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Genealogy Collections and Published Genealogies

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[Men, women, and children standing and sitting next to Brien family tombstone], J.C. Smith, Archives of Ontario F 4700-0-0-0-238, Image Number I0054201

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In this Guide

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

*Please note: this guide contains links to information found in our online Archives and Information Management System (AIMS). On our website, this database is found under "Access our Collections." If you are using a print copy of this guide, go to page 3 for more information on how to find the online descriptions.

The Records

Archives of Ontario Genealogical and Biographical Research Files

These files contain information on a limited number of families in Ontario that Archives of Ontario staff have researched. The Archives no longer collects this information.

A description for these records is available in our online Archives and Information Management System (AIMS). [Click here to access description for RG 17-21: 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. You can find some explanatory cards at the start of the index. You can access this index on microfiche in the Reading Room.

Genealogies Collection

This collection contains genealogies completed by private individuals and donated to the Archives prior to the 1970s. [Click here to access the description for F 277: Genealogies collection.](#)

Most of the genealogies are available on self-service microfilm in the Archives' Reading Room and through the Microfilm Interloan Service. [Click here for more information on our Microfilm Interloan Service.](#)

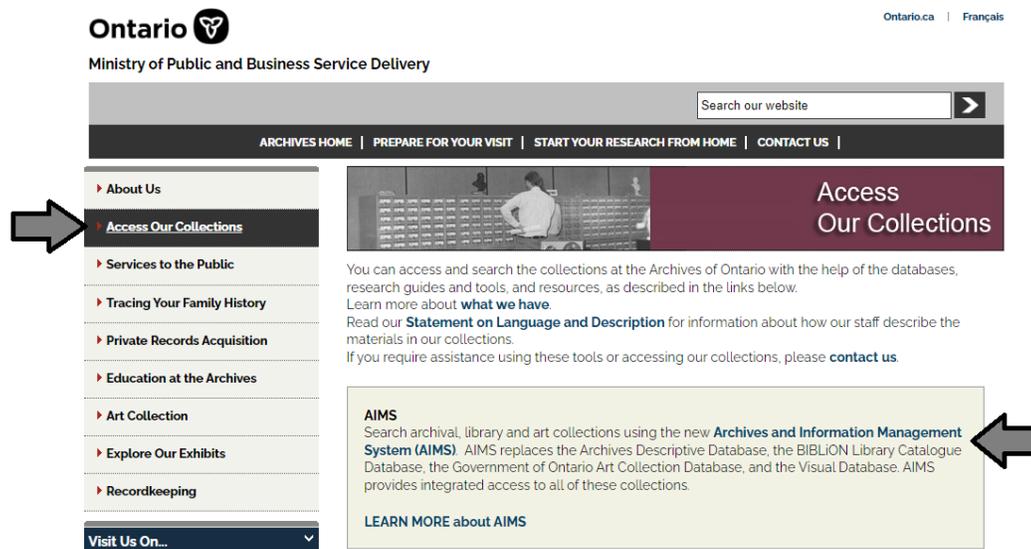
Published Genealogies

The Archives holds a small number of published genealogies in our library collection. You can usually locate them by searching in AIMS, Library Holdings by the name of the family. [Click here to search "Library Holdings".](#)

The Archives no longer collects published genealogies, but the Toronto Public Library holds some genealogies and local history collections at various branches. [Click here for more information on researching genealogy at the Toronto Public Library.](#) Other local libraries and archives may also have published genealogies.

How do I get to the online descriptions?

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



2. In the Archives and Information Management System (AIMS), click on "Archives repository (only)" button:

Home

Art collection (only)

Archives Repository (only)

Library Holdings (only)

Immigration Records

Second Heir and Devisee Commission Case Files

Ask about our records

AIMS

Archives and Information Management System

Welcome to the Archives of Ontario!

Welcome to AIMS, the Archive's new collections management system. AIMS provides integrated access to our archival, library and art collections. Search AIMS for descriptions of the records in our holdings.

IMPORTANT!
You must have an AIMS account to order records. An AIMS account is not required to search records. AIMS and AOR account number are not the same.

[Click here to go to Public Secure](#)

[How do I get an AIMS account?](#)

Search archival, art, and library collection

Option 1: Keyword Search
Enter a search term or terms:

SEARCH

Client Portal Login

All of these keywords Any of these keywords Exact Phrase

[How to search](#)

3. On the “Welcome to the Archival Collection” search page, click “Advanced Search”:

AIMS

Archives and Information Management System

Welcome to the Archival Collection!

Search the Archival Collection of the Archives of Ontario

This part of AIMS allows you to search the archival holdings of the Archives of Ontario using keywords. You can also refine your search with specific criteria using the Advanced Search button or use the More Search Options Browse Record Creators button to access descriptions of Government of Ontario agencies and private sector organizations, people and families that have created archival records.

Keyword Search
Enter a search term or terms:

SEARCH

Client Portal Login

[How to search our database](#)

All of these keywords Any of these keywords Exact Phrase

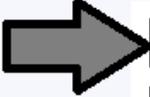
[ADVANCED SEARCH](#) [BROWSE RECORD CREATORS](#)

[PEOPLE SEARCH](#) [ORGANIZATION SEARCH](#)

4. On the “Archives Advanced Search” page enter the reference code (that’s the number starting with C, F or RG) in the Reference Code field and click “Search” (at the bottom of the page).

Archives Advanced Search

Refine your search using one or many of the specific search fields below.



And	▼	Reference Code	≡
And	▼	Higher Reference Code	≡
And	▼	Title	≡
And	▼	Format	≡
And	▼	Scope	≡
And	▼	Creator	≡

Contact Us

Although unable to do your research for you, our reference archivists are waiting to assist you. You may call or write to them by mail or email or — best of all — visit the Archives of Ontario.

Telephone: 416-327-1600 Toll free (Ontario): 1-800-668-9933

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

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

Website

Visit our website for information about our collections and our services, our online exhibits and education programs, and links to our social media accounts. [Click here to visit our website](http://www.ontario.ca/archives). The website is www.ontario.ca/archives.

Customer Service and Research Guides

Our guides contain information about our services, freelance researchers available to do research for you, and some of most popular records. [Click here to view our guides](#). To find the “Research Guides and Tools” on our website, click on “Access our Collections”.

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