Archives of Ontario
Pathfinder to
Death 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 Deaths 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 through interlibrary loan.

Please note: The microfilmed registrations are also available on the ancestry.ca website; click here to access the ancestry.ca website. The registrations for 1869-1937 are also available on the familysearch.org website; click here to access the Family Search website.

Person’s Name: ____________________________  Death Date: ______________

Step 1: When did the death occur?

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<tr>
<th>Before July 1869</th>
<th>Between July 1869 and December 1942</th>
<th>After 1942</th>
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| Deaths were not registered | See: Registration Indexes  
- Click here to view the microfilm list for the Indexes to Deaths, or view A8 in the Deaths Binder to match the year and first initial of the surname to the corresponding MS 937 microfilm reel (index)  
- The reels are in the Self Service Microfilm Area.  
- If you find the name of the person, go to Step 2 below. | 1943-1948: These records are available on the ancestry.ca website.  
Click here to access ancestry.ca  
1949-Present: These records are located at the Office of the Registrar General:  
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  
Click here to access the Service Ontario website |
| For other possible sources:  
- click here to consult Research Guide 204 (Sources for Births, Marriages and Deaths records).  
- Consult the “Related Records” and “Associated Materials” sections in the Deaths Binder. | | |

Step 2: Did you find the Person’s Name on the Indexes to Deaths?

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<th>Yes</th>
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| Write down:  
Six-Digit Registration Number (ignore any hyphens): | Consult Original Indexes, 1869-1911:  
For July-Dec. 1869, retrieve MS 938, reel 1  
For 1870-1911, Click here to view the microfilm list for the Original Index Books to Death Registrations or view A14 in the Deaths binder to identify the MS 942 microfilm reel you need to consult  
If you find the person’s name:  
- Write down the registration year, county or district, volume number or letter, and folio (page) number.  
- Click here to view the microfilm list for the Registrations of Deaths (listed geographically) or view B3 in the Deaths Binder to identify the microfilm reel matching the Registration Year, volume number or letter, and folio number.  
If the person’s name is not on these reels, the death was probably NOT registered with the Government of Ontario. |
| Two-Digit Registration year (not the death year): | |

Examples of the registration number and year entry from the Indexes to Deaths:  
Example from the 1898 Index  
Example from the 1939 Index |

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**Step 3: What is the Registration Number?**

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<td>Between 0-199999</td>
<td>Remove the &quot;0&quot; or &quot;00&quot; at the start of the Registration Number.</td>
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<td>Click here to view the microfilm list for the Registrations of Deaths or view A7 in the Deaths Binder to identify the microfilm reel matching the Registration Year and Registration Number.</td>
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<td>Between 200000-399999</td>
<td>Remove the &quot;2&quot; or &quot;3&quot; or &quot;4&quot; at the start of the Registration Number.</td>
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<td>Click here to view the microfilm list for the Registrations of Deaths or view A7 in the Deaths Binder to identify the microfilm reel matching the Registration Year and Registration Number.</td>
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<td>Above 400000</td>
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