

Pathfinder to Marriage 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 *Marriages 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 microfilmed registrations for 1869 and after are also available on ancestry.ca website; [click here to access the ancestry.ca website](#). The registrations for 1869-1927 are also available on the Family Search website; [click here to access the Family Search website](#).


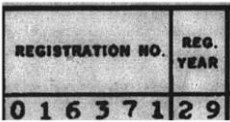
Person's Name: Marriage Date:

Step 1: When did the marriage occur?

Between 1801 (approximately) and December 1873	Between January 1874 and December 1932	After 1932
<p>Click here to consult the Pathfinder to Pre-1874 Marriage Registrations (*1873 marriages can be located either through this path or the next path described).</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 the Marriage Indexes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Click here to view the microfilm list for the Indexes to Marriages or view A6 in the <i>Marriages Binder</i> Match the year and first initial of the surname to the corresponding MS 934 microfilm reel (index) The reels are in the Self Service Microfilm Area. If you find the name of the person, go to Step 2 below. 	<p>1933-1938: These records are available on the ancestry.ca website. Click here to access ancestry.ca</p> <p>1939-1941: These records are closed for digitization. Contact us if you require a copy for legal or humanitarian purposes.</p> <p>1942-Present: 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 Marriages?

Yes	No
<p>Write down:</p> <p>Six-Digit Registration Number (ignore any hyphens):</p> <p>Two-Digit Registration year (<u>not</u> the marriage year):</p>	<p>Consult Original Indexes, 1869-1911:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For July-Dec. 1869, retrieve MS 938, reel 1 For 1869-1911, Click here to view the microfilm list for the Original Index Books to Marriage Registrations or view A13 in the <i>Marriages Binder</i> to identify the microfilm reel you need to consult from MS 941

Yes	No
<p>Examples of the registration number and year entry from the Indexes to Marriages:</p> <p>Example from the 1874 Index</p>  <p>Example from the 1929 Index</p> 	<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 Marriages (listed geographically) or view B2 in the Marriage Binder to identify the microfilm reel matching the Registration Year, volume number or letter, and folio number. <p>If the person's name is not on these reels, the marriage was probably NOT registered with the Government of Ontario.</p>

Step 3: What is the Registration Number?

Between 0-199999	Between 200000-399999	Between 500000-599999	Between 900000-999999
<p>Remove the "0" or "00" at the start of the Registration Number.</p> <p>Click here to view the microfilm list for the Registrations of Marriages or view A5 in the Marriages 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" at the start of the Registration Number.</p> <p>Click here to view the microfilm list for the Registrations of Marriages or view A5 in the Marriages 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 Marriages or view A22 in the Marriages Binder to identify the microfilm reel matching the Marriage Year and Registration Number.</p> <p>Look up the Registration number on the microfilm.</p>	<p>These records are 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>