

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

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| Benzie County files | 1967–1976 | RG 83-53 |
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Census

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

Land

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| Statements of taxable property (Benzonia Twp.) | 1862-1890 | RG 89-213 |
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Military

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| 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

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

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

School records

Family census cards 1906-1960 RG 83-69

Tax records

Returns of overseer of highways 1863-1898 RG 89-213
(Benzonia Twp.)

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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