

OCEANA COUNTY GUIDE

ARCHIVES OF MICHIGAN



Oceana County was originally laid off in 1831 but was later officially organized in 1851. The county coordinates are Range 15 West through 18 West (15W-18W) and Township 13 North through 16 North (13N-16N). Adjacent counties include Mason (north), Lake (northeast), Newaygo (east), and Muskegon (south). Lake Michigan is on the west boarder of Oceana County.

Original records from Oceana 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

- **Oceana County files, from 1965 to 1976** – RG 83-53

CENSUS RECORDS

- **Federal census, from 1880** – RG 63-42

LAND RECORDS

- **Rural Property Inventory, from 1936 to 1942** – RG 72-76

MILITARY RECORDS

- **Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) post records, from 1876 to 1945** – RG 63-19
 - *Oceana County GAR posts: Post 26 (Hart), Post 52 (Pentwater), Post 68 (Shelby), Post 138 (Ferry), Post 299 (Crystal Valley), Post 397 (Walkerville), Post 449 (Mears)*

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

POOR HOME / RELIEF RECORDS

- **Record of inmates of poorhouse, from 1887 to 1948** – RG 63-42

PRISON RECORDS

See also Guide No. 3: Correctional Facilities Records

TAX RECORDS

- **Record of tax receipts, from 1856 to 1878** – RG 63-42

VITAL RECORDS

See Guide No. 19: Vital Records

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