

# A Guide to Researching Genealogy At the Cloverdale Library

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# Manitoba



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This guide is intended to familiarize you with the Manitoba 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](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 Manitoba can be found by following these steps:
  - Click TWICE on the Search Tab
  - Under "explore by location" select Manitoba
- *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 lived, what they did for a living, their religion, and much more.

### ONLINE

When searching, remember that Manitoba joined Confederation in 1870; prior to that it was part of the Northwest Territories. The first Canadian census covering the area that is now Manitoba was taken in 1870. Census returns for the Red River area were taken in 1831, 1835, 1833, 1846, and 1856.

Below is a list of websites where you can find Canadian Census records.

- *FamilySearch.org*: [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:

If you prefer to view Census Records in print, rather than online or on microfilm, our 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". Some examples:

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

Library call number: 929.3712 KAL 2002 [Filed with other census indexes next to the census finding aids]

Morin, Gail. *Censuses of the Red River Settlement: an index to the censuses for the years 1827, 1828, 1829, 1830, 1831, 1833, 1835, 1838, 1840 & 1843.*

Library call number: 929.37127 MOR 1998

Jonasson, Erik (ed.) *Surname Index to the 1870 census of Manitoba and Red River.*

Library call number: 929.37127 JON 1981

## **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 Manitoba began in 1882 for all vital records. There are some incomplete church records available for years earlier than 1882. Privacy laws restrict public access to these records, as follows:

|                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Births released:    | after 100 years |
| Marriages released: | after 80 years  |
| Deaths released:    | after 70 years  |

Remember to request a photocopy of the *registration* document as this carries the most information. You can search the database and request copies through this link: *Manitoba Vital Statistics* <http://vitalstats.gov.mb.ca//Query.php>.

Fees are \$12 per copy.

## **PRINT**

The Family History department has a small collection of resources for Manitoba vital records in its print collection: Some examples:

Stokes, Kathleen Rooke. *An Index of Birth, Marriage and Death Notices from Manitoba Newspapers.*

Library call number: 929.37127 IND

Southworth, Kelly. *Fast Facts for Finding Family from Manitoba.*

Library call number: 929.37127 FAS 2007

## **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

Please be aware that churches may limit access to their parish registers based on an individual's privacy. Check the following websites for information and links on church records in Manitoba:

*Canadian Genealogy:*

[http://www.canadiangenealogy.net/manitoba/manitoba\\_church\\_records.htm](http://www.canadiangenealogy.net/manitoba/manitoba_church_records.htm)

*Family Search.org: Manitoba Church records:*

[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Manitoba\\_Church\\_Records](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Manitoba_Church_Records)

### PRINT

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

Ontario Genealogical Society. *Wesleyan Methodist Baptismal Register 1826-1909: a transcription.* [includes Manitoba records]  
Library call number: 929.3714 WES 2004

### MICROFILM

The Family History department has parish records for Manitoba on microfilm and microfiche which are described in section 5 of the *Canadian Family History Resources*. These include Wesleyan Methodist Baptismal registers as well as Catholic and Anglican registers for various communities, including the Red River Settlement, White Mud River, Winnipeg and Portage La Prairie.

## Cemetery Records

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

### ONLINE

*Directory of Cemeteries: Manitoba:*

<http://www.daddezio.com/cemetery/junction.ca/CJ-MB-NDX.html>

*Known graves of holders of the Victoria Cross in Manitoba:*

<http://www.stewart.prestel.co.uk/ggcanada.htm#Manitoba>

*Manitoba Cemetery Listings:* <http://www.westmanitoba.com/cemetery/>

*St. Francis Xavier, Manitoba: Burials 1834-1865:*

[www.genealogysearch.org/canada/stfxman/en.html](http://www.genealogysearch.org/canada/stfxman/en.html)

*Find a Grave*

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

*Canadian Headstones project*

<https://canadianheadstones.com/index.html>

CanadaGenWeb's Cemetery project:  
<https://cemetery.canadagenweb.org/>

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

#### **PRINT**

The Family History department has a printed resource for Manitoba cemeteries in its collection:

Stokes, Kathleen Rooke. *Carved in Stone: Manitoba Cemeteries and Burial Sites*.  
Library call number: 929.5 CAR

## City Directories

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

#### **ONLINE**

There are a number of online resources for searching Manitoba city directories, each with a different selection. Some of these are also for the province, as opposed to cities.

*Ancestry Library Edition* – Available at all Surrey Libraries branches

Peel's Prairie Provinces – <http://peel.library.ualberta.ca/henderson.html>

*The Ancestor Hunt* - <https://theancestorhunt.com/blog/free-online-manitoba-city-directories/>

*FindMyPast* – Available at Surrey Libraries Cloverdale branch

*FamilySearch* – [www.FamilySearch.org](http://www.FamilySearch.org)

*Canadiana* – [www.canadian.ca](http://www.canadian.ca) – for links to Manitoba directories on Canadiana, see CanGenealogy here: <https://www.cangenealogy.com/manitoba-directories.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>

#### **PRINT**

The Family History department has an excellent historical directory that includes Manitoba:

Elliott, Noel M (ed.) *The Central Canadians, 1600-1900; an alphabetized directory of people, places and vital dates*.  
Library call number: 929.3713 Cen (3 vols)

## Newspapers

#### **ONLINE**

Both Ancestry and FamilySearch.org have searchable collections of historical newspapers for all provinces.

Library & Archives Canada: <https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/newspapers/newspaper-collection/Pages/canadian-newspapers-geographical-manitoba.aspx>

List of newspapers available on microfilm.

Manitoba Life & Times: Newspapers: [https://digitalcollections.lib.umanitoba.ca/islandora/object/uofm%3Amanitoba\\_newspapers](https://digitalcollections.lib.umanitoba.ca/islandora/object/uofm%3Amanitoba_newspapers)

Online Newspapers: <http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/canadama.htm>

World Newspapers: Manitoba: <http://www.world-newspapers.com/manitoba.html>  
(mostly access to current issues)

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>

Library and Archives Canada provides a geographical list 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: Region, select Manitoba)

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](http://www.Newspapers.com). It 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>

Other good resources for finding digitized copies of historical newspapers would be found by contacting the local public library, archive, or genealogy association closest to the area of interest. Please ask a staff member if assistance is needed.

## **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.

The Family History department also has a small collection of historical newspaper resources for Manitoba in its print collection. Some examples:

Stokes, Kathleen Rooke. *An Index of Birth, Marriage and Death Notices from Manitoba Newspapers*.  
Library call number: 929.37127 IND



Loveridge, Donald Merwin. *Historical Directory of Manitoba Newspapers, 1859-1978.*

Library call number: 071.127 LOV 1981

## Wills and Estate Records

Wills and estate records are a provincial responsibility. In Manitoba, estate files are transferred to the Archives of Manitoba after 20 years from rural courts and after 60 years from the Winnipeg court. Records that have not been transferred to the Archives are available at the appropriate court office. See Archives of Manitoba website for more information on probate records:

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/archives/estate/index.html>

### ONLINE

*Archives of Manitoba: Manitoba Estate File Index 1870-1984*

[https://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/archives/estate/estate\\_file\\_index.html](https://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/archives/estate/estate_file_index.html)

*Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench*

<http://www.manitobacourts.mb.ca/court-of-queens-bench/location-and-contact-info/>

## 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*

- "Canadian Passenger Lists: 1865-1935" - searchable by name, port, ship, arrival/departure dates, with digital images of records (this includes records for the ports of Victoria, and Vancouver).
- "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.

### PRINT

There are also numerous books of passenger list arrivals (that may not have been captured, or incorrectly indexed in the online resources) 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 in our Family History department. 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](http://www.surreylibraries.ca) and follow the links to Services >Family History > Canadian Family History Resources.

## Naturalization Records

### ONLINE

Library and Archives Canada hold the following:

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

These are available here:

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

### 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 Manitoba at various locations along the US border. Ancestry also has “Border Crossings from Canada to the U.S., 1895-1960.”

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 of entry. 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 from the Hudson’s Bay Company 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 letters patent issued for these lands which are indexed in the Western Land Grants database at *Library & Archives Canada*: <http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/land/land-grants-western-canada-1870-1930/Pages/land-grants-western-canada.aspx>

The actual homestead applications and files relating to the grants were transferred to the Archives of Manitoba. Microfilms may be ordered through inter-library loan: [http://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/archives/microfilm/recs\\_gov.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/archives/microfilm/recs_gov.html) These records are found within the Department of Natural Resources.

Subsequent transfers of title are recorded in the district Land Titles Offices:  
<http://www.tprmb.ca/tpr/>

Letters patent: Letters Patent grant or confirm title to a portion of land.

*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.

## PRINT

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.]

## MICROFILM

Manitoba Land Index 1870-1930 is available on microfiche. See section 6-16 of the *Canadian Family History Resources*. The fiche is organized by surname or corporate name and is an index of administrative records related to Dominion lands that were made available for settlement through homestead entry. Since records from this index are also duplicated in Library and Archives Canada's Western Land Grants database, search there first:

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

If you find an entry on the microfiche index, but *not* in the online database, copy the information from the fiche and contact the Archives of Manitoba:

Archives of Manitoba  
130-200 Vaughan Street  
Winnipeg, MB R3C 1T5

E-mail: [archives@gov.mb.ca](mailto:archives@gov.mb.ca)

[http://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/archives/family\\_history/index.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/archives/family_history/index.html)

## Place Names

### ONLINE

*Geographical Names of Manitoba:*

[https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/pubs/forest\\_lands/cdgnm.pdf](https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/pubs/forest_lands/cdgnm.pdf)

*Index to Cities and towns of Manitoba;*

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/mit/map/alpha.html>

### PRINT

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. Another helpful print resource in our collection is:

Ham, Penny. *Place Names of Manitoba*. (Saskatoon, Sask. Western Producer Prairie Books. 1980.)

## Atlases & Maps

### ONLINE

Manitoba Historical Maps Photostream on Flickr:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/manitobamaps/with/4746015383/>

*The David Rumsey Map Collection* has a large collection of digitized historical maps. Type "Manitoba" into the search box at the top right, then you can refine your results using the "Refine" menu on the left of your results page:

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

Old Maps Online: <https://www.oldmapsonline.org/>.

University of Calgary Digital Collections:

[https://library.ucalgary.ca/digital?group\\_id=14797](https://library.ucalgary.ca/digital?group_id=14797) (type "Manitoba maps" into the search bar)

### PRINT

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. A good resource here:

Ruggles, Richard I., and John Warkentin, (eds). *Manitoba Historical Atlas: A Selection of Facsimile Maps, Plans and Sketches from 1612 to 1969*.  
Library call number: 911.7127 MAN 1970

## 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 Manitoba family history. Many types of records exist including contracts, personal accounts, pension records, estate records and census information on Indigenous peoples.

### ONLINE

The Archives of Manitoba holds the Hudson's Bay Company Archives collection.

For more information about their collection and the research tools available, please visit this link: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/archives/hbca/index.html>

### PRINT

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

Simmons, Deirdre. *Keepers of the Record: The History of the Hudson's Bay Company Archives*.  
Library call number: 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: 929.37127 MOR 2017

Oliver, Prof. E.H. (ed.) *The Canadian North-west, Its Early Development and Legislative Records: Minutes of the Councils of the Red River Colony and the Northern Development of Rupert's Land*

Library call number 971.2 CAN

## **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.

## **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 Resource

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

## **PRINT**

Our Family History department has many local histories for towns in Manitoba. To see if the library has a history of a particular town or area, look in the library catalogue using "Subject browse" and terms: Manitoba – History. Some examples:

Garland, Aileen. *Trails and Crossroads to Killarney: A Story of Pioneer Days in the Killarney and Turtle Mountain District.*

Library call number: 971.27 GAR 1967

Neepawa History Book Committee. *Heritage: A History of the Town of Neepawa and District as Told and Recorded by its People*

Library call number: 971.272 HER 1983

Foxwarren and District History Book Committee. *The Fox's Tale. The history of Foxwarren and the consolidated school district #525.*

Library call number: 971.273 Fox 1989

## 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.

Cloverdale Library owns microfilm number T-6554 covering the 1901 Native census returns for a number of provinces, including Manitoba. The Berens River Indian Agency is enumerated on this microfilm.

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 Indigenous Peoples information.

### ONLINE

Native American Tribes of Manitoba

<http://www.native-languages.org/manitoba.htm>

Indian Tribes of Manitoba

<http://www.nanations.com/canada/manitoba.htm>

Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada

<https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100020394/1100100020398>

Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre Inc.

<https://mfnerc.org/>

### PRINT

Below are some examples of books in our collection that pertain to indigenous people in Manitoba:

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

Sprague, D.N. *The Genealogy of the First Metis Nation: the development and dispersal of the Red River Settlement, 1820–1900*. (Winnipeg, 1983).  
Library call number 971.37127 SPR 1983

Titley, E. Brian. *The Indian Commissioners: agents of the state and Indian policy in Canada's Prairie West, 1873 – 1932*. (Edmonton, 2009).  
Library call number 971.2020922 TIT 2009

## Métis Land Records

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-race people and original white settlers, for property released from the Hudson's Bay Company's jurisdiction in the West.

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*.

### ONLINE

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

- Information about Métis genealogical resources - inquire.

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.

Manitoba Métis Federation <http://www.mmf.mb.ca>

### PRINT

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

Roberts, John. *Discover your Métis Ancestry: a beginner's guide*.  
Library call number: 929.108997071 ROB 2008

Morin, Gail. *Northwest Half-Breed Script- 1885*.  
Library call number: 929.37127 MOR 1997

Morin, Gail. *Métis Families: A Genealogical Compendium. (6 vols)*  
Library call number: 929.37127 MOR 2001

Gagne, Peter. *French-Canadians of the West: A Biographical Dictionary of French Canadians and French Métis of the Western United States and Canada*  
Library call number: 929.37127 GAG 2000

Sprague, D.N. & R.P. Frye (eds). *The Genealogy of the first Métis nation: The*

*Development and Dispersal of the Red River settlement 1820-1900.*  
Library call number: 929.37127 SPR 1983

Morin, Gail. *Company Men.*

[A series of over 20 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

## **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 for Métis scrip records. Ask the information staff for assistance.

## **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*

<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>

*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/>

Library and Archives Canada has digitized a collection of World War 1 microfilms pertaining specifically to indigenous soldiers. While these digitized microfilms are not searchable by name, they are viewable and browsable from this link:

<https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/military-heritage/first-world-war/Pages/introduction.aspx#h>

### **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

Cox, Kenneth. *A Call to the Colours: Tracing Your Canadian Military Ancestors*.  
Library call number: 929.1072071 COX 2011

## **MICROFILM**

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

## **Other Resources**

### **GENERAL ONLINE RESOURCES**

City of Winnipeg Archives

<https://www.winnipeg.ca/clerks/toc/archives.stm>

Doukhobor Genealogy Links

<http://www.doukhobor.org/links.html>

Manitoba Genealogical Society

<http://mbgenealogy.com/>

Genealogy links; Manitoba

<http://www.genealogylinks.net/canada/manitoba/index.html>

Cyndi’s List Manitoba

<https://www.cyndislist.com/canada/provinces/mb/>

Manitoba Gen Web

<http://www.geneofun.on.ca/canadagenweb/manitoba/index.html>

Archives of Manitoba

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/archives/>

Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness – Manitoba

<https://raogk.org/lookups/region/manitoba/>

Mary’s Genealogy Treasures Manitoba

<http://www.telusplanet.net/public/mtoll/manitoba.htm>

Ukraine Genealogy

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

Western Manitoba Genealogy Project

<http://www.westmanitoba.com>

*Manitoba Archives Researchers for Hire*

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/archives/researchers.html>

*General Register of Chinese Immigration*

<http://tinyurl.com/oo67sj>

### **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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