MACOMB COUNTY GUIDE

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Macomb County was organized in 1818. The county coordinates are Ranges 12 East through 16 East (12E-16E) and Townships 1 North through 5 North (1N-5N). Adjacent counties include St. Clair (northeast), Wayne (south), Oakland (west), and Lapeer (northwest). Lake Huron is on the southeastern border of Macomb County.

Original records from Macomb 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.

CEMETERY RECORDS

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

COURT RECORDS

- **Appeal calendar**, from **1956 to 1962** – RG 2021-11
- **Appeal docket**, from **1959 to 1968** – RG 2021-11
- **Chancery calendars**, from **1918 to 1962** – RG 2021-11
- **Chancery case files**, from **1833**, and from **1847 to 1856** – RG 79-94
- **Chancery divorce journal**, from **1913 to 1929** – RG 2021-11
- **Chancery journal**, from **1858 to 1937** – RG 2021-11
- **Chancery orders**, from **1875 to 1909** – RG 2021-11
- **Circuit Court calendars**, from **1954 to 1979** – RG 2021-11
- **Circuit Court case #2905**, from **1870** – RG 2021-11
- **Circuit Court journals**, from **1847 to 1960** – RG 2021-11
- **Criminal calendars**, from **1921 to 1962** – RG 2021-11
- **Criminal case files**, from **1818 to 1856** – RG 79-94

- **Index to chancery journal**, from **1847 to 1858** – RG 2021-11
- **Index to criminal calendar**, from **undated** – RG 2021-11
- **Law calendars**, from **1837 to 1852 and 1950 to 1962** – RG 2021-11
- **Law case files**, from **1818 to 1856** – RG 79-94
- **Miscellaneous calendar**, from **1961 to 1964** – RG 2021-11
- **Miscellaneous record**, from **1843 to 1928** – RG 2021-11
- **Miscellaneous record (goods and chattels), from 1926 to 1960** – RG 2021-11
- **Record of divorce proceedings**, from **1890 to 1944 and 1962 to 1969** – RG 2021-11

Land Records

- **Chattel mortgages (Macomb Township)**, from **1861 to 1898** – RG 88-259

Military Records

- **Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) post records**, from **1876 to 1945** – RG 63-19
    - *Macomb County GAR posts: Post 55 (Armada), Post 161 (Utica), Post 202 (Romeo), Post 216 (Mt. Clemens), Post 223 (Richmond), Post 254 (Memphis), Post 380 (New Haven)*

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 **1839 to 1974** – RG 97-78
- **Petitions for naturalization**, from **1820 to 1983** – RG 97-78
- **Court orders**, from **1929 to 1985** – RG 97-78
- **Repatriations**, from **1936 to 1960** – RG 97-78
- **Transfers**, from **1962 to 1982** – RG 97-78

Political Records

- **Official canvass of county officers, from 1864 to 1870** – RG 2021-11

Prison Records

See also Guide No. 3: Correctional Facilities Records

Probate Records

- **Appraiser warrant commission of insolvency**, from **1841 to 1847** – RG 2019-44
- **Appraiser's warrants**, from **1834 to 1840**, and from **1856 to 1865** – RG 2019-44
- **Bonds and warrants**, from **1841**, and from **1859 to 1863** – RG 2019-44
- **Calendars**, from **1849 to 1905** – RG 80-95
    - from **1896 to 1969** – RG 2019-44
- **Case files**, from circa **1825 to 1869** – RG 77-112
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- **Daybook**, from **1838 to 1842** – RG 2019-44
- **Executor's of administrator's bonds**, from **1859 to 1861** – RG 2019-44
- **Guardian's bonds**, from **1859 to 1864** – RG 2019-44
- **Index**, from **1830 to 1954** – RG 2019-44
- **Journals**, from **1866 to 1915** – RG 2019-44
- **Letters of administration**, from **1834 to 1843** – RG 2019-44
- **Letters of guardianship**, from **1849 to 1861** – RG 2019-44
- **Orders**, from **1849 to 1861** – RG 2019-44
- **Probate record Miscellaneous**, from **1862 to 1915** – RG 2019-44
- **Railroad record**, from **1859 to 1863** – RG 2019-44
- **Record of bonds**, from **1856 to 1859** – RG 2019-44
- **Record of drain and street openings** , from **1907 to 1913** – RG 2019-44

Tax Records

- **Assessment rolls**, from **1838 to 1870** – RG 39
    - from **1950** – RG 2021-6
- **Assessment rolls (Chesterfield Township)**, from **1878 to 1930** – RG 2015-143
- **Assessment rolls (Mt. Clemens)**, from **1879** – RG 70-120
- **Assessment rolls (Shelby Township)**, from **1840 to 1864** – RG 89-26
- **Assessment rolls (Sterling Heights)**, from **1970 to 1979** – RG 2019-125
    - from **1969 to 1979** – RG 2023-99
- **Assessment rolls (Sterling Township)**, from **1899 to 1968** – RG 2023-99

Vital Records

See Guide No. 19: Vital Records

Voter Records

- **Electors' register (Macomb Township)**, from **1859 to 1916** – RG 88-259
- **Poll books (Macomb Township)**, from **1920** – RG 88-259
- **Record of elections (Sterling Township)**, from **1882 to 1910** – RG 73-47
- **Register of voters (Chesterfield Township)**, from **1919 to 1930** – RG 2015-143

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