

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. All microfilms listed are available through interlibrary loan.

Person's Name: Death Date:

Step 1: When did the death occur?

| Before July 1869 | Between July 1869 and December 1942 | After 1942 |
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| <p>Deaths were not registered</p> <p>For other possible sources consult:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Guide 204 (<i>Sources for Births, Marriages and Deaths records</i>). • The "Related Records" and "Associated Materials" sections in the <i>Deaths Binder</i>. | <p>See: Registration Indexes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click here to view the microfilm list for the Indexes to Deaths, Appendix A8 or view A8 in the <i>Deaths Binder</i> to match the year and first initial of the surname to the corresponding microfilm reel (index) from MS 937 • Retrieve the reel from the microfilm cabinet located in the Self Service Microfilm Area. • Look up the person's name and death year in the Index and write down the registration number and registration year (see example below). • 1940 deaths are also online in the Reading Room. | <p>1943-1945: These records are available on the ancestry.ca website. Click here to access ancestry.ca</p> <p>1946: These records are closed for digitization at the Archives of Ontario.</p> <p>1947-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</p> |

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

| Yes | No | | | | | | | | |
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| <p style="text-align: center;">Write down:</p> <p>Six-Digit Registration Number (ignore any hyphens):</p> <p>Two-Digit Registration year (<u>not</u> the death year):</p> <p>Examples of the registration number and year entry from the Indexes to Deaths:</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">REGISTRATION NO.</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">REG. YEAR</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">0 2 5 0 6 5 9 8</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">Example from the 1898 Index</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">RECORD NO.</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">REG. YEAR</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">0 1 5 4 3 0 3 9</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">Example from the 1939 Index</p> | REGISTRATION NO. | REG. YEAR | 0 2 5 0 6 5 9 8 | | RECORD NO. | REG. YEAR | 0 1 5 4 3 0 3 9 | | <p>Consult Original Indexes, 1869-1911:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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, Appendix A14 or view A14 in the <i>Deaths</i> binder to identify the MS 942 microfilm reel you need to consult <p>If you find the person's name:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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), Appendix B3 or view B3 in the <i>Deaths Binder</i> to identify the microfilm reel matching the Registration Year, volume number or letter, and folio number. <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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| RECORD NO. | REG. YEAR | | | | | | | | |
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Step 3: What is the Registration Number?

| Between 0-199999 | Between 200000-399999 | Above 400000 |
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| <p>Remove the "0" or "00" at the start of the Registration Number.</p> <p>Click here to view the microfilm list for the Registrations of Deaths, Appendix A7 or view A7 in the Deaths Binder to identify the microfilm reel matching the Registration Year and Registration Number.</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>Click here to view the microfilm list for the Registrations of Deaths, Appendix A7 or view A7 in the Deaths Binder to identify the microfilm reel matching the Registration Year and Registration Number.</p> <p>Look up the Registration number on the microfilm.</p> | <p>These records are 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 Website: www.serviceontario.ca</p> |