

OAKLAND COUNTY GUIDE

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Oakland County was organized in 1819. The county coordinates are Range 7 East through 11 East (7E-11E) and Township 1 North through 5 North (1N-5N). Adjacent counties include Lapeer (north), Macomb (east), Wayne (south), Washtenaw (southwest), Livingston (west), and Genesee (northwest).

Original records from Oakland 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.

Some of the collections below are housed at the Oakland University Archives in Rochester, Michigan - these are indicated with a * after the RG number. For assistance with these records, please contact the Oakland University Archives directly.

CEMETERY RECORDS

- **Oakland County files, from 1957 to 1981 – RG 83-53**

COURT RECORDS

- **Civil dockets (Pontiac), from 1840 to 1911 – RG 55-5**
- **Criminal dockets (Pontiac), from 1883 to 1916 – RG 55-5**
- **Justice docket (Avon Township), from 1906 to 1911 – RG 69-52***
- **Lists of jurors (Troy Township), from 1863 to 1885 – RG 57-18**
- **Petitions for parole, from 1950 to 1955 – RG 67-56**
- **Selected cases, from 1943 to 1960 – RG 67-56**
- **Selected complaints from prosecuting attorney referred to circuit court, from 1940 to 1943 – RG 67-56**
- **Testimony and statements, from 1943 to 1946 – RG 67-56**

LAND RECORDS

- **Chattel mortgages (Avon Township)**, from **1872 to 1895** – RG 69-52
- **Chattel mortgages (Troy Township)**, from **1862 to 1868** – RG 57-18
- **Land ownership maps (Avon Township)**, from **1958 to 1959** – RG 69-52
- **Rural Property Inventory**, from **1936 to 1942** – RG 72-76
- **School land sale journal**, from **1867 to 1872** – RG 57-16

MILITARY RECORDS

- **Account book of Civil War bounty**, from **1863 to 1865** – RG 57-16
- **Draft quota enlistments (Troy Township)**, from **1863 to 1885** – RG 57-18
- **Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) post records**, from **1876 to 1945** – RG 63-19
 - *Oakland County GAR posts: Post 147 (Pontiac), Post 181 (Milford), Post 183 (Holly), Post 187 (Oxford), Post 197 (Ortonville), Post 267 (Farmington), Post 333 (South Lyon), Post 363 (Clarkston), Post 373 (Leonard), Post 377 (Rochester), Post 456 (South Lyon)*
- **Register of volunteers**, from **1862 to 1865** – RG 57-16

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 **1959 to 1984** – RG 2004-14
- **Court orders denied**, from **1929 to 1986** – RG 2004-14
- **Court orders granted**, from **1929 to 1987** – RG 2004-14
- **Declarations of Intention**, from **1843 to 1978** – RG 2004-14
- **Final papers**, from **1843 to 1906** – RG 2004-14
- **Petitions**, from **1906 to 1984** – RG 2004-14
- **Repatriations**, from **1940 to 1960** – RG 2004-14

POOR HOME / RELIEF RECORDS

- **Correspondence of the business manager, Oakland County Tuberculosis Sanatorium**, from **1929 to 1949** – RG 52-7*
- **Soldiers' Aid Fund journal**, from **1902 to 1919** – RG 57-16*
- **Volunteer Relief Fund journal**, from **1861 to 1863** – RG 57-16

POLITICAL RECORDS

- **Salary of county officers**, from **1882 to 1919** – RG 57-16*

PRISON RECORDS

See Guide No. 3: Correctional Facilities Records

PROBATE RECORDS

- **Case files**, from **1820 to 1971** – RG 2022-64
- **Probate calendars**, from **1822 to 1971** – RG 2022-64

SCHOOL RECORDS

- **Minutes of school inspectors (Avon Township)**, from **1852 to 1914** – RG 69-52*
- **Minutes of school inspectors (Southfield Township)**, from **1857 to 1909** – RG 69-74

TAX RECORDS

- **Account book of county treasurer**, from **1838 to 1859** – RG 57-16*
- **Assessment rolls**, from **1868 to 1888** – RG 37
- **Assessment rolls (Avon Township)**, from **1841 to 1847** and from **1879 to 1930** – RG 69-52*
 - from **1879 to 1890** – RG 69-52
- **Assessment rolls (Lyon Township)**, from **1848 to 1879** – RG 77-107
- **Assessment rolls (Orion Township)**, from **1904 to 1998** – RG 2021-84
- **Assessment rolls (Southfield Township)**, from **1933** – RG 69-74
- **Assessment rolls (West Bloomfield Township)**, from **1858 to 1960** – RG 71-100
- **Assessment rolls for liquor tax**, from **1875 to 1876** – RG 57-16*
- **Delinquent tax rolls**, from **1842 to 1870** – RG 37
- **Inheritance tax record**, from **1900 to 1915** – RG 57-16
- **Ledger of accounts with tax collector**, from **1827 to 1837** – RG 57-16
- **Non-resident tax returns**, from **1836 to 1837** – RG 37
- **Specific state tax record**, from **1839 to 1842** – RG 57-16
- **Tax rolls**, from **1841 to 1867** – RG 37
 - from **1956 to 1999** – RG 2021-35

VITAL RECORDS

See Guide No. 19: Vital Records

VOTER RECORDS

- **Party enrollment record (Avon Township)**, from **1906 to 1910** – RG 69-52
 - from **1912** – RG 69-52*

- **Register of electors (Avon Township), from 1872 to 1882** – RG 69-52
 - from **1882 to 1924** – RG 69-52*
- **Register of electors (Southfield Township), from 1859-1882** – RG 69-74
- **Voter books (Royal Oak Township), from 1928 to 1932** – RG 2014-9

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