

# OTSEGO COUNTY GUIDE

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## ARCHIVES OF MICHIGAN



Otsego County was originally laid off in 1840 as Okkuddo County but was later officially organized in 1875. The county coordinates are Range 1 West through 4 West (1W-4W) and Township 29 North through 32 North (29N-32N). Adjacent counties include Cheboygan (north), Montmorency (east), Oscoda (southeast), Crawford (south), Kalkaska (southwest), Antrim (west), and Charlevoix (northwest).

Original records from Otsego 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

- **Annual reports of corporations**, from **1897 to 1932** – RG 67-22
- **Statement of labor liens**, from **1881 to 1927** – RG 67-22

### CEMETERY RECORDS

- **Otsego County files**, from **1962 to 1976** – RG 83-53

### HEALTH RECORDS

- **Patient records (Northern Michigan Tuberculosis Sanatorium)**, from **1937 to 1963** – RG 94-424\*\*

*\*\* A patient's death certificate is required to view these records.*

## LAND RECORDS

- **Deeds**, from **1863 to 1922** – RG 75-4
- **Deeds index**, from **1867 to 1900** – RG 75-4
- **Mortgage index**, from **1875 to 1900** – RG 75-4
- **Rural Property Inventory**, from **1936 to 1942** – RG 72-76
- **Tract book**, from **1875 to 1885** – RG 75-4

## MILITARY RECORDS

- **Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) post records**, from **1876 to 1945** – RG 63-19
  - *Otsego County GAR posts: Post 61 (Gaylord), Post 263 (Vanderbilt), Post 390 (Elmira)*

*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 **1875 to 1952** – RG 2002-4
- **Index**, from **1875 to 1956** – RG 2002-4
- **Naturalization record**, from **1879 to 1906** – RG 2002-4
- **Oaths**, from **1879 to 1894** – RG 2002-4
- **Oaths of renunciation and allegiance**, from **1941 to 1949** – RG 2002-4
- **Order of court granting petitions**, from **1956** – RG 2002-4
- **Petition and record**, from **1907 to 1956** – RG 2002-4
- **Petitions granted**, from **1930 to 1955** – RG 2002-4
- **Quarterly abstracts of collections of naturalization fees**, from **1948 to 1953** – RG 2002-4

## POLITICAL RECORDS

- **Oath and bond book (City of Gaylord)**, from **1898 to 1903** and from **1906 to 1911** – RG 68-49

## PRISON RECORDS

*See also Guide No. 3: Correctional Facilities Records*

## TAX RECORDS

- **Assessment rolls (City of Gaylord)**, from **1887 to 1939** – RG 68-49
- **Assessment rolls (Village of Vanderbilt)**, from **1903 to 1913** – RG 67-22
- **Claim book (City of Gaylord)**, from **1901 to 1914** – RG 68-49
- **Special assessment paving roll (Gaylord)**, from **1920** – RG 68-49

## VITAL RECORDS

- **Births**, from **1875 to 1914** – RG 75-4
- **Deaths**, from **1875 to 1934** – RG 75-4
- **Marriages**, from **1875 to 1969** – RG 75-4

*See Guide No. 19: Vital Records*

## VOTER RECORDS

- **Election register (City of Gaylord)**, from **1898 to 1914** – RG 68-49
- **Registration book of women electors (City of Gaylord)**, from **1919** – RG 68-49
- **Registration record (City of Gaylord)**, from **1922 to 1946** – RG 68-49

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