

# Archives of Ontario

## Pathfinder to

### PRE-1874 MARRIAGE REGISTRATIONS

This Pathfinder will guide you through the **Published Indexes** for **Pre-1874 Marriage Registrations**. To find the matching microfilm reel numbers for the Registrations, consult the appendix listings in the *Marriages 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: These records also available on the ancestry.ca, website (index only, no image for the district marriage registers); [click here to access the ancestry.ca website](#). These records are also available on the Family Search website; [click here to access the Family Search website](#).

Person's Name:  Marriage Date:

District or County Where Marriage Took Place:

#### Step 1: When did the marriage occur?

| Between [ca. 1801] and 1858  | Between 1858 and June 1869  | Between July 1869 and 1873  |
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| <p>NOTE: You must know the District where the marriage took place (not all marriages were recorded). Original indexes for some registers are on microfilm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For a transcription of the original (may only be partial), consult the published <b>District Marriage Register</b> transcription binder located in the Genealogy Reference Area in the Reading Room.</li> <li>• To assist you in your search, <a href="#">click here to access the Guide to Published Transcriptions and Indexes of Pre-1974 Marriage Records</a>.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A printed copy of this Guide can also be found in the Genealogy Reference Area.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• To find the microfilm reel containing the original document, <a href="#">click here to consult the District Marriage Registers - 1801-1858</a> or view A18 in the <i>Marriages Binder</i>..</li> </ul> | <p>NOTE: You must know the County where the marriage took place. Original indexes for some registers are on microfilm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For a transcription of the original (may only be partial), consult the published <b>County Marriage Register</b> transcription binder located in the Genealogy Reference Area in the Reading Room.</li> <li>• To assist you in your search, <a href="#">click here to access the Guide to Published Transcriptions and Indexes of Pre-1974 Marriage Records</a>.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A printed copy of this Guide can also be found in the Genealogy Reference Area.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• To find the microfilm reel containing the original document, <a href="#">click here to consult the County Marriage Registers - 1858-June 1869</a> or view A19 in the <i>Marriages Binder</i>.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consult the <b>Indexes to Marriage Registrations, 1869-1873</b> located in the Genealogy Reference Area. If you find the name, write down the volume and page number, then check the microfilm list at the start of the binder to find what microfilm the registration is on.</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For marriages <b>registered from July to December 1869</b>, check the <b>Original Index Books on MS 938, reel 1</b>.</li> <li>• For marriages <b>registered from 1870 to 1872</b>, <a href="#">click here to consult the Original Index Books to Marriage Registrations</a> or view A13 in the <i>Marriages Binder</i> to find which index you need to consult.</li> <li>• For 1873 marriages, <a href="#">click here to use the Pathfinder to Marriage Registrations</a>.</li> </ul> |

## Step 2: Did you find the person's name?

| Yes  | No  |
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| <p><b>[ca. 1801] - June 1869</b><br/>Write down the microfilm reel to view the original filmed register.</p> <p><b>July 1869 - 1873</b><br/>Write down the liber (volume) and folio (page), then <a href="#">click here to view the microfilm list for the Registrations of Marriages</a> or view A5 in the <i>Marriages Binder</i> to identify the microfilm reel that contains the registration.</p> | <p><b>For other possible sources:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Click here to consult the Roman Catholic Marriage Records, 1828-1870 listing</a> or view the printed version located in the Genealogy Reference Area</li><li>• Consult the <i>Baptism, Marriage and Burial Registers, Haldimand 1851-1869</i> binder located in the Genealogy Reference Area.</li><li>• Consult the <i>Baptism, Marriage and Burial Registers, Perth County 1851-1869</i> binder located in the Genealogy Reference Area.</li><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 <i>Inventory 80</i> of the <i>Marriages Binder</i>.</li></ul> |