

A Guide to Researching Family History At the Cloverdale Library

Alberta



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This guide is intended to familiarize you with the Alberta family history resources in our Family History department's print and microfilm collections. It will also provide information and links to online resources that may further assist you in your research.

The Family History department is located at the Cloverdale Branch of Surrey Libraries at 5642-176A Street, Surrey, British Columbia.

Our Family History department has trained staff that are willing to assist you in your research. Please contact us at familyhistory@surrey.ca or call us at 604 598 7328.

Databases

Ancestry Library Edition: An international Family History resource with the largest online Canadian family history collection, searchable by surname. Many digitized records are available for viewing, printing, and saving. Ancestry Library edition is available at all Surrey Libraries Branches.

A list of resources within Ancestry, relevant to Alberta can be found by conducting a search by location:

- 1) Click TWICE on the Search Tab
- 2) Under "Explore by Location" choose Alberta.

Family Search Affiliate Library Access. A large, free database available anywhere that is administered by the Church of Latter-Day Saints and has many digitized collections not found elsewhere. Surrey Libraries has Affiliate Library status with Family Search, allowing users at the Library to access many digital images of original documents that would otherwise be locked to home users. Available at all Surrey Libraries branches.

FindMyPast. An international genealogy resource with a large collection of Canadian records, searchable by surname. Many digitized records are available for viewing, printing, and saving. Available only at our Cloverdale branch.

TheGenealogist. A key site for British research, this database contains over 800 million records and includes collections not found in other databases. Its international holdings include emigration and military records for Canada, Australia, South Africa, and India, and Scottish directories from the 15th to 19th Century. Most of its records are independently transcribed – useful for addressing indexing errors in other databases.

Points to the Past. This is a gateway to a world-class collection of primary sources, made up of nearly 200 million pages of digitized historical content – maps, photos, newspapers, manuscripts, pamphlets, portraits, and much more. Includes a solid collection of UK historical newspapers from the 17th to 19th Centuries.

Census Records

GENERAL

Census returns are a very useful resource for family historians. You can learn a variety of information about your family; e.g. where they were born, where they lived, what they did for a living, their religion, and much more.

ONLINE

When searching, remember that Alberta joined Confederation in 1905; prior to that it was part of the Northwest Territories. The first Canadian census covering the area that is now Alberta was taken in 1881. Of note, the most recent census is 1921 for national census and 1926 for the Prairie Census. Below is a list of websites where you can find Canadian Census records.

- *FamilySearch*: www.familysearch.org. (The 1921 Census is not available on this site.)
- *Ancestry Library Edition* available at all branches of Surrey Libraries <https://www.surreylibraries.ca/services/family-history>
- *Automated Genealogy*: <http://www.automatedgenealogy.com/index.html>
1901, 1906, 1911 and partial 1851 census available
- *Library & Archives Canada*: <http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/census/Pages/census.aspx>
 - Information centre for all Canadian censuses (1640-1926) and links to searchable databases.
- 1666-1891 Census:
There are several copies of a Finding Aid called *Catalogue of Census Returns on Microfilm 1666-1891*. This book is organized by province, and then town or county with the matching microfilm numbers noted for each location. (Note only some of these are available online; the earlier censuses are only available on microfilm.)
- Prairie Census 1906, 1916, 1926
These are special census records released for the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. There is a binder marked "1916 Census," located on the census book shelves near the print directories, which summarizes the census districts and sub-districts by name.

To find the corresponding microfilm number for a certain location, see the list in the binder of film numbers and areas covered on each reel.
- 1901-1921 Census:
These Census records are mostly available online, but the Cloverdale Family History Branch does hold some extracts in print. Please ask a Family History staff person for assistance.

PRINT

Census Indexes:

If you prefer to view census records in print, rather than online or on microfilm, the Family History department has some finding aids and census extracts. To find a census in print, please check our library catalogue with the keyword search "Canadian Census". An example:

Alberta Genealogical Society, Edmonton. *Index to the 1901 Census, District of Alberta*. Library call number 929.37123 IND 1999.

MICROFILM

Our Family History department has some items in print which can help you identify the correct microfilm for your ancestor. You need to know the location – town, county, province to your best knowledge. Generally, most census records are

available online, but the department has a large collection of Canadian Census Microfilms.

Vital Records

Civil registration in Alberta began approximately 1890 for marriages and deaths and in 1850 for births. Privacy laws restrict public access to these records, as follows:

Births released:	after 120 years
Marriages released:	after 75 years
Deaths released:	after 50 years
Stillbirths released:	after 75 years

Remember to request a photocopy of the *registration* document as this carries the most information.

Immediate family may bypass privacy restrictions and apply for a copy of a birth, marriage or death directly to the department of vital statistics: This service charges a \$20 government fee for each document.

<https://www.alberta.ca/historical-vital-statistics-records.aspx>

Or:

Alberta Registries

Vital Statistics

Box 2023

Edmonton, Alberta T5J 4W7

TTY: [780-427-9999](tel:780-427-9999) (Edmonton and area)

Toll free TTY: [1-800-232-7215](tel:1-800-232-7215) (in Alberta)

Searchable databases:

The Provincial Archives of Alberta is now able to provide online access to indexes and registrations for vital records within the date ranges as noted above.

To get started go to <https://www.provincialarchives.alberta.ca/how-to/find-birth-marriage-and-death-records> and click on the particular index you wish to view.

Follow the instructions on this site and when ready you can order a copy through their online form found here;

<https://atms.alberta.ca/paa/Store/default.aspx?tagid=41> Charges vary depending on delivery format.

Another alternative is to find notices of vital records in local newspapers.

PRINT

The Family History department has some finding aids for vital records in its print collection: Some examples:

Edmonton: Documentary Heritage Society of Alberta (DHSA). *Alberta, Formerly a Part of the North-West Territories: An Index to Birth, Marriage, and Death Registrations Prior to 1900.*

Library call number: 929.37123 ALB 1999

Trace, Mary Kearns. *Birth, Marriage & Death Notices of the Alberta Tribune, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, 1897 – 1899.*

Divorce Records

ONLINE

After confederation in 1867 and up until 1963, people wanting to divorce were required to place a notice in the *Canada Gazette*. The *Acts of Divorce (1841-1968)* database at Libraries and Archives Canada, includes references to divorce acts published in the Statutes of the Province of Canada, Journals of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, and Statutes of Canada and Journals of the Senate of Canada. Please follow this link:

<http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/vital-statistics-births-marriages-deaths/divorce-1841-1968/Pages/acts-divorce-1841-1968.aspx>

Provincial Archives of Alberta:

<https://hermis.alberta.ca/paa/ViewFAQ.aspx>

Church Records

ONLINE

- The Alberta Provincial Archives <https://provincialarchives.alberta.ca/how-to/explore-paa-research-resources> holds the following records:
- United Church of Canada (ca. 1830s - present)
- Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate (1842 - 1980)
- Anglican Church of Canada (ca. 1870 - ca. 2000)
- Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ca. 1895 - ca. 2000)

PRINT

The Family History department has a small collection of church histories from Alberta churches that contain records of church members. An example:

Morin, Gail. *St. Joachim, Fort Auguste (Fort Edmonton), 1858-1890 Baptisms, Marriages and Burials.*
Library call number: 929.37123 MOR 2000

MICROFILM

The Family History department has a few Western Canadian Parish Records on microfilm. They are listed in the library's guide, *Canadian Family History Resources*, under Parish and Vital Records on page 5-53.

Cemetery Records

Most cemetery records are maintained at the local level (church, town, municipal or city hall).

ONLINE

CanadaGenWeb's Cemetery project – Alberta:

<http://cemetery.canadagenweb.org/AB/>

Find a Grave:

<https://www.findagrave.com/>

Canadian Headstones project:
<https://canadianheadstones.com/index.html>

Alberta Cemetery Records hosted by Canadian Genealogy Resource:
http://www.canadiangenealogy.net/alberta/alberta_cemetery_records.htm

Canadian Genealogy Select your province of interest from this page:
<http://www.canadiangenealogy.net/index.htm>

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The Family History department has a small collection of books containing transcriptions from cemetery markers in Alberta. Search for items using the keyword "Alberta Cemeteries". An example:

Trace, Mary Kearns. *Monumental Inscriptions of Union Cemetery, Calgary, Alberta*. Library call number: 929.5097123 MON 1986

CD ROM

Our Family History department has two CD-ROMS containing cemetery records from Calgary and southern Alberta from the 1800's through the 1900's. Ask staff for assistance.

City Directories

City directories are a great resource to use to fill in the gaps from Census records. They are generally published annually, and contain information such as address, occupation, marital status.

ONLINE

Peel's Prairie Provinces has directories for select towns and cities in Alberta going back as early as 1905.

<http://peel.library.ualberta.ca/henderson.html>

Library and Archives Canada has a collection of historical directories for some locations across Canada, searchable here: <https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/directories-collection/Pages/directories-collection.aspx>

Ancestry.ca and FamilySearch.org (see page 3, above) also have collections of directories for most provinces, and TheAncestorHunt.com provides links to directories for all provinces here: <https://theancestorhunt.com/directories.html>

PRINT

The Family History Department holds the following series that includes Alberta:

Genealogical Research Library. 1994. *The Western Canadians 1600 to 1900: an alphabetized directory of the people, places, and vital dates*. Toronto.

Genealogical Research Library

Library call number – GEN 929.3712 WES

Newspapers

ONLINE

Both Ancestry and FamilySearch.org (see page 3, above) have searchable collections of historical newspapers for all provinces.

Alberta Genealogical Society

<https://www.abgenealogy.ca/newspaper-indexes>

University of Calgary – Early Alberta Newspapers - digitized

<https://cdm22007.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p22007coll2/search>

Peel's Prairie Provinces: University of Alberta Libraries A division of Learning Services: <http://peel.library.ualberta.ca/newspapers/>

Digitized newspapers from 1871 to 2013

Ancestor Hunt newspapers links

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/newspaper-research-links.html>

Library & Archives Canada

Library and Archives Canada provides a geographical list of newspapers by province and then by city/town names. Some of the titles have links to digitized copies of the newspapers:

<https://library-archives.canada.ca/eng/collection/research-help/pages/newspaper-collection.aspx> (Under Filter options: Regions, select Alberta)

Canadiana.ca provides a searchable collection of digitized historical newspapers for all provinces: <https://www.canadiana.ca/collection-serials>

This is a good resource for determining the name of the newspaper in the research location of interest. If the newspaper of interest does not provide a link to a digitized copy, it may be available by searching for it on Canadiana.ca <https://www.canadiana.ca/collection-serials> .

An excellent, although fee-based, site is www.newspapers.com, which has good coverage of many smaller newspapers in Canada. Sometimes free short trials of this paid subscription database are available.

The Google News Archive has a large collection of historical newspapers. Researchers will need to know the name of the newspaper. This resource is not keyword-searchable. <https://news.google.com/newspapers>

Smaller communities may have their own online archives of their local newspapers. Contact the newspaper, local archive/museum, or local public library in your area of interest to inquire, or ask our staff for assistance. Many local newspapers are now part of the Newspapers.com subscription database, which requires a paid subscription.

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While the Family History Department does not hold any print copies of historical newspapers, we do have some print resources to assist you if you do not know the name of the newspapers that were in publication in the period and place of your area of interest.

Wills and Estate Records

Alberta's Provincial Archives holds probate records (which include wills) for several judicial districts from around the province (ca. 1884-ca.1975). Indexes are available for many of the records. Files less than 30 years old will still be in the custody of the Court. The best way to find an estate file is to know the location of where the person was living at the time of their death.

<http://provincialarchives.alberta.ca/how-to/search-your-genealogy.aspx>

For those court records not found at the Provincial Archives of Alberta, information for court branch locations can be found at:

<http://www.albertacourts.ca/court-of-queens-bench/locations-sittings>

Passenger & Immigration Lists

Passenger and Immigration lists can hold valuable information. They can indicate addresses, destinations and names of other family members. Note that census records often include the year a person arrived in Canada, which can be helpful in narrowing down dates for passenger and immigration list records. The 1901 census is the first to include information on the year of arrival and year of naturalization.

ONLINE

Ancestry Library Edition Databases:

- "Canadian Passenger Lists: 1865-1935" - searchable by name, port, ship, arrival/departure dates, with digital images of records
- "Canadian Immigration Records:1790-1906" - searchable by name. Transcriptions of records.

Library & Archives Canada:

<https://library-archives.canada.ca/eng/collection/research-help/genealogy-family-history/immigration/pages/immigration.aspx>

- Home page for information on passenger lists and links to resources for ship's passenger lists (ocean arrivals) as well as border entries.

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There are also numerous books of passenger list arrivals and a variety of books on the topic of immigration to Canada. Browse the bookshelves in the 929.3 area. General books about Immigration are in the 325 area.

MICROFILM

Microfilms for all Canadian incoming passenger lists are available at the library. The films are organized by port of arrival and date. For details on the microfilms, see section 3-10 of the library's guide: *Canadian Family History Resources*. For an online version of the Guide go to: www.surreylibraries.ca and follow the links to Services >Family History > Canadian Family History Resources.

Naturalization Records

ONLINE

Library and Archives Canada holds the following databases:

<https://library-archives.canada.ca/eng/collection/research-help/genealogy-family-history/immigration/pages/citizenship-naturalization.aspx>

- [Naturalization Records, 1828-1850 - Upper Canada and Canada West](#)
- [Citizenship Registration Records, 1851-1945 - Montreal Circuit Court](#)
- [Naturalization Records, 1915-1951](#)

MICROFILM

See Section 4 of our guide: *Canadian Family History Resources* for a description of naturalization records available on microfilm. Only immigrants who were born outside of Canada, Great Britain, or the Commonwealth were required to become naturalized.

Border Entry Records

ONLINE

Ancestry Library Edition includes: “Border Crossings: From U.S. to Canada, 1908-1935” that covers border entries into Alberta at various locations along the US border. Ancestry also has “Border Crossings from Canada to the U.S., 1895-1956.”

The Ancestry database also includes “Form 30A that in records: from 1919 to 1924”. During this time, the federal government required individual forms be completed and submitted when crossing the border into Canada.

MICROFILM

The library has microfilm records of border crossings from the U.S. to Canada between 1908-1919, organized by date and port. To view a list of ports of entry and the corresponding film numbers, check section 3-41 in the library’s guide: *Canadian Family History Resources*.

Land Records

With the acquisition of Rupert’s Land in 1869, western lands came under federal control. In 1930, responsibility for Crown Lands was transferred to the provincial governments of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. The federal government retained a copy of the original patents issued for these lands which are indexed in the Western Land Grants database at Library & Archives Canada. The actual homestead applications and files relating to the grants were transferred to the provincial archives.

Land titles: Local government records are often incomplete, and the only source of information may be the Land Titles Office. Search here for information about historical land titles. In some circumstances, it may be required that a registry agent needs to be involved in the search.

<https://www.alberta.ca/find-land-titles-documents-plans.aspx>

Homestead Records: Search the *Alberta Homestead Index* (1870-1930) by name or by land location: <https://www.abgenealogy.ca/ab-homestead-index-page>. Or visit our Family History department and access Ancestry Library Edition, specifically the data collection “Alberta, Canada, Homestead Records 1870-1930”. These records include indexes and digital images.

University of Calgary Glenbow Library and Archives: Archives CPR Land Sales Catalogue:

<https://glenbow.ucalgary.ca/archives-cpr-land-sales/>

- Database of records of agricultural land sales by Canadian Pacific Railway to settlers in Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan from 1881-1927.
- Searchable by name and location.

Library & Archives Canada Western Land Grants Database: 1870-1930:

<http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/land/land-grants-western-canada-1870-1930/Pages/search.aspx>

- Search Letters Patent records by name or location.
- These records contain only the name of the grantee, description of the land and the date granted.

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Obee, Dave. *Back to the Land: A Genealogical guide to finding farms on the Canadian Prairies*. (Victoria: D. Obee, 2001).
Library Call number 929.3712 OBE 2001

[Note that local history books will often have individualized information on land occupation within the locality. See Local Histories section of this guide.]

Place Names

Gazetteers are an excellent source for place names. A gazetteer is something like a land dictionary, it describes places and place names along with showing locations on a map. You can find gazetteers in our print collection under the call number 917.11 or 917.15

ONLINE

Alberta Place Names <http://wayback.archive-it.org/2217/20101208160315/http://www.albertasource.ca/placenames/>

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Gazetteer of Canada: Alberta. Ottawa : Published for the Canadian Permanent Committee on Geographical Names by the Geographical Services Division, Canada Centre for Mapping 1988
Library call number: 917.123 Gaz 1988

Holmgren, Eric J. *Over 2000 Place Names of Alberta*.
Library call number: 917.123

Robinson, William G., ed. *A Checklist of Alberta Post Offices*.
Library call number: 383.42097123 ROB 1998

Atlases & Maps

The Family History department has a large collection of historical atlases and maps. Many maps are oversized and cannot fit on regular bookshelves; they can be found on a separate stand close to the print collection. Also check the non-fiction section on the main floor which has many maps and atlases.

Hudson's Bay Company Indexes

The Hudson's Bay Company was active in the development of the western provinces since its establishment in 1670. These records can be useful to research early Alberta family history. Many types of records exist including contracts, personal accounts, pension records, estate records and census information on some First Nations peoples.

ONLINE

There is an easy-to-use guide to the HBC records on the Internet at:
<http://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/archives/hbca/resource/filmlist.html>

MICROFILM

Our Family History department has three Hudson's Bay Company record indexes on microfilm, that act as detailed finding aids to what's available at the Hudson Bay Archives in Manitoba. The films are finding aid microfilms: 20M1, 1M1252 and 1M1253. Please ask a staff member for assistance.

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Morin, Gail. *Company Men*.

[A series of over 30 volumes of genealogies of men who worked for the Hudson's Bay Company.]

Library call number: 929.37127 MOR 2017

Local Histories

Local histories can be a great resource for filling in many different types of family history details. Local histories can have detailed information about the people who lived there, including photos and biographies.

ONLINE

Google Books: <http://books.google.ca/bkshp?hl=en&tab=wp>

University of Calgary Library and Cultural Resources Digital Collection

<https://cdm22007.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/search/collection/p22007coll8!p22007coll25/order/title/ad/asc>

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The library has many local histories for towns in Alberta. To see if the library has a history of a particular town or area, look in the library catalogue using "Subject browse" and terms: Alberta – History. You may also want to browse the bookshelves in the call number area of GEN 971.23. Some examples:

Loosmore, W.S.B. *To Trail's End: Early Settlement in Drayton Valley*.

Library call number: 971.233 LOO 1994

Esther & District History Book Committee. *Sage Brush and Shifting Sand: Esther and District 1910 to 1990*.

Library call number: 971.233 SAG 1991

Forgotten Echoes Historical Society. *Forgotten Echoes: A History of Blackfoot and Surrounding Area*.

Library call number: 971.23 FOR 1982

Indigenous People

Please refer also to our separate Indigenous / Métis genealogy research guide for more resources for researching Indigenous ancestors.

First Nations, Inuit, Métis are collectively referred to as Indigenous peoples.

An important note on bias and colonial records language in historical records:
Language in historical records reflects the culture of the times in which they were written. As such, you will see terms we would not use today such as “Indian”, “Native”, and racial slurs such as “Half-Breed”, used for Indigenous peoples, “Racial Origins” used for heritage, and “white” for Caucasian people. While we strive to develop new relationships with Indigenous peoples based on recognition of their rights, respect, and cooperation, family historians will need to look for and use these types of historical terms when searching historical records.

CENSUS RECORDS

Census records may be a good starting point as “Racial Origins” is a column on many census returns, along with as household members, place of birth and birthdates. Determining the geographical location could also lead you to a Band/Nation name.

When searching online census records for indigenous peoples, since “Indian” is often used as a racial descriptor in the “Racial Origins” column, you can do a broad search using location and “Indian” in either the Keyword or Race search boxes available in the database. Be aware that when the head of the family was “white”, but his wife was not, often the entire family’s heritage would be classified as “white”.

See page 7-1 of our guide: *Canadian Family History Resources* for more information on how to search census records for indigenous peoples.

Cloverdale Library owns Microfilm number T-6554 covering the 1901 Native census returns for several provinces, including Alberta. The Indian Agencies enumerated on this microfilm include; Blackfoot (*Niitsitapi, Kainai, Siksika, Piikani*), Edmonton, Hobbema, Lac LaBiche, Saddle Lake, Sarcee (*Tsuu t’ina*) and Whitefish Lake.

A key record set within this collection is the Department of the Interior records (RG-15), which offer considerable family history information. Notably, women can be searched by maiden name as extensive cross-referencing is provided. The RG-15 records are available in our department's microfilm collection. See the Métis Land Claims in section 7 of the library’s guide: *Canadian Family History Resources*.

For Métis or Half-Breed Scrip Land Records, the main collection of records is titled "Half-breeds & Original White Settlers 1870-1920". “Scrip” refers to a system used by the Canadian government beginning in 1870, of issuing certificates for land claims made by mixed-heritage people and Caucasian settlers, for property released from the Hudson’s Bay Company’s jurisdiction in the West.

ONLINE

Indian Tribes of Alberta: <http://www.nanations.com/canada/alberta.htm>

Native American Tribes of Alberta: <http://www.native-languages.org/alberta.htm>

Metis Settlements and First Nations in Alberta – Community Profiles:
<https://open.alberta.ca/publications/1925-5209>

Glenbow Archives: <http://www.glenbow.org/collections/archives/genealogy/>

Library & Archives Canada: <https://library-archives.canada.ca/eng/collection/research-help/indigenous-heritage/pages/metis-genealogy.aspx>

- Detailed information about Métis people and the records, as well as access to an online database with over 15,000 digitized images.

Métis Nation of Alberta <http://albertametis.com/registry/>

PRINT

Listed below is a sample of Indigenous family history books in our collection. When searching in the catalogue for books on this topic use the keywords “Indigenous peoples – Alberta”.

Ward, Donald B. *The people: A Historical guide to the First Nations of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.*
Library call number: 971.200497 WAR 1995

Morin, Gail. *Company Men.*
[A series of over 30 volumes of genealogies of men who worked for the Hudson's Bay Company, many of whom married indigenous women.]
Library call number: 929.37127 MOR 2017

Pocklington, T.C. *The Government and Politics of the Alberta Métis Settlements.*
Library call number: 323.1197 POC 1991

Noel, Oliver. *A Pictorial History of St. Paul [des Métis] and District.*
Library call number: 971.233 NOE 1979

MICROFILM

Section 7 of our guide: *Canadian Family History Resources* describes the microfilms that we have at Cloverdale for Métis scrip records. Ask the staff for assistance.

Military Records

ONLINE

Ancestry.ca and FamilySearch.org (see page 3, above) include searchable military records in their databases.

Veterans Affairs Canada: <https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng>

Books of Remembrance:
<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/memorials/books/search>

Soldiers of the First World War: <http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/military-heritage/first-world-war/Pages/introduction.aspx> Digital images of war diaries of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, searchable by unit name and date

Canadian Expeditionary Force records:
<http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/military-heritage/first-world-war/personnel-records/Pages/search.aspx> searchable database.

Library & Archives Canada: Military Records:
<https://library-archives.canada.ca/eng/collection/research-help/military-heritage/pages/military-heritage.aspx>

Commonwealth War Graves Commission: <https://www.cwgc.org/>

Canadian Virtual War Memorial:
<http://www.virtualmemorial.gc.ca/>

Royal Canadian Armored Corps Battle Honors:
<http://regimentalrogue.com/battlehonours/rcac.htm>

Canadian Military Heritage Project:
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~canmil/>

Alberta and the Great War; A guide to First World War records at the Provincial Archives of Alberta:
<https://provincialarchives.alberta.ca/sites/default/files/2018-08/Guide%20to%20WWI%20holdings.pdf>

MICROFILM

See Section 9 of the library's guide: *Canadian Family History Resources* which describes Canadian military records on microfilm available at the library.

PRINT

When searching for military print items in our library catalogue use keywords such as "soldiers – Canada", "soldiers - Canada - indexes", or "soldiers -location- registers". A sample from our collection here:

Wright, Glen T. *Canadians at War 1914 – 1919: A Research Guide to War Service Records*.
Library call number: 940.40971 WRI 2010

British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa. *Index to Canadian Service Records of the South African War (1899-1902) held at the National Archives of Canada*.
Library call number 929.371 IND 1999

Other Resources

Alberta Family History Society:
<https://afhs.ab.ca/>

Alberta Genealogy Records online:
<http://www.genealogysearch.org/canada/alberta.html>

Alberta Genealogy Society:
<https://www.abgenealogy.ca/>

Alberta Name Index:
<http://edmontongenealogy.ca/library/alberta-name-index-ani/>

Doukhobors in Alberta:
<http://www.doukhobor.org/alberta.html>

Edmonton Obituaries 1950-1982 searchable index via Edmonton Public Library:
https://www2.epl.ca/Obituaries/Obituaries.cfm?_ga=2.81751248.670617808.1574811476-368300986.1574811476

Mary's Genealogy Treasures – Alberta:
<http://www.telusplanet.net/public/mtoll/alberta.htm>

Mennonite Historical Society of Alberta:
<http://mennonitehistory.org/>

South Peace Regional Archives:
<http://southpeacearchives.org/online-databases/compiled-community-book-names-index/>

AlbertaGenWeb:
<http://www.geneofun.on.ca/canadagenweb/alberta/>

Cyndi's List Alberta:
<https://www.cyndislist.com/canada/provinces/ab/>

Alberta Provincial Archives:
<https://provincialarchives.alberta.ca/how-to/search-your-genealogy>

Newsletters and Magazines

The department holds a collection of popular family history magazines such as *Internet Genealogy* and *Family Tree*. Articles within these magazines may include information specific to Canada and Canadian provinces.

Newsletters and magazines can be borrowed with a Surrey Libraries card.

Need help? Have questions? Contact us!

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