

Benzie County



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

Federal population schedules	1870	RG 80-92
State population schedules	1884; 1894	RG 80-92

Land

Statements of taxable property (Benzonia Twp.)	1862-1890	RG 89-213
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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, Guide No. 7: Post-War Records, Guide No. 4c: Spanish American War, and Guide No. 4d: World War I*

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*

Tax records

Returns of overseer of highways (Benzonia Twp.)	1863-1898	RG 89-213
Tax assessment rolls (Benzonia Twp.)	1862-1883	RG 89-213

Vital records

* See *Court records: Chancery and Divorce*

* See *Guide No. 19: Vital Records*

Voter records

Register of electors (Crystal Lake Twp.)	1882-1945	RG 56-9
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