
Understanding Vital Statistic Indexes

203 Research Guide

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This Research Guide explains the numerical codes that you will find when you use the Vital Statistics Indexes. Please use this guide with *Research Guide 202: Vital Statistics*.

All the Vital Statistic Indexes have the same basic data. See the *Examples* on page 2.

1. **NAME:** copied from the original *handwritten* Registration. Women remarrying were indexed under their previous *married* surname. Be sure to check every variation, including potential phonetic spellings, clerical and typographical errors.
2. **DATE OF EVENT:** e.g., 06 12 01 = June 12th 1901. Marriages for 1873-1881 were indexed with single digit for the months and *O*, *N*, and *D* for October, November and December.
3. **PLACE OF REGISTRATION:** the town or township where the event was registered. For rural births and deaths, this may vary from where the actual event took place.
4. **REGISTRATION YEAR:** *compare with DATE OF EVENT (2, above) in case it is a Delayed Registration.* Registrations that were not delayed are at the Archives of Ontario. Keep in mind that many births and some marriages were not registered until decades after the event.
5. **REGISTRATION NUMBER:** refers to the numbered entry in the Registration Book that has the full record.

An Index may have more information, depending on the type of event, including: **CONTROL CODES:** The first digit refers to the nature of the Registration. The second digit to any alteration made to it (on the opposite side, see the "codes" sidebar on right). For example:

91 = Death Registration / Original unchanged entry

14 = Birth Registration / Re-registered under guardian's name

Births involving an act of guardianship may be listed twice: once as an "illegitimate" birth, often under the mother's surname (13 = birth / original registration), and again, under the guardian's surname (15 = birth / duplicate surname).

6. *: an altered Registration such as the correction of a misspelling of a surname or changed due to a guardianship. If the change was made before the Indexes were created in the late 1950s, only the corrected version is listed.
7. **MAIDEN NAME:** the names of women remarrying were indexed under their previous married surname. The maiden surname is listed here as a cross-reference.
8. **C.O.: IGNORE.** These are early data processing codes for locations in Ontario (e.g., Toronto = 72, Waterloo Township = 61, etc.).
9. **Sex Status and Event. IGNORE.** These may be encoding checks done during the transcribing of 1873-1881 Marriages.

Examples

Indexes

Births

NAME	PLACE OF BIRTH CROSS INDEX	CA. CL.	DATE	REGISTRATION NO.	
				no.	in.
PBELL GEORGE FRANK	M21SCUELPH	6	120292	035349	922
PIRETTA ALBERT	M11WINDHAM	38	101492	021127	922
PIRETTA ALBERT	M11BANDWICH	13	033092	008084	922
PIRETTA ALBERT	M11MORCHESTER TWP	35	020492	018467	922
PIRETTA ALBERT	M11MORCHESTER TWP	12	092192	006570	922
PIRETTA ALBERT	M11TORONTO	72	110692	042629	922
PIRETTA ALBERT	M11TORONTO	72	091892	042226	922

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Marriages

SURNAME	GIVEN	DATE	RECORD IDENTITY	PLACE	GTL	
					no.	in.
RAMSAY	33 JESSIE	8/28/73	73-051-204-841	ST CATHARIS	74	E L 1
RANDAL	35 HARRIET	0/15/73	007-793	PARKHILL	73	E L 1
RANDALL	27 EDWIN	9/07/73	006-336	RALEIGH T	73	C C 1
RANDALL	70 ELIZABETH	2/18/73	013-527	PIRE OKCHA	73	E L 1
RANDALL	15 GEORGE	7/10/73	003-409	KINGSTON	73	A C 1
RANDALL	72 JAMES	0/07/73	014-296	TORONTO	73	A C 1

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Deaths

NAME	PLACE OF BIRTH CROSS INDEX	CA. CL.	DATE	REGISTRATION NO.	
				no.	in.
KALTO WAGNUS	M91FORT WILLIAM	56	011316	032451	116
MARSHON REBECCA	M91FORT WILLIAM	56	012716	032467	116
MARSHON REBECCA	M91TORONTO	72	012016	001502	116
MARSHON REBECCA	M91TORONTO	65	060316	026150	116
MARSHON REBECCA	M91TORONTO	3	091516	008150	116
MARSHON REBECCA	M91TORONTO	22	040316	016232	116
MARSHON REBECCA	M91TORONTO	34	040616	021166	116
MARSHON REBECCA	M91TORONTO	72	021816	002099	116
MARSHON REBECCA	M91TORONTO	35	122316	020290	117

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