

MASON COUNTY GUIDE

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Mason County was set off and named Notipetago County in 1840. The name was changed to Mason in 1843 and the county was formally organized in 1855. The county coordinates are Ranges 15 West through 18 West (15W–18W) and Townships 17 North through 20 North (17N–20N). Adjacent counties include Manistee (north), Lake (east), Newaygo (southeast), and Oceana (south). Lake Michigan is on the west border of Mason County.

Original records from Mason 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 list of each collection can be found in finding aids at the archives.

CEMETERY RECORDS

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

MILITARY RECORDS

- **Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Post 15 minutes, from 1894 to 1921** – RG 63-37
- **Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) post records, from 1876 to 1945** – RG 63-19
 - *Mason County GAR posts: Post 15 (Ludington), Post 319 (Freesoil), Post 348 (Scottville)*

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

- **Certificate stub books, not dated** – RG 99-25
- **Declarations of intention, from 1870 to 1962** – RG 99-25
- **Petitions granted or not granted, from 1930 to 1969** – RG 99-25

- **Second papers, from 1874 to 1969** – RG 99-25

PRISON RECORDS

See also Guide No. 3: Correctional Facilities Records

TAX RECORDS

- **Liquor tax assessment roll, from 1875 to 1876** – RG 69-81

VITAL RECORDS

See Guide No. 19: Vital Records

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