

WEXFORD COUNTY GUIDE

ARCHIVES OF MICHIGAN



Wexford County was established in 1840 and was originally named Kautawabet. It was renamed after County Wexford, Ireland in 1843. The county coordinates are Range 9 West through 12 West (9W–12W) and Township 21 North through 24 North (21N–24N). Adjacent counties include Grand Traverse (north), Kalkaska (northeast), Missaukee (east), Osceola (southeast), Lake (southwest), Manistee (west), and Benzie (northwest).

Original records from Wexford 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. More detailed lists of these collections can be found in finding aids at the archives.

CEMETERY RECORDS

- **Wexford County files, from 1967 to 1976** – RG 83-53

COURT RECORDS

- **Chancery calendars, from 1881 to 1948** – RG 2011-42
- **Chancery case files, from 1875 to 1960** – RG 2011-42
- **Criminal calendars, from 1885 to 1943** – RG 2011-42
- **Criminal case files, from 1885 to 1944** – RG 2011-42
- **Law calendars, from 1882 to 1944** – RG 2011-42
- **Law case files, from 1876 to 1955** – RG 2011-42

MILITARY RECORDS

- **Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) post records, from 1876 to 1945** – RG 63-19
 - *Wexford County GAR posts: Post 54 (Manton), Post 92 (Cadillac), Post 226 (Sherman), Post 394 (Wexford), Post 444 (Cadillac), Post 461 (Selma), Post 463 (Mesick)*

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

- **Alien record**, from **1884 to 1896** – RG 2009-2
- **Certificate stubs**, not dated – RG 2009-2
- **Court orders**, from **1938 to 1941**- RG 2009-2
- **Declarations of Intention**, from **1875 to 1957** – RG 2009-2
- **Journal**, from **1896 to 1903** – RG 2009-2
- **Oaths of witnesses and declaration of allegiance**, from **1896 to 1903** – RG 2009-2
- **Petitions for Naturalization**, from **1906 to 1966** – RG 2009-2
- **Repatriations of women**, from **1941** – RG 2009-2

PRISON RECORDS

See also Guide No. 3: Correctional Facilities Records

TAX RECORDS

- **Assessment rolls**, from **1869 to 1896**, from **1900**, from **1920**, from **1940**, and from **1960** – RG 85-156

VITAL RECORDS

See Guide No. 19: Vital Records

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