Archives of Ontario
Pathfinder to
Marriage 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 Archives of Ontario's Marriages 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: ___________________________  Marriage Date: ___________________________

Step 1: When did the marriage occur?

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<th>Between 1780 and December 1873</th>
<th>Between January 1874 and December 1932</th>
<th>After 1932</th>
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| See Pathfinder to Pre-1874 Marriage Registrations (*1873 marriages can be located either through this path or the next path described) | See: Registration Indexes  
- Click here to view the microfilm list for the Indexes to Marriages, Appendix A6 or view A6 in the Marriages Binder to match the year and first initial of the surname to the corresponding microfilm reel (index) from MS 934  
- Retrieve the reel from the microfilm cabinet located in the Self Service Microfilm Area.  
- Look up the person’s name and marriage year in the Index and write down the registration number and registration year (see example below).  
- 1930 marriages are also online in Reading Room | 1933-1935: These records are available on the ancestry.ca website. Click here to access ancestry.ca  
1936: These records are closed for digitization at the Archives of Ontario.  
1937-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 consult:
- Research Guide 204 (Sources for Births, Marriages and Deaths records).
- The “Related Records” and “Associated Materials” sections in the Marriages Binder.

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 Marriages (listed geographically), Appendix B2 or view B2 in the Marriage 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 marriage was probably NOT registered with the Government of Ontario.

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

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| **Write down:**  
Six-Digit Registration Number (ignore any hyphens):  
Two-Digit Registration year (not the marriage year): | **Consult Original Indexes, 1869-1911:**  
- For July-Dec. 1869, retrieve MS 938, reel 1  
- For 1869-1911, Click here to view the microfilm list for the Original Index Books to Marriage Registrations, Appendix A13 or view A13 in the Marriages Binder to identify the microfilm reel you need to consult from MS 941 |

Examples of the registration number and year entry from the Indexes to Marriages:
- Example from the 1874 Index
- Example from the 1929 Index

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Step 3: What is the Registration Number?

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<th>Between 0-199999</th>
<th>Between 200000-399999</th>
<th>Between 500000-599999</th>
<th>Between 900000-999999</th>
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<td>Remove the “0” or “00” at the start of the Registration Number. Click here to view the microfilm list for the Registrations of Marriages, Appendix A5 or view A5 in the Marriages Binder to identify the microfilm reel matching the Registration Year and Registration Number. Look up the Registration number on the microfilm.</td>
<td>Remove the “2” or “3” at the start of the Registration Number. Click here to view the microfilm list for the Registrations of Marriages, Appendix A5 or view A5 in the Marriages Binder to identify the microfilm reel matching the Registration Year and Registration Number.</td>
<td>Click here to view the microfilm list for the Delayed Registrations of Marriages, Appendix A22 or view A22 in the Marriages Binder to identify the microfilm reel matching the Marriage Year and Registration Number. Look up the Registration number on the microfilm.</td>
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