

CLINTON COUNTY GUIDE

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Clinton County was organized in 1839. The county coordinates are Ranges 1 West through 4 West (1W-4W) and Townships 5 North through 8 North (5N-8N). Adjacent counties include Gratiot (north), Saginaw (northeast), Shiawassee (east), Ingham (southeast), Eaton (southwest), Ionia (west), and Montcalm (northwest).

Original records from Clinton 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. A more detailed list of each collection can be found in finding aids at the archives.

BUSINESS RECORDS

- **Clinton County files, from 1968 to 1975 – RG 83-53**

CEMETERY RECORDS

- **Federal census, from 1860 and from 1870 – RG 65-28**
- **State census, from 1864 – RG 65-28**

COURT RECORDS

- **Chancery case files, from 1833 to 1871 – RG 98-148**
- **Justice of the Peace dockets (Watertown Township), from 1860 to 1881 – RG 91-73**

LAND RECORDS

- **Chattel mortgages (Watertown Township), from 1872 to 1928 – RG 91-73**

- **Rural Property Inventory (Ovid, Ovid Township, and Shepardsville), from 1935 to 1942 – RG 95-139**

MILITARY RECORDS

- **Burial records, Union soldiers, sailors, and marines, from 1920 to 1937 – RG 2013-80**
- **Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) post records, from 1876 to 1945 – RG 63-19**
 - *Clinton County GAR posts: Post 58 (Dewitt), Post 104 (Ovid), Post 127 (Maple Rapids), Post 129 (Fowler), Post 156 (St. Johns), Post 167 (Elsie), Post 217 (Eureka), Post 248 (Wacousta), Post 355 (Bath)*

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 1907 to 1929 – RG 2005-20**
- **Declarations of Intention, from 1869 to 1960 – RG 2005-20**
- **Journals, from 1894 to 1906 – RG 2005-20**
- **Petitions, from 1907 to 1964 – RG 2005-20**

OCCUPATIONAL RECORDS

- **Bonds and oaths (Watertown Township), from 1889 to 1936 – RG 91-73**
- **Medical practitioners' sworn statements, from 1883 to 1889 – RG 2013-80**
- **Record of dentists' certificates, from 1907 to 1971 – RG 2013-80**
- **Record of nurses, from 1912 to 1957 – RG 2013-80**
- **Record of optometrists, from 1910 to 1973 – RG 2013-80**
- **Record of osteopaths, from 1921 to 1974 – RG 2013-80**
- **Registered physicians, from 1900 to 1974 – RG 2013-80**

POOR HOME / RELIEF RECORDS

- **Record of poor account, from 1896 to 1914 – RG 2013-80**

PRISON RECORDS

See also Guide No. 3: Correctional Facilities Records

PROBATE RECORDS

- **Case files, from 1854 to 2003** – RG 2022-31
- **Index, from 1840 to 2010** – RG 2022-31
- **Miscellaneous record, from 1851 to 1869** – RG 2022-31
- **Probate calendars, from 1937 to 1971** – RG 2022-31
- **Probate record, from 1840 to 1880** – RG 2022-31

SCHOOL RECORDS

- **Bower School (Dallas Township), from 1869 to 1926** – RG 81-3
- **Denison School (Ovid and Victor Townships), from 1866 to 1943** – RG 81-40
- **Riley School #2 (Bengal and Riley Townships), from 1866 to 1919** – RG 72-54
- **Stafford School (Duplain Township), from 1865 to 1932** – RG 85-21

TAX RECORDS

- **Account and record of unpaid taxes, from 1839 to 1844** – RG 86-126
- **Assessment rolls, from 1844 to 1960** – RG 86-127
 - from 1960 and from 1995 – RG 2017-56
- **Delinquent tax returns, from 1840 to 1843** – RG 86-126
- **Tax rolls, from 1965 and from 1975** – RG 2002-97
 - from 1985 – RG 2007-35
- **Treasurers' journal, from 1845 to 1891** – RG 86-126

VITAL RECORDS

See Guide No. 19: Vital Records

VOTER RECORDS

- **Poll book (Watertown Township), from 1890 to 1900** – RG 91-73
- **Register of electors (Watertown Township), from 1882 to 1946** – RG 91-73

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