Otsego County

Otsego County was originally laid off in 1840 as Okkuddo County, but was later officially organized in 1875. The county coordinates are Range 1W-4W and Township 29N-32N. Adjacent counties include Cheboygan (north), Montmorency (east), Oscoda (southeast), Crawford (south), Kalkaska (southwest), Antrim (west), and Charlevoix (northwest).

Here is a listing of original source records available at the Archives for Otsego 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.

**Businesses**
- Annual reports of corporations: 1897-1932, RG 67-22
- Statement of labor liens: 1881-1927, RG 67-22

**Cemeteries**
- Otsego County files: 1962-1976, RG 83-53

**Health records**
- Patient records (Northern Michigan Tuberculosis Sanatorium): 1937-1963, RG 94-424#
  # A patient’s death certificate is required to view these records.

**Land**
- Deeds: 1863-1922, RG 75-4
- Deeds index: 1867-1900, RG 75-4
- Mortgage index: 1875-1900, RG 75-4
- Rural Property Inventory: 1936-1942, RG 72-76
- Tract book: 1875-1885, RG 75-4
Military
GAR post records 1876-1945 RG 63-19
* Otsego County GAR posts: 61 (Gaylord), 263 (Vanderbilt), 390 (Elmira)
* 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

Naturalization
Declarations of Intention 1875-1952 RG 2002-4
Index 1875-1956 RG 2002-4
Naturalization record 1879-1906 RG 2002-4
Oaths 1879-1894 RG 2002-4
Oaths of renunciation and allegiance 1941-1949 RG 2002-4
Order of court granting petitions 1956 RG 2002-4
Petition and record 1907-1956 RG 2002-4
Petitions granted 1930-1955 RG 2002-4
Quarterly abstracts of collections of naturalization fees 1948-1953 RG 2002-4

Political records
Oath and bond book (City of Gaylord) 1898-1903; 1906-1911 RG 68-49

Prison records
* See Guide No. 3: Correctional Records

Tax records
Assessment rolls (City of Gaylord) 1887-1939 RG 68-49
Assessment rolls (Village of Vanderbilt) 1903-1913 RG 67-22
Claim book (City of Gaylord) 1901-1914 RG 68-49
Special assessment paving roll (Gaylord) 1920 RG 68-49

Vital records
Births 1875-1914 RG 75-4
Deaths 1875-1934 RG 75-4
Marriages 1875-1969 RG 75-4
* See also Guide No. 19: Vital Records

Voter records
Election register (City of Gaylord) 1898-1914 RG 68-49
Registration book of women electors (City of Gaylord) 1919 RG 68-49
Registration record (City of Gaylord) 1922-1946 RG 68-49

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