

Archives of Ontario

Finding Divorce Files in Ontario

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Divorce files are typically filed at the county courthouse where the divorce hearing took place. They may include the petition for divorce, affidavits, the degree nisi and the decree absolute (also referred to as the judgement absolute). Some files may also include examinations, documents relating to child custody, copies of marriage certificates and photographs of the people involved. For divorces occurring in York County, see *Research Guide 211: Finding York County Divorce Files*.

Step 1: When did the divorce take place?

In order to find a divorce file, you need to know when the divorce took place. There are three sources of records for divorces in Ontario. They cover the periods 1867 to 1930, 1931 to 1986, and 1987 to the present.

For divorces that were granted between 1867 and 1930:

Until 1930, only the Federal Parliament could grant a divorce in Ontario through a Resolution or an Act of Parliament. Couples had to have a private member's bill (a bill that a Member of Parliament presented to the House of Commons) requesting that their divorce be granted.

All divorces granted by the Federal Parliament are indexed. Click here to access the index on Library and Archives Canada's website. Divorces granted between 1867 and 1930 are also indexed in a book titled *Index to Canadian Parliamentary Divorces, 1867-1930*, by J. Brian Gilchrist and Nancy J. Duffy. This book is available in the Archives of Ontario's Reading Room and in major public libraries.

Resolutions and Acts of the Federal Parliament have been published, and most major libraries should hold a copy of them; click here to access the Library and Archives Canada website for more information. For a certified copy of the Resolution or Act of Parliament for a divorce (needed for legal purposes), you must contact:

Office of the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel Senate of Canada 1310-40 Elgin Street Ottawa ON K1A 0A4 613-992-2416

For divorces that were started between 1931 and 1980:

Since 1930, the Supreme Court of Ontario has had the power to grant a divorce. The Archives of Ontario holds all 1931–1980 Ontario divorce files.

- If the divorce occurred in York County (Toronto), please see Research Guide 211: Finding York County Divorce Files.
- If you know only the approximate year of the divorce or the location where the
 divorce occurred, you will need to use an index either at the Archives or at the
 courthouse where the divorce was filed. (See Step 2 of this guide for more
 information.)
- If you know the county/district, the file number, and the year of the divorce, you have the information that you need to obtain the divorce file. (See Step 3 of this guide for more information.)
- If you do not find a reference to the divorce you are researching in the records mentioned under Steps 2 and 3 below, there is a small possibility that the divorce was granted through a resolution or act of Parliament (only up to July 1968). See the section on pre-1930 divorces above for more information.

For divorces that were started between 1981 and 1986:

The Archives of Ontario holds 1981-1986 divorce files from <u>most</u> courthouses. Other divorce files are available only through the local courthouse where the divorce was filed.

Table 2 at the end of this guide lists which courthouses have transferred their 1981-1986 divorce files to the Archives as well as all courthouse addresses and telephone numbers. If the courthouse has transferred their divorce files to the Archives, see the section on 1931-1980 divorces above for more information. For all courthouses, you will need to find the *file number* and *year* of the divorce case. (See Step 2 of this guide.)

For divorces that were started from 1987 to the present:

These divorce files are available only through the local courthouse of the Superior Court of Justice where the divorce was filed. Table 2 at the end of this guide lists the courthouse addresses and telephone numbers. You will need to find the *file number* and *year* of the divorce case. (See Step 2 of this guide.)

Step 2: Use Indexes to Find the Divorce File:

To find a divorce file, you need the *file number*, the *year* of the divorce and the name of the *county or district* where the divorce took place. Depending on where and when

the divorce occurred, you will need to use an index either at the Archives of Ontario or at a county or district courthouse.

For divorces that were granted between 1931 and May 1949:

Go to the Archives or to the appropriate courthouse for the Index. The divorce files for these years are available only through the Archives. Unfortunately, the Archives does not have a province-wide index for these files. Each county or district courthouse created its own local procedure/judgement books of Supreme Court Actions. The Archives of Ontario has some of these books, but most are still at the local courthouse where the divorce was filed. To find the location of these index books for specific years, see Table 2 at the end of this guide. Once you know the courthouse, the file number and the year, go to Step 3 in this guide.

For divorces that were granted after June 1949 and started before July 1968:

Go to the Archives for the Index. The Archives has Province-Wide Indexes to Applications for Decrees Absolute listing all the Decrees Absolute (or Judgements Absolute) applied for in Ontario. Click here to consult the description for series RG-5816. The indexes contain the names of the spouse seeking the divorce and the defendant(s), the application date for the Decree Absolute, the city where the application was filed and the application number that the court issued. These indexes are available on microfilm in the Archives' Reading Room.

Use Table 1 at the end of this guide to find the microfilm reel that has the index for the year that the Decree Absolute was applied for (usually the same year that the divorce was granted). Look up the married surname.

For divorces that were granted between June 1949 and October 1964:

Write down the *application date* of the Decree Absolute and the *city* where the divorce was granted. Before you order the Divorce File, you will need to consult a second index in order to obtain the *file number* assigned to the divorce proceedings. Consult Table 2 at the end of this guide in order to determine whether the index for the year that you need is at the Archives or still at the courthouse. Once you know the courthouse, the file number and the year, go to Step 3 in this guide.

For divorces granted after October 1964 and started before July 1968:

Write down the *file number* (generally the number on the first line), the *year*, and the *city* from the "Place-Writ No." column. Then, go to Step 3.

For divorces started from July 1968 to the present:

If you are looking for your own divorce records, or acting for the succession of a party to the divorce, contact the Central Registry of Divorce Proceedings (CRDP). This is a Canada-wide record of divorce proceedings filed in a Canadian Court from July 1968.

You can phone them at the number below, and leave a message with your full name at birth and birth date as well as the name and birth date of your former spouse, the date of marriage and the approximate date of your divorce. You can also visit the CRDP website, print a search request form and mail it to the address below. Click here to access the CRDP webpage,

Should the CRDP identify a record matching the information provided, it can supply the *number* of the courthouse where the divorce took place, and the *file number* and *year* that you need to get your divorce file. Please note that the CRDP cannot confirm the status of a divorce proceeding or provide any legal document. Contact for the CDRP:

Department of Justice
Central Registry of Divorce Proceedings
284 Wellington Street
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A 0H8
613-957-4519

If you are looking for another person's divorce file, you must use the indexes produced by the Supreme Court of Ontario in order to obtain the file number. See Table 2 at the end of this guide to find out if the index for the year of the divorce you are researching is with the Archives or the Courthouse.

Divorce files *prior to 1981* are available only through the Archives of Ontario. Once you know the courthouse, the file number and the year, go to Step 3 in this guide.

Divorce files *for 1981 to 1985* are available only through the Archives of Ontario for some local courthouses, and only through the local courthouses where the divorce was filed for the rest of the province. Table 2 at the end of this guide indicates which courthouses we have 1981-1985 divorce files from, and it contains a list of courthouse numbers, addresses and telephone numbers.

Divorce files *for 1986 and after* are available only through the local courthouse where the divorce was filed. Table 2 also contains a list of courthouse numbers, addresses and telephone numbers.

Step 3: Ordering a 1931–1980 Divorce File (1931-1985 for most local courthouses) at the Archives of Ontario

Once you have the *file number*, the *year* when the divorce case began, the *date* it was granted and the *county or district* where the divorce took place, you have the information to order the divorce file. At this point, you should decide what documents you need from the Archives.

Do you need a certified copy of the court document granting the divorce, or other documents from the file?

Until 1968, the court document granting a divorce was called a **judgment absolute**; the name was changed to **decree absolute** in 1969. Since 1986, courts issue **divorce certificates** to confirm a divorce has occurred. The Archives of Ontario can provide certified copies of these documents, if it holds the divorce file and it contains those documents, along with other records that may exist in the file.

Divorce files are stored at an off-site location. It may take up to *14 business days* to retrieve, copy and certify records. There is a \$33.00 fee (plus HST) for certification. The certified copy can be mailed to you or picked up in person. Please note that the Archives' staff cannot indicate to you whether you require documents to be certified, or what documents you need to have certified; only the office you are submitting the copies to can answer this question.

Or

Do you need to see the entire file?

The Archives' divorce files are stored at an off-site location. It takes a *minimum of one business day* to retrieve them. Please note that original files can be viewed only in the Archives' Reading Room in Toronto. You can also order copies, if you know what documents you want from the file; <u>click here to view our reproduction service and fee schedule</u>.

To request a divorce file or order copies, contact the Archives of Ontario; contact information appears at the end of this guide

Making Contact

Ready and Willing

Although unable to do your divorce records research for you, our reference archivists are waiting to assist you. You may telephone or write to them by mail or email or — best of all — visit the Archives of Ontario.

Contact us

Telephone: 416-327-1600 Toll free (Ontario): 1-800-668-9933

Fax: 416-327-1999

Email: Click here to send an email to the Archives of Ontario.

Address: Archives of Ontario, 134 Ian Macdonald Blvd., Toronto, ON M7A 2C5

Website

For information about the Archives' holdings, as well as access to research guides and other customer service materials available through the Archives of Ontario, <u>click here to access the Archives of Ontario website</u>.

Customer Service and Research Guides

The Archives of Ontario has published a series of in-depth research guides on a variety of specific topics. For more information, please see "Research Guides and Tools" under "Accessing Our Collection" on the home page of the Archives website.

Table 1: Locating Decrees Absolute (or Judgements Absolute)

Province-Wide Indexes to Applications for Decrees Absolute (available on microfilm in the Archives' Reading Room)

Year(s) Indexed	Microfilm Reel	
1949-1951	MS 5077	
1951-1952	MS 5078	
1953-1954	MS 5079	
1955-1956	MS 5080	
1957	MS 5081	
1958	MS 5082	
1959	MS 5083	
1960	MS 5084	
1961	MS 5085	
1962	MS 5086	
1963	MS 5087	
1964	MS 5088	
1965	MS 5089	

Year(s) Indexed	Microfilm Reel
1966	MS 5090
1967	MS 5091
1968	MS 5092
1969 (divorces started before June 1968 and completed in 1969)	MS 5093
1970-1980 (divorces started before June 1968 and completed between 1970 and 1980)	MS 5094

Table 2: Locating Ontario Courthouses and divorce records

Courthouse	Courthouse Address	Indexes*	Files from 1931 to	Files from July, 1968
			July, 1968	to 1986**
		nd June 1968, you can also		
		ives (see Step 2 in this Res	earch Guide for more inf	ormation).
**Contact the appro	opriate courthouse for files	from 1987- present day.		
Algoma	Superior Court of Justice	Contact the courthouse for	At the Archives:	At the Archives:
	426 Queen Street East	indexes.	Click here to consult the	Click here to consult the
Court #3539	Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario		description for RG 22-	description for RG 22-
	P6A 1Z7		<u>1000</u>	<u>1002</u>
	705-945-8000, ext. 450		Algoma District	Algoma District divorce
			Supreme Court action	petition files
			and matter and criminal	
			files	
Brant	Superior Court of Justice	At the Archives: Click	At the Archives:	At the Archives:
"	70 Wellington Street	here to consult the	Click here to consult the	Click here to consult the
Court #3505	Brantford, Ontario	description for RG 22-1117	description for RG 22-	description for RG 22-
	N3T 2L9	Judgement Books, 1931–	<u>1100</u>	1102 Brant County
	519-752-7828	1954	Brant County Supreme	divorce petition files
			Court action and matter	
		After 1954, contact the	files	
		courthouse for indexes.		
Bruce	Superior Court of Justice	At the Archives: Click	At the Archives:	At the Archives:
щ	207 Cayley Street	here to consult the	Click here to consult the	Click here to consult the
Court #3544	PO Box 39	description for RG 22-1204	description for RG 22-	description for RG 22-
	Walkerton, Ontario	Procedure Book, 1932–	1200	1202
	N0G 2V0	1954	Bruce County Supreme	Bruce County divorce
	519-881-1052		Court action and matter	petition files
		After 1954, contact the	files	
		courthouse for indexes.		
Carleton	Superior Court of Justice	At the Archives: Click	At the Archives:	At the Archives:
	161 Elgin Street, 2 nd	here to consult the	Click here to consult the	Click here to consult the
Court #3528	Floor	description for RG 22-1304	description for RG 22-	description for RG 22-
	Ottawa, Ontario	Procedure Books, 1927–	<u>1300</u>	<u>1302</u>

Courthouse	Courthouse Address	Indexes*	Files from 1931 to July, 1968	Files from July, 1968 to 1986**		
Applications for	*For divorces started between October 1964 and June 1968, you can also consult the Province-Wide Indexes to Applications for Decrees Absolute at the Archives (see Step 2 in this Research Guide for more information). **Contact the appropriate courthouse for files from 1987- present day.					
	K2P 2K1 613-239-1274	1971 After 1971, contact the courthouse for indexes.	Carleton County Supreme Court action and matter files	Ottawa-Carleton Judicial District divorce records		
Cochrane Court #3510	Superior Court of Justice 149 Fourth Avenue PO Box 638 Cochrane, Ontario POL 1C0 705-272-4256	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-1404 Procedure Book, 1921– 1938 After 1938, contact the courthouse for indexes.	At the Archives: Files started from 1931- 1975: Click here to consult the description for RG 22- 1400 Cochrane District Supreme Court action and matter files	At the Archives: Files started from 1976-1986: Click here to consult the description for RG 22- 1402 Cochrane District divorce petition files		
Dufferin Court *3527	Superior Court of Justice 10 Louisa Street Orangeville , Ontario L9W 3P9 519-941-5802	Contact the courthouse for indexes.	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-1500 Dufferin County Supreme Court action and matter and criminal files	At the Archives: Files started from July 1968-1982: Click here to consult the description for RG 22- 1500 Dufferin County Supreme Court action and matter and criminal files After 1982, contact the courthouse for the files.		
Durham Court #3546	Superior Court of Justice 150 Bond Street E. Oshawa, Ontario L1G 0A2 905-743 -2620	At the Archives: For pre- 1974 indexes see Ontario Series Click here to consult	At the Archives: Files started from 1931- 1973: see Ontario	At the Archives: Files started from 1974-1983: Click here to consult the		

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Applications for De	*For divorces started between October 1964 and June 1968, you can also consult the Province-Wide Indexes to Applications for Decrees Absolute at the Archives (see Step 2 in this Research Guide for more information). **Contact the appropriate courthouse for files from 1987- present day.					
		the description for RG 22- 1603 Divorce Procedure Books, 1973-1976 After 1976, contact the courthouse for indexes.		description for RG 22- 1602 Durham Judicial District Supreme Court divorce petition files After 1983, contact the courthouse for the files.		
Elgin Court #3537	Superior Court of Justice 4 Wellington Street	Contact the courthouse for indexes.	At the Archives: Click here to consult the	At the Archives: Click here to consult the		
Court 3537	St. Thomas , Ontario N5R 2P2 519-633-1720		description for RG 22- 1700 Elgin County Supreme Court action and matter and criminal files	description for RG 22- 1702 Elgin County divorce petition files		
Essex	Superior Court of Justice 245 Windsor Avenue	At the Archives: Click here to consult the	At the Archives: Files started from 1931-	At the Archives: Files started from		
Court #3547	Windsor , Ontario N9A 1J2 519-973-6620	description for RG 22-1804 Procedure Books/Indexes, 1931–1980	1974: Click here to consult the description for RG 22- 1800	1975-1986: Click here to consult the description for RG 22- 1802		
		After 1980, contact the courthouse for indexes.	Essex County Supreme Court action and matter files	Essex County divorce petition files		
Frontenac	(up to 1995) Superior Court of Justice	Contact the courthouse for indexes.	At the Archives:	At the Archives:		
Court #3519	5 Court Street Kingston, Ontario K7L 2W4 613-548-6811	IIIuexes.	Click here to consult the description for RG 22-1900 Frontenac County Supreme Court action	Click here to consult the description for RG 22-1902 Frontenac County divorce petition files		

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Applications for I	*For divorces started between October 1964 and June 1968, you can also consult the Province-Wide Indexes to Applications for Decrees Absolute at the Archives (see Step 2 in this Research Guide for more information). **Contact the appropriate courthouse for files from 1987- present day.						
Glengarry — See	(after 1995) Superior Court of Justice 469 Montreal St. Kingston, Ontario K7K 3h9 Stormont, Dundas and Glent Leeds and Grenville		and matter and criminal files				
Grey Court #3529	Superior Court of Justice 611 9 th Avenue East Owen Sound , Ontario N4K 6Z4 519-370-2430	Contact the courthouse for indexes.	At the Archives: Files started from 1931- 1970: Click here to consult the description for RG 22- 2000 Grey County Supreme Court action and matter and criminal files	At the Archives: Files started from 1970-1986: Click here to consult the description for RG 22- 2002 Grey County divorce petition files			
Haldimand Court #3507	Superior Court of Justice 55 Munsee Street N. Cayuga , Ontario NOA 1E0 905-772-3335	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG – 2104 Procedure Book, 1931– 1967 After 1967: Contact the courthouse for indexes	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-2100 Haldimand County Supreme Court action and matter files	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-2100 Haldimand County Supreme Court action and matter files			
Haliburton — See Halton Court *3524	Superior Court of Justice 491 Steeles Avenue East Milton, Ontario L9T 1Y7 905-878-7281	Contact the courthouse for indexes.	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-2200 Halton County Supreme	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-2202 Halton Judicial District			

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*For divorces started between October 1964 and June 1968, you can also consult the Province-Wide Indexes to Applications for Decrees Absolute at the Archives (see Step 2 in this Research Guide for more information).					
		Court action and matter files	divorce petition files		
orth — See Wentworth					
Superior Court of Justice 15 Bridge Street W. Belleville, Ontario K8P 0C7 613-962-9106	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-2304 Procedure Books, 1931– 1967 After 1967, contact the courthouse for indexes.	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-2300 Hastings County Supreme Court action and matter files	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-2302 Hastings County divorce petition files		
Superior Court of Justice 1 Courthouse Square PO Box 400 Goderich, Ontario N7A 1M2 519-524-2519	Contact the courthouse for indexes.	At the Archives: Files started from 1931- 1969: Click here to consult the description for RG 22- 2400 Huron County Supreme	At the Archives: Files started from 1970- 1985: Click here to consult the description for RG 22- 2402 Huron County divorce		
		Court action and matter files	petition files After 1985, contact the courthouse for the files		
Superior Court of Justice 216 Water Street, Room 211 Kenora , Ontario P9N 1S4 807-468-2842	Contact the courthouse for indexes.	Files started from 1936-1968: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-2500 Kenora District	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-2502 Kenora District divorce petition files .		
	rted between October 1964 at Decrees Absolute at the Archoropriate courthouse for files orth — See Wentworth Superior Court of Justice 15 Bridge Street W. Belleville, Ontario K8P 0C7 613-962-9106 Superior Court of Justice 1 Courthouse Square PO Box 400 Goderich, Ontario N7A 1M2 519-524-2519 Superior Court of Justice 216 Water Street, Room 211 Kenora, Ontario P9N 1S4	rted between October 1964 and June 1968, you can also Decrees Absolute at the Archives (see Step 2 in this Responsible for files from 1987- present day. Porth — See Wentworth Superior Court of Justice 15 Bridge Street W. Belleville, Ontario K8P 0C7 613-962-9106 Superior Court of Justice 1 Courthouse Square PO Box 400 Goderich, Ontario N7A 1M2 519-524-2519 Superior Court of Justice 216 Water Street, Room 211 Kenora, Ontario P9N 1S4 Kenora, Ontario P9N 1S4	rted between October 1964 and June 1968, you can also consult the Province-Wibecrees Absolute at the Archives (see Step 2 in this Research Guide for more inforopriate courthouse for files from 1987- present day. Court action and matter files		

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Applications for I	*For divorces started between October 1964 and June 1968, you can also consult the Province-Wide Indexes to Applications for Decrees Absolute at the Archives (see Step 2 in this Research Guide for more information). **Contact the appropriate courthouse for files from 1987- present day.					
Kent Court #3508	Superior Court of Justice 425 Grand Ave. West Chatham , Ontario N7M 6M8 519-355-2200	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG – 2604 Procedure Books, 1931– 1959 After 1959, contact the courthouse for indexes.	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-2600 Kent County Supreme Court action and matter files	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-2602 Kent County divorce petition files		
Lambton Court #3538	Superior Court of Justice 700 Christina Street North Sarnia, Ontario N7V 3C2 519-333-2950	Contact the courthouse for indexes.	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-2700 Lambton County Supreme Court action and matter files	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-2702 Lambton County divorce petition files		
Lanark Court #3532	Superior Court of Justice 43 Drummond Street East Perth , Ontario K7H 1G1 613-267-2021	Contact the courthouse for indexes.	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-2800 Lanark County Supreme Court action and matter files	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-2802 Lanark County divorce petition files		
Leeds and Grenville Court #3506	Superior Court of Justice 41 Court House Square Brockville , Ontario K6V 7N3 613-341-2800	Contact the courthouse for indexes.	At the Archives: Files started from 1931- 1969: Click here to consult the description for RG 22- 2900 Leeds and Grenville	At the Archives: File started from 1970- 1986: Click here to consult the description for RG 22- 2902 Leeds and Grenville		

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Applications for	*For divorces started between October 1964 and June 1968, you can also consult the Province-Wide Indexes to Applications for Decrees Absolute at the Archives (see Step 2 in this Research Guide for more information). **Contact the appropriate courthouse for files from 1987- present day.				
			United Counties County Supreme Court action and matter files	United Counties divorce petition files.	
Lennox and Addington	Superior Court of Justice 51 Dundas Street W. Napanee, Ontario	Contact the courthouse for indexes.	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-	
Court 3525	K7R 1Z5 613-354-3845		3000 Lennox and Addington County Supreme Court action and matter files	3002 Lennox and Addington County divorce petition files	
Lincoln Court [#] 3536	Superior Court of Justice 59 Church Street, 1 st Floor St. Catharines , Ontario L2R 7N8 905-988-6200	Contact the courthouse for indexes.	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-3100 Lincoln County Supreme Court action and matter files	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-3102 Niagara North Judicial District divorce petition files	
Manitoulin Court #3514	Superior Court of Justice 27 Phipps Street Gore Bay, Ontario P0P 1H0 705-282-2461	Contact the courthouse for indexes.	At the Archives: Files started from 1931- 1968: Click here to consult the description for RG 22- 3200 Manitoulin District Supreme Court action and matter files	At the Archives: Files started from 1969- 1985: Click here to consult the description for RG 22- 3202 Manitoulin District divorce petition files After 1985, contact the courthouse for the files.	
Middlesex	Superior Court of Justice 80 Dundas Street	At the Archives: Click here to consult the	At the Archives: Files started from 1931-	At the Archives: Files started from 1976-	

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		and June 1968, you can also					
	Applications for Decrees Absolute at the Archives (see Step 2 in this Research Guide for more information).						
• •	opriate courthouse for files						
Court #3522	Ground Floor, Unit A	description for RG 22-3304	1975:	1986:			
	London, Ontario	Procedure Books, 1931–	Click here to consult the	Click here to consult the			
	N6A 6A3	1975	description for RG 22-	description for RG 22-			
	519-660-3044	Official and the second states	3300	3302			
		Click here to consult the	Middlesex County	Middlesex County			
		description for RG 22-3308	Supreme Court action	divorce petition files			
		Divorce Procedure Book,	and matter files	Canault Middleson			
		1976	Consult <i>Middlesex</i>	Consult Middlesex (London) transfer codes			
		After 1976, contact the	(London) transfer codes	listing prior to ordering			
		courthouse for indexes.	listing prior to ordering	1968-1977 records.			
		countilouse for indexes.	1968-1977 records. See	See reference archivist			
			reference archivist for	for more information.			
			more information	Tor more imerination.			
Muskoka	Superior Court of Justice	Contact the courthouse for	At the Archives:	At the Archives:			
	3 Dominion Street	indexes.	Click here to consult the	Click here to consult the			
Court #3503	Bracebridge, Ontario		description for RG 22-	description for RG 22-			
	P1L 2E6		3400 Muskoka District	3402			
	705-645-8793		Supreme Court action	Muskoka District			
			and matter files	divorce petition files			
Niagara North — S	ee Lincoln						
Niagara South — S							
Nipissing	Superior Court of Justice	Contact the courthouse for	At the Archives:	At the Archives:			
	360 Plouffe Street	indexes.	Files started from 1931-	Files started after 1973 :			
Court #3526	North Bay, Ontario		1973:	Click here to consult the			
	P1B 9L5		Click here to consult the	description for RG 22-			
	705-495-8309		description for RG 22-	<u>3502</u>			
			<u>3500</u>	Nipissing District			
			Nipissing District	divorce petition files			

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Applications for De	*For divorces started between October 1964 and June 1968, you can also consult the Province-Wide Indexes to Applications for Decrees Absolute at the Archives (see Step 2 in this Research Guide for more information). **Contact the appropriate courthouse for files from 1987- present day.				
			Supreme Court action and matter files		
Norfolk Court *3540	Superior Court of Justice Suite 301 – 50 Frederick Hobson VC Drive Simcoe , Ontario N3Y 0E4 519-426-6550	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-3604 Procedure Books, 1931– 1965 After 1965: Contact the	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-3600 Norfolk County Supreme Court action and matter files	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-3602 Norfolk County divorce petition files	
Northumberland and Durham Court #3509	Superior Court of Justice 860 William Street Cobourg , Ontario K9A 3A9 905-372-3751	courthouse for indexes At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-3723 Procedure Books, 1931– 1969 After 1965: Contact the	At the Archives: Files started from 1931- 1978: Click here to consult the description for RG 22- 3700 Northumberland and	At the Archives: Files started from 1979- 1986: Click here to consult the description for RG 22- 3702 Northumberland and Durham United	
		courthouse for indexes	Durham United Counties Supreme Court action and matters and criminal files	Counties Supreme Court divorce petition files	
Ontario	See Durham	At the Archives: Series Click here to consult the description for RG 22-3804 Procedure Books, 1931-1970 Series Click here to consult	At the Archives: Files started from 1931- 1970: Click here to consult the description for RG 22- 3800 Ontario County Supreme Court action	At the Archives: Files started from 1971- 1973: Click here to consult the description for RG 22- 3802 Ontario County Supreme Court divorce	

Courthouse	Courthouse Address	Indexes*	Files from 1931 to July, 1968	Files from July, 1968 to 1986**
Applications for D		and June 1968, you can also nives (see Step 2 in this Res		
Contact the app	Topriate courthouse for mes			
		the description for RG 22- 3803 Divorce Procedure Book, 1971-1972	and matters files	petition files Files started after 1973: see Durham
		For post -1972 indexes see Durham		
Ottawa-Carleton -	– See Carleton			
Oxford Court *3548	Superior Court of Justice 415 Hunter Street Woodstock , Ontario N4S 4G6 519-539-6187	Contact the courthouse for indexes.	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22- 3900 Oxford County Supreme Court action and matters files	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-3902 Oxford County Supreme Court divorce petition files
Parry Sound Court #3530	Superior Court of Justice 89 James Street Parry Sound, Ontario P2A 1T7 705-746-4251	Contact the courthouse for indexes.	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-4000 Parry Sound District Supreme Court action and matters files	At the Archives: Files started from 1968- 1986: Click here to consult the description for RG 22- 4002 Parry Sound District divorce petition files
Peel Court #3504	Superior Court of Justice 7755 Hurontario Street Brampton , Ontario L6W 4T1 905-456-4700	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-4104 Procedure Books, 1931– 1966	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-4100 Peel County Supreme Court action	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-4102 Peel County divorce petition files

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		After 1966: Contact the courthouse for indexes.	and matters files		
Perth Court #3541	Superior Court of Justice 1 Huron Street Stratford, Ontario N5A 5S4 519-271-1850	Contact the courthouse for indexes.	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-4200 Perth County Supreme Court action and matters files	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-4202 Perth County divorce petition files	
Peterborough Court #3533	Superior Court of Justice 470 Water Street Peterborough , Ontario K9H 3M3 705-876-3815	1931-1966: All files are arranged alphabetically by defendant name (married name for the wife). After 1966: Contact the courthouse for indexes.	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-4300 Peterborough County Supreme Court action and matters files	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-4302 Peterborough County divorce petition files	
Prescott and Russell Court *3523	Superior Court of Justice 59 Court Street, 2 nd Floor P.O. Box 306 L'Orignal , Ontario K0B 1K0 613-675-4567	Contact the courthouse for indexes.	At the Archives: Files started from 1931- 1969: Click here to consult the description for RG 22- 4400 Prescott and Russell United Counties Supreme Court action and matters files	At the Archives: Files started from 1970- 1986: Click here to consult the description for RG 22- 4402 Prescott and Russell United Counties divorce petition files	
Prince Edward Court *3534	Superior Court of Justice 44 Union Street PO Box 680	Contact the courthouse for indexes.	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-	

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	Picton , Ontario K0K 2T0 613-476-6236		4500 Prince Edward County Supreme Court action and matters and criminal files	4502 Prince Edward County divorce petition files		
Rainy River Court *3512	Superior Court of Justice 333 Church Street Fort Frances, Ontario P9A 1C9 807-274-5961	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-4604 Procedure Book, 1931– 1934 After 1934, contact the courthouse for indexes.	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22- 4600 Rainy River District Supreme Court action and matters files	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22- 4602 Rainy River District divorce petition files		
Renfrew Court #3531	Superior Court of Justice 297 Pembroke Street E. Pembroke , Ontario K8A 3K2 613-732-8581	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-4704 Procedure Books, 1934– 1969 After 1969, contact the courthouse for indexes.	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-4700 Renfrew County Supreme Court action and matters files	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-4702 Renfrew County divorce petition files		
Simcoe Court #3501	Superior Court of Justice 75 Mulcaster Street Barrie , Ontario L4M 3P2 705-739-6111	Contact the courthouse for indexes.	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22- 4800 Simcoe County Supreme Court action and matters files	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22- 4802 Simcoe County divorce petition files .		
Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry	Superior Court of Justice 29 Second Street Cornwall, Ontario	Contact the courthouse for indexes.	At the Archives: Files started from 1931- 1976:	At the Archives: Files started from 1977- 1986: RG 22-4902		

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Court #3511	K6J 1G3 613-933-7500		Click here to consult the description for RG 22-4900 Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry United Counties Supreme Court action and matter files	Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry United Counties divorce petition files	
Sudbury Court #3542	Superior Court of Justice 155 Elm Street Sudbury , Ontario P3C 1T9 705-564-7600	Contact the courthouse for indexes.	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-5000 Sudbury District Supreme Court action and matter files	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-5002 Sudbury District divorce petition files	
Thunder Bay Court #3535	Superior Court of Justice 125 Brodie Street N. Thunder Bay , Ontario P7C 0A3 807-626-7100	Contact the courthouse for indexes.	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-5200 Thunder Bay District Supreme Court action and matters and criminal files	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-5202 Thunder Bay District divorce petition files	
Timiskaming Court #3516	Superior Court of Justice 393 Main Street PO Box 609 Haileybury, Ontario P0J 1K0 705-672-3321	Contact the courthouse for indexes.	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-5100 Timiskaming District Supreme Court action and matters files	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-5102 Timiskaming District divorce petition files	
Toronto Court #3543	Family Law Office 393 University Avenue 10 th Floor Toronto , Ontario	At the Archives: Click here to consult Research Guide No. 211: Finding York County Divorce Files for more information on how to locate records held at the Archives of Ontario.			

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	M5G 1E6 416-326-4230				
Victoria	Superior Court of Justice 440 Kent Street West	Contact the courthouse for indexes.	At the Archives: Files started from 1931-	At the Archives: Files started from 1977-	
Court #3521	Lindsay , Ontario K9V 6K2 705-324-1400		1976: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-5300 Victoria County Supreme Court action and matters files	1982: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-5302 Victoria County divorce petition files	
				After 1982, contact the courthouse for the files.	
Waterloo Court [#] 3520	Superior Court of Justice 85 Frederick Street Kitchener , Ontario N2H 0A7 519-741-3200 519-742-3300	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-5405 Judgement Books, 1929– 1949 Click here to consult the description for RG 22-5404 Procedure Books, 1949– 1968	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-5400 Waterloo County Supreme Court action and matters files	At the Archives: Files started from 1968- 1980: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-5402 Waterloo County divorce petition files After 1980, contact the courthouse for the files.	
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Welland Court #3545	Superior Court of Justice 102 Main Street Welland , Ontario L3B 3W6	Contact the courthouse for indexes.	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-5500 Welland County	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-5502 Niagara South	

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	905-735-0010		Supreme Court action and matters and criminal files	Judicial District divorce petition files		
Wellington Court *3515	Superior Court of Justice 74 Woolwich Street Guelph , Ontario N1H 3T9 519-824-4100	Contact the courthouse for indexes.	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-5600 Wellington County Supreme Court action and matters files	At the Archives: Files started from 1968- 1986: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-5600 Wellington County Supreme Court action and matters files		
Wentworth Court *3517 (Supreme Court of Ontario) Court *3549 (United Family Court)	Filed before July 1981: Superior Court of Justice 45 Main Street East Hamilton, Ontario L8N 2B7 905-645-5252 Filed after June 1981: Unified Family Court 55 Main Street West Hamilton, Ontario L8P 1H4 905-645-6250	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-5704 Procedure Books, 1927– 1970 Click here to consult the description for RG 22-5739 Wentwotrh County Supreme Court divorce procedure cards, 1957- 1975. After 1975, contact the relevant courthouse at left for indexes.	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-5700 Wentworth County Supreme Court action and matters files	At the Archives: Click here to consult the description for RG 22-5702 Wentworth County divorce petition files		
York	Before June 1981 – see Toronto	At the Archives: Click here to consult Research Guide No. 211: Finding York County Divorce				

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Court [#] 3550	June 1981-present: Regional Municipality of York Civil Office Superior Court of Justice 50 Eagle Street West Room 2025 Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 6B1 905-853-4809	<u>Files</u> for more inforr	nation on how to locate records	held at the Archives of

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