

MACKINAC COUNTY GUIDE

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Mackinac County was originally laid off in 1818 as Michilimackinac County, but its boundaries were later officially defined in 1843. The county coordinates are Ranges 2 East through 12 West (2E-12W) and Townships 39 North through 44 North (39N-44N). Adjacent counties include Luce (northwest), Chippewa (north & east), Cheboygan (southeast), Emmet (southwest), and Schoolcraft (west). Lake Michigan is on the east border while Lake Huron is on the west boarder of Mackinac County.

Original records from Mackinac 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.

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