

Research Guide 209  
Municipal Records

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## In this guide

This guide has information on municipal records at the Archives of Ontario and how to access them.

\*Please note: this guide contains links to information found in our online Archives Descriptive Database. On our website, this database is found under “Access Our Collections”. If you are using a print copy of this guide, go to page 19 for more information on how to find the online descriptions.

## Where do I find these records?

We have records from some municipalities, from the early 1800s to the 1970s. You will need to visit the Archives to view most of them. Please contact us in advance to request them. Some of the records are on microfilm and you do not need to order them in advance (with some exceptions). Libraries that offer interloan services may also borrow some of the reels for you. [Click here to view our Microfilm Interloan Catalogue](#). On our website, you will find the catalogue under “Access our Collections”.

Some of the records described in this guide are microfilm copies produced by Family Search. Local libraries or archives may have a copy of the microfilm. Digital copies of some of these reels are available on the Family Search website, [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).

Local archives, public libraries or historical societies may also have municipal records. For records from the 1970s to present, contact the municipality first.

For general information about a municipality and its history, we suggest you contact local archives, public libraries or historical societies. Our library includes some published local histories. To search the library collections, [click here to view BiBLION, the Archives of Ontario's library database](#). On our website, you will find this database under “Access our Collections”.

## What do I need to get started?

You need to know:

- What the name of the municipality was **at the time**
- What county, district or regional municipality the local municipality you are looking for is part of now, and **at the time**

You may also need to know which level of municipal government created the records you are looking for.

When you are looking for municipal records, keep in mind that:

- A municipality's name and the county or district it is part of may have changed.
- A Township, city, town or village may have the same name as the county or district it is part of (for example, York Township and York County).
- A city, town or village may have the same name as the Township it was separated from (for example, Guelph Township and City of Guelph).
- Municipalities in different parts of the province may share the same name (for example, Hamilton Township (Northumberland County) and City of Hamilton, Town of Simcoe (Norfolk County) and Simcoe County)
- Many municipalities have ceased to exist as a result of mergers, especially since the mid-1990s.

## The Records

See Table 1 on page 5 of this guide for a list of municipalities with records we have.

Municipal records may include:

- Council minutes and by-laws
- Municipal census records
- Assessment records
- Financial and administrative records
- Records on statute labour (an early form of work on roads and other public projects, in lieu of property taxes)
- Records of municipal boards

Ontario has two levels of municipal governments. Most local municipalities (also known as lower-tier municipalities) are part of an upper-tier municipality. Local and upper-tier municipalities have their own areas of responsibilities. The division of responsibilities is different from one place to another.

Local municipalities are known as:

- Cities
- Municipalities
- Villages

- Towns
- Townships

Upper-tier municipalities are known as:

- Counties
- Municipalities
- Regional Municipalities

Some cities and towns (local municipalities) are “separate”, meaning they are not part of an upper-tier municipality. There is no upper-tier municipality in the northern districts, except Muskoka District. Since 1990, some upper-tier municipalities have been merged with the local municipalities on their territory.

We also have records from local and upper-tier governments that no longer exist. They are:

- Districts: They existed from 1792 to 1849 and they were the original units for municipal and court administration in Ontario. They were replaced with the counties. They were different from today’s northern districts.
- Improvement Districts: They existed in unorganized territories (areas with no Township council) and provided services similar to those of a local municipality. They had a Board of Trustees appointed by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing instead of an elected council.
- Police Villages: They were managed by non-elected Boards of Police with limited powers for public order and maintenance for a specific area within a Township. They were created by county by-laws. Police Villages often became villages.

## **Are there related records?**

See the guides below for information on some of the records created by municipalities and how to view them:

- [Click here to view Research Guide 220, Census records](#)
- [Click here to view Research Guide 221, Directories, Telephone Books and Voters Lists](#)

On our website, you will find the “Research Guides and Tools” page under “Access Our Collections”.

## **Books and online resources about municipalities**

You can use the following publications to find previous names for a municipality and the county or district it was part of. You can view them in our reading room and at some public libraries:

- *Municipal Records in Ontario: History and Guide* by Fraser Dunford (Ontario Genealogical Society, 2005) has information on municipal records and how to research them. It includes a list of Townships, with change in borders, amalgamations and changes of county.
- The annual *Municipal Directory*, produced by the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), includes an historical overview of amalgamations and name changes.
- The *Gazetteer of Ontario* can help you find a municipality and where it is located.
- *Places in Ontario* by Nick and Helma Mika and *Place Names of Ontario* by Alan Rayburn are reference books on the history of various Ontario place names.

Our online resource “The Changing Shape of Ontario” includes information on counties, early and current districts, regional municipalities and municipal restructuring in the 1990s. It also includes maps of Ontario, from the 1950s. [Click here to view "The Changing Shape of Ontario"](#). On our website, you will find this resource under “Access Our Collections”.

## Courts of General Sessions of the Peace records

Until 1841, the Courts of General Sessions of the Peace were responsible for local administration. This included local property assessment and taxation and the issuing of local licenses. [To view information about these courts and their records at the Archives, click here](#), or, in the Archives' Archives Descriptive database, click “Advanced Search” and then click “Search Records Creators”.

Published indexes or transcriptions exist for some of the records from these courts. For information on those available at the Archives, [click here to search BiBLION, the Archives library database, using keywords "sessions of the peace" and the name of the District](#). On our website, you will find the BiBLION database under “Access Our Collection”.

## Provincial Government records

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and its predecessors were responsible for administrative and financial support to municipalities and the laws regarding municipal governments. [To view information about the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and its predecessors and their records at the Archives, click here](#), or, in the Archives Descriptive database, click “Advanced Search” then click “Search Records Creators”.

For information about Ministry records on municipal land planning and use and how to view them, [click here to view Research Guide 214, Municipal land use planning](#).

The Ontario Municipal Board heard applications and appeals on municipal and planning matters. For information about hearings and how to view the records, [click here to view Research Guide 208, Ontario Municipal Board hearing records](#).

## Table 1: Municipalities with Records at the Archives of Ontario

The table below lists all municipalities with records we have, along with the reference code for their records. The following reference codes appear in the list below, in descriptions of records, on microfilm copies or in published materials:

- **F** (example: F 1565 Township of Brunel fonds<sup>1</sup>) – means original records we have or microfilm we created.
- **D** (example: D 115 Village of Ayr diffusion material) – means records at other institutions available on microfilm in our reading room. Family Search filmed those records. We do not have the originals.
- **RG 21** – This is an older reference code for all municipal records we have. We no longer use this reference code but it may appear on microfilm or in published materials.

*Note:* For some municipalities, there are both F and D reference codes, meaning separate sets of records. Records from local municipalities may also be part of the records of the county or districts they belonged to.

You will find information on the records for each municipality in the “Search Groups of Archival Records” page, in the Archives Descriptive Database. [Click here to view the "Search Groups of Archival Records" page, then enter the reference code.](#) To find the “Search Groups of Archival Records” page in the Archives Descriptive Database, click “Advanced Search”.

Table 1: Municipalities with records at the Archives of Ontario

Municipality Name	Archival Reference Code
Acton (Town)	D 97
Adelaide (Township)	D 98
Admaston (Township)	D 99
Ailsa Craig (Village)	D 100
Albemarle (Township)	D 102
Albion (Township)	D 103
Aldborough (Township)	D 104
Alfred (Township)	F 1510
Alice and Fraser (Township)	D 101
Alvinston (Village)	D 105
Amabel (Township)	D 106
Amaranth (Township)	F 1513 D 478
Ameliasburgh (Township)	F 1514

<sup>1</sup> A fonds is the records created, received or accumulated by a person, family, organization, business or office through their activities and operations.

<b>Municipality Name</b>	<b>Archival Reference Code</b>
Amherst Island (Township)	F 1515
Amherstburg (Town)	D 107
Ancaster (Township)	D 108
Anderdon (Township)	D 109
Arran (Township)	D 110
Artemesia (Township)	F 1520 D 404
Arthur (Township)	D 111
Arva-London (Township)	D 405
Athol (Township)	F 1522
Augusta (Township)	F 1523
Aurora (Town)	D 113
Aylmer (Town)	D 114
Ayr (Village)	D 115
Bagot and Blythfield (Township)	F 1527
Bathurst District	F 1528
Bathurst (Township) (Lanark County)	D 406
Bathurst (Township) (Lennox and Addington County)	F 1529 D 406
Bayham (Township)	D 117
Beamsville (Town)	D 118
Beaverton (Village)	F 1532
Belle River (Town)	D 120
Belleville (City)	F 1535
Bentinck (Township)	D 121
Bertie (Township)	F 1537 D 407
Beverly (Township)	D 123
Biddulph (Township)	D 124
Blanshard (Township)	D 127
Blenheim (Town)	D 128
Blenheim (Township)	D 481
Bolton (Village)	F 1545 D 408
Bonfield (Township)	F 1546
Bosanquet (Township)	D 130
Bothwell (Town)	D 131
Bowmanville (Town)	F 1549
Brampton (City)	D 132
Brant County	F 1551
Brant (Township)	F 1552 D 409
Brantford (City)	D 133
Brantford (Township)	F 1554 D 410

<b>Municipality Name</b>	<b>Archival Reference Code</b>
Bridgeburg (Town)	F 1555 D 411
Brock (Township)	F 1557
Brockton (Village)	D 412
Brockville (Town)	F 1558
Bromley (Township)	F 1559
Brooke (Township)	D 134
Brougham (Township) (Dufferin County)	D 479
Brougham (Township) (Durham County)	D 484
Bruce County	F 1562
Bruce (Township)	D 136
Brudenell and Lyndoch (Township)	F 1564
Brunel (Township)	F 1565
Burford (Township)	F 1566
Burleigh and Anstruther (Township)	F 1567
Burlington (Town)	D 137
Caistor (Township)	F 1569
Caistor (Township)	D 138
Caledonia (Town)	D 413
Caledonia (Village)	F 1572
Cameron Improvement District	F 1573
Campbellford (Town)	F 1574
Canborough (Township)	F 1575 D 414
Cannington (Village)	F 1576
Caradoc (Township)	D 141
Carleton County	D 140
Carrick (Township)	D 142
Cartwright (Township)	F 1580
Cayuga (Village)	F 1581
Chaffey (Township)	F 1582
Charlottenburgh (Township)	F 1583
Charlotteville (Township)	D 143
Chatham (Township)	D 144
Chinguacousy (Township)	D 145
Chippewa (Village)	D 146
Chatham (City)	F 1585 D 416
Clarke (Township)	F 1589
Clifton (Town)	D 417
Clinton (Township)	D 147
Cobalt (Town)	F 1592
Cobourg (Town)	F 1593
Colborne (Village)	F 1594
Colchester (Township)	D 150



<b>Municipality Name</b>	<b>Archival Reference Code</b>
Collingwood (Township)	D 151
Conmee (Township)	F 1597
Cornwall (Township)	F 1599
Courtright (Village)	F 1601
Cramahe (Township)	F 1602
Crowland (Township)	F 1603 D 418
Crystal Beach (Village)	F 1604
Culross (Township)	D 154
Dalhousie and Sherbrooke (Townships)	D 155
Darlington (Township)	F 1608
Dawn (Township)	D 156
Delaware (Township)	D 157
Delhi (Town)	D 158
Derby (Township)	D 159
Dereham (Township)	F 1613 D 422
Dover (Township)	F 1614 D 419
Drayton (Village)	D 160
Dresden (Town)	D 161
Drummond (Township)	F 1617
Dundalk (Village)	F 1618
Dundas (Town)	D 162
Dunn (Township)	F 1620 D 420
Dunnville Town	F 1621 D 421
Dunwich (Township)	D 164
Durham (Town)	D 165
Dutton (Village)	D 166
East Camden (Township)	F 1625
East Flamborough (Township)	D 167
East Garafraxa (Township)	F 1627
East Gwillimbury (Township)	F 1628
East Hawkesbury (Township)	F 1629
East London (Village)	D 168
East Luther (Township)	F 1631
East Nissouri (Township)	F 1632
East Oxford (Township)	F 1633
East Sandwich (Township)	D 169
East Toronto (Village)	D 122
East Whitby (Township)	F 1635
East Williams (Township)	F 1636 D 423

<b>Municipality Name</b>	<b>Archival Reference Code</b>
East Zorra (Township)	D 170
Eastern District	F 1638
Eastnor (Township)	D 171
Egremont (Township)	D 172
Ekfrid (Township)	D 173
Elderslie (Township)	D 174
Elgin County	F 1643
Elizabethtown (Township)	F 1644
Ellice (Township)	D 176
Elma (Township)	D 177
Elmira (Village)	D 178
Embro (Village)	F 1649
Enniskillen (Township)	D 180
Eramosa (Township)	D 181
Ernestown (Township)	F 1652
Esquesing (Township)	D 183
Essex County	F 1654
Essex (Town)	D 184
Etobicoke (Township)	D 182
Euphemia (Township)	D 185
Euphrasia (Township)	D 186
Exeter (Town)	D 187
Fenelon (Township)	F 1660
Fergus (Town)	D 188
Fitzroy (Township)	F 1662
Fonthill (Village)	F 1664
Forest (Town)	D 192
Fort Erie (Town)	F 1666 D 431
Front of Leeds and Lansdowne (Township)	F 1668
Frontenac County	F 1669
Gainsborough (Township)	F 1670
Galt (City)	D 195
Gananoque (Town)	F 1672
Goergian Bay (Township)	F 4708 (Contact us for information on these records and how to view them)
Georgina (Township)	D 196
Glanford (Township)	D 432
Glencoe (Village)	D 197
Glenelg (Township)	D 198
Gloucester (Township)	D 199
Goderich (Town)	D 200
Gore District	F 1679
Gosfield (Township)	D 201

<b>Municipality Name</b>	<b>Archival Reference Code</b>
Goulbourn (Township)	D 202
Grantham (Township)	D 203
Grattan (Township)	F 1683
Gravenhurst (Town)	F 1684
Greenock (Township)	D 433
Grey County	F 1686
Griffith and Matawatchan (Township)	F 1687
Grimsby (Town)	D 434
Grimsby (Township)	F 1689
Grimsby (Village)	F 1688
Guelph (City)	D 205
Guelph (Township)	D 435
Hagersville (Village)	F 1692 D 427
Haldimand County	F 1693
Halton County	F 1695
Hamilton (City)	D 206
Hamilton (Township)	F 1697
Harriston (Town)	F 1698
Harwich (Township)	F 1699
Hastings County	F 1700
Hespeler (Town)	F 1701
Hibbert (Township)	D 208
Hillier (Township)	F 1703
Hilton (Township)	F 1704
Holland Landing (Village)	F 1706
Holland (Township)	D 209
Home District	D 210
Houghton (Township)	F 1709 D 436
Howard (Township)	F 1710 D 428
Hullett (Township)	F 1711
Humberstone (Township)	D 212
Humphrey (Township)	F 1713
Huntley (Township)	D 213
Huntsville (Town)	F 1715
Huron County	F 1716
Huron District	F 1718 D 480
Ingersoll (Town)	F 1719 D 437
Jarvis (Village)	F 1720
Johnstown District	F 1721
Kennebec (Township)	F 1723

<b>Municipality Name</b>	<b>Archival Reference Code</b>
Kent County	D 429
Keppel (Township)	D 215
Kincardine (Township)	D 217
King (Township)	D 218
Kingsville (Town)	D 219
Kinloss (Township)	D 220
Kitchener (City)	D 221
Kitley (Township)	F 1732
Lanark County	F 1734
Lanark (Village)	D 223
Lancaster (Township)	F 1737
LaSalle (Town)	F 1738
Leamington (Town)	F 1739
Leeds and Grenville County	F 1740
Lincoln County	F 1741
Lindsay (Township)	D 224
Listowel (Town)	D 225
Lobo (Township)	D 226
Lochiel (Township)	F 1745
Logan (Township)	D 227
London (City)	D 193
London District	D 485
London (Township)	D 228
Longueuil (Township)	F 1750
L'Orignal (Village)	F 1751
Loughborough (Township)	F 1752
Louth (Township)	D 229
Lucan (Village)	D 230
Maidstone (Township)	D 232
Malahide (Township)	D 233
Malden (Township)	D 234
Manvers (Township)	F 1759
March (Township)	D 235
Mariposa (Township)	F 1761
Markham (Township)	D 236
Markham (Village)	D 237
Marlborough (Township)	D 238
Maryborough (Township)	D 239
Marysburgh (Township)	F 1766
Matachewan (Township)	F 1767
Matilda (Township)	F 1768
McGillivray (Township)	D 240
McKillop (Township)	F 1771
McNab (Township)	F 1772
Meaford Town	D 241

<b>Municipality Name</b>	<b>Archival Reference Code</b>
Melancthon (Township)	D 242
Merritton (Village)	D 243
Mersea (Township)	D 244
Metcalfe (Township)	D 245
Middleton (Township)	F 1779 D 452
Milton (Town)	F 1780 D 453
Minto (Township)	F 1781
Mitchell (Town)	D 247
Mono (Township)	F 1785
Montague (Township)	F 1786
Moore (Township)	F 1787 D 487
Mornington (Township)	D 248
Morrison (Township)	F 1789
Moulton & Sherbrooke (United Townships)	D 250
Moulton (Township)	F 1791 D 438
Mount Forest (Town)	D 251
Mulmur (Township)	D 252
Muskoka (Township)	F 1795
Napanee (Town)	D 59
Nassagaweya (Township)	F 1796 D 439
Newboro (Village)	F 1799 D 454
Newbury (Village)	D 454
Newark (Township)	F 1138-1
Newcastle District	F 1800
Newcastle (Village)	F 1801
Newmarket (Town)	F 1803
Niagara District	F 1138-1 F 1804
Niagara (Town)	F 1138-1 F 1805
Niagara (Township)	F 1138-1 F 1806 D 441
Niagara Falls (City)	D 256
Niagara-on-the-Lake (Town)	D 440
Nichol (Township)	D 257
Norfolk County	F 1811
Normanby (Township)	D 258
North Cayuga (Township)	F 1813

<b>Municipality Name</b>	<b>Archival Reference Code</b>
	D 415
North Colchester (Township)	D 259
North Dorchester (Township)	D 261
North Dumfries (Township)	D 262
North Easthope (Township)	D 263
North Fredericksburgh (Township)	F 1819
North Gosfield (Township)	D 264
North Gower (Township)	D 265
North Grimsby (Township)	F 1822 D 425
North Gwillimbury (Township)	D 426
North Marysburgh (Township)	F 1824
North Monaghan (Township)	F 1825
North Norwich (Township)	F 1826 D 442
North Oxford (Township)	F 1827 D 445
North Plantagenet (Township)	F 1828 D 455
North Tilbury (Township)	D 266
North Toronto (Village)	D 255
North Walsingham (Township)	F 1830 D 472
Northumberland and Durham Counties	F 1831
Norwich (Township)	D 456
Norwich (Village)	F 1833
Oakland (Township)	D 267
Oakville (Town)	F 1835 D 443
Oil Springs (Village)	D 268
Oneida (Township)	F 1837
Onondaga (Township)	D 269
Ontario County	F 1839
Ontario, York and Peel United Counties	D 459
Orangeville (Town)	F 1840
Orford (Township)	D 271
Orillia (Town)	F 1842
Osgoode (Township)	D 457
Oshawa (Town)	F 1844
Osnabruck (Township)	F 1845
Osprey (Township)	D 444
Otonabee (Township)	F 1847
Ottawa (City)	D 274
Ottawa District	F 1849
Oxford County	F 1850

<b>Municipality Name</b>	<b>Archival Reference Code</b>
Pakenham (Township)	F 1851
Paris (Town)	D 275
Parkdale (Village)	D 270
Parkhill (Town)	D 276
Peel (Township)	D 277
Pelee (Township)	F 1855
Pelham (Township)	F 1856
Pembroke (Town)	F 1857
Percy (Township)	F 1858
Perry (Township)	F 1859
Perth (Town)	F 1861
Petrolia (Town)	F 1863
Pickering (Township)	F 1864
Pickering (Village)	D 63
Picton (Town)	F 1865
Pilkington (Township)	D 280
Pittsburgh (Township)	F 1867
Plympton (Township)	D 281
Point Edward (Village)	F 1869
Port Colborne (Town)	D 282
Port Dalhousie (Town)	D 283
Port Dover (Town)	F 1872 D 460
Port Elgin (Town)	D 461
Port Hope (Town)	F 1874
Port Perry (Village)	F 1875
Port Rowan (Village)	F 1876
Port Stanley (Village)	D 285
Port Sydney (Village)	F 1878
Prescott and Russell County	F 1879
Preston (Town)	F 1880
Prince Edward County	F 1881
Proton (Township)	F 1883
Puslinch (Township)	D 286
Rainham (Township)	F 1885 D 462
Raleigh (Township)	F 1886
Ramsay (Township)	F 1887
Reach (Township)	F 1888
Rear of Leeds and Lansdowne (Township)	F 1889
Renabie Improvement District	F 1890
Richmond Hill (Town)	D 287
Rochester (Township)	F 1893 D 463
Romney (Township)	D 288

<b>Municipality Name</b>	<b>Archival Reference Code</b>
Roxborough (Township)	D 289
Russell (Township)	F 1896
Ryde (Township)	F 1897
St. Catharines (City)	D 290
St. Edmunds (Township)	D 464
St. Mary's (Town)	D 291
St. Thomas (City)	D 292
St. Vincent (Township)	D 293
Saltfleet (Township)	F 1902 D 446
Sandwich South (Town)	D 466
Sandwich (Town)	D 465
Sarnia (City)	F 1904
Sarnia (Township)	D 294
Scarborough (Township)	D 296
Scott (Township)	F 1908
Scugog (Township)	F 1909
Seneca (Township)	F 1910 D 467
Seymour (Township)	F 1911
Sherbrooke (Township)	F 1912 D 468
Sherbrooke South (Township)	D 469
Shuniah (Township)	F 1913
Simcoe (Town)	D 447
Snowdon (Township)	F 1916
Sombra (Township)	D 298
Sophiasburgh (Township)	F 1919
South Cayuga (Township)	F 1920
South Colchester (Township)	D 301
South Dorchester (Township)	D 302
South Dumfries (Township)	F 1923
South Easthope (Township)	D 304
South Gosfield (Township)	F 1925 D 424
South Grimsby (Township)	F 1926
South Marysburgh (Township)	F 1927
South Monaghan (Township)	F 1928
South Norwich (Township)	F 1929 D 458
South Plantagenet (Township)	F 1930
South Sandwich (Township)	F 1931
South Sherbrooke (Township)	F 1932
South Walsingham (Township)	F 1933
Southampton (Town)	D 306



<b>Municipality Name</b>	<b>Archival Reference Code</b>
Southwold (Township)	D 307
Stafford (Township)	F 1936
Stamford (Township)	D 308
Stephen (Township)	D 486
Stephenson (Township)	F 1938
Stisted (Township)	F 1939
Stoney Creek (Village)	F 1940
Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry County	F 1941
Storrington (Township)	F 1942
Stouffville (Village)	F 1943
Stratford (City)	D 309
Strathroy (Town)	D 310
Streetsville (Town)	F 1946
Sturgeon Point (Village)	F 1947
Sudbury (Town)	F 1948
Sullivan (Township)	F 1949
Talbot District	F 1951
Teeswater (Village)	D 313
Thamesville (Village)	D 314
Thorah (Township)	F 1954
Thornbury (Town)	D 315
Thorold (Town)	D 316
Thorold (Township)	D 317
Timmins (Town)	F 1958
Tisdale (Township)	F 1959
Toronto (City)	F 1961 D 318
Toronto Gore (Township)	D 319
Toronto (Township)	F 1962
Townsend (Town)	D 448
Townsend (Township)	F 1964
Trafalgar (Township)	F 1965
Trenton (Town)	F 1966
Tuckersmith (Township)	D 320
Tyendinaga (Township)	F 1968
Usborne (Township)	D 321
Uxbridge (Town)	F 1970
Uxbridge (Township)	F 1971
Vaughan (Township)	D 322
Vespra (Township)	F 1974
Victoria County	F 1975
Vienna (Village)	D 324
Wainfleet (Township)	F 1978 D 449
Walkerton (Town)	F 1979

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Walkerville (Town)	D 325
Wallace (Township)	D 471
Wallaceburg (Town)	D 326
Walpole (Township)	F 1982
Walsingham (Township)	F 1983
Warwick (Township)	D 323
Waterdown (Village)	D 327
Waterford (Town)	F 1986
Waterford (Village)	D 473
Waterloo (City)	F 1987
Waterloo County	F 1988
Waterloo (Township)	F 1989 D 450
Watford (Village)	D 330
Welland County	F 1991
Welland (Town)	F 1992
Wellesley (Town)	D 332
Wellington County	F 1994
Wentworth County	F 1995
West Flamborough (Township)	D 334
West Garafraxa (Township)	D 335
West Gwillimbury (Township)	F 1998
West Hawkesbury (Township)	F 1999 D 483
West London (Township)	D 482
West Luther (Township)	D 430
West Nissouri (Township)	D 337
West Oxford (Township)	F 2002
West Sandwich (Township)	F 2003
West Tilbury (Township)	D 338
West Toronto Junction (Township)	D 470
West Zorra (Township)	F 2006 D 477
Western District	F 2007
Westmeath (Township)	F 2088
Westminster (Township)	D 340
Weston (Town)	D 341
Westport (Village)	F 2010
Whitby (Town)	F 2011
Whitby (Township)	F 2012
Whitchurch (Township)	F 2013
Williams (Township)	F 2015 D 339
Williamsburgh (Township)	F 2016
Wilmot (Township)	D 342

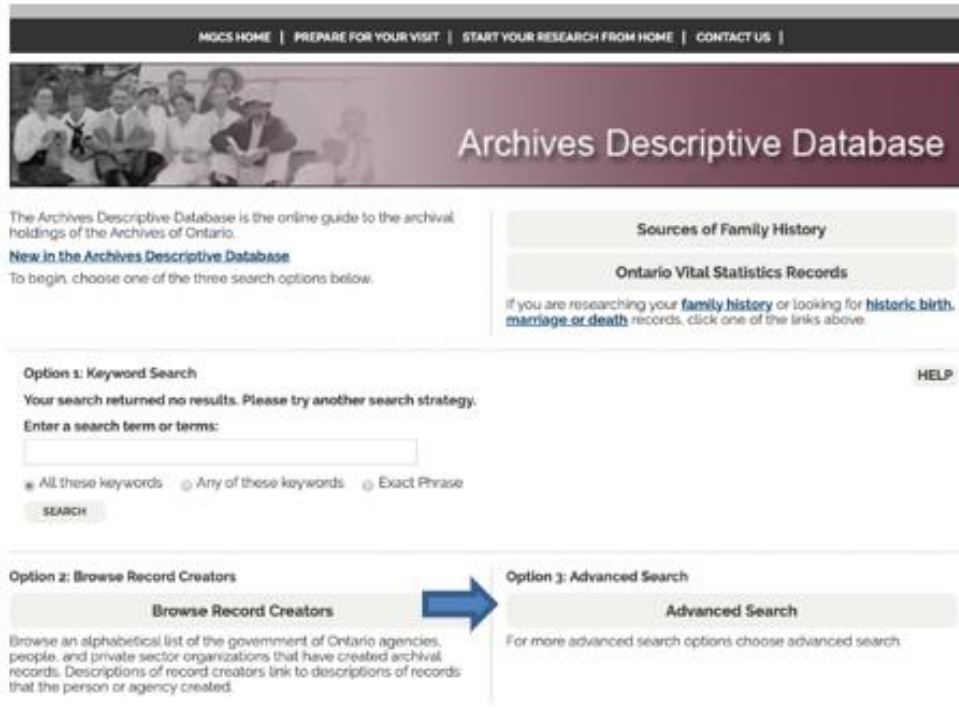
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Windham (Township)	D 343
Windsor (City)	D 344
Wolfe Island (Township)	F 2020
Wolford (Township)	F 2021
Woodbridge (Village)	D 345
Woodhouse (Township)	F 2023 D 475
Woodstock (City)	F 2024 D 451
Woolwich (Township)	D 346
Worthington (Township)	F 2026
Wyoming (Village)	D 347
Yarmouth (Township)	D 348
York County	F 2074
York (Township)	D 349
Yorkville (Village)	D 476

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1. On our website's main page, click on "Access our Collections", and click on "Archives Descriptive Database", as shown in the image below:

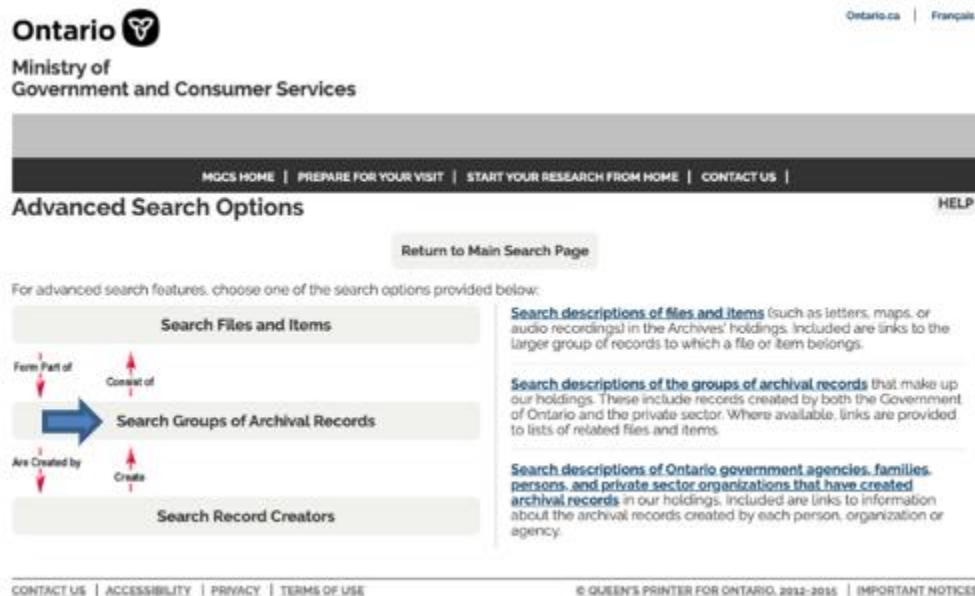
The screenshot shows the Archives of Ontario website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: "MGCS HOME", "PREPARE FOR YOUR VISIT", "START YOUR RESEARCH FROM HOME", and "CONTACT US". Below this is a main menu with a dropdown for "Archives Of Ontario" containing several options: "About Us", "Access Our Collections" (highlighted with a blue arrow), "Services to the Public", "Tracing Your Family History", "Private Records Acquisition", "Education at the Archives", "Art Collection", "Explore Our Exhibits", and "Recordkeeping". Below the menu are social media icons for YouTube, Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook. The main content area features a banner for "Accessing Our Collections" with the text: "The Archives of Ontario has created a number of research tools, databases and catalogues of information to help you in your research. Descriptions and links can be found below." Below the banner, there is a section for "Open Data" with a map icon and the text: "View and download Archives of Ontario data sets in the Government of Ontario Data catalogue." At the bottom, there are two featured links: "Archives Descriptive Database" with a photo of a man and the text: "Follow this link to search descriptions of records and collections in the Archives' holdings." and "BIBLION Library Catalogue" with a book cover and the text: "Search the catalogue of the Archives of Ontario library. To learn more about the J. J. Talman Library, click here." A blue arrow points from the "Access Our Collections" menu item to the "Archives Descriptive Database" link.

2. In the Database, click on "Advanced Search":



3. On the “Advanced Search” page, click on “Search Groups of Archival Records”:

This image shows the "Advanced Search" page in the Archives Descriptive Database, with an arrow pointing to the "Search Groups of Archival Records" button.



4. On the “Search Groups of Archival Records” page, enter the reference code (that’s the number starting with C, F or RG).

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**Email:** [Click here to email the Archives of Ontario](mailto:reference@ontario.ca). The e-mail address is [reference@ontario.ca](mailto:reference@ontario.ca)

**Address: Archives of Ontario, 134 Ian Macdonald Blvd., Toronto, ON M7A 2C5**

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