

Doing Ontario Research at the MGS Resource Center

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The following is a guide for volunteers and patrons using the MGS Resource Center Library. It is far from complete; we have other resources you could also try. To find the other resources search the card catalog under Ontario, the name of the county, the name of the township, or the name of the city/town. The library has records of approximately 450 Ontario cemeteries and 100 local history books. We also have a number of periodicals from various branches of the Ontario Genealogical Society. Remember this is just a guide.

Just Starting out? Try a "how to" book.

Books you need to do genealogy in Ontario	EAST CAN	929.3 TAY
Genealogy in Ontario	EAST CAN	929.3 MER

Did your ancestor come from in Ontario? Try an index.

Central Canadians 1600-1900	REF 929.4 CEN
People of Ontario	REF 929.4 PEO
IGI (also on Internet at www.familysearch.org)	Microfiche

Where did your ancestors live? Try census records, land records, atlases.

Complete index to 1871 census	EAST CAN	312 IND
Complete 1881 census	CDR	
Complete list of census records at MGS	Near census records.	
Ontario Archives land record index	Microfiche	
Illustrated Historical atlases	Map Stand	

Where is that town? Try an atlas or gazetteer

Gazetteer of Ontario	REF 910.3
Map of counties	on wall

Need primary records? Try BMD records. (Birth, Marriage, Death)

Marriage registers of Upper Canada (- 1858)	EAST CAN	929.3 MAR
County marriage registers (1858-1869)	EAST CAN	929.3 COU
Index to Marriage registers (1869-1873)	REF	
Ontario vital statistics index (1869-)	Microfilm	
Cemeteries - See binder for complete listings	EAST CAN	929.5 AAA
Surrogate Court index of Ontario	EAST CAN	929.3 SUR

Would like some secondary sources? Try a local history.

Local histories	EAST CAN	971.3
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Is anyone else searching my family? Try a periodical.

Families	Periodical Stand
Branches of OGS – see list of periodicals	Periodical Stand

Got time to just browse? Do the Eastern Canada Section of the library.