

Record Selection Table: Canada

This table can help you decide which records to search. It is most helpful for post-1800 research. 1. In column 1 find the type of information you are looking for. 2. In column 2 find the types of records that are most likely to have the information you need. 3. In column 3 find additional record types that may be useful.		
1. If You Need	2. Look First In	3. Then Search
Age	Census, Vital Records	Cemeteries, Military Records
Birth date	Vital Records, Church Records	Cemeteries, Newspapers, Census
Birthplace	Vital Records, Church Records	Census, Newspapers
City or parish of foreign birth	Church Records, Naturalization and Citizenship, Genealogy, Biography,	Vital Records, Newspapers, History, Emigration and Immigration
Country of foreign birth	Emigration and Immigration, Census, Naturalization and Citizenship	Church Records, Military Records, Vital Records, Newspapers
County origins & boundaries	Gazetteers, History, Maps	Historical Geography, Gazetteers
Death	Vital Records, Cemeteries, Probate Records, Church Records	Notarial Records, Newspapers, Military Records, Obituaries
Ethnic background	Minorities, Native Races, Societies, Church Records	Emigration & Immigration, Naturalization & Citizenship
French terms	Language and Languages	Church Records, Vital Records
Historical background	History, Historical Geography, Periodicals	Emigration and Immigration, Minorities
Immigration date	Emigration and Immigration, Naturalization and Citizenship	Census, Newspapers, Biography, Genealogy
Living relatives (and adoptions)	Genealogy, Directories, Court Records, Obituaries	Census, Biography, Societies, Church Records, Probate Records
Maiden name, alias names	Vital Records, Church Records, Newspapers	Cemeteries, Military Records, Probate Records, Names—Personal
Marriage	Vital Records, Church Records, Notarial Records, Census	Military Records, Probate Records, Land and Property
Occupation	Census, Directories, Emigration and Immigration	Newspapers, Court Records, Business Records and Commerce
Parents, children, and other family members	Vital Records, Church Records, Census, Probate Records	Obituaries, Emigration and Immigration, Notarial Records
Physical description	Military Records, Biography	Vital Records, Genealogy
Place-finding aids	Gazetteers, Maps, History	Historical Geography, Periodicals
Places of residence	Census, Land and Property	History, Military Records
Place of residence when you know only the province	Census (indexed), Genealogy, Military Records, Vital Records	Biography, Probate Records, History, Emigration and Immigration
Previous research	Genealogy, Periodicals, Societies	History, Biography
Record-finding aids	Archives and Libraries, Societies	Periodicals
Religion	Census, Church Records, History	Biography, Cemeteries

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