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Benzie County County Research Guide: No. 10

Benzie County was set off in 1863 and formally organized in 1869. The county coordinates are Range 13W–16W and Township 25N–27N. Adjacent counties include Leelanau (north), Grand Traverse (east), Wexford (southeast), and Manistee (south).

Here is a listing of original source records available at the Archives for Benzie County, including the years of coverage and the Record Group number. Finding aids available in the Archives, arranged by RG, give a more itemized listing of each collection.

Cemeteries

Benzie County files	1967–1976	RG 83-53
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Census

Population schedules	1870; 1884; 1894	RG 80-92
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Military

GAR post records	1876–1945	RG 63-19
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**Benzie County GAR posts: 123 (Frankfort); 372 (Benzonia)*

**See also Guide No. 4: War Records and Guide No. 7: Post-War Records*

Poor home/relief

Minutes of superintendents of the poor	1871–1921	RG 63-29
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Prison records

** See Guide No. 3: Correctional Facilities Records*

Vital records

** See Court records: Chancery and Divorce*

** See Guide No. 19: Vital Records*