

Independence Township Assessment Rolls, 1884, 1889, 1893

The images that follow are from the tax assessment ledgers of Independence Township, Oakland County, Michigan. They were digitized as part of the Census Substitute Project of the Oakland County Genealogical Society. This project seeks to locate, preserve and disseminate data from locations around the County for 1884, 1890 and 1894 or years as close to these as possible. As there were no rolls for 1890 or 1894 for Independence, the nearest available years were used.

Introduction

The 1884 and 1894 State of Michigan Census for Oakland County and the Federal Census for 1890 for Michigan no longer exist. As tax rolls can assist in placing people in a particular place at a given time, rolls for the years of those missing census schedules may act as a census substitute for that year, enumerating a portion of the adult population living in a given community.

These rolls list resident taxpayers, whether owners or occupants, as well as non-resident owners. Often property belonging to the estates of deceased land owners is noted as such.

The ledgers are arranged alphabetically by first letter of the surname. They are composed of facing pages noting the name of owner/occupant, description of the land, section, town, range and number of acres, value of real and personal estate, school district number, and assessed amount for various state, county, township, highway and school taxes, dog tax and total assessment.

Non-resident taxpayers are listed on one or more pages following the resident taxpayers. These are in order by section, so names are not in any alphabetical sequence. At the end of each ledger are additional pages containing receipts and/or summaries. Some ledgers have additional data recorded on pages after the assessments. All pages with writing have been copied. Ledgers may have a few or many blank pages. Blank pages have not been copied.

Pages in a given ledger may or may not have the year recorded at the top of each page. Each ledger has been copied as is; no marks of clarification have been added. Each year has been digitized as an independent file. Please confirm which year/file is being viewed when evaluating data.