

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: Deaths are no longer microfilmed as of 1942 and can only be accessed through [ancestry.ca](#), which holds digital birth records from 1869-1950. The microfilmed registrations are also available on [ancestry.ca](#), website; [click here to access the ancestry.ca website](#). Ancestry can be accessed without a membership at the Archives of Ontario and many public libraries at [ancestryinstitution.ca](#). Registrations for 1869-1937 are also available for free (with registration) 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
Deaths were not registered For other possible sources: <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>.	See: Registration Indexes <ul style="list-style-type: none">Click here to view the microfilm list for the Indexes to Deaths or view A8 in the <i>Deaths Binder</i> to match the year and first initial of the surname to the corresponding MS 937 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.	1943-1950: These records are available on the ancestry.ca website. Click here to access ancestry.ca 1951-1953: These records are closed for digitization and will be available on ancestry.ca when complete. Contact us if you require a copy for legal or humanitarian purposes. 1954-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

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

Yes	No
Write down: Six-Digit Registration Number (ignore any hyphens):	Consult Original Indexes, 1869-1911: <ul style="list-style-type: none">For July-Dec. 1869, retrieve MS 938, reel 1For 1870-1911, Click here to view the microfilm list for the Original Index Books to Death Registrations or view

<p>Two-Digit Registration year (<u>not</u> the death year):</p> <p>Examples of the registration number and year entry from the Indexes to Deaths:</p> <p>Example from the 1898 Index</p> <table> <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> <tr> <td>ENTITY</td> <td>REG. YEAR</td> </tr> <tr> <td>RECORD NO.</td> <td></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	REG. YEAR	RECORD NO.		0 1 5 4 3 0	3 9	<p>A14 in the <i>Deaths</i> binder to identify the MS 942 microfilm reel you need to consult</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 Deaths (listed geographically) or view B3 in the <i>Deaths Binder</i> 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 death was probably NOT registered with the Government of Ontario.</p>
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Step 3: What is the Registration Number?

Between 0-199999	Between 200000-399999	Above 400000
<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 Deaths or view A7 in the <i>Deaths Binder</i> 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.</p> <p>Click here to view the microfilm list for the Registrations of Deaths or view A7 in the <i>Deaths Binder</i> to identify the microfilm reel matching the Registration 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>