

ARENAC COUNTY GUIDE

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Arenac County was first laid off in 1831 and later officially organized in 1883. The county coordinates are Ranges 3 East through 7 East (3E-7E) and Townships 18 North through 20 North (18N-20N). Adjacent counties include Ogemaw (northwest), Iosco (northeast), Bay (south), and Gladwin (west). Lake Huron is on the eastern border of Arenac County.

Original records from Arenac 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.

CEMETERY RECORDS

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

COURT RECORDS

- **Appeal docket Supreme Court, from 1929 to 1975 – RG 2021-63**
- **Chancery calendars, from 1883 to 1963 – RG 2021-63**
- **Chancery case files, from 1889 to 1963 – RG 2021-63**
- **Circuit Court calendars, from 1883 to 1970 – RG 2021-63**
- **Civil case files, from 1891 to 1990 – RG 2021-63**
- **Civil docket, from 1963 to 1976 – RG 2021-63**
- **Criminal case files, from 1891 to 1990 – RG 2021-63**
- **Criminal docket, from 1982 – RG 2021-63**
- **Law case files, from 1952 to 1962 – RG 2021-63**
- **Record of divorce proceedings, from 1898 to 1942 – RG 2021-63**

LAND RECORDS

- **Rural Property Inventory, from 1936 to 1942 – RG 72-76**

MILITARY RECORDS

- **Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) post records, from 1876 to 1945** (RG 63-19)
 - *Arenac County GAR posts include: Post 265 (Omer), Post 450 (Standish)*

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

- **Calendar, from 1889 to 1907** – RG 99-10
- **Certificate stubs, from 1907 to 1928** – RG 99-10
- **Declarations of Intention, from 1880 to 1950** – RG 99-10
- **Notice of application for admission to citizenship, from 1909 to 1940** – RG 99-10
- **Petitions denied, from 1935 to 1945** – RG 99-10
- **Petitions granted, from 1925 to 1956** – RG 99-10
- **Second papers, from 1889 to 1956** – RG 99-10

OCCUPATIONAL RECORDS

- **Record of dentists, from 1907 to 1974** – RG 2021-63
- **Record of optometrists, from 1910 to 1971** – RG 2021-63

PRISON RECORDS

See also Guide No. 3: Correctional Facilities Records

PROBATE RECORDS

- **Calendars, from 1883 to 1962** – RG 2019-53
- **Case files, from 1926 to 1968** – RG 2019-53
- **Index, from 1883 to 1960 and from 1963 to 1968** – RG 2019-53
- **Journals, from 1889 to 1937** – RG 2019-53
- **Orders, from 1884 to 1903** – RG 2019-53
- **Probate record, from 1883 to 1974** – RG 2019-53

VITAL RECORDS

See Guide No. 19: Vital Records

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