

ALPENA COUNTY GUIDE

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Organized in 1857, Alpena County was originally laid off in 1840 as Anamickee County. The county coordinates are Ranges 5 East through 9 East (5E - 9E) and Townships 29 North through 32 North (29N - 32N). Adjacent counties include Presque Isle (north), Alcona (south), Oscoda (southwest), and Montmorency (west).

Original records from Alpena County are available at the Archives of Michigan. The list below is organized by record type; each record type lists specific records, the years of coverage and the record group (RG) number assigned to that collection. A more detailed list of each collection can be found in finding aids at the archives.

BUSINESS RECORDS

- **Articles of association**, from **1919 to 1984** – RG 2011-18
- **Register of log marks**, from **1870 to 1903** – RG 2011-18

CEMETERY RECORDS

- **Alpena County files**, from **1968 to 1976** – RG 83-53

COURT RECORDS

- **Chancery calendar**, from **1871 to 1962** – RG 2021-97
- **Chancery case files**, from **1861 to 1940** – RG 2021-97
- **Chancery case files (tax foreclosures)**, from **1889 to 1928** – RG 2021-97
- **Chancery index**, from **1871 to 1962** – RG 2021-97
- **Circuit Court calendar**, from **1871 to 1972** – RG 2021-97
- **Circuit Court civil index**, from **1963 to 1988** – RG 2021-97
- **Circuit Court day book**, from **1871 to 1885** and from **1921 to 1962** – RG 2011-18

- **Circuit Court index**, from **1871 to 1962** – RG 2021-97
- **Civil docket**, from **1963 to 1989** – RG 2021-97
- **Coroner's record**, from **1895 to 1938** – RG 2011-18
- **Criminal calendar**, from **1872 to 1968** – RG 2021-97
- **Criminal calendar index**, from **1872 to 1986** – RG 2021-97
- **Criminal case files**, from **1871 to 1940** – RG 2021-97
- **Criminal docket**, from **1968 to 1984** – RG 2021-97
- **Justice court transcripts**, from **1870 to 1968** – RG 2011-18
- **Law case files**, from **1871 to 1940** – RG 2021-97

MILITARY RECORDS

- **Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) post records**, from **1876 to 1945** – RG 63-19
 - *Alpena County GAR post: Post 139 (Alpena)*
- **Index to military discharges**, from **1943 to 2000** – RG 2021-97
- **Record of burials of indigent soldiers**, from **1900 to 1915** – RG 2011-18
- **Record of honorable discharges**, from **1946 to 1949** – RG 2021-97
- **Soldiers' discharge**, from **1862 to 1898** – RG 2021-97
- **Soldiers' discharge record**, from **1914 to 1946** – RG 2021-97
- **Veterans' licenses awarded**, from **1926 to 2000** – RG 2011-18

See also Guide No. 4: War Records, Guide No. 7: Post-War Records, Guide No. 4 c: Spanish American War, and Guide No. 4 d: World War I

NATURALIZATION RECORDS

- **Certificate stubs**, from **1907 to 1926** – RG 2003-61
- **Declarations of Intention**, from **1871 to 1952** – RG 2003-61
- **Index**, from **1871 to 1936** – RG 2003-61
- **Journal**, from **1878 to 1895** – RG 2003-61
- **Loose papers**, from **1916 to 1920** – RG 2022-24
- **Oaths**, from **1871 to 1906** – RG 2003-61
- **Orders granted & denied**, from **1929 to 1982** – RG 2003-61
- **Petitions**, from **1907 to 1982** – RG 2003-61
- **Repatriations**, from **1937 to 1956** – RG 2003-61

OCCUPATIONAL RECORDS

- **Record of medical practitioners**, from **1883 to 1891** – RG 2011-18
- **Record of oaths**, from **1906 to 1947** – RG 2011-18

- **Record of registered physicians, from 1900 to 1969** – RG 2011-18

POLITICAL RECORDS

- **Record of delegates, from 1956 to 1980** – RG 2011-18

PRISON RECORDS

See Guide No. 3: Correctional Facilities Records

PROBATE RECORDS

- **Case files, from 1872 to 1904** – RG 80-126
 - from **1858 to 1971** – RG 2022-53
- **Index, undated** – RG 2022-53
- **Probate calendars, from 1858 to 1972** – RG 2022-53
- **Probate journals, from circa late 1800's** – RG 2022-53

TAX RECORDS

- **Assessment rolls, from 1858 to 1900** – RG 84-34
 - From **1931 to 1979** – RG 2021-41
- **Tax rolls, from 1884 to 1970** – RG 2011-20

VITAL RECORDS

See Guide No. 19: Vital Records

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