

# WASHTENAW COUNTY GUIDE

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## ARCHIVES OF MICHIGAN



Washtenaw County was organized in 1826. The county coordinates are Range 3 West through 7 East (3W-7E) and Township 1 South through 4 South (1S-4S). Adjacent counties include Wayne (east), Monroe (southeast), Lenawee (southwest), Jackson (west), Livingston (north), and Oakland (northeast).

Original records from Washtenaw 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.

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