RECORDS

- **Assessment rolls**, from **1844 to 1880**, from **1900**, from **1920**, from **1940** – RG 62-47
  - from **1945 to 1975** – RG 96-197
- **Assessment rolls (Rives Township)**, from **1882 to 1965** – RG 2017-125
- **Assessment rolls (Springport Township)**, from **1900**, from **1905** – RG 2018-76

## VITAL RECORDS

*See Guide No. 19: Vital Records*

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