



Family History Research

Databases

[Ancestry Library](#) — International genealogy resource with the largest online Canadian family history collection. Searchable by surname and includes many digitized full records. (Available in library at Cloverdale Library only)

[Find My Past](#) — World Collection includes UK, US, Irish, Australia, New Zealand, and many smaller record sets from around the world. It includes British genealogy resources: the 1939 Register, 1911 U.K. census, British military records, English births, marriages, deaths and more. (Available in library at Cloverdale Library only and requires staff log-in)

[HeritageQuest](#) — Combines digital, searchable images of U.S. federal census records with other genealogical and historic collections. (Available in library at Cloverdale Library only)

[Points to the Past](#) — Nearly 200 million pages of digitized rare historical content, including searchable primary source material such as maps, photos, newspapers, manuscripts, pamphlets, portraits, sermons, poems, and more for research, teaching, and learning.

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Getting Started

[BBC Family History: Getting Started](#)

[The Family History Guide](#)

[Family Search: Getting started with your family history](#)

[Find People From the Past: A Genealogy Resource Guide for Kids](#)

[Genealogy and Family History](#)



[Getting Started in Genealogy & Family History: UK perspective](#)

[Rootsweb Guide](#)

[Tracing your Family Tree](#) Alberta Family Histories Society

Canada - National

[Automated Genealogy](#)

- 1851NB, 1851(1852), 1901, 1906 & 1911 digitized, surname searchable, Canadian Census Records

[CanGenealogy: web portal to Canadian genealogy resources](#)

[Canadian Obituary Links](#)

[Canadian Newspaper Collection from Library and Archives Canada](#)

[Canadian Directories Collection from Library and Archives Canada](#) A database of scanned, microfiche versions of pre-1901 Canadian directories. Contains 95 directories in the Canadian Directories Collection database, including a comprehensive collection of directories for Ottawa (spanning 1861 to 1901) and Halifax (1869 to 1901).

[Canada GenWeb](#)

[Canadian Local Histories: Our Roots / Nos Racines](#)

[Komagata Maru Journey](#) this Simon Fraser University site offers a comprehensive collection of key materials and related resources on the Komagata Maru incident, and includes personal interviews, digitized content, videos and learning modules. This is a great resource for educators, researchers, students and the general public to learn more about this historic event and its continuing impact.

[Library & Archives Canada Archives Search](#)

[Library & Archives Canada \(ArchiviaNet\)](#)

[Library & Archives Canada Genealogy and Family History](#) Many research tools such as census indexes, genealogical databases, including military, land, immigration records, atlases, reference books and finding aids.

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[Multicultural Canada Portal](#)

[United Empire Loyalist](#) Research Guide from VPL

[WW1 Canadian War Brides](#) (informational site with a link to the blog)

Provinces

Alberta

[Alberta Family History Society](#)

[Alberta Genealogical Society](#)

[Alberta Heritage Digitization Project \(AHDP\)](#)

[Alberta newspapers collection](#)

British Columbia

[Alphabetical List of Burials: Mountain View Cemetery](#) (Vancouver)

[BC Archives](#)

[BC Archives Genealogy](#) Includes vital statistics

[BC Cemetery Finding Aid](#)

[BC Genealogical Society](#)

[BC GenWeb](#)

[BC vital certificates](#)

[BC Historical Federation](#)

- [Publications](#)

[British Colonist Newspaper: 1858-1910](#)

[British Columbia City Directories from VPL: 1860-](#)

[British Columbia Historical Newspapers and obituaries from VPL](#)



[Memory BC](#) formerly the British Columbia Archival Information Network (BCAUL). Search archival collections across the province.

[Open Collections from UBC](#) Includes historical digital books, newspapers, photos, maps and more.

[The City of Surrey](#) A History by Jack Brown

[History of Surrey Public Library](#)

Manitoba

[Manitoba](#) (Manitoba History)

[Manitoba Archives](#) (includes Hudson's Bay Co. Archives)

[Manitoba Genealogical Society](#)

[Manitoba Vital Statistics](#) (Search Page)

[Search Historic Manitoba Papers](#)

New Brunswick

[New Brunswick Genealogical Society](#)

[New Brunswick Provincial Archives](#)

[New Brunswick Vital Statistics](#)

Newfoundland

[Family History Society of Newfoundland and Labrador](#)

[Newfoundland & Labrador Archives](#)

[Newfoundland & Labrador Vital Statistics](#)

[Newfoundland's Grand Banks Genealogy](#)

Nova Scotia

[Nova Scotia Archives](#)

[Nova Scotia Vital Statistics](#)



Ontario

[County Atlas Digital Project](#) (searchable by surname)

[Ontario Archives](#)

[Ontario Cemetery Finding Aid](#)

[Ontario Genealogical Society](#)

[Ontario Vital Statistics from Archives Ontario](#)

[Toronto Star Archive](#) (Name searchable, digitized images include birth, marriage and death notices, 1894 - 2006. Subscription options *very* affordable for short time periods, as little as one hour.)

Prince Edward Island

[PEI Genealogical Society](#)

[PEI Vital Statistics](#)

Québec

[BMS 2000](#) over 7 million Québec Births, Marriages and Deaths, from Nouvelle France to the 1990s. Fee based site.

[PRDH-IGD](#) – (Research Programme in Historical Demography) A University research programme, with support from the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada, the Quebec government's Department of Education, and the Université de Montréal, undertook the reconstruction of the population of Quebec from the beginnings of French colonization in the seventeenth century. This objective is now in the form of a *computerized population register*, composed of biographical files on all individuals of European ancestry who lived in the St. Lawrence Valley. The file for each individual gives the date and place of birth, marriage(s), and death, as well as family and conjugal ties with other individuals.

[Québec Archives](#)

[Québec Family History Society](#)

[Québec Vital Statistics](#)

[Montreal & District Directories 1842-1999](#)

Saskatchewan

[Regina Public Library: Prairie History Collection](#)

[Saskatchewan Archives](#)

[Saskatchewan Genealogical Society](#)

[Saskatchewan Genealogy Vital Statistics](#)

First Nations

[Aboriginal Heritage from Library & Archives Canada](#)

[BC First Nations Directory](#): alphabetical list of each nation, with contact telephone numbers, location of reserves and number of band members

[Indigenous & Northern Affairs Canada: Information on obtaining status](#)

[UBC First Nations House of Learning: Xwi7xwa Library](#)

[Union of BC Indian Chiefs](#): Digital Collections and Agency Testimonies from the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia, 1913-1916.

USA: [Native American Genealogy: Reconnecting With Your American Indian Heritage](#)

Métis

[Fraser Valley Métis Association](#)

[Fraser Valley Métis Nation](#)

- [Powley test to define Métis rights](#)

[Library & Archives Canada Métis](#)

[Métis Nation](#)

Chinese Canadian

[Library and Archives Canada: Chinese](#)



[Vancouver Public Library's Chinese-Canadian Genealogy](#)

International

[Cyndi's List](#): International Web Portal

[FamilySearch](#): one of the world's largest, free online resources from the Latter Day Saints (Free online account needed)

[Genealogy Links](#)

[Immigrant Ancestors Project](#) – database of information from international immigration registers

[Obit Finder - Canada and the USA](#)

Australia

[Australian Gateway Site for Tracing Family History](#)

[NSW Family History](#)

United Kingdom including Northern Ireland, and the Republic of Ireland

[GENUKI](#)

[Leitrim-Roscommon Genealogy](#)

[National Archives of Ireland](#)

- [1911 Irish Census](#) (includes digital images)

[National Archives of Scotland](#)

[PRONI: Public Record Office of Northern Ireland](#)

[Scotland's People](#)

[Scotland Places](#) — Search across three national databases to access historical resources relating to places throughout Scotland.

[Scottish Emigration Database](#)

[UK National Archives](#)



United States

[US GenWeb Project](#)

[US National Archives – Genealogy](#)

US Passenger Lists

- [Castle Garden 1830-1892](#)
 - [Ellis Island 1892-1924](#)
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Connecting with Others Online

Find Descendants and Fellow Researchers - Share Information

[Genealogy.com Community](#)

[Rootsweb Sharing](#)

DNA Testing for Genealogy

[DDC: AncestrybyDNA](#)

[Family Tree DNA](#)

[GEDmatch](#)

[International Society for Genetic Genealogy](#)

Adoption

[Forget Me Not Family Society](#)

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