Provinces
Different Provinces joined Canada at different times and were called different names.
Ontario
Was Upper Canada 1791 to 1841
Was Canada West 1841 to 1867
Ontario after 1867 but was sometimes still called by old names or Canada English
Newfoundland not part of Canada officially until 1949
County, township and municipal names have changed and merged

Censuses
Only a few before 1842
1842, 1851, 1861, 1871, 1881, 1891, 1901, 1911, 1921 available
1851 census taken January 1852 and more than 1 page
1870 Manitoba
Northwest or Prairie Provinces 1906 & 1916
Included religion (helpful for finding church record)

Immigration
Government did not require ships’ passenger lists until 1865
British Isles needed no naturalization
United Empire Loyalists
  Lived in American colony before 1775
  Fought or supplied British 1775 – 1783
  Taken up residency in Canada < July 28, 1798
  Children of Loyalists could also get land
Waves of immigration
  Selkirk Settlers and Highland Clearances
  Pier 21 in Halifax like Ellis Island
Home Children
  Poor British children to Canadian farms to work as farm labor – contract until 18
  Some treated like family, others like slaves
  1860s through 1939 – about 100,000 children

Migration
PEI, New Brunswick to Ontario around 1850s as new lands open up
Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia
Yukon Gold Rush
Fur Trade, lumber, inexpensive land, mining
Routes – St. Lawrence River, Great Lakes, Trains
Marriages
<1831 only Church of England and Catholic were legal
1831 – 1857 Other religions submit registers to County Registers
1858-1869 All religions to County Registers
1869 Civil Registration

Tidbits
Scottish and French women may be under maiden name
Mac/Mc – official records were often Mc, gravestones and newspapers often Mac – look under both
French nicknames “dit” – originated from French army – could be hometown, trade, personal trait, mother’s maiden name or other – passed on to children – may continue as only last name
Concession roads often have been renamed and may have fewer or more roads – find out new names

Township or Local History Resources
Often put out by local history or genealogical societies
Full of pictures, names, maps, stories and historical information
Look on local or county sites to order copies
Google Books or WorldCat
OurRoots website

Searching for websites
Use Google.ca
Search for county or local archives, museums, historical or genealogical societies
Search for county or township histories or directories
Check out Family Search wiki about Canadian genealogy
Check out Cyndislist (Canada, province, township, town or topic)
<county> or <township> genealogical society
Maps, publications, queries, historical records, books, etc.

Card Catalogs
Use Family Search or Ancestry Catalogs to find what records they have

Best website to start
Library and Archives of Canada  http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/Pages/home.aspx
General Canadian Websites

General

Archives of Canada  http://www.archivescanada.ca/english/index.html
Indices to Canadian Censuses  http://automatedgenealogy.com/site.html
Canadian GenWeb  http://www.canadagenweb.org/
Library and Archives of Canada  http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/Pages/home.aspx
Canadian Genealogical Records Online  http://www.genealogysearch.org/canada/
Canadiana  http://www.canadiana.ca/en/home
Canadian Genealogy sites  http://www.cangenealogy.com/
Canadian Photos  http://www.imagescanada.ca/index-e.html?PHPSESSID=iv7u6n803fjpe4doj2i9pv0mf4

Global Genealogy (searchable databases and links)
http://globalgenealogy.com/countries/canada/searchable-data.htm

Canadian County Atlases  http://digital.library.mcgill.ca/CountyAtlas/aboutatlases.html
Peel’s Prairie Provinces  http://peel.library.ualberta.ca/index.html
Prairie Land Records Find Aid  http://www.daveobee.com/columns/dominion.htm
Olive Tree Genealogy  http://www.olivetreegenealogy.com/can/index.shtml
CPR land sales  http://www2.glenbow.org/search/archivesCPRsearch.aspx
Hudson Bay Archives  http://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/archives/hbca/
Online Canadian archives  http://www.archivescanada.ca/car/menu.html
Indices to Canadian Censuses  http://www.automatedgenealogy.com/

Canadian, USA and others Death Records (seems to be hit and miss but you might find something)
http://www.ancestorsatrest.com/

Canadian Resources  http://jahcmft.blogspot.com/p/resources-canada.html
Cyndislist  http://www.cyndislist.com/canada/

Genealogy in Time
http://www.genealogyintime.com/records/Canada-genealogy-records.html

Canadian Genealogy Resources  http://www.canadiangenealogy.net/

Immigration

Immigrants to Canada  https://personal.uwaterloo.ca/mari/jenealogy/thevoyage.html
Olive Tree (>1865)  http://www.olivetreegenealogy.com/ships/tocan1865-now.shtml

Home Children
BHC migrants  http://canadianbritishhomechildren.weebly.com/

Books

Global Genealogy  http://globalgenealogy.com/resources.htm
Our Roots  http://www.ourroots.ca/index.aspx
Cemetery
Field of Stones
http://freepages.history.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~clifford/CemList.htm
Canada GenWeb http://cemetery.canadagenweb.org/
Canadian GraveMarker http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cangmg
Canadian Headstones http://canadianheadstones.com/
Interment http://www.interment.net/can/index.htm

Military
Before confederation British http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/
also on Ancestry http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1086
Unit War Diaries (WWI) http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/archivianet/02015202_e.html
Military Heritage http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/military-heritage/Pages/military-heritage.aspx#databases

Newspapers
Historical online newspapers http://libguides.bgsu.edu/CanadianNewspapers
CanGenealogy http://www.cangenealogy.com/newspapers.html

Religion
PRDH (Quebec) http://www.genealogie.umontreal.ca/en/acces
Presbyterian Archives http://www.presbyterianarchives.ca/
Methodist http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wjmartin/wm-index.htm

Land
Municipalities renaming http://www.ontmunidir.ca/Portals/8/MunicipalRestructuringInformation.pdf
Also see proposed: http://www.ontmunidir.ca/Portals/8/MunicipalRestructuringInformation.pdf
Geographical Names https://www.nrcan.gc.ca/earth-sciences/geography/place-names/search/9170

United Empire Loyalists
Can Genealogy http://www.cangenealogy.com/loyalist.html
UEL http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~apassageintime/loyalist.html
# Websites by Province

## Alberta

- **Archives**
  - [http://culture.alberta.ca/paa/](http://culture.alberta.ca/paa/)
- **Our Future Our Past**
  - [http://www.ourfutureourpast.ca/](http://www.ourfutureourpast.ca/)
- **Cemeteries**
  - [http://www.afhs.ab.ca/data/cemeteries/](http://www.afhs.ab.ca/data/cemeteries/)

## British Columbia

- **Archives**
  - [http://search-collections.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/Genealogy/basicSearch](http://search-collections.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/Genealogy/basicSearch)
- **Cemeteries**

## Manitoba

- **Archives**
- **Vital Records**

## New Brunswick

- **Archives**
  - [http://archives.gnb.ca/archives/?culture=en-CA](http://archives.gnb.ca/archives/?culture=en-CA)
- **Land Records**
- **Cemeteries**
  - [http://archives.gnb.ca/Search/Cemeteries/?culture=en-CA](http://archives.gnb.ca/Search/Cemeteries/?culture=en-CA)

## Newfoundland

- **Joined Canada in 1949**
- **Censuses and other info**
  - [http://ngb.chebucto.org/](http://ngb.chebucto.org/)
- **Cemeteries**
  - [http://ngb.chebucto.org/Cemetery/1dist-cem-idx.shtml](http://ngb.chebucto.org/Cemetery/1dist-cem-idx.shtml)

## Nova Scotia

- **Archives**
  - [http://novascotia.ca/archives/](http://novascotia.ca/archives/)

## Ontario

- **Archives**
- **History Books**
  - [http://www.ontriogenealogy.com/ontariouppercanadahistorybooks.html](http://www.ontriogenealogy.com/ontariouppercanadahistorybooks.html)
- **Marriages**
  - [www.ontriomarriages.ca](http://www.ontriomarriages.ca)
- **Cemeteries**
  - [http://ocfa.islandnet.com/](http://ocfa.islandnet.com/)
- **Maps**
- **Changing Shape of Ontario**
- **Wills and Estate Index**
- **Name Index**
  - [https://www.ogs.on.ca/toni.php](https://www.ogs.on.ca/toni.php)
- **Genealogical Society**
  - [http://quebecroots.weebly.com/](http://quebecroots.weebly.com/)
  - See the TONI index
- **Ontario Boundary Changes**
- **Land Record Index**
  - [http://www.olivetreegenealogy.com/can/ont/clri.shtml](http://www.olivetreegenealogy.com/can/ont/clri.shtml)
Ontario (cont)

Bruce County Archives  http://www.bracemuseum.ca/collections-research/archives-and-research/genealogy/
Bruce County Genealogical Society  http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~onbcgs/
Glengarry County books, etc.  http://www.glengarrycounty.com/
Durham County information  http://olddurhamcounty.webs.com/
Norfolk County information  http://www.nornet.on.ca/~jcardiff/index1.html

PEI

Island Register  http://www.islandregister.com/
PEI Genealogical Society  http://peigs.ca/
Newspaper Repositories  http://www.islandregister.com/repositories.html
PEI Ships Database  http://www.islandregister.com/ship_data1.html
Baptismal Index

Quebec

Archives (in French mostly)  http://www.banq.qc.ca/accueil/
Drouin Collection (vital & church)  http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1091
(available through the Monroe Library)
PRDH  http://www.genealogie.umontreal.ca/en/home
Quebec Research  http://quebecroots.weebly.com/

Saskatchewan

Archives  http://www.saskarchives.com/
Homestead Index  http://www.saskhomesteads.com/home.asp
Archives  http://www.saskarchives.com/

Yukon

Yukon Genealogy  http://www.yukongenealogy.com/
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