This research guide provides information about genealogy collections and published genealogies held by the Archives of Ontario.

THE RECORDS

Archives of Ontario Genealogical and Biographical Research Files:

These files have information on a limited number of families in Ontario that Archives’ staff have researched. The Archives no longer collects this information. A description for these records is available in our online Archives Descriptive Database; you will find the database in the “Accessing Our Collection” section of our website. Click here to access description for the Archives of Ontario Genealogical and Biographical Research Files

*Biography and Genealogy Index:* This card catalogue is a name index to a variety of genealogical sources and biographical information on individuals and families. The Index has not been updated for many years. There are some explanatory cards (e.g., abbreviations used in the index) at the start of the index. This card catalogue is available on microfiche in the Reading Room.

Genealogies Collection:

This collection has genealogies completed and donated to the Archives prior to the 1970s. Most of the genealogies are available on self-service microfilm in the Archives’ Reading Room and through the Microfilm Interloan Service. Click here to access the Microfilm Interloan Service. A description for these records is available in the Archives Descriptive Database. Click here to access the description for the Genealogies Collection.

Published Genealogies:

The Archives has a small number of published genealogies. For more information, click here to search BiBLION, our online library card catalogue, for more information (you will find this database in the “Start Your Research” section of our website).
The Archives no longer collects published genealogies but you can find some in the
Canadiana Collection, North York Central Library Branch, Toronto Public Library (5120
Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario M2N 5N7, 416.395.5623). Local archives and libraries
may also have published genealogies.

Making Contact

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assist you. You may telephone or write to them by mail or email or — best of all — visit
the Archives of Ontario.

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Website
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other customer service materials available through the Archives of Ontario. Click here to
visit our website.

Customer Service and Research Guides
The Archives of Ontario has published a series of in-depth research guides on a variety
of specific topics. For more information, please see “Customer Service and Research
Guides” under “Accessing Our Collection” on the home page of the Archives website.

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