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Points to the Past — Nearly 200 million pages of digitized rare historical content, including searchable primary source material such as maps, photos, newspapers, manuscripts, pamphlets, portraits, sermons, poems, and more for research,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

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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

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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