

# Archives of Ontario Pathfinder to Death Registrations

This Pathfinder will guide you through the **Indexes** to the **Registration Number** and then to the **Registration**. To find the matching microfilm reel numbers for the Indexes and the Registrations, consult the appendix listings in the *Deaths Binder for Inventory 80 (Records of the Office of the Registrar General)* or follow the links below. All microfilms listed are available through interlibrary loan.

Person's Name:  Death Date:

## Step 1: When did the death occur?

| Before July 1869  | Between July 1869 and<br>December 1942   | After 1942   |
|---|--|--|
| <p><b>Deaths were not registered</b></p> <p>For other possible sources consult:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Research Guide 204 (<i>Sources for Births, Marriages and Deaths records</i>).</li> <li>The "Related Records" and "Associated Materials" sections in the <i>Deaths Binder</i>.</li> </ul> | <p>See: Registration Indexes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Click here to view the microfilm list for the Indexes to Deaths, Appendix A8</a> or view A8 in the <i>Deaths Binder</i> to match the year and first initial of the surname to the corresponding microfilm reel (index) from <b>MS 937</b></li> <li>Retrieve the reel from the microfilm cabinet located in the <b>Self Service Microfilm Area</b>.</li> <li>Look up the person's name and death year in the Index and write down the registration number and registration year (see example below).</li> <li>1940 deaths are also online in the Reading Room.</li> </ul> | <p><b>1943-1946:</b> These records are available on the ancestry.ca website. <a href="#">Click here to access ancestry.ca</a></p> <p><b>1947:</b> These records are closed for digitization at the Archives of Ontario.</p> <p><b>1948-Present:</b> These records are located at the <b>Office of the Registrar General:</b><br/>189 Red River Road<br/>P.O. Box 4600<br/>Thunder Bay, Ontario<br/>P7B 6L8<br/>Phone: 416-325-8305<br/>Toll-free in Ontario: 1-800-461-2156<br/><a href="#">Click here to access the Service Ontario website</a></p> |

## Step 2: Did you find the Person's Name on the Indexes to Deaths?

| Yes   | No               |           |                 |  |        |           |            |  |                 |  |  |
|---|------------------|-----------|-----------------|--|--------|-----------|------------|--|-----------------|--|--|
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Write down:</b></p> <p><b>Six-Digit Registration Number (ignore any hyphens):</b></p> <p><b>Two-Digit Registration year (<u>not</u> the death year):</b></p> <p>Examples of the registration number and year entry from the Indexes to Deaths:</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">REGISTRATION NO.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">REG. YEAR</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">0 2 5 0 6 5 9 8</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">Example from the 1898 Index</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">ENTITY</td> <td style="text-align: center;">REG. YEAR</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">RECORD NO.</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">0 1 5 4 3 0 3 9</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">Example from the 1939 Index</p> | REGISTRATION NO. | REG. YEAR | 0 2 5 0 6 5 9 8 |  | ENTITY | REG. YEAR | RECORD NO. |  | 0 1 5 4 3 0 3 9 |  | <p><b>Consult Original Indexes, 1869-1911:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For <b>July-Dec. 1869</b>, retrieve <b>MS 938, reel 1</b></li> <li>For <b>1870-1911</b>, <a href="#">Click here to view the microfilm list for the Original Index Books to Death Registrations, Appendix A14</a> or view A14 in the <i>Deaths</i> binder to identify the <b>MS 942</b> microfilm reel you need to consult</li> </ul> <p>If you find the person's name:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Write down the <b>registration year, county or district, volume number or letter, and folio (page) number.</b></li> <li><a href="#">Click here to view the microfilm list for the Registrations of Deaths (listed geographically), Appendix B3</a> or view B3 in the <i>Deaths Binder</i> to identify the microfilm reel matching the <b>Registration Year, volume number or letter, and folio number.</b></li> </ul> <p>If the person's name is not on these reels, the death was</p> |
| REGISTRATION NO.  | REG. YEAR        |           |                 |  |        |           |            |  |                 |  |  |
| 0 2 5 0 6 5 9 8   |                  |           |                 |  |        |           |            |  |                 |  |  |
| ENTITY  | REG. YEAR        |           |                 |  |        |           |            |  |                 |  |  |
| RECORD NO.  |                  |           |                 |  |        |           |            |  |                 |  |  |
| 0 1 5 4 3 0 3 9   |                  |           |                 |  |        |           |            |  |                 |  |  |

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| Yes | No  |
|-----|---|
|     | probably NOT registered with the Government of Ontario. |

### Step 3: What is the Registration Number?

| Between<br>0-199999   | Between<br>200000-399999  | Above<br>400000  |
|---|---|--|
| <p>Remove the “0” or “00” at the start of the Registration Number.</p> <p><a href="#">Click here to view the microfilm list for the Registrations of Deaths, Appendix A7</a> or view A7 in the <b>Deaths Binder</b> to identify the microfilm reel matching the <b>Registration Year</b> and <b>Registration Number</b>.</p> <p>Look up the Registration number on the microfilm.</p> | <p>Remove the “2” or “3” or “4” at the start of the Registration Number.</p> <p><a href="#">Click here to view the microfilm list for the Registrations of Deaths, Appendix A7</a> or view A7 in the <b>Deaths Binder</b> to identify the microfilm reel matching the <b>Registration Year</b> and <b>Registration Number</b>.</p> <p>Look up the Registration number on the microfilm.</p> | <p>These records are at the <b>Office of the Registrar General</b><br/>189 Red River Road<br/>P.O. Box 4600<br/>Thunder Bay, Ontario<br/>P7B 6L8<br/>Phone: 416-325-8305<br/>Toll-free in Ontario: 1-800-461-2156<br/><a href="#">Click here to access the Service Ontario website</a></p> |