

Pathfinder to  
Birth Registrations

This Pathfinder will guide you through the **Indexes** to the **Registration Number** and then to the **Registration**. To find the matching microfilm reel numbers for the Indexes and the Registrations, consult the appendix listings in the *Births Binder* for *Inventory 80 (Records of the Office of the Registrar General)* or follow the links below. The microfilm is available in the Archives Reading Room and through interlibrary loan.

Please note: The registrations are also available on the ancestry.ca Website for 1869-1914; [click here to access the ancestry.ca website](#). The registrations are also available on the Family Search Website for 1869-1912; [click here to access the Family Search website](#).

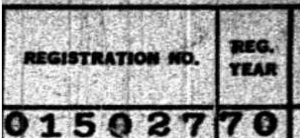
Person's Name:

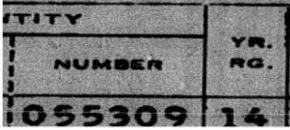
Birth Date:

Step 1: When did the birth occur?

Before July 1869	Between July 1869 and December 1917	After 1917
<p>A small number of births were registered after 1869, as delayed registrations. These registrations are available online on the Family Search website. <a href="#">Click here to access the Family Search website</a>.</p> <p>For other possible sources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><a href="#">click here to consult Research Guide 204 (Sources for Births, Marriages and Deaths records)</a>.</li><li>Consult the “Related Records” and “Associated Materials” sections in the <i>Deaths Binder</i>.</li></ul>	<p>See: Registration Indexes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><a href="#">Click here to view the microfilm list for the Indexes to Births and Stillbirths</a> or view A4 in the <i>Births Binder</i> to match the year and first initial of the surname to the corresponding <b>MS 931</b> microfilm reel.</li><li>The reels are in the <b>Self Service Microfilm Area</b>.</li><li>If you find the name of the person, go to Step 2 below.</li></ul>	<p>These records are located at the <b>Office of the Registrar General</b>: 189 Red River Road P.O. Box 4600 Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 6L8 Phone: 416-325-8305 Toll-free in Ontario: 1-800-461-2156 <a href="#">Click here to access the Service Ontario website</a></p>

Step 2: Did you find the Person's Name on the Indexes to Births and Stillbirths?

Yes	No
<p>Write down:</p> <p><b>Six-Digit Registration Number (ignore any hyphens):</b></p> <p><b>Two-Digit Registration year (<u>not</u> the birth year):</b></p> <p>Examples of the registration number and year entry from the Indexes to Births and Stillbirths:</p> <div></div>	<p><b>Consult Original Indexes, 1869-1910:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>For <b>July-Dec. 1869</b>, retrieve <b>MS 938</b>, reel 1</li><li>For <b>1869-1910</b>, <a href="#">Click here to view the microfilm list for the Original Index Books to Birth Registrations</a> or view A9 in the <i>Births Binder</i> to identify the microfilm reel you need to consult from <b>MS 939</b></li></ul> <p>If you find the person's name:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Write down the <b>registration year, county or district, volume number or letter, and folio (page) number</b>.</li></ul>

Yes	No
<p>Example from the 1870 Index</p>  <p>Example from the 1914 Index</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Click here to view the microfilm list for the Registrations of Births (listed geographically)</a> or view B1 in the <b><i>Births Binder</i></b> to identify the microfilm reel matching the <b>Registration Year</b>, <b>volume number or letter</b>, and <b>folio number</b>.</li> </ul> <p>If the person’s name is not on these reels, the birth was probably NOT registered with the Government of Ontario.</p>

Step 3: What is the Registration Number?

Between 0-199999	Between 200000-499999	Between 500000-599999	Between 600000-699999	Between 900000-999999
<p>Remove the “0” or “00” at the start of the Registration Number. <a href="#">Click here to view the microfilm list for the Registrations of Births and Stillbirths</a> or view A2 in the <b><i>Births Binder</i></b> to identify the microfilm reel matching the <b>Registration Year</b> and <b>Registration Number</b>.</p> <p>Look up the Registration number on the microfilm.</p>	<p>Remove the “2” or “3” or “4” at the start of the Registration Number. <a href="#">Click here to view the microfilm list for the Registrations of Births and Stillbirths</a> or view A2 in the <b><i>Births Binder</i></b> to identify the microfilm reel matching the <b>Registration Year</b> and <b>Registration Number</b>.</p> <p>Look up the Registration number on the microfilm.</p>	<p><a href="#">Click here to view the microfilm list for the Delayed Registrations of Births and Stillbirths “50” Series</a> or view A3 in the <b><i>Births Binder</i></b> to identify the microfilm reel matching the <b>Birth Year</b> and <b>Registration Number</b>.</p> <p>Look up the Registration number on the microfilm.</p>	<p>For the years <b>1869-1899</b>, use the <b><i>Corrections Book</i></b> found on <b>MS 931</b>, reel <b>11</b> to get a revised registration number. For <b>1900</b> and later, contact the <b>Office of the Registrar General</b>. 189 Red River Road P.O. Box 4600 Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 6L8 Phone: 416-325-8305 Toll-free in Ontario: 1-800-461-2156 Website: <a href="http://www.serviceontario.ca">www.serviceontario.ca</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Click here to view the microfilm list for the Delayed Registrations of Births and Stillbirths “90” Series</a> or view A15 in the <b><i>Births Binder</i></b> to identify the microfilm reel matching the <b>Birth Year</b> and <b>Registration Number</b>.</p> <p>Look up the Registration number on the microfilm.</p>