

Vital Records

Marriage Licenses

The County Clerk's office will provide written information concerning transmission and prevention of venereal diseases and HIV infection, as individuals are not required to receive blood testing or HIV counselling.

Michigan residents must apply in person for the license in the county in which one of the applicant's lives, but can be married anywhere within the state. The application fee is \$20 for a Michigan resident. There is a three day waiting period after the application is made and the license must be used within 33 days of the application date. You may access the marriage license application online [here](#).

Persons 16 or 17 years of age must appear with their parent or legal guardian to execute a consent form. Proof of age must be submitted, driver's license must be presented, and parental identification may also be required. An additional fee of \$50.00 will be charged for a three day waiting period waiver.

Out-of-state individuals applying for a Michigan marriage license must apply for the license in the county in which the marriage will take place and one of the applicant's must appear in person to apply. The out-of-state application fee is \$30.00.

The Ogemaw County Clerk's office hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. excluding all recognized holidays. Additional information may be acquired by calling 989.345.0215.

Acquiring Birth, Death and Marriage Records

Ogemaw County keeps records of birth and deaths that occurred in Ogemaw County. It also maintains the marriage license record for individuals that applied in Ogemaw County. Most records are available to anyone and this applies to death, marriage, or divorce records. Michigan birth records less than 100 years old are restricted to certain individuals.

For individuals needing vital records from other counties, please contact the County Clerk's office of that county.

BIRTH RECORDS

Birth records are NOT public records and can only be obtained by the following persons:

- The individual named on the record
- The parents of the individual named on the record
- Legal guardian/legal representative (provide court order)
- An heir of the person named on the record
- If you were adopted, your original Michigan birth record was sealed by a court. In this case, you can only obtain a copy of your birth certificate from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. It will indicate your adopted name and adoptive parent's names. You may contact the Michigan Department of Health at <http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs> or by calling 517.335.8666.

An individual may apply in person or via mail. Please use the [Vital Certificate Request Form](#) when requesting a record. The first certified copy is \$10.00 and each additional copy is \$5.00 when ordered at the same time. All copies issued by the Ogemaw County Clerk's office are certified and have a raised seal. Payment must be included with the request for copies along with a copy of your driver's

license or photo identification. Please make the check payable to *County of Ogemaw*. For credit/debit payments, see information below.

Mail requests should be sent to: Ogemaw County Clerk, 806 West Houghton Avenue, Room 101, West Branch, Michigan, 48661. Office hours are 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday – Friday. The office is closed for recognized legal holidays. You may contact the Ogemaw County Clerk’s office at 989.345.0215.

DEATH RECORDS

The Ogemaw County Clerk’s office has death certificates for individuals who died in Ogemaw County. Death certificates are public records and may be viewed by anyone. You will need to provide the name and date of death for the individual record.

Death records may be ordered in person or via mail. The fee for the first certified copy is \$10.00 and \$5.00 for each additional certified copy at the time the first copy is requested. You may download a [request form](#) and mail the form to: Ogemaw County Clerk, 806 West Houghton Ave., Room 101, West Branch, Michigan, 48661. Please make your check or money order payable to the *County of Ogemaw*.

MARRIAGE RECORDS

The Ogemaw County Clerk’s office only has marriage records for individuals who applied for their license in Ogemaw County. Marriage licenses are public record and can be obtained anyone. You will need to provide the names of the parties as well as the date of the marriage. The fee for the first certified copy is \$10.00 and \$5.00 for each additional certified copy at the time the first one is requested. Marriage licenses may be ordered in person or via mail.

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Credit/Debit Cards

The Ogemaw County Clerk's office now accepts payment by credit/debit card.
To pay by credit/debit card:

- You must first contact the County Clerk's office at 989.345.0215
- Request a pay location and amount
- You will directed to call 888.604.7888 or log onto <https://www.govpaynet.com>