

RESEARCHING PEOPLE

RESEARCH GUIDE

March 2025

Prepared by Grace Evans

CONTENTS

AT LOCAL HISTORY AND ARCHIVES.....	3
Births, Marriages and Death Indexes In Local History And Archives.....	3
Funeral Home Transcriptions	4
Cemetery Records	4
Birth, Death, and Marriage Announcements	5
Recommended Databases.....	6
Ancestry.....	6
Globe and Mail Historical via Proquest	6
Hamilton Spectator Historical via ProQuest.....	6
Miscellaneous	7
Vital Statistics	7
Birth Records pre-1869	7
Family Histories	8
OGS Collection Family Histories	8
Hamilton Collection Family Histories	8
City Directories	9
Common Abbreviations in City Directories	9
Telephone Directories	12
Yearbook Collection.....	12
Genealogy.....	12
LHA Next Steps	13
BEYOND HPL AND LHA.....	13
Vital Statistics for Ontario at the Archives of Ontario	13
Census.....	14
Family Search.....	14
Archives of Ontario.....	14
Religious Organizations / Church Records Access Points	15
Office of the Registrar General.....	15
Library and Archives Canada	15
Find a Grave.....	15

GETTING STARTED

This guide explains where researchers looking to find out information about a person can look in Local History and Archives, as well as direct researchers to where they can look next.

AT LOCAL HISTORY AND ARCHIVES

This is a quick summary of what LHA holds, with more detail below.

Births

- If you're looking to find out someone's birthdate:
- Vital Statistics as below via Archives Ontario
- LHA has index to Births 1869 to 1915
- Birth announcements in The Hamilton Spectator (transcribed list below or search ProQuest)

Marriages

- If you're looking to find out someone's marriage date:
- Vital Statistics as below via Archives of Ontario
- LHA has index to Deaths 1869 to 1941 plus deaths of Ontarians overseas, 1939-1946
- Announcements in The Hamilton Spectator (transcribed list below or search ProQuest)

Deaths

- If you're looking to find out someone's death date:
- Vital Statistics as below via Archives of Ontario
- LHA has index to Marriages [ca.1801] to 1931
- Announcements in The Hamilton Spectator (transcribed list below or search ProQuest)

Births, Marriages and Death Indexes In Local History And Archives

Physical location: Reading Room Alcove on Microfilm

Indexes are available on microfilm in Local History and Archives and to borrow from the Archives of Ontario. An index can verify information, but won't include the birth certificate, marriage certificate, or death certificate.

The full registration record is available only on loan from the Archives of Ontario or by visiting the Archives of Ontario in Toronto.

The indexes for the following years have been released and are held by LHA:

Births 1869 to 1915

Marriages [ca.1801] to 1931

Deaths 1869 to 1941 plus deaths of Ontarians overseas, 1939-1946

Later indexes and complete transcriptions are not available in the department but all currently available can be accessed through Ancestry.ca

Borrowing through Interlibrary Loan (ILLO)

To borrow microfilm through Interlibrary Loan (ILLO), you will need to fill out the following request form: <https://www.hpl.ca/forms/interlibrary-loan-request-form>

Kindly note you will need to know specific information for the microfilm reel you are requesting, such as the reel number and title.

Funeral Home Transcriptions

Local History and Archives contains a collection of funeral home transcriptions. List of funeral and death dates by individual funeral homes for approx 1850-1960. They can help determine the date of death and sometimes include the date and/or place of birth, cause of death, and possibly their next-of-kin. These records are only available for use in the department. Ten local funeral homes have their transcripts here, and each has an index.

Physical location: Reading Room Alcove has physical finding aids as well as the transcriptions

File path: <https://lha.hpl.ca/articles/funeral-home-transcriptions>

Cemetery Records

Copies of all cemetery transcriptions for the Hamilton area are available in the Local History and Archives department. These are transcriptions of headstone engravings in some Hamilton Cemeteries, and sometimes include grave locations for 1800s-1990s.

Physical location: In filing cabinets in Reading Room Alcove, in duotangs

File Path for list of cemeteries available: <https://lha.hpl.ca/cemetery-transcriptions>

Cemetery Duotang with Codes and Locations: available in hard copy in alcove.

Quick Steps:

- If you know the surname of the person, you can look in one of the following places:
 - OGS Surname index – beige filing cabinets in the public annex
 - Hamilton Cemetery Index
 - Woodlawn Cemetery Index
 - Holy Sepulchre Cemetery Index -White Chapel Cemetery Index
 - Wentworth Cemeteries by Township – lists all the burials by township. Good place to start if you know where a person might possibly be buried
 - Some surnames or family burial plots are listed in the WTL
 - We have Queen’s Lawn Cemetery for Grimsby as well

- Funeral Home records – located in the public annex and don't necessary list a cemetery but are good for locating date of deaths in a pinch if someone knows who buried them
- Once you checked either of the Indexes listed above, located next to the name should be the cemetery code – need to make note of that so you can then go to the Cemetery finding aid
- Look up the code in the Cemetery Finding Aid, red duo tang located on top of the filing cabinets in the public annex
- If for example the index listed a code as “CEM-158”, you would look up that code listed in the left-hand side of the paper to find the corresponding folder.
- Once you find it, you will also note the finding aid also lists the name of the cemetery and the township
- Example: “CEM-158” has a bold **72** next to it, you would then go to the OGS filing cabinets which are in the public annex, labeled with the folder #'s
- Find the corresponding drawer and find the correct folder # you need
- In the folder, the back of them usually contains an index, look up your person “last name, first name”
- Once found you will find a line #, go back to the cemetery listings at the beginning of the book and search through until you find the correct line # and corresponding name
- The listing will state what is transcribed on their headstone(s)
 - sometimes more then one line if there is multiple members burial together in the plot

Birth, Death, and Marriage Announcements

In 2024, once the Hamilton Spectator was digitized, the most straightforward path is to search there for announcements. However, there are other resources available in Local History and Archives.

Births, deaths, and marriages published in the Hamilton Spectator and some earlier newspapers have been transcribed, they include:

Gordon Allison Collection

Physical location: Reading Room Alcove

Deaths, marriages and births published in the Hamilton Spectator from 1846 to 1899

In the Hamilton Collection, see catalogue:

Dundas Warder & County of Halton General Advertiser, 1847 to 1857

Early Marriage Notices East Flamborough Township, 1806 to 1859

Flamborough Marriage Records, 1794-1829

Marriage Records West Flamborough Township 1817-1832

Flamborough Marriage Records, 1830-1834

Flamborough Marriage Records 1834-1839

Flamborough Marriage Records 1840-1844

Flamborough Marriage Slips, 1869-1875

Flamborough Marriage Slips, 1876-1880

Flamborough Marriage Slips, 1881-1885
Flamborough Marriage Slips, 1886-1890
Flamborough Marriage Slips, 1891-1895
Flamborough Obituary Notices, 1823-1859
Flamborough Obituary Notices, 1872-1882
Early Marriage Notices: East Flamborough Township 1806-1859
Marriage Register of Knox Presbyterian Church for Waterdown and Burlington, Ontario, 1858-1868
Marriage Register, Methodist New Connection Church, Waterdown, 1858-1876
Gore Gazette, March 2, 1827 to June 8, 1829
Hamilton Express & Free Press, 1836
Hamilton Express & Political & Commercial Journal, 1839
Hamilton Journal & Gore District Mercantile & Agricultural Intelligencer, 1839
Journal & Express, 1841 to 1853
Newspapers of the Western Gore, 1831 to 1859

Recommended Databases

Ancestry

HPL subscribes to Ancestry Library Edition. This can be accessed from the [LHA Online page](#). Please be advised that Ancestry only works from within Hamilton Public Library locations.

Globe and Mail Historical via Proquest

ProQuest's Hamilton Spectator Historical features scanned copies of Globe and Mail dating 1844 to 2021.

Researchers can access this from home using their HPL card, by using any HPL public computer, or accessing Guest WiFi at any HPL Branch.

[See our Globe and Mail Historical collection on Globe & Mail](#)

[Get help with Globe & Mail](#)

Hamilton Spectator Historical via ProQuest

ProQuest's Hamilton Spectator Historical features scanned copies of Hamilton Spectator dating 1846-2025.

Researchers can access this from home using their HPL card, by using any HPL public computer, or accessing Guest WiFi at any HPL Branch.

[See our Hamilton Spectator Historical collection on ProQuest](#)

[Get help with Hamilton Spectator Historical](#)

Miscellaneous

Vital Statistics

Local History and Archives holds some original Vital Statistics:

Barton Township
1896 to 1924
microfilms 355 & 356

Beverly Township
1871 to 1948
microfilms 296, 297, 298 & 357

Glanford Township
Archives File - Glanford Township
Volume 1, 1869 to 1877
Volume 2, 1879 to 1897
Volume 3, 1898 to 1903

Archives File - Glanford Township
Index of names that appear in Glanford Township birth, marriage and death records

Waterdown
Archives File - Waterdown
Volume 1, 1880 to 1894 (incomplete)

West Flamborough Township
Archives File - Flamborough, West Township
Birth & Death Certificates
1873 to 1875

Birth Records pre-1869

Before 1869 there are two main sources of birth records: newspaper announcements and church baptismal records. Some of these records are available in Local History and Archives:

Ancaster Township
Ontario Historical Society
Papers & Records
971.3 ONT
Volume 5, pages 102 to 177
1830 to 1838 – Anglican

Dundas
Dundas Warder & County of Halton General Advertiser
929.3713 DUN
1847 to 1857

Gore District
Ontario Historical Society
Papers & Records
971.3 ONT
Volume 5, pages 92 to 96
1816-1824

Birth, Marriage & Death Records
929.3 OGS
November 1854 to July 1857

Central Presbyterian Church
Baptismal Registers
Microfilm 539
1842 to 1877
1877 to 1954

Family Histories

These are family histories compiled by individuals who have elected to donate a copy to the library. We no longer actively collect family histories (as of 2017), but we have two collections of previously acquired items:

OGS Collection Family Histories

File Path: Direct: <https://lha.hpl.ca/articles/ogs-collection-family-histories>

Location: <https://lha.hpl.ca/articles/ontario-genealogical-society-hamilton-branch-library-collection>

Hamilton Collection Family Histories

There are approximately 50 family histories catalogued. They are located in the Third Floor Stacks primarily between 929.209-929.3.

City Directories

City directories were created for salesmen, merchants, and others interested in contacting residents of an area and are a valuable research tool to trace individuals, families and businesses. Directories were published annually and provide an alphabetical listing of the adult residents, with their occupation and address, as well as an alphabetical listing of streets, with the occupant at each house number. The directories also include listings of businesses, institutions, churches, schools, social organizations, and municipal services.

The Hamilton Public Library's collection of City Directories cover the City of Hamilton Directory from 1853 to 2013.

Digitized online: 1853-1969

File path: <https://archive.org/details/hamiltonpubliclibrary-localhistory?sort=-publicdate>

In-person access: 1970-2013

Suburban directories are also available for Ancaster, Burlington, Dundas, Stoney Creek and Waterdown from 1957 to 2013. Earlier Hamilton directories include suburban areas and smaller townships and villages; please see the guide for townships and villages.

There is a Suburban Directory Finding Aid available for townships and villages that once and may still surround Hamilton to direct to the corresponding City of Hamilton directory:

File Path:

https://www.hpl.ca/sites/default/files/City%20Directory%20Listing%20outside%20of%20Hamilton_aod_a.pdf

Common Abbreviations in City Directories

On the following two pages is a helpful resource for common abbreviations found in city directories, from the 1969 Vernons City Directory for Hamilton:

ABBREVIATIONS

OCCUPATIONS AND GENERAL

accept - acceptance
acct - accountant
adjstr - adjuster
adjt - adjutant
admin - administrator
adv - advertising
agcy - agency
agt - agent
alter - alterations
Amer - American
Angln - Anglican
anncr - announcer
aplncs - appliances
appr - apprentice
apt - apartment
arch - architect
asmbler - assembler
assce - assurance
assst - assessment
assn - association
assoc - associate
assr - assessor
asst - assistant
atdt - attendant
atty - attorney
auct - auctioneer
aud - auditor
auto - automobile
av - avenue
Bapt - Baptist
bartndr - bar tender
bgemn - baggage man
bkbnr - bookbinder
bkpg mach opr - bookkeeping
machine opr
bkpr - bookkeeper
bldg - building
bldr - builder
blk - block
blksmith - blacksmith
blrds - billiards
blmkr - boilermaker
brklyr - bricklayer
brkmn - brakeman
brnr - burner
Bros - Brothers
btchr - butcher
btlr - bottler
cabtmkr - cabinetmaker
capt - captain
caretkr - caretaker
carp - carpenter
cashr - cashier
ch - church
chem - chemist
chfr - chauffeur
chpr - chipper
chiro - chiropractor
chkr - checker
cir - circle
circ - circulation
civ - civil
clk - clerk
clnr - cleaner
coll - college
collr - collector
coml - commercial
comm - commission
comp - compositor
compt opr - comptometer
operator
comptr - comptroller
comr - commissioner
cond - conductor

confy - confectionery
cons - consulting
constr - construction
contr - contractor
cor - corner
corpl - corporal
corpn - corporation
corres - correspondence or
correspondent
cranemn - crane man
cred - credit
cres - crescent
ct - court
ctge - cartage
ctr - cutter
decr - decorator
delctsn - delicatessen
dely - delivery
dept - department
desp - despatcher
det - detective
diemkr - die maker
dietsn - dietitian
dir - director
dist - district
distr - distributor
div - division
dlr - dealer
dntst - dentist
dom - domestic
dr - drive
drftsmn - draftsman
drsmkr - dressmaker
drug - druggist
drv - driver
dsgnr - designer
e - East
ed - editor
e s - East Side
elect - electrician
elev - elevator
eng - engineer
enrg - engraver
est - estate
estmtr - estimator
exam - examiner
exch - exchange
Exp - Express
fcty - factory
flagmn - flagman
fnshr - finisher
forlady - forelady
formn - foreman
frmr - farmer
frt - freight
ft - foot
ftr - fitter
fum - furniture
furnshg - furnishing
gdnr - gardener
gds - goods
genl - general
glvnr - galvanizer
grgemn - garageman
gro - grocer
gt - great
guard - plant protection -
security guard
h - householder
hdqtrs - headquarters
hwre - hardware
hlp - helper
hosp - hospital
hdsr - hairdresser

hsekpr - housekeeper
hstlr - hostler
ht trtr - heat treater
hts - heights
hwys - highways
IBM opr - International Busi-
ness Machines operator
immig - immigration
implts - implements
imptr - importer
inc - incorporated
ins - insurance
insp - inspector
instlr - installer
instr - instructor
int - interior
invstgr - investigator
jan - janitor
jct - junction
jr - junior
jwlr - jeweler
kit hlp - kitchen helper
kntr - knitter
kpr - keeper
la - lane
lab - laborer
lab - laboratory
ldgrkpr - ledgerkeeper
ldscpr - landscaper
librn - librarian
lieut - lieutenant
lino - linotype
litho - lithographer
lndrs - laundress
lndry - laundry
loco - locomotive
Luth - Lutheran
mach - machinist
mdse - merchandise
mech - mechanic or
mechanical
merch - merchant
Met - Metropolitan
mfg - manufacturing
mfr - manufacturer
mgr - manager
mkr - maker
mkt - market
mldr - molder
mlnr - milliner
mlwrght - millwright
mn - man
mgg dir - managing dir
mntnce - maintenance
mono - monotype
msngr - messenger
Mt - Mount or Mountain
mtlrgst - metallurgist
mtlwrk - metal worker
mtrmn - motorman
mus - music
muscn - musician
n - North
n s - North Side
Natl - National
nr - near
O L S - Ontario Land
Surveyors
occup - occupational
ofce - office - office
worker
ofcr - officer
opp - opposite
opr - operator

ABBREVIATIONS

OCCUPATIONS AND GENERAL CONT'D

optcn - optician
 optom - optometrist
 osteo - osteopath
 P O - Post Office
 pat - patent
 paymstr - paymaster,
 paymistress
 pdlr - pedler
 pharm - pharmacist
 photo - photographer
 phys - physician
 pk - park
 pkg - parking
 pkr - packer
 pkwy - parkway
 pl - place
 plbg & htg - plumbing
 & heating
 plmbr - plumber
 plshr - polisher
 plstr - plasterer
 pltr - plater
 pltrymn - poultryman
 pntr - painter
 policeman - policeman -
 City policeman
 ppmkr - papermaker
 pres - president
 Presby - Presbyterian
 prf rdr - proof reader
 prin - principal
 prnt - printer
 prof - professor
 prog - program
 proj - projectionist
 prop - proprietor
 prsldr - pressfeeder
 prsmn - pressman
 prtr - porter
 ptrmkr - patternmaker
 pub - public
 publishg - publishing
 publsr - publisher
 purch - purchasing
 pvg - paving
 RC - Roman Catholic
 RNA - Registered Nurs-
 ing Assistant
 R R - Rural Route
 rbrwkr - rubber worker
 rd - road
 recdr - recorder
 recptnst - receptionist
 recvr - receiver
 refsstr - refinisher

rep - representative
 repr - repair or repairer
 rept - reporter
 res - residence
 restr - restaurant
 Rev - Reverend
 rfr - roofer
 rgr - rigger
 rl est - real estate
 rm - room
 rvtr - rivetter
 Ry - Railway
 Ry Exp - Railway Express
 ry mail clk - Railway
 Mail Clerk
 s - South
 s s - South Side
 schl - school
 schl traf ofcr - school
 traffic officer
 sec-treas - secretary -
 treasurer
 sect - section
 socy - secretary
 sergt - sergeant
 serv stn - service station
 servmn - service man
 shtmtlwr - sheet metal
 worker
 sls - sales
 slsclk - sales clerk
 slsldy - saleslady
 slsmn - salesman
 smstrs - seamstress
 socy - society
 sol - solicitor
 spec - special
 splcr - splicer
 spr - spinner
 sq - square
 statcn - statistician
 staty eng - stationary
 engineer
 stchr - stitcher
 sten - stenographer
 stereo - stereotyper
 stlwr - steelworker
 stmftr - steamfitter
 str - setter
 structl - structural
 stn - station
 studt - student
 supt - superintendent
 supvtr - supervisor
 surg - surgeon

swtchbd opr - switchboard
 operator
 swtchmn - switchman
 tchr - teacher
 techn - technician
 technl - technical
 tel - telephone
 teleg - telegraph
 terr - terrace
 timekpr - timekeeper
 tmkr - toolmaker
 tlr - tailor
 tlrs - tailoress
 tmstr - teamster
 tndr - tender
 tnsnth - tinsmith
 tobcnst - tobacconist
 traf - traffic
 transf - transfer
 transp - transport
 trav - traveler or
 traveling
 treas - treasurer
 trkr - trucker
 tstr - tester
 twp - township
 U S - United States
 Un Ch - United Church
 uphol - upholsterer
 v-pres - vice-president
 vet - veterinary
 vulc - vulcanizer
 w - West
 w s - West Side
 wdwr - woodworker
 whf - wharf
 whol - wholesale
 wid - widow
 wkr - worker
 wks - works
 wldr - welder
 wndr - winder
 wndw - window
 wrhsmn - warehouseman
 wrhsg - warehousing
 wrkr - wrecker
 wtchmn - watchman
 wtr - waiter
 wtrs - waitress
 wvr - weaver
 ydmn - yardman
 YMCA - Young Men's
 Christian Association
 YWCA - Young Women's
 Christian Association

GIVEN NAMES

Abr - Abraham
 Albt - Albert
 Alex - Alexander
 Alfd - Alfred
 Andw - Andrew
 Anthy - Anthony
 Aug - August
 Benj - Benjamin
 Chas - Charles
 Chris - Christopher
 Cliffd - Clifford
 Comls - Cornelius
 Danl - Daniel

Edwd - Edward
 Eliz - Elizabeth
 Eug - Eugene
 Fredk - Frederick
 Geo - George
 Gilbt - Gilbert
 Herbt - Herbert
 Hubt - Hubert
 Margt - Margaret
 Mathw - Matthew
 Michl - Michael
 Napln - Napoleon
 Nathl - Nathaniel

Nichls - Nicholas
 Patk - Patrick
 Rayd - Raymond
 Regd - Reginald
 Richd - Richard
 Robt - Robert
 Rodk - Roderick
 Saml - Samuel
 Sol - Solomon
 Theo - Theodore
 Thos - Thomas
 Wilbt - Wilbert
 Wilfd - Wilfred
 Wm - William

Telephone Directories

These directories show names, addresses and telephone numbers for the Hamilton-Wentworth region. They can also include Ancaster, Burlington, Caledonia, Dundas, Freelton, Grimsby, Lynden, Mount Hope, Smithville, Stoney Creek, Waterdown, West Lincoln, and Winona .

Telephone books for the Hamilton-Wentworth region are available in Local History and Archives.

Physical location: Microfilm is located Reading Room Alcove – 1878-2005

Physical location of hard copy phone books: Third Floor Stacks – 1950-2008/9

At the time of writing a hard copy of the 2013 phone book was located and is being catalogued.

Recommended Database for researchers looking for an address:

Reverse address lookup : [Reverse Address Lookup - Canadian People Search | Canada 411 People Finder](#). You can do this with the telephone directories up until 2013.

Yearbook Collection

A collection of elementary, secondary, and post-secondary school yearbooks. Yearbooks are received by donation only, so the collection is incomplete.

Inventory: <https://lha.hpl.ca/yearbooks>

Physical location: Third Floor Stacks – near the door to the CE3 workroom

There are gaps in our collection. Hamilton area yearbooks can be found with the school boards:

Hamilton Wentworth District School Board: <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/community/archive/>

Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board:

https://www.hwcdsb.ca/our_board/administration/departments/records_centre

Genealogy

Ontario Genealogical Society

The Hamilton Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society has deposited their research library collection in Local History and Archives. These include cemetery transcriptions, catalogued pamphlets, and vital stats (birth, marriages, deaths).

File path: Finding Aid on Info Commons

The collection includes books and genealogical resources from the following geographic and subject areas:

- Wentworth County: General, Ancaster, Barton, Beverly, Binbrook, East Flamborough, Glanford, Hamilton, Saltfleet, West Flamborough

- Ontario: General, Brant, Bruce, Carleton, Cochrane, Dufferin, Dundas, Durham, Elgin, Essex, Frontenac, Glengarry, Grenville, Grey, Haldimand, Halton, Hastings, Huron, Kent, Lambton, Lanark, Leeds, Lennox, Lincoln, Middlesex, Muskoka, Norfolk, Northumberland, Ontario, Oxford, Peel, Perth, Peterborough, Prescott, Prince Edward, Renfrew, Russell, Simcoe, Stormont, Thunder Bay, Victoria, Waterloo, Welland, Wellington, [see separate section for Wentworth], York
- Canada: General, Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, [see separate section for Ontario], Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Saskatchewan
- British Isles: General, England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales
- United States: General and some specific resources by state
- Miscellaneous: Australia, Belgium, France, Germany, Netherlands
- Research: Guides and How-To books
- Family Histories
- Pedigree Charts / Ancestry Charts (Reading Room Alcove, to the right of the cemetery records)

LHA Next Steps

Check our Where-to-Look in the department under the name of the person to see if there is a biographical file in the collection. This may include birth, death and/or marriage announcements.

Once researcher has names, address, occupations, they may be able to find more in-person at LHA through Clipping Files, Scrapbooks, WTL.

BEYOND HPL AND LHA

Vital Statistics for Ontario at the Archives of Ontario

From The Archives of Ontario website:

“The Archives of Ontario receives Vital Statistics records from the **Office of the Registrar General** of Ontario on an annual basis. These records contain indexes (where they exist) and registrations capturing information about births, marriages and deaths in Ontario. Currently the Archives of Ontario provides access to the following years of vital statistics records:

Births: [ca. 1830]-1917 **predominantly 1869-1918** (Note: these records include registrations for a small number of pre-1869 births)

Marriages: [ca. 1801]-1943 (Note: There are many gaps in pre-1869 marriage records)

Deaths: 1869-1953, and **Deaths of Ontarians overseas** - 1939-1947

For registrations of **births after 1918**, **marriages after 1943** and **deaths after 1953**, please contact **ServiceOntario**.” Accessed November 2024

Birth, marriage and death registrations and indexes

Type of records	Available on ancestry.ca	Available on Family Search website	Available in the Reading Room and through Interloan	At the Archives of Ontario, closed for digitization	Held by the Office of the Registrar General
Births	1869-1917	ca. 1830-1912 (registrations ca. 1830-1868 are online only)	1869-1917	1918	1919-present
Marriages District Registers ([ca. 1801-1857])	[ca. 1801-1857]	[ca. 1801-1857]	[ca. 1801-1857]	All records have been digitized	No records held by the Office of the Registrar General
Marriages County Registers ([ca. 1858-1869])	[ca. 1858-1869] (transcriptions only, no image of the records)	[ca. 1858-1869]	[ca. 1858-1869]	All records have been digitized	No records held by the Office of the Registrar General
Marriages (July 1, 1869 and after)	1869- 1940 1942	1869-1927	1869-1932	1941 -1943	1944-present
Deaths	1869-1950	1869-1937	1869-1942	1951-1953	1954-present
Deaths of Ontarians overseas	1939-1947	1939-1947	1939-1947	All records have been digitized	No records held by the Office of the Registrar General

Page 7 of The Archives of Ontario Vital Statistics Records 202 Research Guide:

https://www.archives.gov.on.ca/en/access/documents/research_guide_202_vital_statistics_EN.pdf

Census

The most recent Census released by the Library and Archives Canada is 1931.

Census records for Ontario are available in the department from 1666 to 1911 on Microfilm.

Access the census 1825-1931 with a searchable database online:

<https://recherche-collection-search.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/Census/Index>

Family Search

A searchable collection of global census results spanning several centuries. Canadian records from 1825 (Lower Canada) to 1931 are available. Registration (free) is required. A service provided by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/canada/>

Archives of Ontario

Tracing your ancestry at the Archives of Ontario:

https://www.archives.gov.on.ca/en/tracing/the_records.aspx

Beyond Vital Stats at the Ontario Archives such as Estate files, Immigration records, land records:

<https://www.archives.gov.on.ca/en/tracing/index.aspx>

https://www.archives.gov.on.ca/en/tracing/the_records.aspx

Religious Organizations / Church Records Access Points

Many major religious denominations in Ontario maintain an archive, which may contain baptismal, marriage and burial records.

Church Records held by Ontario Archives

https://www.archives.gov.on.ca/en/microfilm/church_records.aspx

Sources of Religious Records in Ontario

https://www.archives.gov.on.ca/en/microfilm/ontario_religious_records.aspx

Office of the Registrar General

The Office of the Registrar General registers vital events that occur in Ontario, including births, deaths, marriages, stillbirths and name changes.

If a researcher is looking for a copy of a birth certificate post 1919, a marriage certificate post 1944, or a death certificate post 1954, they need to send a request to the Office of the Registrar General.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/send-request-office-registrar-general>

Library and Archives Canada

Genealogy and family history at LAC

Research Guides and other Resources: <https://library-archives.canada.ca/eng/collection/research-help/genealogy-family-history/pages/genealogy-family-history.aspx>

Also please note: "Library and Archives Canada (the federal government archives) hold federal records such as censuses, military records, passenger lists, immigration and naturalization records, and land petitions. Some of these records are available on microfilm in the Archives of Ontario's reading room.

For information about Library and Archives Canada records and resources, please visit

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca

Find a Grave

A database of cemetery records: [Find a Grave - Millions of Cemetery Records](#)