

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY GUIDE

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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 Ranges 9 West through 12 West (9W-12W) and Townships 25 North through 30 North (25N-30N). Adjacent counties include Leelanau (northwest), Antrim (northeast), Kalkaska (east), Missaukee (southeast), Wexford (south), Manistee (southwest), and Benzie (west). The Grand Traverse Bay of Lake Michigan is the north border of Grand Traverse County.

Original records from Grand Traverse 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 **1902 to 1927** – RG 99-65
- **Articles of incorporation**, from **1950 to 1978** – RG 99-65

CEMETERY RECORDS

- **Grand Traverse County files**, from **1962 to 1976** – RG 83-53

COURT RECORDS

- **Appeal docket Supreme Court**, from **1933 to 1943** – RG 2019-129
- **Chancery calendars**, from **1857 to 1935** – RG 2019-129
- **Chancery decrees**, from **1887 to 1955** – RG 2019-129
- **Chancery decrees tax sales**, from **1890 to 1932** – RG 2019-129
- **Chancery index**, from **1882 to 1914** – RG 2019-129
- **Chancery index decrees**, from **1955 to 1967** – RG 2019-129

- **Chancery journal**, from **1860 to 1875** – RG 2019-129
- **Chancery tax calendar**, from **1890 to 1892** – RG 2019-129
- **Circuit Court Commissioners docket**, from **1942 to 1950** – RG 2019-129
- **Common rule book**, from **1876 to 1909** – RG 2019-129
- **Criminal calendar**, from **1935 to 1948** – RG 2019-129
- **Jurors' time table**, from **1889 to 1904** – RG 71-103
- **Justice civil docket**, from **1907 to 1909** – RG 2019-129
- **Lis pendens**, from **1861 to 1904** – RG 80-117
- **Records of justices**, from **1861 to 1890** – RG 71-103
- **Special motion book**, from **1860 to 1905** – RG 2019-129
- **Special orders and decree**, from **1857 to 1932** – RG 2019-129
- **Taxable inheritances**, from **1903 to 1921** – RG 84-35
- **Transcript docket**, from **1889 to 1985** – RG 2019-129

LAND RECORDS

- **Deeds**, from **1853 to 1889** – RG 80-117
- **Deeds index**, from **1853 to 1901** – RG 80-117
- **Mortgage index**, from **1853 to 1900** – RG 80-117
- **Rural Property Inventory (Green Lake, Long Lake, Mayfield, Paradise, Peninsula, and Whitewater Townships)**, from **1936 to 1939** – RG 84-55

MILITARY RECORDS

- **Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) post records**, from **1876 to 1945** – RG 63-19
 - *Grand Traverse County GAR posts: Post 18 (Traverse City), Post 286 (Fife Lake), Post 297 (Kingsley), Post 435 (Summit City)*
- **Soldiers' burial record**, from **1893 to 1908** – RG 84-35
- **War Preparedness Board records**, from **1917** – RG 84-35

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 **1932 to 1979** – RG 99-49
- **Declarations of Intention**, from **1857 to 1977** – RG 99-49
- **Index**, from **1855 to 1942** – RG 99-49
- **Journals**, from **1853 to 1906** – RG 99-49
- **Order of court granting petitions**, from **1932 to 1964** – RG 99-49

- **Petitions, from 1907 to 1980** – RG 99-49
- **Petitions recommended to be granted, from 1964 to 1981** – RG 99-49
- **Repatriations, from 1937 to 1956** – RG 99-49

OCCUPATIONAL RECORDS

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

POLITICAL RECORDS

- **Record of nominations, from 1910 to 1916** – RG 71-103

PRISON RECORDS

- **Jail record, from 1870 to 1906** – RG 71-103

See also Guide No. 3: Correctional Facilities Records

SCHOOL RECORDS

- **Family census cards, from 1906 to 1960** – RG 83-69
- **Gradebooks, from 1918** – RG 82-73
- **Record of classes and students, from 1918** – RG 82-73

TAX RECORDS

- **Tax assessment rolls, from 1854 to 1862** – RG 84-56
 - from 1950 – RG 72-84

VITAL RECORDS

- **Birth index, from 1856 to 1960** – RG 80-123
- **Birth records, from 1867 to 1960** – RG 80-123*
- **Death index, from 1867 to 1960** – RG 80-123
- **Death records, from 1867 to 1916** – RG 80-123

- **Marriage index**, from **1853 to 1960** – RG 80-123
- **Marriage records**, from **1853 to 1933** – RG 80-123

Birth records are closed for 100 years.

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