Archives of Ontario



Pathfinder to Death Registrations

Last Updated: August 2024

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.

<u>Please note</u>: 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; <u>click here to access the ancestry.ca website</u>. Ancestry can be accessed without a membership at the Archives of Ontario and many public libraries at <u>ancestryinstitution.ca</u>. Registrations for 1869-1937 are also available for free (with registration) on the familysearch.org website; <u>click here to access the Family Search website</u>.

Person's Name:	Death Date:	

Step 1: When did the death occur?

Before July 1869	Between July 1869 and	After 1942
	December 1942	
Deaths were not registered For other possible sources: • click here to consult Research Guide 204 (Sources for Births, Marriages and Deaths records). • Consult the "Related Records" and "Associated Materials" sections in the Deaths Binder.	 Click here to view the microfilm list for the Indexes to Deaths or view A8 in the Deaths Binder 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

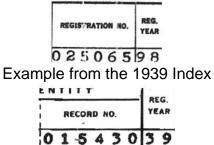
Step 2: Did you find the Person's Name on the Indexes to Deaths?

Yes	No	
Write down:	Consult Original Indexes, 1869-1911:	
Six-Digit Registration Number (ignore any hyphens):	 For July-Dec. 1869, retrieve MS 938, reel 1 For 1870-1911, Click here to view the microfilm list for the Original Index Books to Death Registrations or view 	

Two-Digit Registration year (<u>not</u> the death year):

Examples of the registration number and year entry from the Indexes to Deaths:

Example from the 1898 Index



A14 in the **Deaths** binder to identify the **MS 942**microfilm reel you need to consult

If you find the person's name:

- 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
 Deaths Binder to identify the microfilm reel matching
 the Registration Year, volume number or letter, and
 folio number.

If the person's name is not on these reels, the death was probably NOT registered with the Government of Ontario.

Step 3: What is the Registration Number?

Between	Between	Above
0-199999	200000-399999	400000
Remove the "0" or "00" at the start of the Registration Number.	Remove the "2" or "3" or "4" at the start of the Registration Number.	These records are at the Office of the Registrar General 189 Red River Road
Click here to view the microfilm list for the Registrations of Deaths or view A7 in the Deaths	Click here to view the microfilm list for the Registrations of	P.O. Box 4600 Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 6L8
Binder to identify the microfilm reel matching the Registration	Deaths or view A7 in the Deaths Binder to identify the microfilm	Phone: 416-325-8305 Toll-free in Ontario: 1-800-461-
Year and Registration Number.	reel matching the Registration Year and Registration Number.	2156 Click here to access the Service Ontario website
Look up the Registration		
number on the microfilm.	Look up the Registration number on the microfilm.	