

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:

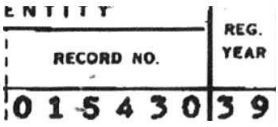
Death Date:

Step 1: When did the death occur?

Before July 1869	Between July 1869 and December 1942	After 1942
<b>Deaths were not registered</b>  For other possible sources: <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>	See: Registration Indexes <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><a href="#">Click here to view the microfilm list for the Indexes to Deaths</a> or view A8 in the <i>Deaths Binder</i> to match the year and first initial of the surname to the corresponding <b>MS 937</b> microfilm reel (index)</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>	<b>1943-1948:</b> These records are available on the ancestry.ca website. <a href="#">Click here to access ancestry.ca</a> <b>1949-Present:</b> 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>

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

Yes	No
<p><b>Write down:</b></p> <p><b>Six-Digit Registration Number</b> (ignore any hyphens):</p> <p><b>Two-Digit Registration year</b> (<u>not</u> the death year):</p> <p>Examples of the registration number and year entry from the Indexes to Deaths:</p> <p>Example from the 1898 Index</p> <div><div>REGISTRATION NO.</div><div>REG. YEAR</div><div>0 2 5 0 6 5 9 8</div></div>	<p><b>Consult Original Indexes, 1869-1911:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>For <b>July-Dec. 1869</b>, retrieve <b>MS 938, reel 1</b></li><li>For <b>1870-1911</b>, <a href="#">Click here to view the microfilm list for the Original Index Books to Death Registrations</a> or view A14 in the <i>Deaths</i> binder to identify the <b>MS 942</b> microfilm reel you need to consult</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><li><a href="#">Click here to view the microfilm list for the Registrations of Deaths (listed geographically)</a> or view B3 in the <i>Deaths Binder</i> to identify the microfilm reel matching</li></ul>

<p>Example from the 1939 Index</p> 	<p>the <b>Registration Year, volume number or letter</b>, and <b>folio number</b>.</p> <p>If the person's name is not on these reels, the death was probably NOT registered with the Government of Ontario.</p>
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Step 3: What is the Registration Number?

Between 0-199999	Between 200000-399999	Above 400000
<p>Remove the “0” or “00” at the start of the Registration Number.</p> <p><a href="#">Click here to view the microfilm list for the Registrations of Deaths</a> or view A7 in the <i><b>Deaths Binder</b></i> 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.</p> <p><a href="#">Click here to view the microfilm list for the Registrations of Deaths</a> or view A7 in the <i><b>Deaths Binder</b></i> 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>These records are 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>