

# TRACING YOUR FAMILY TREE

The Edmonton Public Library has a growing collection of genealogy and local history books, periodicals, maps, electronic resources, and other materials of interest to genealogists. Most of the genealogical collection is housed in the Heritage Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Stanley A. Milner Library, and is designated as non-circulating. This means that materials may be used only in the Library and cannot be checked out. **Our staff cannot do the actual genealogical research for you** but they will help you locate materials in our collection or suggest other possible sources available elsewhere.

The titles listed in this pamphlet represent only a very small part of our collection. To see a comprehensive list of the titles available in the Heritage Room, ask for a copy of ***Genealogical Reference Sources at the Edmonton Public Library: a Guide to the Stanley A. Milner Library Collection***. Our genealogy web page at [www.epl.ca](http://www.epl.ca) also includes recommended genealogy books and links to many Internet resources.

## Getting Started

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Genealogical research begins with locating and recording as much information as possible from relatives and family records, such as birth, marriage and death certificates, old Bibles, newspaper clippings, photographs, diaries and letters. As much detail as possible regarding individuals should be collected—full name, the place and date of birth, marriage and death, education, occupation, spouses and children.

The next step involves organizing the information and constructing a pedigree or ancestor chart. In order to verify and expand the chart, it is often necessary to consult original documents, which may be held by various institutions. Some of these are:

- birth, marriage and death certificates
- church records
- cemetery records
- naturalization and citizenship documents
- immigration and passenger lists
- census records
- land ownership and tax records
- school and employment records
- military service records
- wills

Although the Library doesn't have original records, it has many sources that will help you identify and locate the documents available elsewhere. We can also obtain some of the original records for you on microfilm from the National Archives of Canada and other provincial archives.

## Handbooks and Basic Guides

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These books provide an overview of how to conduct a genealogical research project and are invaluable for both getting started and for guidance at every phase of your research.

929.1 ALL

*Allen, Desmond W.* **FIRST STEPS IN GENEALOGY: A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO RESEARCHING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY.** 1998.

929.1 CAR

*Carmack, Sharon DeBartolo.* **ORGANIZING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY SEARCH: EFFICIENT & EFFECTIVE WAYS TO GATHER AND PROTECT YOUR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH.** 1999.

929.1 CRO 1995

*Croom, Emily Anne.* **UNPUZZLING YOUR PAST: THE BEST-SELLING BASIC GUIDE TO GENEALOGY.** 2001. Includes handy forms, sample letters, resource lists and case studies.

929.1DOL

*Dollarhide, William.* **MANAGING A GENEALOGICAL PROJECT.** 1988. Explains how to organize information and keep records of research. Includes sample forms such as relationship charts, family data sheet and ancestor table.

929.1072 BAX 1999

*Baxter, Angus.* **IN SEARCH OF YOUR CANADIAN ROOTS.** 1999. How to get started, how to use historical records and where to obtain them in Canada.

929.1072 FRI

*Frisch-Ripley, Karen.* **UNLOCKING THE SECRETS IN OLD PHOTOGRAPHS.** 1991. Explains methods of analyzing photographs historically.

929.1072 HAN 1999

**THE HANDYBOOK FOR GENEALOGISTS: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.** 2002. One of the most popular and comprehensive research aids for tracking down state and county records essential for genealogists.

929.1072 SOU 1997

**THE SOURCE: A GUIDEBOOK OF AMERICAN GENEALOGY.** 1997. Discusses significant record sources from Colonial times to the present.

929.371 JON

*Jonasson, Eric.* **THE CANADIAN GENEALOGICAL HANDBOOK: A COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO FINDING YOUR ANCESTORS IN CANADA.** 1978. Covers getting started, organizing data, using family records, correspondence in genealogical research and using libraries.

929.37123 LEM

*Lemieux, Victoria.* **TRACING YOUR ANCESTORS IN ALBERTA: A GUIDE TO SOURCES OF GENEALOGICAL INTEREST IN ALBERTA'S ARCHIVES AND RESEARCH CENTRES.** 1992.

## Directories

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### General

026.9291 DIR 1998

**DIRECTORY OF GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES AND COLLECTIONS IN THE US AND CANADA.** 1998.

362.8298 ULT

**THE ULTIMATE SEARCH BOOK: WORLDWIDE ADOPTION, GENEALOGY, AND OTHER SEARCH SECRETS.** 1999. Lists government and private organizations for adoption and genealogy research in the USA, Canada, and over 200 other countries.

929.1025 JOH

**GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH DIRECTORY: NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL.** Annual directory of names being researched worldwide. Library has 1995 to present.

### City Directories

The Edmonton Public Library has a collection of **HENDERSON'S CITY DIRECTORIES** for Edmonton (1907 - 1987 with some gaps), Calgary (1912 - 1991 with some gaps) and a number of other Alberta cities, as well as a collection of Henderson's City Directories for the Prairie Provinces on microfiche up to 1953. For a list of directories in our collection, go to our genealogy web page ([www.epl.ca](http://www.epl.ca)) and click on *Canada—Directories and Newspapers*. We can also obtain photocopies of pages from other city directories through our interlibrary loan service. Please enquire at the Information Desk. Soon, some directories will be searchable online. Ask at the information desk for assistance.

016.9141 SHA

*Shaw, Gareth.* **BRITISH DIRECTORIES: A BIBLIOGRAPHY AND GUIDE TO DIRECTORIES PUBLISHED IN ENGLAND AND WALES (1850 - 1950) AND SCOTLAND (1773 - 1950).** 1997. Each entry has dates, type of directory, and library holdings and locations in the United Kingdom.

016.9142 NOR

*Norton, Jane E.* **GUIDE TO THE NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL DIRECTORIES OF ENGLAND AND WALES, EXCLUDING LONDON, PUBLISHED BEFORE 1856.** 1984.

016.9171 NAT

*National Library of Canada.* **CANADIAN DIRECTORIES, 1790 - 1987: A BIBLIOGRAPHY AND PLACE-NAME INDEX.** 1989. 3 vols. An essential source for finding out whether a Canadian city, town or county had a directory.

016.91712 OBE

*Obee, Dave.* **WESTERN CANADIAN DIRECTORIES ON MICROFICHE AND MICROFILM: A FINDING AID.** 2001. This aid will help you find out which city directories have been reproduced in microform.

## Records of Births, Marriages and Deaths

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### Canada

The civic registration of vital statistics in Canada started late in the nineteenth century when it became a provincial responsibility. Local church records are generally the only source of information on births, marriages and deaths before the latter part of the nineteenth century. To locate church records, you will usually need to know the denomination and the parish or mission district.

There is no central repository for church records. You will have to contact a number of institutions, usually the provincial archives, church archives and individual churches. Some of these records are available on microfilm. Some are available only in church archives and others can be consulted only in individual churches. Many church registers have not survived. For sources of church records in Canada, consult Angus Baxter's *In Search of Your Canadian Roots*.

The National Archives of Canada holds only a small collection of parish registers. Most are transcripts rather than originals and are available on microfilm. They are listed in *Checklist of Parish Registers 1986* kept at the Information Desk, Stanley A. Milner Library.

The **Family History Library** in Salt Lake City, Utah, holds an extensive collection of microfilm copies of parish registers and vital records from Ontario and Quebec. Microfilms of these records can be obtained through the Edmonton branch of the LDS Family History Centre.

For links to provincial vital statistics offices and various archives see the library's genealogy page under: *Canada—Vital Records*.

Information Desk  
016.92937 NAT

**CHECKLIST OF PARISH REGISTERS.** 1986. A catalogue of parish registers available through interlibrary loan from the National Archives in Ottawa. *Please note: parish registers in manuscript are not obtainable.*

Information Desk  
016.92937 NAT

Coderre, John E. **GUIDE TO BIRTH, MARRIAGE AND DEATH RECORDS AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF CANADA.** 1987. These records are available on microfilm through interlibrary loan. *Please note: parish registers in manuscript are not obtainable.*

### Alberta

The Province of Alberta keeps civil registrations of births, stillbirths, deaths and marriages. Alberta residents should apply for certificates at their local licensing and registry companies (see License & Registry Services in the Yellow Pages of your telephone book). Copies of certificates issued prior to 1905 when Alberta was part of the Northwest Territories can also be obtained at the Provincial Archives of Alberta.

Persons residing outside of Alberta must send an application for a certificate in writing to Registry Connect, P.O. Box 386, Edmonton, AB T5J 2J6. For more information visit the Alberta Government Services site linked from the library's genealogy subject page.

929.37123 ALB

**ALBERTA, FORMERLY A PART OF THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES: AN INDEX TO BIRTH, MARRIAGE, AND DEATH REGISTRATIONS PRIOR TO 1900.** 1999.

929.37123 ALB

**ALBERTA, FORMERLY THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES: INDEX TO REGISTRATIONS OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS, 1870 - 1905.** 1995.

929.37123 PRO

**PROOF-OF-AGE DOCUMENTS IN ALBERTA: A SURNAME INDEX, 1863 - 1969.** 1998. Index to files at the Provincial Archives of Alberta that contain the original documents submitted by the applicants, such as birth and marriage certificates, naturalization papers, passports, etc.

### **British Columbia**

The BC Vital Statistics Agency has records of birth, marriage, and death occurring in British Columbia since 1872. An electronic index to historical birth, death and marriage records is available on the BC Archives website ([www.bcarchives.gov.bc.ca](http://www.bcarchives.gov.bc.ca)):

- Birth registrations from 1872—100 years after the date of birth
- Marriage registrations from 1872—75 years after the date of marriage
- Death registrations from 1872—20 years after the date of death

### **Manitoba**

Civil registration in Manitoba started in 1882. Manitoba Vital Statistics holds birth, marriage and death records from 1882, together with some incomplete church records prior to that date (searched when the denomination is known).

### **New Brunswick**

In 1888 a law requiring all churches to report baptisms, marriages and burials came in to effect but was not enforced. Vital records in New Brunswick are complete from 1920 when compulsory registration was enforced. Birth records from 1888 to 1905, marriage and death records from 1888 to 1950, and some incomplete church and civil records prior to 1888 are in the custody of the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick. Some online databases are available on their website. Birth records after 1905 and marriage and death records after 1950 are still in the custody of the Vital Statistics Office.

### **Newfoundland**

Civil registration started in 1892. Records from 1892 are in the custody of Vital Statistics.

### **Northwest Territories**

Incomplete records are available from 1925. Contact the Department of Vital Statistics.

### **Nova Scotia**

Civil registrations of birth and deaths began in Nova Scotia in 1864 but ceased in 1876. All records for this period are held at the Public Archives of Nova Scotia. Registrations began again on October 1, 1908. Also, some delayed registrations of births were filed after 1908 for individuals born in the province between 1876 and 1908. All records filed after 1908 are held at Nova Scotia Vital Statistics. Marriage records filed at Vital Statistics began from 1906 to 1918 depending on the county where the event occurred. Marriage records prior to these years have been transferred to the Public Archives of Nova Scotia.

## Nunavut

All births, deaths, adoptions, and marriages that occurred within the territory of Nunavut on or after April 1, 1999, would be registered with Nunavut Vital Statistics. All births, marriages, deaths and adoptions that occurred in the present Nunavut region would have been registered with NWT Vital Statistics.

## Ontario

Civil registration started on July 1, 1869, but records are complete from 1895. The Office of the Registrar General holds Ontario records for births that happened during the past 95 years, marriages that happened during the past 80 years, and deaths that happened during the past 70 years, and sends vital records annually to the Archives of Ontario. These records are restricted until they have been made available on microfilm. See the Archives of Ontario website for the dates of records currently available (<http://www.archives.gov.on.ca>).

929.3713 COU

**COUNTY MARRIAGE REGISTERS OF ONTARIO, CANADA, 1858 - 1869.** 1879 -. 37 volumes.

929.3713 RUM

*Rumple, Renie A. and Carrie Slingsby.* **INDEX TO MARRIAGE REGISTRATIONS OF ONTARIO, CANADA, 1869 - 1873.** 1996. 6 volumes. An index to 31 volumes of marriage records registered with the Registrar General's office, 1869 - 1873.

929.3713 RUM

*Rumple, Renie A.* **ROMAN CATHOLIC MARRIAGE REGISTERS, IN ONTARIO, CANADA, 1828 - 1870.** 1997.

929.3713 WAL

*Walker, Dan, Fawne Stratford-Devai and Robert W. Calder.* **THE MARRIAGE REGISTERS OF UPPER CANADA/CANADA WEST.** 1995 -. 20 volumes. Covers 14 districts. Dates vary.

929.37132 STE - 929.37135 STE

**COUNTY MARRIAGE REGISTRATIONS OF ONTARIO, CANADA, 1869 - 1873.** 1998 -. 13 volumes.

## Prince Edward Island

Although Prince Edward Island joined the national system of vital statistics in 1920, birth records were kept from 1840 and marriage records from 1886. In 1906 it became mandatory to register births and deaths. Stillbirths were registered from 1920, adoptions from 1930, and divorces from 1946. Baptismal records prior to 1886, death records prior to 1906 and some marriage records 1832 - 1923 have been transferred to the Public Archives and Records Office. Church baptismal records for the 1886 - 1906 period, as well as official birth, marriage and death records post 1906 are kept at Prince Edward Island Vital Statistics.

## Québec

Civil registration officially began in 1926 but civil registers have been in existence in the Province of Québec since the early seventeenth century. Pre-1900 records are in the custody of the nine regional centres of the Archives nationales du Québec (for addresses visit our genealogy web page and click on *Canada—Vital Records—Québec*). You will need to provide exact dates and places before the Archives nationales du Québec will issue certificates. Records dating from 1900 can be obtained by contacting le Directeur de l'état civil (Registrar of Civil Status).

### **Saskatchewan**

Registration of marriage started in 1878; registration of births and deaths in 1888. Official civic registration began in 1905, but records between 1905 and 1920 have omissions. Records can be obtained from Saskatchewan Vital Statistics.

### **Yukon Territories**

Incomplete records date back to 1898 and can be obtained from the Registrar of Vital Statistics.

### **Other Countries**

929.3 KEM 2000

*Kemp, Thomas Jay*. **INTERNATIONAL VITAL RECORDS HANDBOOK**. 2000. Where to write for birth, marriage and death certificates. Includes facsimiles of application forms suitable for photocopying.

The **Family History Library** in Salt Lake City, Utah, has an extensive collection of microfilm copies of church records from countries around the world. Microfilms of these records can be obtained through the Edmonton branch of the LDS Family History Centre.

For addresses of vital records offices in the United States, United Kingdom and Ireland, visit our genealogy web page at [www.epl.ca](http://www.epl.ca). For United States records, click on *United States—Vital Records*. For United Kingdom and Ireland, click on *World Sources—United Kingdom and Ireland—Vital Records*.

## Cemetery Recordings

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More and more searchable cemetery databases, such as the Edmonton Municipal Cemeteries, the British Columbia Cemetery Finding Aid, and the Ontario Cemetery Finding Aid are becoming available on the Internet. Visit our Genealogy web page under *Canada—Cemeteries and Obituaries* and *United States—Cemeteries and Obituaries* for links to such websites.

**The Archives of Ontario** holds the Ontario Genealogical Society's Cemetery Transcriptions, which include transcriptions of the inscriptions on each tombstone and monument as well as additional genealogical information on the deceased. This collection has been microfilmed and is available on microfilm through our interlibrary loan service. The microfilm catalog can be found on the Archives of Ontario website under *Microfilm Interloan Service—Cemetery Transcriptions*.

**The Alberta Genealogical Society** maintains a computerized MASTER SURNAME INDEX of over 700,000 names collected from Alberta cemeteries and other sources (the major cemeteries in Edmonton and Calgary are NOT included). The Society will do a search for you for a nominal fee. Other genealogical societies have similar indexes. For addresses of genealogical societies in Canada go to our Genealogy web page and click on *Canada—Genealogical Societies*.

Printed transcriptions from tombstones of certain Alberta cemeteries are available at the Edmonton Public Library. Go to our genealogy web page under *Canada—Cemeteries and Obituaries—Alberta* to see the complete list.

## Obituaries

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The Stanley A. Milner Library has a microfilm collection of the **EDMONTON BULLETIN** (1880 - 1951) and the **EDMONTON JOURNAL** (1903 to present). There is no index to the Edmonton Bulletin. There is a birth, marriages and deaths index for the Edmonton Journal from 1903 to 1909 (see below). The Library also has a card index to obituaries from the Journal from February 1, 1973 to May 8, 1981 but it is arranged by year, month and name. The Edmonton Public Library maintains an obituaries database from the Edmonton Journal from the late 1960s to 1982, located on our homepage under databases. New entries are added yearly—check the database for the most current coverage. Obituaries from May 5, 1981 to December 31, 1992 are indexed by name in our *Local History Index* (print source). Obituaries from 1989 to November 2002, and February 20, 2004 onward can be searched in our online *Canadian Newsstand* database. Obituaries from other Canadian newspapers can be obtained through our interlibrary loan service. Please ask for assistance at the Information Desk.

929.3712 BIR

**BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES FROM REGINA NEWSPAPERS, 1883 - 1899. 1990. 2 volumes.** Compiled from *Regina Journal* and *Regina Leader*.

929.37123 MIL

*Milson, Rob.* **BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS: EXTRACTS FROM THE EDMONTON JOURNAL.** 1903 to 1909. Arrangement is by year, month and day.

929.37124 MAR

**BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES FROM REGINA LEADER, 1900 - 1910. 1991 - 1992. 2 volumes.**

929.37127 IND

**AN INDEX OF BIRTH, MARRIAGE AND DEATH NOTICES FROM MANITOBA NEWSPAPERS.** 1986. 3 volumes. Covers the years 1859 - 1885.

929.3713 EAR

**EARLY ONTARIO NEWSPAPER TRANSCRIPTION SERIES: [BIRTH, DEATH AND MARRIAGE RECORDS].** 1993 -. 39 volumes.

929.3716 MAR

*Marble, Allan Everett.* **DEATHS, BURIALS AND PROBATE OF NOVA SCOTIANS, 1749 - 1799: FROM PRIMARY SOURCES.** 1990. 2 volumes.

929.3716 MAR

*Marble, Allan Everett.* **DEATHS, BURIALS AND PROBATE OF NOVA SCOTIANS, 1800 - 1850: FROM PRIMARY SOURCES.** 1999. 4 volumes.

929.3716 NOV

*Punch, Terrence M. and Jean M. Holder.* **NOVA SCOTIA VITAL STATISTICS FROM NEWSPAPERS.** 1978 -. 9 volumes covering 1769 to 1854.

## Census Returns

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### Canada

The first Dominion census was taken in 1871. A full census has been taken every ten years since then. Returns prior to 1851 are rarely complete for any geographical area and list only heads of households. Returns after 1851 list every person in the household with age, sex, country or province of birth, marital status, education, religion, and occupation. The 1891 and 1901 censuses note the relationship of each person to the head of the family. The 1891 census also lists the birthplace of the parents for each person. The 1901 and 1911 censuses provide the year of immigration to Canada, year of naturalization, and racial or tribal origin.

Original censuses are not arranged by name but rather by enumeration district and sub-district. There are, however, published census records arranged by name and many indexes. Please see the library's genealogy page for details, under *Canada—Census Records*, and note the various online indexes available. See also selected titles listed below.

Information Desk (ILL)

*Hillman, Thomas*. **CATALOGUE OF CENSUS RETURNS ON MICROFILM, 1666 - 1891**. 1987. Microfilm reels are available through interlibrary loans service from the National Archives of Canada. The census returns (1666 - 1901) are also available on microfilm at the Provincial Archives of Alberta.

Information Desk (ILL)

*Hillman, Thomas*. **CATALOGUE OF CENSUS RETURNS ON MICROFILM, 1901**. 1993. Microfilm reels can be obtained through interlibrary loans service from the National Archives. The 1901 census returns are also available on microfilm at the Provincial Archives of Alberta.

**INDEX TO THE 1871 CENSUS OF ONTARIO**. Volumes have different call numbers since they were catalogued separately under the county. However, they are all in the 929.237 area. This index is also available online on the National Archives of Canada website.

929.3712 IND

**INDEX TO THE 1901 CENSUS, DISTRICT OF SASKATCHEWAN (NO. 205)**. 2002.

929.3712 IND

**INDEX TO THE 1901 CENSUS, UNORGANIZED TERRITORIES NO. 206A, ATHABASCA**. 2002.

929.37124 ASS

**ASSINIBOIA EAST: INDEX TO THE CENSUS OF CANADA, 1891**.

929.37124 ASS

**ASSINIBOIA WEST: INDEX TO THE CENSUS OF CANADA, 1891**.

929.37124 IND

**INDEX TO THE 1901 CENSUS, DISTRICT OF ASSINIBOIA WEST (NO. 204)**. 2002.

929.37124 IND

**DISTRICT OF SASKATCHEWAN: INDEX TO THE CENSUS OF CANADA, 1891**.

929.37127 IND

**INDEX TO THE 1901 CENSUS OF MANITOBA**. 1999.

929.37127 MAI

*Main, Lorne W*. **INDEX TO 1881 CANADIAN CENSUS OF MANITOBA WITH EXTENSIONS & EAST RUPERT'S LAND**. 1984.

### **Other countries**

**United States** federal census records from 1790 to 1930 have been digitized and can be searched by name using the Ancestry Library and Heritage Quest databases. Ancestry Library also contains some U.S. state censuses and British census records. More censuses are being added as they become available. Some international census records on microfilm can be obtained through the Edmonton branch of the LDS Family History Centre.

## Passenger and Immigration Lists

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### Canada

The National Archives of Canada holds microfilm copies of the passenger manifests of ships arriving at Canadian ports between 1865 and 1935. These records can be obtained on microfilm through our interlibrary loan service from the National Archives in Ottawa. Records from 1865 to 1919 can also be viewed on microfilm at the Provincial Archives of Alberta.

Many immigrants who came to Canada first landed at a port in the United States. Large numbers came through the major ports of Baltimore, Boston, New York or Philadelphia; others arrived at smaller ports. These records, now at the National Archives of the United States, have been microfilmed and are available through the Family History Centre. Some of these lists have also been published and are in the Edmonton Public Library collection. Border entry records from the United States (1908 - 1935) are also available on microfilm from the National Archives of Canada. The Provincial Archives of Alberta has the years 1908 to 1918. Border crossing records of emigrants from Canada to the United States, 1895 to 1925, are available on microfilm through the Edmonton branch of the Family History Centre.

The Pier 21 Society in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in cooperation with the National Archives of Canada, has input a series of old nominal indexes for the 1925 to 1935 records into a database. This database has names of everyone who arrived by passenger ship at all Canadian ports, not just Pier 21, and is available at [www.archives.ca](http://www.archives.ca) under ArchiviaNet.

### United States

Passenger manifests of vessels arriving at American ports from January 1, 1820 to 1959 are in the custody of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) in Washington, D.C. With only two exceptions (Arrivals at New Orleans, Louisiana, 1813 - 1819 and Arrivals at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1800 - 1819), NARA doesn't have passenger records prior to January 1, 1820 because the U.S. Federal Government did not require captains or masters of vessels to present a passenger list to U.S. officials until that date.

From 1892 to 1924 more than 22 million immigrants, passengers, and crew members came to the United States through **Ellis Island** and the Port of New York. Their names can be searched at [www.ellisland.org](http://www.ellisland.org).

For a list of sources on passenger and immigration lists in our collection, ask for a copy of *Genealogical Reference Sources at the Edmonton Public Library: a Guide to the Stanley A. Milner Library Collection* and look under the *Immigration, Emigration and Passenger Lists* section. For additional information on Canadian and US passenger lists, visit our genealogy web page under *Canada—Passenger and Immigration Lists* and *United States—Passenger and Immigration Lists*.

929.371 OBE

*Obee, Dave*. **DESTINATION CANADA: A GUIDE TO 20TH CENTURY IMMIGRATION RECORDS**. 2001. A summary and guide to passenger lists and border entry records on microfilm as well as naturalization and citizenship indexes.

387.542 MOR

**MORTON ALLAN DIRECTORY OF EUROPEAN PASSENGER STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS FOR THE YEARS 1890 TO 1930 AT THE PORT OF NEW YORK AND FOR THE YEARS 1904 TO 1926 AT THE PORTS OF NEW YORK, PHILADELPHIA, BOSTON AND BALTIMORE**. 1979.

929.1072 TEP

*Tepper, Michael.* **AMERICAN PASSENGER ARRIVAL RECORDS: A GUIDE TO THE RECORDS OF IMMIGRANTS ARRIVING AT AMERICAN PORTS BY SAIL AND STEAM.** 1993.

929.373 PAS

**PASSENGER AND IMMIGRATION LISTS INDEX.** (With annual supplements.) 1981 -. A guide to published records of close to 4.5 million immigrants who came to the New World between the sixteenth and mid-twentieth centuries.

## Passenger Ships

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The books in the 387 area of the genealogy collection contain illustrations, photographs and information on ships that brought immigrants to the shores of Canada and the United States.

## Military Records

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Researching military records is a complex task. Detailed personnel records for the Canadian military were not kept prior to the First World War, with the exception of the South African War, and consist mainly of muster rolls and pay lists that contain little or no personal information. Most of the records are not indexed and you need to know the regiment before you can attempt a search. Access to Post-WWI records is governed by the Privacy Act and the Access to Information Act. National Archives of Canada has a large collection of military records. For an overview of holdings and instructions on how to obtain WWI and Post-WWI records, visit the National Archives website at [www.archives.ca](http://www.archives.ca) and select *Military Records*.

For a list of books and other sources in our collection, ask for a copy of *Genealogical Reference Sources at the Edmonton Public Library: a Guide to the Stanley A. Milner Library Collection* and look under the *Military Records* section. For other sources on military records in Canada, the United States and United Kingdom and Ireland, visit our genealogy web page. For Canadian records, click on *Canada—Military Records*. For United States records, click on *United States—Military Records*. For United Kingdom and Ireland, click on *World Sources—United Kingdom and Ireland—Military Records*.

## Loyalist Sources

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The United Empire Loyalists were American colonists who supported the British cause during the American Revolution (1775 - 1783). There were no accurate records kept at that time, but it is estimated that some 100,000 Loyalists fled the American colonies. Many of them settled in Canada, drawn by offers of free land.

Consult the Loyalists section in *Genealogical Reference Sources at the Edmonton Public Library: a Guide to the Stanley A. Milner Library Collection* for a comprehensive list of books on Loyalist genealogy in our collection and visit our genealogy web page under *Canada—Loyalists*.

## Métis Sources

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The Glenbow Archives in Calgary has an extensive collection of Métis sources for Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, some parts of the Northwest Territories and northern United States. The Archives will do a basic search of its Métis genealogy sources for a fee. Visit the Glenbow Archives website at [www.glenbow.org/archhtml/metis.htm](http://www.glenbow.org/archhtml/metis.htm) for more information.

The National Archives of Canada has a collection of the scrip applications, 1870 - 1901. These applications for scrip include genealogical information about the claimants. Microfilm copies can be obtained through our interlibrary loan service and they are also available at the Provincial Archives of Alberta. A list of microfilm reel numbers by surname can be found on the National Archives of Canada website under *Métis Records*. Applications can also be searched online in the ArchiviaNet database under *Métis Scrip*.

929.30899 MOR

*Morin, Gail*. **MÉTIS FAMILIES: A GENEALOGICAL COMPENDIUM**. 1996. 2 vols. Genealogy of the half-breed families of fur traders and early settlers of the Upper Plains states, Pembina, the Red River settlements and Manitoba from 1780 to 1920.

929.3712 MOR

*Morin, Gail*. **NORTHWEST HALF-BREED SCRIP, 1885**. 1997. Similar to author's *Manitoba Scrip*, but covers only petitioners living in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

929.3712 NIN

*Morin, Gail*. **1900 SCRIP**. 1998 -. Extractions from the scrip applications for Métis living outside Manitoba and born by December 31, 1885. The applications were taken between 1886 and 1901, and in 1906. Two volumes have been published so far.

929.37127 MOR

*Morin, Gail*. **MANITOBA SCRIP**. 1996. An alphabetical listing and complete extraction of more than 6700 applications for scrip for \$160 or 160 acres given to all residents living in Manitoba on July 15, 1870.

929.37127 SPR

*Sprague, D. N. and R. P. Frye*. **GENEALOGY OF THE FIRST MÉTIS NATION: THE DEVELOPMENT AND DISPERSAL OF THE RED RIVER SETTLEMENT, 1820 - 1900**. 1983.

## **Ethnic and Overseas Sources**

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For genealogical handbooks aimed at specific countries or ethnic origins, search the catalogue using keywords. Once you have found some titles, take note of the subject headings for further searching.

Here are some examples of searches:

*Poland AND genealogy*  
*Germany AND genealogy*  
*Hispanic AND genealogy*  
*Philippines AND genealogy*

## **Atlases, Maps and Gazetteers**

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The Edmonton Public Library has a limited number of historical atlases and gazetteers. However, the University of Alberta maintains an extensive map collection that includes historical maps of European countries, North America and other parts of the world. The collection is now housed on the main floor of the Science and Technology Library (Cameron Building), telephone 492-7912.

For a list of genealogical atlases, maps and gazetteers in our collection, ask for a copy of *Genealogical Reference Sources at the Edmonton Public Library: a Guide to the Stanley A. Milner Library Collection*. For Canada, look under *Canadian sources—Atlases, maps and gazetteers*. For the United States, look under *United States sources—Atlases, maps and gazetteers*. For the U.K., look under *United Kingdom and Ireland sources—Atlases, maps and gazetteers*, and for other countries, look under *World sources—Atlases, maps and gazetteers*.

## Magazines and Newspapers

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*Strathern, Gloria M.* **ALBERTA NEWSPAPERS 1880 - 1982: AN HISTORICAL DIRECTORY.** 1988. Organized under place of publication with titles arranged in chronological order.

016.0711 NAT

*National Library of Canada.* **UNION LIST OF CANADIAN NEWSPAPERS HELD BY CANADIAN LIBRARIES.** 1977. Listing of the original and microfilm holdings of close to 5,000 Canadian newspapers and their locations in libraries.

016.9291 GEN

**GENEALOGICAL PERIODICAL ANNUAL INDEX: KEY TO THE GENEALOGICAL LITERATURE.** Covers over 300 English-language genealogical periodicals. Library has: 1974 to present.

**CANADIAN NEWSPAPERS ON MICROFORM HELD BY THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF CANADA.** ([www.nlc-bnc.ca/8/18/index-e.html](http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/8/18/index-e.html)). An online database of over 2300 Canadian titles including ethnic, native and student newspapers that have been microfilmed and can be borrowed on interlibrary loan.

**CHECKLIST OF INDEXES TO CANADIAN NEWSPAPERS HELD BY THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF CANADA** ([www.nlc-bnc.ca/8/12/index-e.html](http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/8/12/index-e.html)). This is a searchable newspaper database that provides online and Internet sources for indexes to Canadian newspapers.

**PERIODICAL SOURCE INDEX (PERSI)** see CD-ROM AND ONLINE SOURCES section.

The following genealogy magazines are available at the Stanley A. Milner Library, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor:

929 ANC

**ANCESTRY.** Library has: September/October 1999 -. Indexed in: *Genealogical periodical annual index* and *Periodical source index (PERSI)*.

929 EVE

**EVERTON'S GENEALOGICAL HELPER.** Library has: 1992 -. Indexed in: *Genealogical periodical annual index* and *Periodical source index (PERSI)*.

929 FAM

**FAMILY CHRONICLE.** Library has: January/February 1997 -. Indexed in: *Canadian business and current affairs (CBCA)* and *Periodical source index (PERSI)*.

929 HER

**HERITAGE QUEST.** Library has: May/June 2000 - . Indexed in: *Genealogical periodical annual index* and *Periodical source index (PERSI)*.

929.05 BRI

**BRITISH COLUMBIA GENEALOGIST.** Library keeps one year only.

929.05 BUL

**SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BULLETIN.** Library has: March 1998 -. Indexed in: *Genealogical periodical annual index* and *Periodical source index (PERSI)*.

929.05 FAM

*Ontario Genealogical Society*. **FAMILIES**. Library has: 1990 -. Indexed in: *Canadian periodical index*, *Genealogical periodical annual index* and *Periodical source index (PERSI)*.

929.105 ALB

*Alberta Genealogical Society*. **RELATIVELY SPEAKING**. Library has: 1973 -. Indexed in: *What's in Relatively Speaking* (v. 1 - 10) and *Periodical source index (PERSI)*.

## CD-ROM and Online Sources

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**EDMONTON PUBLIC LIBRARY GENEALOGY WEB PAGE** ([www.epl.ca](http://www.epl.ca)) has links to hundreds of selected genealogy websites to help you find information and records for specific countries or areas (vital statistics records and addresses, census records, passenger and immigration records, military records, archives, genealogical societies, genealogy publishers, etc.) and includes recommended books in our collection.

**ANCESTRY LIBRARY DATABASE.** Available at all branches. This is one of the largest collections of family history data online. It provides instant access to some 1.2 billion names in more than 3,000 databases of immigration, vital, military, court, church and ethnic records. There are databases dedicated to specific ethnic origins, countries and regions, and local histories. It includes U.S. federal census records between the years 1790 and 1930 with digital images. English and Welsh census records are also available.

**HERITAGE QUEST DATABASE.** Available at every branch and remotely with a valid library card (Edmonton residents only). The database consists of digital, searchable images of U.S. Federal census records from 1790 to 1930. It contains over 25,000 family and local histories, PERSI (Periodical Source Index), Revolutionary War Pension Applications and Bounty Land Warrant Applications, obituaries, published military and vital records, over 500 U.S. city and business directories. The database is primarily American, but does have some Canadian content.

CD-ROM Heritage Room **CANADIAN GENEALOGY INDEX, 1600s - 1900s.** Over two million records referencing individuals from all regions of Canada as well as Alaska, collected from a number of sources, including city directories, birth and marriage records, census records, land records, etc. Also published as a 12-volume set of *Atlantic Canadians, 1600 - 1900*, *French Canadians, 1600 - 1900*, *Central Canadians, 1600 - 1900*, and *Western Canadians, 1600 - 1900*, available in our Heritage Room collection.

CD-ROM Heritage Room **LAND RECORDS: INDEX TO GRIFFITH'S VALUATION OF IRELAND, 1848 - 1864.** This index lists approximately one million names of Irish property occupants and the county and parish where they resided at the time of the valuation. Some records contain additional information about their occupation, religion, or relative's names. Because no Irish census of the nineteenth century has survived, this index can be used as a census substitute for the years before, during and after the Great Famine.

CD-ROM Heritage Room **RUSSIANS TO AMERICA, 1850 - 1896.** A collection of passenger list information for approximately 430,000 individuals from Russia, largely those of Jewish heritage, prior to 1896.

CD-ROM Heritage Room **PASSENGER AND IMMIGRATION LISTS: GERMANS TO AMERICA, 1850 - 1888.** Includes individuals coming to America not only from German states or territories but also from countries such as France, Switzerland, or Luxembourg.

CD-ROM Heritage Room **PASSENGER AND IMMIGRATION LISTS: ITALIANS TO AMERICA, 1880 - 1893.** Contains information on approximately 413,000 individuals who immigrated to the United States from Italy. Almost all of the immigrants listed arrived in New York City.

CD-ROM Heritage Room **PASSENGER AND IMMIGRATION LISTS: NEW YORK, 1820 - 1850.** Contains approximately 1.6 million names of individuals who arrived in New York between January 7, 1820 and December 31, 1850 from various countries, particularly from Ireland, Germany, and Italy.

CD-ROM Heritage Room **PASSENGER AND IMMIGRATION LISTS INDEX, 1538 - 1940.** Includes almost 3 million names of individuals arriving in North America from published sources only.

## Other Sources of Information in Edmonton

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- **Alberta Genealogical Society**  
Prince of Wales Armouries Heritage Centre  
116 - 10440 - 108 Avenue  
Edmonton, Alberta T5H 3Z9  
Telephone: 424-4429  
Fax: 423-8980  
Website: [www.abgensoc.ca](http://www.abgensoc.ca)
- **Family History Centre of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
9010 - 85 Street  
Edmonton, AB T6C 3C5  
Telephone: 469-6460
- **La Société Généalogique du Nord-Ouest**  
8939 – 82 Avenue  
Edmonton, AB T6C 0Z2  
Telephone/fax: 424-2476  
Website: [www.sgno.net](http://www.sgno.net)
- **City of Edmonton Archives**  
Prince of Wales Armouries  
10440 - 108 Avenue  
Edmonton, AB T5H 3Z9  
Telephone: 496-8711  
Fax 496-8732  
E-mail: [CMS.Archives@edmonton.ca](mailto:CMS.Archives@edmonton.ca)  
Genealogical information sources are concerned primarily with settlers of the Edmonton area.
- **Provincial Archives of Alberta**  
8555 Roper Road  
Edmonton, AB T6E 5W1  
Telephone: 427-1750  
Fax: 780-427-4646  
e-mail [paa@gov.ab.ca](mailto:paa@gov.ab.ca)  
Collection includes land records of pioneers and homesteaders, church and municipal records.  
The Archives has many local histories of Alberta.
- **University of Alberta Archives Library**  
Book and Record Depository (BARD)  
100, 8170 – 50 Street  
Edmonton, AB T6B 1E6  
Telephone: 466-6118  
Fax: 466-5210  
E-mail: [archives@ualberta.ca](mailto:archives@ualberta.ca)  
Biography files of U of A staff, student yearbooks 1921-1971, convocation lists from 1908-.

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