

Pathfinder to Birth Registrations

This Pathfinder will guide you through the **Indexes** to the **Registration Number** and then to the **Registration**. To find the matching microfilm reel numbers for the Indexes and the Registrations, consult the appendix listings in the *Births 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.

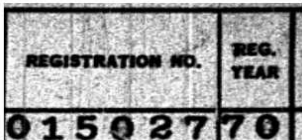
Please note: The registrations are also available on the ancestry.ca Website for 1869-1915; [click here to access the ancestry.ca website](#). The registrations are also available on the Family Search Website for 1869-1912; [click here to access the Family Search website](#).

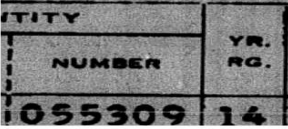
Person's Name: Birth Date:

Step 1: When did the birth occur?

| Before July 1869 | Between July 1869 and December 1917 | After 1917 |
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| <p>A small number of births were registered after 1869, as delayed registrations. These registrations are available online on the Family Search website. Click here to access the Family Search website.</p> <p>For other possible sources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • click here to consult Research Guide 204 (Sources for Births, Marriages and Deaths records). • Consult the "Related Records" and "Associated Materials" sections in the <i>Deaths Binder</i>. | <p>See: Registration Indexes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click here to view the microfilm list for the Indexes to Births and Stillbirths or view A4 in the <i>Births Binder</i> to match the year and first initial of the surname to the corresponding MS 931 microfilm reel. • The reels are in the Self Service Microfilm Area. • If you find the name of the person, go to Step 2 below. | <p>These records are located at the Office of the Registrar General: 189 Red River Road P.O. Box 4600 Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 6L8 Phone: 416-325-8305 Toll-free in Ontario: 1-800-461-2156 Click here to access the Service Ontario website</p> |

Step 2: Did you find the Person's Name on the Indexes to Births and Stillbirths?

| Yes | No |
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| <p style="text-align: center;">Write down:</p> <p>Six-Digit Registration Number (ignore any hyphens):</p> <p>Two-Digit Registration year (<u>not</u> the birth year):</p> <p>Examples of the registration number and year entry from the Indexes to Births and Stillbirths:</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Example from the 1870 Index</p> | <p>Consult Original Indexes, 1869-1910:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For July-Dec. 1869, retrieve MS 938, reel 1 • For 1869-1910, Click here to view the microfilm list for the Original Index Books to Birth Registrations or view A9 in the <i>Births Binder</i> to identify the microfilm reel you need to consult from MS 939 <p>If you find the person's name:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write down the registration year, county or district, volume number or letter, and folio (page) number. • Click here to view the microfilm list for the Registrations of Births (listed geographically) or view B1 in the <i>Births Binder</i> to identify the |

| Yes | No |
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|  <p>Example from the 1914 Index</p> | <p>microfilm reel matching the Registration Year, volume number or letter, and folio number.</p> <p>If the person's name is not on these reels, the birth was probably NOT registered with the Government of Ontario.</p> |

Step 3: What is the Registration Number?

| Between 0-199999 | Between 200000-499999 | Between 500000-599999 | Between 600000-699999 | Between 900000- 999999 |
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| <p>Remove the "0" or "00" at the start of the Registration Number. Click here to view the microfilm list for the Registrations of Births and Stillbirths or view A2 in the Births Binder to identify the microfilm reel matching the Registration Year and Registration Number.</p> <p>Look up the Registration number on the microfilm.</p> | <p>Remove the "2" or "3" or "4" at the start of the Registration Number. Click here to view the microfilm list for the Registrations of Births and Stillbirths or view A2 in the Births Binder to identify the microfilm reel matching the Registration Year and Registration Number.</p> <p>Look up the Registration number on the microfilm.</p> | <p>Click here to view the microfilm list for the Delayed Registrations of Births and Stillbirths "50" Series or view A3 in the Births Binder to identify the microfilm reel matching the Birth Year and Registration Number.</p> <p>Look up the Registration number on the microfilm.</p> | <p>For the years 1869-1899, use the Corrections Book found on MS 931, reel 11 to get a revised registration number. For 1900 and later, contact the Office of the Registrar General. 189 Red River Road P.O. Box 4600 Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 6L8 Phone: 416-325-8305 Toll-free in Ontario: 1-800-461-2156 Website: www.serviceontario.ca</p> | <p>Click here to view the microfilm list for the Delayed Registrations of Births and Stillbirths "90" Series or view A15 in the Births Binder to identify the microfilm reel matching the Birth Year and Registration Number.</p> <p>Look up the Registration number on the microfilm.</p> |