

Big Rapids Township
Mecosta County
Ferris State University Archives
Government Records- Finding Aid

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RG Number: 2007-49

Author: Big Rapids Township

Title: Records of Big Rapids Township, Mecosta County, Michigan.

Dates: 1905-1966

Quantity: 7 boxes

Arrangement: Organized into two series: Clerk Records and Treasurer Records.
Within a series, records are arranged alphabetically by record function.

Accession Note: These records were placed into the archives by the Big Rapids Township Clerk at some point during the 1980s.

Deposit date: The date of physical transfer of the records is unknown. Notification of the deposit from the State Archives was received on October 30, 2007.

Description: This accession includes records from both the Township Clerk and the Township Treasurer. The records are unbound and a mixture of original correspondence files and clerk copies. Several records relate to the building of roads in the county including bonds (1931-1932), commissioner's orders (1919-1935), Mecosta County Road Commission records (1917-1960), and road building proposals (1918-1932). Other records include birth records (1911-1914), burial transit permits (1945-1946), chattel mortgages (1904-1933), fire protection agreements (1929-1966), insurance policies (1926-1949), petitions (1954-1964), township hall building (19095), and township board records (1905-1957).

The Treasurer records consist primarily of receipts and tax reports. There was a tax vote (1917) file and tax collections reports (1924-1960). Also there are highway/road orders for the township treasurer (1914-1935).

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	Government Record Location Guide	Total Quantity: 7 boxes	Received Direct Transfer per deposit agreement By:
			Date Received: 1983

Agency: Big Rapids Township **Division:** Mecosta County

Container No.	Description of Archival Items	Inclusive Dates	Comment
1	Births.	1911-1914	Series 1
1	Board of Supervisors. Reports	1934-1969	Series 1
1	Bounties (Foxes).	1947-1949	Series 1
1	Bounties.	1920	Series 1
1	Burial transit permits.	1945-1946	Series 1
1	Caucus meeting.	192.	Series 1
1	Census of Governments.	1953	Series 1
1	Chattel Mortgages. A-CI.	1905-1933	Series 1
1	Chattel Mortgages. Co-D.	1905-1933	Series 1
1	Chattel Mortgages. E-G.	1905-1933	Series 1
1	Chattel Mortgages. H-L.	1905-1933.	Series 1
1	Chattel Mortgages. M-R.	1905-1933	Series 1
1	Chattel Mortgages. S.	1905-1933	Series 1
1	Chattel Mortgages. T-Z.	1905-1933	Series 1
1	Circuit Court of Mecosta County.	1931-1940	Series 1
1	Clerk election certificate.	1960.	Series 1
1	Contracts.	1903.	Series 1

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1	Death certificates.	1951	Series 1
1	Elections.	1952	Series 1
1	Farm programs.	1927; 1949	Series 1
1	Ferris State College.	1969	Series 1
1	Financial statements.	1913-1943	Series 1
1	Fire protection agreements.	1929-1966	Series 1
1	Forms	Undated	Series 1
1	General Services Administration. Surplus land sale.	Undated	Series 1
1	Highway Commissioners Bond.	1931-1932	Series 1
1	Insurance policies.	1926-1949	Series 1
1	Liquor Control Commission.	1960	Series 1
1	Mecosta County Road Commission.	1935-1967	Series 1
1	Mecosta County Road Commission. Contracts.	1917-1920	Series 1
1	Michigan Public Service Commission	1933-1957	Series 1
1	Michigan Public Utilities Commission	1934	Series 1
1	Michigan Townships Association	1954-1960	Series 1
1	Municipal Finance Commission.	1954-1966	Series 1
1	Petitions.	1954-1964	Series 1
1	Pipeline franchise.	1933-1934	Series 1
1	Planning Board.	1955-1956	Series 1

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1	Precinct reports.	1966.	Series 1
1	Road building proposals.	1918-1932	Series 1
1	School Board of Canvassers.	1964-1965	Series 1
1	School district census/statistical reports.	1926-1951	Series 1
1	School district tax reports.	1915-1921	Series 1
1	Schools.	1908-1941	Series 1
1	Stamp	Undated	Series 1
1	State laws; legislation.	1958-1961	Series 1
1	State of Michigan. Dept. of Revenue.	1957	Series 1
1	State of Michigan. Commissioner of Highways.	1906	Series 1
1	State of Michigan. Highway Department.	1916-1930	Series 1
1	Town hall building.	1909	Series 1
1	Township Board. Annual report.	1957	Series 1
1	Township Board. Minutes.	1908-1921	Series 1
1	Township board. Resolutions.	1906-1908	Series 1
1	Trailer park license.	1957	Series 1
1	Voter registration.	1910	Series 1
1	Zoning Board.	1957-1967	Series 1
1	Zoning ordinances	Undated	Series 1
1	Debt tax	1908-1913	Series 2

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1	Dog assessment list.	1916	Series 2
1	Drain assessment list.	1919	Series 2
1	Tax collection reports.	1941-1961	Series 2
1	Tax vote.	1917	Series 2
1	Warranty deeds.	1905	Series 2
2	School district census/statistical reports.	1910-1925	Series 1
3	School district census/statistical reports	1910-1925	Series 1
3	Tax collection reports.	1924-1960	Series 2
4	School warrants.	1905-1940	Series 2
5	Highway Commission receipts	1905-1940	Series 1
6	Certificate of Overseer to Commissioner of Highway	1921-1932	Series 1
6	Highway Commissioners Order on Town Clerk. Bridge Fund.	1923-1926	Series 1
6	Highway Commissioner Order on Town Clerk. Highway Improvement Fund.	1919-1930	Series 1
6	Highway Commissioner Order on Town Clerk. Road Repair Fund.	1920-1932	Series 1
6	Highway Commissioner Request on Town Clerk. Highway Improvement Fund.	1931-1932	Series 1
6	Highway Commissioner Request on Town Clerk. Road Repairs.	1933-1935	Series 1
7	Town orders.	1913-1949	Series 1
7	Order to the Treasurer. Bridge fund orders.	1923-1924	Series 2
7	Order to the Treasurer. Highway Improvement orders.	1913-1932	Series 2
7	Order to the Treasurer. Road repair orders.	1914-1935	Series 2

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