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

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

**Land**
Statements of taxable property 1862-1890 RG 89-213
(Benzonia Twp.)

**Military**
GAR post records 1876–1945 RG 63-19
*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
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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