

Grand Traverse County



Grand Traverse County was originally laid off as the county of Omeena in 1840 and later organized as Grand Traverse County in 1851. The county coordinates are Range 9W-12W and Township 25N-30N. Adjacent counties include Leelanau (northwest), Antrim (northeast), Kalkaska (east), Missaukee (southeast), Wexford (south), Manistee (southwest), and Benzie (west).

Here is a listing of original source records available at the Archives for Grand Traverse 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

Articles of association	1902-1927	RG 99-65
Articles of incorporation	1950-1978	RG 99-65

Cemeteries

Grand Traverse County files	1962-1976	RG 83-53
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Court records

Jurors' time table	1889-1904	RG 71-103
Lis pendens	1861-1904	RG 80-117
Records of justices	1861-1890	RG 71-103
Taxable inheritances	1903-1921	RG 84-35

Land

Deeds	1853-1889	RG 80-117
Deeds index	1853-1901	RG 80-117
Mortgage index	1853-1900	RG 80-117

Rural Property Inventory (Green Lake, Long Lake, Mayfield, Paradise, Peninsula, and Whitewater Twps.)	1936-1939	RG 84-55
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Military

GAR post records	1876-1945	RG 63-19
* <i>Grand Traverse County GAR posts: 18 (Traverse City), 286 (Fife Lake), 297 (Kingsley), 435 (Summit City)</i>		
Soldiers' burial record	1893-1908	RG 84-35
War Preparedness Board records	1917	RG 84-35
* See also <i>Guide No. 4: War Records, Guide No. 7: Post-War Records, Guide No. 4c: Spanish American War, and Guide No. 4d: World War I</i>		

Naturalization

Certificate stubs	1932-1979	RG 99-49
Declarations of Intention	1857-1977	RG 99-49
Index	1855-1942	RG 99-49
Journals	1853-1906	RG 99-49
Order of court granting petitions	1932-1964	RG 99-49
Petitions	1907-1980	RG 99-49
Petitions recommended to be granted	1964-1981	RG 99-49
Repatriations	1937-1956	RG 99-49

Occupations

Dentists register	1907-1973	RG 84-35
Medical practitioners register	1883-1899	RG 84-35
Nurses register	1910-1958	RG 84-35
Optometrists register	1910-1958	RG 84-35
Osteopathy register	1902-1930	RG 84-35
Physicians returned by assessor	1900-1911	RG 84-35

Political records

Record of nominations	1910-1916	RG 71-103
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Prison records

Jail record	1870-1906	RG 71-103
* See also <i>Guide No. 3: Correctional Facilities Records</i>		

School records

Family census cards	1906-1960	RG 83-69
Gradebooks	1918	RG 82-73
Record of classes and students	1918	RG 82-73

Tax records

Tax assessment rolls	1854-1862	RG 84-56
	1950	RG 72-84

Vital records

Birth index	1856-1960	RG 80-123
Birth records	1867-1960	RG 80-123+
Death index	1867-1960	RG 80-123
Death records	1867-1916	RG 80-123
Marriage index	1853-1960	RG 80-123
Marriage records	1853-1933	RG 80-123

+ *Birth records are closed for 100 years*

* *See also Guide No. 19: Vital Records*

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