

## Pathfinder to Death Registrations

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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 *Deaths 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 through interlibrary loan.

Please note: The microfilmed registrations are also available on ancestry.ca, website; [click here to access the ancestry.ca website](#). The registrations for 1869-1937 are also available on the familysearch.org website; [click here to access the Family Search website](#).

Person's Name:  Death Date:

### Step 1: When did the death occur?

Before July 1869	Between July 1869 and December 1942	After 1942
<p><b>Deaths were not registered</b></p> <p>For other possible sources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">click here to consult Research Guide 204 (Sources for Births, Marriages and Deaths records)</a>.</li> <li>Consult the "Related Records" and "Associated Materials" sections in the <i>Deaths Binder</i>.</li> </ul>	<p>See: Registration Indexes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Click here to view the microfilm list for the Indexes to Deaths</a> or view A8 in the <i>Deaths Binder</i> to match the year and first initial of the surname to the corresponding <b>MS 937</b> microfilm reel (index)</li> <li>The reels are in the <b>Self Service Microfilm Area</b>.</li> <li>If you find the name of the person, go to Step 2 below.</li> </ul>	<p><b>1943-1948:</b> These records are available on the ancestry.ca website. <a href="#">Click here to access ancestry.ca</a></p> <p><b>1949-1951:</b> These records are closed for digitization. Contact us if you require a copy for legal or humanitarian purposes.</p> <p><b>1952-Present:</b> These records are located at the <b>Office of the Registrar General:</b> 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 <a href="#">Click here to access the Service Ontario website</a></p>

### Step 2: Did you find the Person's Name on the Indexes to Deaths?

Yes	No
<p><b>Write down:</b></p> <p><b>Six-Digit Registration Number (ignore any hyphens):</b></p> <p><b>Two-Digit Registration year (<u>not</u> the death year):</b></p> <p>Examples of the registration number and year entry from the Indexes to Deaths:</p>	<p><b>Consult Original Indexes, 1869-1911:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For <b>July-Dec. 1869</b>, retrieve <b>MS 938, reel 1</b></li> <li>For <b>1870-1911</b>, <a href="#">Click here to view the microfilm list for the Original Index Books to Death Registrations</a> or view A14 in the <i>Deaths</i> binder to identify the <b>MS 942</b> microfilm reel you need to consult</li> </ul> <p>If you find the person's name:</p>

<p>Example from the 1898 Index</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="259 201 487 336"> <tr> <td>REGISTRATION NO.</td> <td>REG. YEAR</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0 2 5 0 6 5 9 8</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Example from the 1939 Index</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="235 376 511 510"> <tr> <td colspan="2">ENTITY</td> </tr> <tr> <td>RECORD NO.</td> <td>REG. YEAR</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0 1 5 4 3 0</td> <td>3 9</td> </tr> </table>	REGISTRATION NO.	REG. YEAR	0 2 5 0 6 5 9 8		ENTITY		RECORD NO.	REG. YEAR	0 1 5 4 3 0	3 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Write down the <b>registration year, county or district, volume number or letter, and folio (page) number.</b></li> <li>• <a href="#">Click here to view the microfilm list for the Registrations of Deaths (listed geographically)</a> or view B3 in the <b>Deaths Binder</b> to identify the microfilm reel matching the <b>Registration Year, volume number or letter, and folio number.</b></li> </ul> <p>If the person's name is not on these reels, the death was probably NOT registered with the Government of Ontario.</p>
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### Step 3: What is the Registration Number?

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Between 0-199999</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Between 200000-399999</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Above 400000</b></p>
<p>Remove the "0" or "00" at the start of the Registration Number.</p> <p><a href="#">Click here to view the microfilm list for the Registrations of Deaths</a> or view A7 in the <b>Deaths Binder</b> to identify the microfilm reel matching the <b>Registration Year and Registration Number.</b></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.</p> <p><a href="#">Click here to view the microfilm list for the Registrations of Deaths</a> or view A7 in the <b>Deaths Binder</b> to identify the microfilm reel matching the <b>Registration Year and Registration Number.</b></p> <p>Look up the Registration number on the microfilm.</p>	<p>These records are at the <b>Office of the Registrar General</b>  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  <a href="#">Click here to access the Service Ontario website</a></p>