

ST. CLAIR COUNTY GUIDE

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St. Clair County's boundaries were laid out in 1820 and the county was formally organized in 1821. The county coordinates are Range 13 East through 16 East (13E-16E) and Township 3 North through 8 North (3N-8N). Adjacent counties include Sanilac (north), Macomb (southwest), and Lapeer (west). Lake Huron is on the east border of the St. Clair County.

Original records from St. Clair 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.

One of the collections below is housed at the St. Clair County Library – this is indicated with a * after the RG number. For assistance with these records, please contact the St. Clair County Library directly.

BUSINESS RECORDS

- **Articles of association**, from **1865 to 1921** – RG 80-63
 - from **1870 to 1888** – RG 83-31
- **Assumed names record**, from **1933 to 1946** – RG 80-63
- **Chattel mortgage record**, from **1871 to 1889** – RG 67-7
- **Estrays record**, from **1871 to 1927** – RG 80-63
- **Marine Savings Bank ledgers**, from **1911 to 1927** – RG 2020-19*

CEMETERY RECORDS

- **Township cemetery map (China Township)**, from **1931** – RG 2014-104
- **St. Clair County files**, from **1967 to 1976** – RG 83-53

CENSUS RECORDS

- **Fort Gratiot Township**, from **1963** – RG 80-63
- **State census**, from **1884** and from **1894** – RG 80-98

COURT RECORDS

- **Appeals**, from **1848 to 1867** – RG 80-64
- **Chancery calendars**, from **1847 to 1870** – RG 80-64
- **Chancery rule books**, from **1847 to 1877** – RG 80-64
- **Circuit Court journals**, from **1839 to 1874** – RG 80-64
- **Circuit Court minute books**, from **1833 to 1855** and from **1893 to 1895** – RG 67-7
 - from **1855 to 1877** – RG 80-64
- **Circuit Court motion book**, from **1840 to 1868** – RG 67-7
- **Common rule books**, from **1858 to 1876** – RG 80-64
- **County Court calendar**, from **1847 to 1851** – RG 80-64
- **County Court case files**, from **1847 to 1849** – RG 80-64
- **County Court journal**, from **1847 to 1851** – RG 80-64
- **Criminal docket**, from **1840 to 1842** and from **1873 to 1883** – RG 80-64
- **Criminal case files**, from **1840 to 1884** – RG 80-64
- **Criminal docket (Port Huron)**, from **1921 to 1968** – RG 2020-19*
- **Execution docket**, from **1859 to 1876** – RG 80-64
- **Index to criminal cases (Port Huron)**, from **1929 to 1942** – RG 2020-19*
- **Indexes to Justice court dockets**, from **1891 to 1906** – RG 2020-19*
- **Inquest docket**, from **1834 to 1966** – RG 80-63
- **Inquests**, from **1833 to 1872** – RG 80-64
- **Judge's daily record book**, from **1972** – RG 83-31
- **Justice Court records (China Township)**, from **1859 to 1881** – RG 2014-104
- **Justice docket**, from **1884 to 1889** – RG 2020-19*
- **Justice docket (Port Huron)**, from **1923** – RG 2020-19*
- **Justice of the peace docket**, from **1853 to 1856** – RG 80-63
- **Law calendars**, from **1835 to 1881** – RG 80-64
- **Law case files**, from **1835 to 1871** – RG 80-64
- **List of jurors and witnesses**, from **1855 to 1873** – RG 67-7
- **Pleadings and judgments**, from **1838 to 1844** – RG 80-64
- **Police Court criminal cases (Port Huron)**, from **1889 to 1921** – RG 2020-19*
- **Redemption certificates**, not dated and from **1879** – RG 67-7
- **Recorder's court motion book**, from **1869 to 1875** – RG 67-7
- **Special motion book**, from **1868 to 1875** – RG 80-64
- **Watercraft cases**, from **1864 to 1903** – RG 80-64

LAND RECORDS

- **Chattel mortgage books (China Township)**, from **1848 to 1917** – RG 2014-104
- **Plat map (China Township)**, from **1947** – RG 2014-104
- **Rural Property Inventory (East China Township)**, from **1938** – RG 64-13

MILITARY RECORDS

- **Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) post records**, from **1876 to 1945** – RG 63-19
 - *St. Clair County GAR posts: Post 98 (Port Huron), Post 113 (St. Clair), Post 177 (Capac), Post 195 (Brockway), Post 229 (Marine City), Post 233 (Wales), Post 424 (Yale), Post 432 (Marine City)*
- **Soldier's relief fund ledger (China Township)**, from **1890 to 1917** – RG 2014-104

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 **1843 to 1974** – RG 94-301
- **Military naturalizations**, from **1941 to 1965** – RG 94-301
- **Petitions for Naturalization**, from **1843 to 1982** – RG 94-301
- **Repatriations**, from **1937 to 1957** – RG 94-301
- **Transfers of petitions**, from **1969** – RG 94-301

OCCUPATIONAL RECORDS

- **Chiropractor registrations**, from **1934 to 1969** – RG 80-63
- **Dentist registrations**, from **1907 to 1957** – RG 80-63
- **Medical practitioners' statements**, from **1883 to 1893** – RG 67-7
 - from **1893 to 1899** – RG 80-63
- **Nurse registrations**, from **1910 to 1954** – RG 80-63
- **Optometrist registrations**, from **1910 to 1956** – RG 80-63
- **Osteopath registrations**, from **1938 to 1957** – RG 80-63

ORGANIZATION RECORDS

- **Civilian Conservation Corps applications for enrollment**, from **1935 to 1942** – RG 62-22
- **Civilian Conservation Corps discharges**, from **1934 to 1942** – RG 62-22

POLITICAL RECORDS

- Elected officials records, from 1838 to 1969 – RG 80-63
- Oaths and bonds of township officers (Fort Gratiot Township), from 1927 to 1945 – RG 80-128

POOR HOME / RELIEF RECORDS

- Annual reports of Superintendents of the Poor, from 1922 to 1943 – RG 62-22
- Minutes of Superintendents of the Poor, from 1925 to 1939 – RG 62-22
- Record of inmates in county infirmary, from 1915 to 1933 – RG 62-22

PRISON RECORDS

See also Guide No. 3: Correctional Facilities Records

PROBATE RECORDS

- Case files, from 1828 to 1872 – RG 78-65
- Estate files, from 1828 to 1971 – RG 2022-25
- General index, from 1828 to 1986 – RG 2022-25
- Probate calendars, from 1828 to 1973 – RG 2022-25
- Record of proceedings, from 1828 to 1838 – RG 79-48

RECREATION RECORDS

- Dog fund ledger (China Township), from 1890 to 1917 – RG 2014-104

TAX RECORDS

- Abstract of taxable inheritances, from 1925 to 1944 – RG 67-7
- Assessment rolls, from 1839 to 1904 – RG 81-107
- Property tax assessment cards, from 1954 to 1957 – RG 67-7
- Receipt book for taxes, from 1870 to 1881 – RG 67-7
- Tax assessment rolls, from 1940 to 1995 – RG 2017-126
- Tax assessment rolls (China Township), from 1886 to 1934 – RG 2014-104

VITAL RECORDS

- Register of births (China Township), from 1906 to 1948 – RG 2014-104*
- Register of births (Fort Gratiot Township), from 1930 to 1951 – RG 80-128*
- Register of deaths (China Township), from 1900 to 1952 – RG 2014-104
- Register of deaths (Fort Gratiot Township), from 1946 to 1949 – RG 80-128

** Records less than 110 years old are restricted.*

See Court records: Chancery and Divorce

See Guide No. 19: Vital Records

VOTER RECORDS

- **County party delegate registers, from 1932 to 1950** – RG 80-63
- **Register of electors (China Township), from 1918 to 1945** – RG 2014-104
- **Voter registration (China Township), from 1946** – RG 2014-104
- **Women voter register (China Township), from 1928** – RG 2014-104

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