

# A Guide to Researching Genealogy At the Cloverdale Library

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# Saskatchewan



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This guide is intended to familiarize you with the Saskatchewan 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, BC.

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

## Databases

A large part of family history research involves searching within databases. The Family History department has several databases for you to use at the library. The main databases we will refer to are the following:

- *Ancestry Library Edition*: International genealogy 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 Saskatchewan can be found by following these steps:
  - Click TWICE on the Search Tab
  - Under “explore by location” select Saskatchewan
- *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. The majority 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. Large Canadian content. 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, where they were born and where they live, what they did for a living, their religion, and much more.

### ONLINE

When searching, remember that Saskatchewan joined Confederation in 1905; prior to that it was part of the Northwest Territories. The first Canadian census covering the area that is now Saskatchewan 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](http://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; some earlier censuses are only available on microfilm.)
- Prairie Census 1906, 1916, 1926  
These census records are mostly available online. They 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:

Our Family History department has a collection of census indexes filed on the shelves adjacent to the census finding aids for the 1881, 1891 and 1901 censuses, including Saskatchewan/Northwest Territories. You can find a list of these indexes in our Family History department by doing a general keyword search of the library catalogue using the words "provincial CENSUS." Some examples:

Alberta Genealogical Society, 2002. *Index to the 1901 Census: District of Saskatchewan.*

Library call number GEN 929.371242 IND 2002

Kalmakoff, Jonathan J. Regina, SK: J. Kalmakoff, 2002. *1918 Census of Independent Doukhobors: Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta & British Columbia.*

Library call number: GEN CIN 929.3712 KAL 2002 (Filed with other census indexes next to the census finding aids)

Saskatchewan Genealogical Society, 1992. *Index to the 1891 Census: District of Saskatchewan.*

Library call number: GEN 929.371242 IND

Saskatchewan Genealogical Society, 1988. *Index to the 1891 Census: Assiniboia West.*

Library call number GEN 929.71243 IND

### **MICROFILM**

Our Family History department has some items in print which can help you identify the correct microfilm for your ancestor. When using microfilms for census searching, 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 Saskatchewan began in 1878 for marriages and in 1888 for births and deaths, although few records exist prior to 1895. Privacy laws restrict public access to these records, as follows:

Births released:	after 100 years
Marriages released:	after 75 years
Deaths released:	after 70 years

Immediate family may bypass privacy restrictions by applying for a copy of a birth, marriage or death registration directly to the Information Services Corp. of Saskatchewan, Vital Statistics Registry at:

<https://www.ehealthsask.ca/Pages/default.aspx>

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

### **Searchable databases:**

[http://genealogy.ehealthsask.ca/vsgs\\_srch.aspx](http://genealogy.ehealthsask.ca/vsgs_srch.aspx)

- Search by name for births of more than 100 years ago and deaths prior to 1917. Death records will be updated as they become available.
- Marriage records will be made available after the death records have been completed.

### **ONLINE**

The Saskatchewan Genealogical Society offers a searchable database of name changes printed in the Saskatchewan Gazette from 1917 to 1950:

<http://www.saskgenealogy.com/databases/Gazette/Gazette.htm>

## PRINT

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

Hanowski, Laura & J. Marley, eds. Regina: Saskatchewan Genealogical Society, 1990. *Births, deaths, marriages from Regina newspapers*.  
Library call number: GEN 929.37124 BIR

Hande, D'Arcy. 1993. *Changes of Name: The Saskatchewan Gazette, 1917 to 1950*.  
Library call number: GEN 929.37124 HAN 1993

Saskatchewan Genealogical Society. *Births, Deaths, Marriages from Regina Newspapers*.  
Library call number: GEN 929.37124 BIR

## 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. To access, 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>

## Church Records

As with vital statistics records, churches may limit access to their parish registers on the basis of an individual's privacy. Go to Saskatchewan Archives website: <http://www.saskarchives.com/using-archives/family-history-research/church-records> for contact information for church archives and general information about locating church records.

Ancestry Library Edition and FamilySearch.org also have a collection of church records.

### PRINT

The Family History department has a few print materials pertaining to Saskatchewan church records, such as:

Morin, Gail. 1998. *Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials of St. Ignace Parish, Willow Bunch, Saskatchewan, 1881-1910*.  
Library call number - 929.37124 MOR 1998

Ontario Genealogical Society. *Wesleyan Methodist Baptismal Register: out of Ontario, 1826 - 1909, a transcription*. [includes Saskatchewan records]  
Library call number - 929.3714 WES

### 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 5-88.

## Cemetery Records

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

### ONLINE

City of Saskatoon: Woodlawn Cemetery.

<http://www.saskatoon.ca/DEPARTMENTS/Infrastructure%20Services/Parks/Woodlawn%20Cemetery/Alphabetical%20Listings/Pages/Alphabetical%20Listings.aspx>

Saskatchewan Cemeteries Project on RootsWeb:

<http://sites.rootsweb.com/~cansacem//>

Mary's Genealogy Treasures. [www.telusplanet.net/public/mtoll/sask.htm](http://www.telusplanet.net/public/mtoll/sask.htm)

Saskatchewan Genealogy Society

<http://www.saskgenealogy.com/index.php/cemeteries-in-saskatchewan/>

- Searchable list of cemeteries and dates of burials at each cemetery
- Contact SGS for individual burials

Saskatchewan Mennonite Cemetery Finding Aid.

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~skmhss/>

*Canadian Headstones Project*

<https://canadianheadstones.ca/wp/>

*Find a Grave:*

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

Ancestry Library Edition and FamilySearch.org also have a collection of cemetery/gravestone records, and there are several fee-based sites available on the internet as well. It is also useful to contact the genealogy society in your location of interest for their holdings.

*CanadaGenWeb's Cemetery project:*

<https://cemetery.canadagenweb.org/>

*Canadian Genealogy* Select your province of interest from this page:

<http://www.canadiangenealogy.net/index.htm>

## Directories

### ONLINE

Peel's Prairies Provinces provides an online resource for a number of Saskatchewan directories: <http://peel.library.ualberta.ca/henderson.html>.

Another source is Saskatchewan History Online:

<http://saskhistoryonline.ca/islandora/search/directories?type=dismax>

Canadiana.ca provides a digitized microfilm for 1888 of the District of Saskatchewan (NWT) at this link:

<https://www.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.30644/1?r=0&s=1>

Ancestry Library Edition and FamilySearch.org also have a collection of historical directories.

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>

It is also useful to contact the public libraries and/or archives in your location of interest for their historical directories holdings.

#### **PRINT**

*Wrigley's Saskatchewan Directory*. Vancouver: Wrigley Directory, 1921/22.  
Library call number - GEN 917.124 WRI

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**

Library & Archives Canada <https://library-archives.canada.ca/eng/collection/research-help/pages/newspaper-collection.aspx> (Under Filter options: Region select Saskatchewan)

List of newspapers available on microfilm for Saskatchewan. Once the name/date of a newspaper is determined, try Canadiana.ca <https://www.canadiana.ca/collection-serials> to see if the microfilm has already been digitized.

Saskatchewan Historic Newspapers Online / University of Saskatchewan  
<http://pasnewspapers.usask.ca/>

Provincial Archives of Saskatchewan  
<http://pasnewspapers.usask.ca/>

*Ancestor Hunt* newspapers links:  
<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/newspaper-research-links.html>

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

Ancestry Library Edition and FamilySearch.org also have a collection of historical newspapers.

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>

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



It is also useful to contact the public libraries and/or archives in your location of interest for their historical newspaper holdings.

## PRINT

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. Please ask a staff member for assistance. An example:

Saskatchewan Archives Board. 1984. *Historical Directory of Saskatchewan Newspapers, 1878 - 1983*.  
Library call number - 071.124 MAC 1984

## Wills and Estate Records

Saskatchewan's jurisdiction began with Confederation in 1906. Probate records created before 1958 are in the Surrogate Court nearest to the residence of the deceased: <http://www.sasklawcourts.ca/index.php/home/court-of-queen-s-bench/wills-and-estates>. The earliest records for Saskatchewan are 1883. Since 1958, wills can be probated at any one of the judicial centres in the province. Probated wills are also filed with the Surrogate Registrar at the Regina Court House:

### Registrar of Courts

Wills and Estates Registry  
Local Registrar's Office  
Court House  
2425 Victoria Avenue  
Regina, SK S4P 4W6  
Phone: (306) 787-5223  
Fax: (306) 787-7217

## ONLINE

More information can be found here from the Court Registry  
<https://sasklawcourts.ca/index.php/home/court-of-queen-s-bench/wills-and-estates>

FamilySearch.org provides several digitized data collections:

Probate Estate files from 1887-1931. Searchable index.  
Judicial District Court Records 1891-1954. Browse only  
[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

## Passenger & Immigration Lists

### 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.

### **MICROFILM**

Microfilms for all Canadian incoming passenger lists are available at the library. The films are organized by port of arrival and date. If neither of these is known, you can search the Canadian passenger list records or Canadian census records on Ancestry. Census records often include the year a person arrived in Canada. For details on the microfilms, see section 3-10 of the library's guide: *Canadian Family History Resources: A Guide to the Materials Held at Cloverdale Library*. For an online version of the Guide go to: [www.surreylibraries.ca](http://www.surreylibraries.ca) and follow the links to Services >Family History > Canadian Family History Resources.

### **PRINT**

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.

Anderson, Alan B. 2013. *Settling Saskatchewan*. Regina: University of Regina Press.  
Library call number – GEN 971.24 AND 2013.

Kovacs, Martin Louis. 1974. *Esterhazy and Early Hungarian Immigration to Canada*. Regina: Canadian Plains Research Centre, University of Regina.  
Library call number – GEN 971.24 KOV 1974

Lapshinoff, Steve & Kalmakof, Jonathan. 2001. *Doukhobor Ship Passenger Lists, 1898-1928*. Crescent Valley, BC: S. Lapshinoff, 2001.  
Library call number - GEN 929.3088289 LAP 2001

## **Border Entry Records**

### **ONLINE**

Ancestry Library Edition includes *Border Crossings: From U.S. to Canada, 1908-1935* that covers border entries into Saskatchewan 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 records: from 1919 to 1924. During this time, the federal government required that 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: A Guide to the Materials Held at the Cloverdale Library*.

## 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 of the Information Services Corp. of Saskatchewan (ISC). The land titles registry is a chronological filing of documents relating to a piece of land and therefore the documents for that piece of land are not necessarily filed together. See the ISC website for access to digitized documents: (you must create an account first)

<https://www.isc.ca/LandTitles/FindTitle/Pages/default.aspx>

Homestead Records: Search the Saskatchewan Homestead Index (1872-1930) by name or by land location: [www.saskhomesteads.com/](http://www.saskhomesteads.com/) Includes those who bought or sold North West Métis or South African scrip or received soldier grants after World War One. Microfilm copies of the files are held at the Regina office of the Saskatchewan Archives Board:

<https://www.saskarchives.com/collections/land-records>

Examples of the forms that you might find in a homestead file are shown at:

[www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~skwheat/homestead/homestead-forms.html](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~skwheat/homestead/homestead-forms.html)

**Glenbow Museum:** <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.
- If you find a microfilm reel number, go to <http://heritage.canadiana.ca/?usrlang=en> and type in the reel number.

## Place Names

### ONLINE

Saskatchewan GenWeb for place names

<http://sites.rootsweb.com/~cansk/Saskatchewan/Saskatchewan.html>

### PRINT

Saskatchewan=Repertoire géographique du Canada: Saskatchewan. 1998.

*Gazetteer of Canada: Saskatchewan.*

Library call number - GEN 917.124 GAZ 1998

University of Regina – Canadian Plains Research Centre. 1997. *People Places: Saskatchewan and its names.*

## Atlases & Maps

### ONLINE

Saskatchewan Wheat Pool Maps: 1924-1984

[www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~skwheat/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~skwheat/)

David Rumsey Map Collection (search for “Saskatchewan”)

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

### PRINT

Our Family History department has a large collection of historical atlases and maps which are filed on the map stand in the Family History Department. 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 Saskatchewan genealogy. Many types of records exist including contracts, personal accounts, pension records, estate records and census information on some Indigenous 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

### PRINT

The Family History department has several resources relating to Hudson’s Bay Company records in its print collection. Some examples:

Hudson’s Bay Company. 1942. *Minutes of the Hudson’s Bay Company, 1671 – 1674*. Toronto. Champlain Society.

Library call number: GEN 971.2 HUD 1942

Simmons, Deirdre. *Keepers of the Record: The History of the Hudson’s Bay Company Archives*.

Library call number: GEN 971.201 SIM 2007

Morin, Gail. *Company Men*.

[A series of over 20 volumes of genealogies of men who worked for the Hudson’s Bay Company.]

Library call number: GEN 929.37127 MOR 2017

## Biographical Resources

### ONLINE

*Canadian Who's Who*

<https://canadianwhoswho.ca/>

### PRINT

Search the library catalogue under the subject: Saskatchewan – BIOGRAPHY for a list of books. Check the indexes for the surnames of people you are looking for. Some of the books in the collection are:

*Dictionary of Canadian Biography*. 1966. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.  
Library call number - GEN 920 DIC

Ears History Committee. 1979. *Prairie Profiles*. Ears, Saskatchewan.  
Library call number – GEN 971.243 PRA 1979

Millar, Ruth. 2004. *Heroes and Rogues*. Regina: Coteau Books.  
Library call number – GEN 920.07124 MIL 2004

## Local Histories

### ONLINE

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

- Search by place name for access to digital books

*University of Calgary Library and Cultural Resources Digital Collection*

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

### PRINT

The library has local histories for many towns in Saskatchewan. To see if the library has a history of a town or area, look in the library catalogue using “Subject browse” and terms: Saskatchewan – History. For example, a search using the terms: Schools – Saskatchewan – History calls up the following book:

Snider, Doreen. 1980. *Called to a Place: the story of Guernsey and surrounding school districts*. Guernsey, SK: Celebrate Saskatchewan 1980 Committee.  
Library call number – GEN 971.242 SNI 1980

Other examples:

Prairie Rose Historical Society. 1992. *Prairie Rose Memories: R.M. of Prairie Rose #309, Including the Villages of Jansen and Esk*. Jansen, SK, Prairie Rose Historical Society.  
Library call number – GEN 971.242 PRA 1992

MacDowell History Book Committee. 1986. *Communities of Courage and Cordwood: Deer Park, Donnybrook, Gerrond, MacDowell, Red Deer Hill, Sunbeam Valley*. MacDowell SK, MacDowell History Book Committee.  
Library call number – GEN 971.242 COM 1986

## Indigenous Peoples

*Please refer also to our separate Indigenous/Métis genealogy research guide for more detailed information on 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” are often noted on the census, as well as household members, place of birth and birthdates. Determining the geographical location could also lead you to a band name.

Our Family History department owns microfilm number T-6554 covering the 1901 Native census returns for several provinces, including Saskatchewan. The Indian Agencies enumerated on this microfilm include: Touchwood Agency (Wishart, Fishing Lake, Nut Lake); Moose Mountain Agency (Percy, Carlisle); Crooked Lake Agency (Broadview).

See page 7-1 of *Canadian Family History Resources: A Guide to the Materials Held at Cloverdale Library* for more information on how to search census records for First Nations information.

### **ONLINE**

Indian Tribes of Saskatchewan [www.nanations.com/canada/saka.htm](http://www.nanations.com/canada/saka.htm)

Native American Tribes of Saskatchewan [www.native-languages.org/saskatchewan.htm](http://www.native-languages.org/saskatchewan.htm)

Saskatchewan Indigenous Cultural Centre [www.sicc.sk.ca/](http://www.sicc.sk.ca/)

### **PRINT**

Search the library catalogue under subject: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES – PRAIRIE PROVINCES or INDIGENOUS PEOPLES -SASKATCHEWAN. Following are examples of books you will find in our collection:

Ward, Donald B. 1995. *The People: A Historical Guide to the First Nations of Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba*. Saskatoon, SK, Fifth House.  
Library call number – GEN 971.200497 WAR 1995

Walser, W.A. *A World we have lost*. 2016. Markham, Ontario: Fifth House  
Library call number – GEN 971.2401 WAI 2016

Thornton, Mildred V. 2000. *Buffalo People: Portraits of a Vanishing Nation*. Delta, BC, Hancock House.  
Library call number – GEN 971.200497 THO 2000

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: GEN 929.37127 MOR 2017

## Métis Land Records

### Métis or Half-Breed Scrip: Land Records, 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-race people and original white settlers, for property released from the Hudson's Bay Company's jurisdiction in the West.

The Department of the Interior records (RG-15) offers considerable family history information. Notably women can be searched by maiden name as extensive cross-referencing is provided. See the Métis Land Claims in section 7 of the library's *Canadian Family History Resources: A Guide to the Materials Held at Cloverdale Library*.

### ONLINE

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

- Information about Métis genealogical resources.

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.

Saskatchewan Archives –Métis and First nation resources

<http://www.saskarchives.com/using-archives/family-history-research/first-nations-and-metis-records>

### MICROFILM

Section 7 of the library's *Canadian Family History Resources: A Guide to the Materials Held at Cloverdale Library* describes the microfilms that we have at Cloverdale branch for Métis scrip records. Ask the information staff for assistance.

### PRINT

Listed below are examples of the books you can find by doing a subject search of the library's catalogue using the terms: METIS – GENEALOGY:

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: GEN 929.37127 MOR 2017

Roberts, John. 2008. *Discover your Métis Ancestry: a beginner's guide*. Toronto: Ontario Genealogical Society.  
Library call number – GEN 929.108997071 ROB 2008

Morin, Gail. 1997. *Northwest Half-Breed Script- 1885*. Pawtucket, R.I.: Quintin Publications.

Library call number – GEN 929.37127 MOR 1997

Morin, Gail. 2001. *Métis Families: A Genealogical Compendium*. (6 vols) Pawtucket, R.I.: Quinton Publications..

Library call number – GEN 929.37127 MOR 2001

## Military Records

### ONLINE

*Ancestry* and *FamilySearch.org* include searchable military records in their databases.

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

Books of Remembrance search page

<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

<http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/military-heritage/pages/military-heritage.aspx>

Commonwealth War Graves Commission: A site that honours the 1.7 million men and women of the Commonwealth forces who died in the First and Second World Wars,

<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/>

### MICROFILM

See Section 9 of the library's *Canadian Family History Resources: A Guide to the Materials Held at Cloverdale Library* which describes Canadian military records on microfilm available at the library.

### PRINT

For an alphabetical listing of Canadian participants in the South African War or Boer War, check the library shelves for this book:

British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa. 1999. *Index to Canadian Service Records of the South African War (1899-1902) held at the*



*National Archives of Canada.* Ottawa: British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa.  
Library call number GEN 929.371 IND 1999

Another example:

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

## Other Resources

### General Register of Chinese Immigration

#### Online

The UBC department of History recently indexed the General Register of Chinese Immigration. The following database at Library and Archives Canada includes this Register, as well as other Chinese Immigration records: <http://tinyurl.com/oo67sj>

#### Microfilm

Between 1887-1923 Chinese people wishing to immigrate were required to pay a \$500.00 tax. The records of these payments provide a wealth of information about the immigrants. The microfilmed records are organized by the date immigration certificates were issued. To view these microfilms, consult section 3-52 to 3-54 of the library's guide: *Canadian Family History Resources: A Guide to the Materials Held at Cloverdale Library*

### Other online resources

Doukhobor Genealogy Links <http://www.doukhobor.org/links.html>

Genealogy Links: Saskatchewan [www.genealogylinks.net/canada/saskatchewan](http://www.genealogylinks.net/canada/saskatchewan)

Saskatchewan Archives Boar: <http://www.saskarchives.com>

Saskatchewan Genealogical Society <http://www.saskgenealogy.com/>

Saskatchewan Genealogy Network

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/805637286215465/>

Saskatchewan Genealogy: <https://m.facebook.com/groups/107074456308967/>

Ukraine Genealogy: [www.infoukes.com/genealogy](http://www.infoukes.com/genealogy)

Saskatchewan GenWeb

<http://sites.rootsweb.com/~cansk/Saskatchewan/historical-saskatchewan.html>

Saskatchewan Residents Index 1800-2012 (also available on Ancestry)

<http://saskgenealogy.com/databases/sri/>

### 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.

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