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# Understanding the Vital Statistics Indexes

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The same basic data is given in the Vital Statistics Indexes (see examples on opposite side):

- 1 **NAME:** copied from the original *handwritten* Registration. Women remarrying were indexed under their previous married surname. Check every variation, including phonetic spellings and typographical errors.
- 2 **DATE OF EVENT:** e.g. 06 12 01 = June 12<sup>th</sup> 1901. Marriages for 1873-1881 were indexed with a single digit for the months and **O**, **N**, and **D** for **O**ctober, **N**ovember and **D**ecember.
- 3 **PLACE OF REGISTRATION:** the town or township where the event was registered. In the case of rural births and deaths, this may vary from where the actual event took place.
- 4 **REGISTRATION YEAR:** compare with #2 in case it is a Delayed Registration, not all of which are at the Archives of Ontario. Many births and some marriages were not registered until decades after the event.
- 5 **REGISTRATION NUMBER:** refers to the numbered entry in the Registration Book that contains the full record.

**Depending on the type of event, additional information may be given, including:**

- 6 **CONTROL CODES:** first digit refers to the nature of the Registration; second digit to any alteration made to it (on the opposite side, see the "codes" sidebar on right). For example:  

**91** = Death Registration / Original unchanged entry  
**14** = Birth Registration / Re-registered under guardian's name

Births involving an act of guardianship may be listed twice: once as an "illegitimate" birth, often under the mother's surname (**13** = birth / original registration), and again, under the guardian's surname (**15** = birth / duplicate surname).
- 7 **"\*":** shows an altered Registration, as in a surname being correctly respelled or changed due to a guardianship. If altered before the creation of the Indexes in the late 1950s, only the corrected version is listed.
- 8 **MAIDEN NAME:** women remarrying were indexed under their previous married surname. The maiden surname is listed here as a cross-reference.
- 9 **"C.O.":** IGNORE. These are early data processing codes for locations in Ontario (e.g. Toronto = **72**, Waterloo Township = **61**, etc.).
- 10 **"Sex Status" & "Event":** IGNORE. These may be encoding checks done during the transcribing of 1873-1881 Marriages.

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# Indexes

## Births

VITAL STATISTICS INDEX

| NAME      | SURNAME | GIVEN | MARR | DATE | RECORD IDENTITY | PLACE OF BIRTH     | C.A. | S.C. | DATE |    | REGISTRATION NO. | MARR. YEAR |
|-----------|---------|-------|------|------|-----------------|--------------------|------|------|------|----|------------------|------------|
|           |         |       |      |      |                 |                    |      |      | MO   | DA |                  |            |
| P BELL    |         |       |      |      |                 | M31-SGUELPH        | 6    |      | 12   | 02 | 03534992         |            |
| LE GEORGE | FRANK   |       |      |      |                 | M11-WINDHAM        | 38   |      | 10   | 14 | 02111272         |            |
| LE RETTE  | ALBERT  |       |      |      |                 | M18-ANDWICH        | 13   |      | 03   | 30 | 00808492         |            |
| LE DY     | ANNA    | MARY  |      |      |                 | M11-NORCHESTER     | 35   |      | 03   | 04 | 00184679         |            |
| LE FRANK  | ESTELLE |       |      |      |                 | M11-NORCHESTER TWP | 12   |      | 09   | 21 | 00657092         |            |
| LE MYRTLE | ADELE   |       |      |      |                 | M11-TORONTO        | 72   |      | 11   | 06 | 00426952         |            |
| LE RESKY  | LEAH    |       |      |      |                 | M11-TORONTO        | 2    |      | 09   | 18 | 00422269         |            |

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## Marriages

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| SURNAME | MARR | GIVEN     | NAMES | DATE | RECORD IDENTITY | PLACE OF BIRTH | C.A. | S.C. | DATE |    | REGISTRATION NO. | MARR. YEAR |
|---------|------|-----------|-------|------|-----------------|----------------|------|------|------|----|------------------|------------|
|         |      |           |       |      |                 |                |      |      | MO   | DA |                  |            |
| RAMSY   |      | JESSIE    |       | 8/28 | 73-05           | 204-841        | 74   | E L1 | 11   | 07 |                  |            |
| RANDAL  |      | HARRIET   |       | 0/15 | 73              | 007-793        | 73   | E L1 | 11   | 07 |                  |            |
| RANDALL |      | EDWIN     |       | 9/07 | 73              | 006-336        | 73   | C C1 | 11   | 07 |                  |            |
| RANDALL |      | ELIZABETH |       | 2/18 | 73              | 013-527        | 73   | E L1 | 11   | 07 |                  |            |
| RANDALL |      | GEORGE    |       | 7/10 | 73              | 003-409        | 73   | A C1 | 11   | 07 |                  |            |
| RANDALL |      | JAMES     |       | 0/07 | 73              | 014-296        | 73   | A C1 | 11   | 07 |                  |            |

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## Deaths

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| NAME    | SURNAME | GIVEN   | MARR | DATE | RECORD IDENTITY | PLACE OF BIRTH   | C.A. | S.C. | DATE |    | REGISTRATION NO. | MARR. YEAR |
|---------|---------|---------|------|------|-----------------|------------------|------|------|------|----|------------------|------------|
|         |         |         |      |      |                 |                  |      |      | MO   | DA |                  |            |
| MALTO   | MAGNUS  |         |      |      |                 | M91-FORT WILLIAM | 56   |      | 01   | 13 | 03245116         |            |
| MARLSON | REBECCA |         |      |      |                 | M91-FORT WILLIAM | 56   |      | 01   | 12 | 03246716         |            |
| ABBAY   | FRANCES | S K     |      |      |                 | M91-TORONTO      | 72   |      | 01   | 20 | 00150216         |            |
| ABBOTT  | ABEL    | GILBERT |      |      |                 | M91-TORONTO      | 63   |      | 06   | 03 | 00361581         |            |
| ABBOTT  | ABEL    | GILBERT |      |      |                 | M91-BRENTON      | 22   |      | 04   | 03 | 00835816         |            |
| ABBOTT  | BLANCHE |         |      |      |                 | M91-TRENTON      | 34   |      | 04   | 06 | 00162321         |            |
| ABBOTT  | BRYON   |         |      |      |                 | M91-HORLAMO TWP  | 72   |      | 02   | 11 | 00211661         |            |
| ABBOTT  | DONALD  | THOMAS  |      |      |                 | M91-TORONTO      | 35   |      | 12   | 23 | 00020991         |            |
| ABBOTT  | DONALD  | THOMAS  |      |      |                 | M91-LONDON       | 35   |      | 12   | 23 | 00202901         |            |

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