

MONTCALM COUNTY GUIDE

ARCHIVES OF MICHIGAN



Montcalm County was originally set off in 1831 but was later officially organized in 1850. The county coordinates are Range 5 West through 10 West (5W-10W) and Township 9 North through 12 North (9N-12N). Adjacent counties include Mecosta (north), Isabella (northeast), Gratiot (east), Clinton (southeast), Ionia (south), Kent (southwest), and Newaygo (west).

Original records from Montcalm 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.

BUSINESS RECORDS

- **Articles of association**, from **1855 to 1894** – RG 63-14
- **Statements of lien for labor upon logs**, from **1881 to 1908** – RG 63-14

CEMETERY RECORDS

- **Montcalm County files**, from **1965 to 1981** – RG 83-53
- **Plat of East Bloomer Cemetery (Carson City) grounds**, from **1872** – RG 63-14
- **Plat of section of Forest Home Cemetery (Greenville)**, from **1872** – RG 63-14

CENSUS RECORDS

- **Federal census**, from **1850**, from **1860**, and from **1870** – RG 78-76
- **State census**, from **1884** and from **1894** – RG 78-76

LAND RECORDS

- **Deed for land purchased from Native Americans**, from **1854** – MS 66-9

- **Rural Property Inventory**, from **1938 to 1939** – RG 94-339
- **State tax lands**, from **1853 to 1894** and from **1930** – RG 2019-29

MILITARY RECORDS

- **Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) post records**, from **1876 to 1945** – RG 63-19
 - *Montcalm County GAR posts: Post 37 (Stanton), Post 50 (Coral), Post 81 (Douglass), Post 83 (Greenville), Post 94 (McBride), Post 130 (Edmore), Post 141 (Lakeview), Post 173 (Carson City), Post 178 (Sheridan), Post 252 (Howard City), Post 305 (Fenwick), Post 324 (Crystal), Post 327 (Trufant), Post 414 (Six Lakes), Post 420 (Vestaburg), Post 434 (McBride), Post 445 (Gowan)*

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 stubs**, from **1912 to 1928** – RG 82-134
- **Declarations of Intention**, from **1854 to 1953** – RG 82-134
- **Naturalization calendar**, from **1906 to 1913** – RG 82-134
- **Petitions**, from **1889 to 1953** – RG 82-134
- **Petitions granted**, from **1929 to 1955** – RG 82-134

POLITICAL RECORDS

- **Records relating to elections**, from **1890 to 1935** – RG 63-14

PRISON RECORDS

See also Guide No. 3: Correctional Facilities Records

TAX RECORDS

- **Assessment rolls**, from **1850 to 1930** – RG 81-64
- **Tax rolls**, from **1850 to 1975** – RG 2019-29

VITAL RECORDS

See Guide No. 19: Vital Records

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