

ONTARIO RECORDS

Ontario government registration of births, marriages and deaths (civil registration) began July 1st 1869. However, government registration of marriages began much earlier.

HISTORIC RECORDS

As of August 2007, the Archives of Ontario holds the indexes and registration records of vital events for the following years:

Births: 1869-1910

Marriages: 1869-1925

Deaths: 1869-1935



All historic records of civil registration are publicly available on microfilm. Each year a new year's records are released to the Archives. The records are restricted until they have been made available on microfilm. The Archives of Ontario can be contacted in number of ways:

Archives of Ontario
77 Grenville Street
Toronto, Ontario M5S 1B3
Telephone: 416-327-1600
Toll Free in Ontario call: 1-800-668-9933
Fax: 416-327-1999
Email: reference@archives.gov.on.ca
Website: <http://www.archives.gov.on.ca>

The microfilm of historic vital records are available for researchers as follows:

1. In the main Reading Room of the Archives at: 77 Grenville Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
2. By Interloan from the Archives of Ontario to your public library (limit of 3 reels per researcher will be sent). More information is available from the Microfilm Interloan Services catalogue at: <http://www.archives.gov.on.ca/english/interloan/index.html>
3. On loan through local Family History Centres of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS). You must visit the local Centres as they do not accept written inquiries.

The Archives cannot conduct searches. Searches can be done by the public using the Vital Statistics microfilm in the Archives' Reading Room or on loan to the nearest public library or Family History Centre. Professional genealogical researchers can also be hired to do searches. For more information visit the Archives' vital statistics website at: <http://www.archives.gov.on.ca/english/interloan/vsmain.htm>

For information about Ontario vital records before 1869 read an earlier series of Global Gazette articles:

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- Vital Records in Ontario/Canada West/Upper Canada part 1: <http://www.globalgazette.net/List001/list29a.htm>
- Vital Records in Ontario/Canada West/Upper Canada part 2: <http://www.globalgazette.net/List001/list29b.htm>
- Vital Records in Ontario/Canada West/Upper Canada part 3: <http://www.globalgazette.net/List001/list29c.htm>
- Vital Records in Ontario/Canada West/Upper Canada part 4: <http://www.globalgazette.net/List001/list29d.htm>

MODERN RECORDS

The Office of the Registrar General holds Ontario records for births that happened during the past 95 years, marriages that happened during the past 80 years, and deaths that happened during the past 70 years. For modern records of births, marriages, deaths and stillbirths contact:

Office of the Registrar General
 PO Box 4600, 189 Red River Road
 THUNDER BAY, Ontario P7B 6L8
 Telephone: (416) 325-8305
 Toll Free in Ontario phone: 1-800-461-2156
 Email: cbsinfo@cbs.gov.on.ca

Fax your application with credit card payment to: (807) 343-7459

Information about ordering certificates, restrictions and local government service counters where you can order certificates in person is available on the department's website:

<http://www.cbs.gov.on.ca/mcbs/english/births&marriages.htm>

ADDITIONAL LINKS & SOURCES

For additional information about vital records and other Ontario family history resources, take a few minutes and explore the following helpful websites:

Ontario Genweb: <http://www.geneofun.on.ca/ongenweb/> and discover more about Ontario genealogy including historical facts and resources at: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~canon/research.html>

Canadian Genealogy and History Links - Ontario: <http://www.islandnet.com/~jveinot/cghl/ontario.html>

Ontario Cemetery Finding Aid: OCFA version 6 contains over 2 million entries. Searchable online and available for ftp from: <http://www.islandnet.com/ocfa/>

Olive Tree Genealogy - Ontario: <http://www.olivetreegenealogy.com/can/ont/index.shtml>

Ontario Genealogical Society: www.ogs.on.ca

Ontario 1901 & 1911 Census Records: www.automatedgenealogy.com