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# Tracing Your Roots



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Over the past decade, popular interest in genealogy and family history research has risen tremendously, fueled by a basic curiosity to know who we are and where we came from.

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*Access to and availability of sources has also increased in recent years. There are now thousands of genealogical Internet sites complementing the traditional printed resources still offered at the libraries and archives.*

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This guide will introduce you to some of these resources, to other local and national organizations involved in genealogy, and some basic Internet sites that can start you off or perhaps take you further in your research.

Before looking for outside sources, gather up all the private papers, diaries, newspaper clippings, photographs and birth, baptismal, marriage and death certificates you and your family has collected. This information can be organized on a family chart (an example is included at the end of this pamphlet).

Here are a few basic rules to keep your research on track:

- Work from the known back to the unknown. For example, start with both your parents' names and birth places, then work back to grandparents, great grandparents and so on.
- Concentrate on one research problem at a time. For instance, zero in on one grandparent, instead of all of your mother's ancestors.
- Never believe anything you are told about your ancestors unless it can be backed up with solid evidence. Family myths and legends are not necessarily rooted in fact!

\*\*\*Reference call numbers are for holdings of Information and Reference Services, currently located at 1910 Portage Avenue. Please check Winnipeg Public Library's catalogue, available online at [www.winnipeg.ca/library](http://www.winnipeg.ca/library) for other locations, or call us at 204-986-6450.

## 1. General How-to Guides

929.1072 *In Search of Your Canadian Roots* by Angus Baxter  
BAX (ref)

929.371 *Access to Ancestry: a Genealogical Resource Manual for Canadians Tracing Their Heritage* by Elizabeth Briggs  
BRI (ref)

929.1072 *The Source: A Guide to American Genealogy* by Loretto Dennis Szucs and Sandra Hargreaves Luebking  
SOU (ref)



## 2. Specialized Guides

929.1 *In Search of Your British and Irish Roots: a Comprehensive Guide to Tracing Your English, Welsh, Scottish and Irish Ancestors* by Angus Baxter  
BAX (ref)

929.107204 *In Search of Your European Roots: A Comprehensive Guide to Tracing Your Ancestors In Every Country in Europe* by Angus Baxter  
BAX (ref)

- 929.108931 *In Search of Your German Roots: a Complete Guide to Tracing Your Ancestors in the Germanic Areas of Europe* by Angus Baxter  
BAX (ref)
- 929.1 *From Generation to Generation: How to Trace Your Jewish Genealogy and Family History* by Arthur Kurzweil  
KUR (ref)
- 929.3 *Sources For Researching Ukrainian Family History* by John Paul Himka  
HIM (ref)
- 929.3097127 *The Genealogy of the First Metis Nation* by D. N. Sprague and R. P. Frye  
GEN (ref)
- 929.2 *Métis Families: a Genealogical Compendium* (2 volumes) by Gail Morin  
MOR (ref)
- 929.37127 *Manitoba Scrip* by Gail Morin  
MOR (ref)
- 929.34912 *Tracing Your Icelandic Family Tree* by Eric Jonasson  
JON (ref)
- 929.1072 *Irish and Scotch-Irish Ancestral Research: a Guide to the Genealogical Records, Methods & Sources in Ireland* by Margaret Dickson Falley  
FAL (ref)
- 929.107207 *Miller's Manual: A Research Guide to the Major French-Canadian Genealogical Resources What They are and How to Use Them* by Douglas J. Miller  
MIL (ref)

## **Genealogical Directories**

- 929.1 *The Genealogists Address Book* by Elizabeth Petty Bentley  
GEN (ref)

## **Genealogy Indexes**

- 929.371 *The Central Canadians 1600-1900: an Alphabetized Directory of the People, Places, and Vital Dates* by Noel Montgomery Elliot  
CEN (ref)

Compiled from primary resources, this work indexes by last name people who lived in Manitoba or Ontario between 1600 and 1900, along with other details on their occupations, where they lived and when, and where to look for more information.

929.371     *The Western Canadians 1600-1900: an Alphabetized*  
WES (ref)   *Directory of the People, Places, and Vital Dates*  
              by Noel Montgomery Elliot

A similar index to the work above, but covering people who lived in Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, the Yukon Territories and Alaska.

929.3714    *The French Canadians 1600-1900: an Alphabetized*  
FRE (ref)   *Directory of the People, Places and Vital Dates* by Noel  
              Montgomery Elliot

In addition to listing family of whatever ethnic origin, living in Quebec during the 300 years covered, the text lists French persons (including Métis and Acadians) living 100 years ago in every Canadian province.

929.1        *Genealogical Research Directory: National and International*  
GEN (ref)   by Keith A. Johnson and Malcolm R. Sainty

This is an annual directory of surnames covering time periods, town, country, province or state that includes a selected contact information for genealogical societies, organizations, archives, libraries and record offices.

### **3. Guides to Places of Origin**

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*These gazetteers are geographical dictionaries that will help you find the correct spelling and location of counties, townships, boroughs and rural municipalities both past and present.*

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917.1        *Gazetteer of Canada by Canadian Permanent Committee on*  
CAN (ref)   *Geographical Names* (by province)

The Library holds a collection of detailed topographical maps that correspond to this gazetteer, please call 986-6450 for details.

910.3      *Columbia Gazetteer of the World*  
COL (ref. desk)

917.1270014 *Geographical Names of Manitoba*  
GEO

## 4. Surname Dictionaries

The Library has several useful reference books on the origins of family names for various nationalities. They are located in the 929.4 reference area.



## 5. Family and Local Histories:

971.270099 *Pioneers and Prominent People of Manitoba*  
PIO (Canadiana) by William Joseph Healy

971.240099 *Pioneers and Prominent People of Saskatchewan*  
PIO (Canadiana)

971.27      *The Story of Manitoba* (3 volumes) by Frank Schofield  
SCH (ref)

940.546771 *A Place of Honour: Manitoba's War Dead as Commemorated*  
PLA      *in its Geography*

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*Visit the Manitoba Legislative Library at 200 Vaughan Street for an excellent collection of biographies on notable Manitoba families, local histories of the province, and back issues of small town and rural newspapers.*

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## 6. Vital or Original Records

These are records created at or near the time of a major event - for example birth, death, marriage, baptismal, emigration, cemetery or census material. These certificates may be obtained by contacting the vital statistics office in the appropriate province, state or country.

For information on births, marriages and deaths which took place in Manitoba, see Winnipeg's Vital Statistics Department at 254 Portage Avenue ((204) 945-3701) You can also search by surname and/or dates for births that were registered here more than 100 years ago, marriages over 80 years ago and deaths more than 70 years ago on the Vital statistics Web site:  
**<http://web2.gov.mb.ca/cca/vital/Query.php>**

929.37127 *An Index of Marriage and Death Notices from Manitoba*  
IND (ref) *Newspapers* by the Manitoba Genealogical Society  
(3 volumes)

The Manitoba Genealogical Society published these volumes, which list birth, marriage and death announcements that appeared in Manitoba newspapers from 1859 to 1884. The MGS also maintains an index to most Manitoba and some Winnipeg cemetery records. You can visit them in person at 1045 St. James Street, or see their Web site at: **[www.mts.net/~mgsi/](http://www.mts.net/~mgsi/)**

929.371 *Researching Canadian Vital Statistics Records...Births,*  
MUR (ref) *Marriages and Deaths* by Sharon L. Murphy

929.371 *Researching Canadian Wills and Estates* by Ronnie MacCarl  
MACC

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*Contact information for all provincial vital statistics offices is available on the Government of Canada Web site at:*  
**[www.ppt.gc.ca/passports/vital\\_stats\\_e.asp](http://www.ppt.gc.ca/passports/vital_stats_e.asp)**

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To find contacts for original records in other countries, you could try:

929.3      *The International Vital Records Handbook: Births, Marriages  
KEM (ref) and Deaths* by Thomas Jay Kemp

This guide includes sample application forms, and ordering information, for vital records worldwide, often in the language of the particular country.

## **7. Church Records:**

Often church parish records are the only source of baptismal records, or older birth, marriage and death records. If you're searching for parish records see:

929.371      *Checklist of Parish Registers* by the Public Archives of Canada  
NAT (ref)

Many religious denominations (including Anglican, Catholic, Lutheran, Mennonite and United) keep their own archives both locally and nationally.

## **8. Census Records and Guides:**

Census material can give you detailed information on your ancestors. Canadian census reels can be viewed in WPL's Micromedia department, 1910 Portage Avenue, and include:

British Columbia and Manitoba census 1891 [microform]

Manitoba census 1870: (M.G. 9, E 3, vol.3) Red River Census: MG 9, E3, vol 1, 1831-47, vol.2, 1849; 1832-33 [microform]

Ontario census returns (1801-1842) for various locations [microform]

Includes returns from these locations: Edwardsburgh Twp., Elizabethtown, Johnstown Dist., Oxford-on-the-Rideau Twp., Westminster Twp., Woodhouse Twp.

Ontario (Algoma District) and Manitoba census, 1881 [microform]

Census of Ontario, 1891 [microform]

Ontario census 1901 [microform]

Census of population and agriculture of the Northwest provinces: Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, 1906 [microform]

Other census returns from across Canada can be obtained for you through the **Interlibrary Loan Department**. For more information, inquire at the Information and Reference desk at 986-6450 or call 986- 6491 during office hours. This service includes ordering microfilmed copies of the Census Archives in Ottawa for all dates up to and including 1901, later census returns remain confidential and are not yet available.

Digitized images of the original 1901 census returns, catalogues and many other primary source documents are available online on the national archives site through ArchiviaNet (see “Internet resource” below for more details).

929.371 *Researching Canadian Census Records* by Doris Bourrie  
BOU (ref)

929.37127 *Surname Index to the 1870 census of Manitoba and Red River*  
JON (ref)

929.107207 *The American Census Handbook* by Thomas Jay Kemp  
KEM (ref)

The *Ontario Archives Catalogue* is available at the Information and Reference desk (or online at [www.archives.gov.on.ca/english/interloan/vsmain.htm](http://www.archives.gov.on.ca/english/interloan/vsmain.htm)). It indexes microfilmed records from the Provincial Archives of Ontario, including: births, marriages and deaths, cemetery, land, municipal and court records.

Microfilm from the Ontario Archives Catalogue can be ordered for you to a maximum of three reels at a time. The Web site for this organization is [www.gov.on.ca/mczcr/archives](http://www.gov.on.ca/mczcr/archives).

## 9. City Directories and Phone Books

Old Winnipeg city directories and phone books can help you to identify and follow the movement of relatives within the city or province. These can be found in the Micromedia department. Call 204-986-6450 for more information.

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*City directories go back to 1877 and include an alphabetical list of residents and streets. Most editions also include a classified business directory. The phone books for Winnipeg and Manitoba are on microfilm and go back to the early 1900's.*

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917.1274 *The Winnipeg Henderson City Directories*  
HEN (ref)



## 10. Newspapers, Magazines, & Vertical Files

### Newspapers:

The Micromedia department (located at 1910 Portage Avenue) has micro-filmed back copies of the following local newspapers; these are useful for researching obituaries, birth announcements, etc.

*Nor'Wester* (Winnipeg.): December 28, 1859 - November 23, 1869

*Weekly Manitoban*: October 15, 1870 - November 2, 1874

*Winnipeg Daily Times*: April 12,1879 - July 30,1885

*Winnipeg Free Press*: 1874 to current

*Winnipeg Tribune*: 1890 - 1980

*Winnipeg Sun*: 1980 to current

## **Magazines:**

*Families* (publication of the Ontario Genealogical Society)

*Generations: The Journal of the Manitoba Genealogical Society*

*Heraldry in Canada*

## **Vertical Files:**

The Library has an extensive collection of vertical or clipping files that contain a wealth of material, especially with regard to local history and biography. Some relevant subjects include:

Manitoba-History-Pioneers  
Winnipeg-History-Pioneers  
Frontier and Pioneer Life  
Manitoba Genealogical Society

## **11. Internet Resources and Databases**

Every day more family history buffs are using the Internet to access genealogical resources and information. All Winnipeg Public Library branches offer free public Internet and email access to their customers.

### **Books and Guides:**

With millions of Web pages it is sometimes hard to know where to begin, the Library's reference collection provides a selection of guides that recommend useful Web sites.

- 929.1028 *Virtual Roots: a Guide to Genealogy and Local History on the World Wide Web* by Thomas Jay Kemp  
KEM (ref)
- 929.10285 *Links to Your Canadian Past* (3 volumes) by Peter J. Gagne  
GAG (ref)
- 929.10285 *Cyndi's List: A Comprehensive List of 40,000 Genealogy Sites on the Internet*  
HOW(ref)
- 929.1 *Genealogy Online* by Elizabeth Powell Crowe  
CRO
- 929.10285 *Genealogy Online for Dummies* by Matthew Helm  
HEL



## Archives

*National Archives of Canada:* [www.archives.ca/08/08\\_e.html](http://www.archives.ca/08/08_e.html)

A comprehensive site for Canadian genealogical research with tips on getting started, links to genealogical sources, directories, electronic publications and more. Use ArchiviaNet, the online research and consultation tool, to access a variety of information resources related to actual archival holdings. ArchiviaNet's research tools provide online access to electoral atlases, maps, Métis scrip, census, immigration records and more.

*Hudson Bay Archives:* [www.gov.mb.ca/chc/archives/hbca/](http://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/archives/hbca/)

One of Western Canada's national treasures, the HBC Archives include books, letters, ship's logs, pictures, photographs, maps and HBC post records. This Web site offers a list of the HBC collections and how to access them.

*Canadian Archival Resources on the Internet:* [www.usak.ca/archives/menu.html](http://www.usak.ca/archives/menu.html)

The University of Saskatchewan offers a comprehensive list of links to Canadian archives and associated resources on the Internet. These include links to individual repositories, multi-repository databases, archival listservs, archival associations, educational opportunities, and other related sites.

*Family Records (UK):* [www.familyrecords.gov.uk/](http://www.familyrecords.gov.uk/)

The official source for finding United Kingdom government records online, including births, marriages, deaths, census and migration and more.

*National Archives and Records Administration (U.S.A.):*  
[www.archives.gov/research\\_room/genealogy/index.html/](http://www.archives.gov/research_room/genealogy/index.html)

This federal site provides access to AAD (Access to Archival Databases) allowing you to search some holdings of electronic records and the online catalogue. The site gives access to a selection of nearly 50 million historic electronic records created by more than 20 federal agencies on a wide range of topics as well as important contextual information to help you understand the records better.

*Archeion (archives of Ontario):* [archeion-ao.fis.utoronto.ca/](http://archeion-ao.fis.utoronto.ca/)

A searchable gateway to online descriptions of archival collections found in archives across Ontario including descriptions of archival documents, the ability to search the descriptions and contact information for the archives where the documents can be accessed.

## Cemetery Records

*Manitoba Genealogical Society* has an excellent index to most Manitoba and some Winnipeg cemetery records. Visit them in person (at 1045 St. James Street) or on their Web site: **[www.mbnet.mb.ca/~mgs/](http://www.mbnet.mb.ca/~mgs/)**

*Planning, Property and Development, Municipal Cemeteries Branch:*  
**[www.winnipeg.ca/ppd/cemetery\\_search.stm](http://www.winnipeg.ca/ppd/cemetery_search.stm)**

The pages that are linked here are simple alphabetical text files listing those who are buried in Winnipeg's St. Vital, Transcona and Brookside cemeteries. They contain the person's name, burial order number, grave location number and burial plot, their date of death and their date of burial.

*Cemetery Transcription Library:* **[www.interment.net/Default.htm](http://www.interment.net/Default.htm)**

Browse 3,544,302 cemetery records across 7,433 cemeteries from around the world.

## Census

The 1901 census, the Census of the Northwest Provinces (1906), census catalogues and many other primary source documents are available online at ArchiviaNet, National Archives of Canada:

**[www.archives.ca/02/0201\\_e.html](http://www.archives.ca/02/0201_e.html)**

Through this research tool you can access digitized images of the original census returns, which record age, nationality, religion, profession, income, education, etc for every single resident of Canada on March 31, 1901.

The Catalogue of Census returns on Microfilm 1666-1901, which helps to identify relevant reels, is available for searching off of ArchviaNet. This catalogue lists Canadian censuses for all provinces which can usually be obtained through interlibrary loans.

**[www.archives.ca/02/02012102\\_e.html](http://www.archives.ca/02/02012102_e.html)**

*Ontario's GenWeb official transcription project:*

**[www.rootsweb.com/~ongenpro/census/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~ongenpro/census/)**

## Church Records

There is no central repository for church records (parish registers) in Canada. Many are in the custody of individual churches, church archives and provincial archives or they have not survived. The Archives of Manitoba have a limited collection of birth, marriage and burial registers. Most Manitoba religious institutions manage their own records. For a description of what is available at the Archives of Manitoba, visit their site: [www.gov.mb.ca/chc/archives/genealogy/gen\\_text/church\\_rec.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/archives/genealogy/gen_text/church_rec.html)

The Archives also provides links and contact information for finding church records in Manitoba: [www.gov.mb.ca/chc/archives/genealogy/gov\\_text/outside\\_records.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/archives/genealogy/gov_text/outside_records.html)

*United Church Archives:* [www.united-church.ca/archives/](http://www.united-church.ca/archives/)

*Catholic Records in Canada:* [home.att.net/~Local\\_Catholic/Catholic-Canada.htm](http://home.att.net/~Local_Catholic/Catholic-Canada.htm)

*Presbyterian Church in Canada:* [www.presbyterian.ca/archives/](http://www.presbyterian.ca/archives/)

*Anglican Church in Canada:* [anglicansonline.org/canada/](http://anglicansonline.org/canada/)

*Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints- family search:*  
[www.familysearch.org/Eng/default.asp](http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/default.asp)

*Canadian Jewish Congress National Archives and Reference Centre:*  
[www.cjc.ca/template.php?action=archives&Type=0&Language=EN#](http://www.cjc.ca/template.php?action=archives&Type=0&Language=EN#)

*Jewish Heritage Centre of Western Canada:* [www.jhcwc.org/archives.htm](http://www.jhcwc.org/archives.htm)

*Centre for Mennonite Brethren Studies:* [www.mbconf.ca/mbstudies/index.en.html](http://www.mbconf.ca/mbstudies/index.en.html)

*Mennonite Heritage centre Archives:* [www.mennonitechurch.ca/programs/archives/index.htm](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/programs/archives/index.htm)

For more addresses of church archives, consult published sources at the library, such as almanacs and directories, or search web sites such as:

*Canadian Archival Resources on the Internet- Religious Archives:*  
**[www.usask.ca/archives/car/relig.html](http://www.usask.ca/archives/car/relig.html)**

## **Immigration and Passenger Lists**

*University of Waterloo: Immigrants to Canada and Ship's Passenger Lists:*  
**<http://ist.uwaterloo.ca/~marj/genealogy/thevoyage.html>**

The information on these pages has been extracted from various government records, as well as the odd shipping record (mostly from the Allan Line). It contains voyage accounts, emigration information, lists of ships sailing to Canada, information on the ports, and on the people. Many of these lists give the name of the ship, Master, Port of Departure, Port of Arrival and other such information.

*ArchiviaNet: Online Search Tool, Immigration Records (1925-35)*  
Nominal Indexes for passenger and border entry lists.  
**[www.collectionscanada.ca/02/020118\\_e.html](http://www.collectionscanada.ca/02/020118_e.html)**

## **Vital Statistics**

*Manitoba Vital Statistics* offers an online database of births that occurred more than 100 years ago, marriages over 80 years ago and deaths more than 70 years ago, searchable by surname and date, on its Web site:  
**[web2.gov.mb.ca/cca/vital/Query.php](http://web2.gov.mb.ca/cca/vital/Query.php)**

## **Maps**

*Canadian Geographical Names:* **[geonames.nrcan.gc.ca/index\\_e.php](http://geonames.nrcan.gc.ca/index_e.php)**

The site features the Canadian Geographical Names Data Base (CGNDB), the data bank of Canada's geographical names. Its purpose is to store names that have been approved by the Canadian Permanent Committee on Geographical Names (CPCGN) and to make these authoritative records available for government and public use. Corresponding maps are held in the Information and Reference section.

*Maps of Canada:* [atlas.gc.ca/site/english/index.html](http://atlas.gc.ca/site/english/index.html)

This Natural Resources Canada Web site features archives of Canadian atlases from 1906 to 1995.

*Early Canadian Maps-The Pugsley Maps:* [digital.library.mcgill.ca/pugsley](http://digital.library.mcgill.ca/pugsley)

A viewable collection of 50 early Canadian maps, dating from 1556 to 1857, donated to the McGill University Libraries.

*Canadian County Atlas Digital Project:* [digital.library.mcgill.ca/CountyAtlas/projectoverview.html](http://digital.library.mcgill.ca/CountyAtlas/projectoverview.html)

McGill University Rare Books and Special Collections Division digital project is a searchable database of the property owners' names which appear on the township maps in the county atlases. Township maps, portraits and properties have been scanned, with links from the property owners' names in the database.

*United States Digital Map Library:* [www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/maps/table2.html](http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/maps/table2.html)

Resources include Indian cessation treaty, historical state, county and country maps for the United States.

## **Portals and Mega sites**

*The Canadian Genealogy Centre:* [www.genealogy.gc.ca](http://www.genealogy.gc.ca)

The primary online site for access to genealogical sources, services advice and tools in Canada.

*Cyndi's List:* <http://www.cyndislist.com/>

A free starting off site to use for online research with a collection of links to other sites categorized and cross-referenced by topic. It includes a link for beginners and children.

*Canadian Genealogy and History* : <http://www.islandnet.com/~jveinot/cghl.html>

This comprehensive collection of Canadian links to other Web sites grouped by region includes links to such interesting sites as immigration records, Canadian War Memorial records and various cultural sites.

*Canada Genweb Project* (global library): [www.rootsweb.com/~canwgw](http://www.rootsweb.com/~canwgw)

A bilingual site, supported largely by volunteers, that aims at being a comprehensive listing of information useful for genealogical searchers. Information is divided by province and includes historical facts, links of family tree web pages, and sites by region, a queries section which allows users to post messages, cemetery inscriptions and more.

*Helm's Genealogy Toolbox*: [www.genealogytoolbox.com/](http://www.genealogytoolbox.com/)

A large categorized list of genealogical links, it has software profiles, search engines, digitized images, how-to articles, queries, and genealogical news stories

*The Olive Tree Genealogy*: [www.olivetreegenealogy.com](http://www.olivetreegenealogy.com)

This site covers several different topics including ships lists, Palatines, Mennonites, Huguenots, Native American, Loyalists, Military, USA, Canada, with three categories for each topic. Over 1500 free databases, tutorials and help files and resource guides are available through this site.

*RootsWeb*: [www.rootsweb.com/](http://www.rootsweb.com/)

The primary purpose and function of RootsWeb.com is to connect people so that they can help each other and share genealogical research. Most resources on RootsWeb.com are designed to facilitate such connections.

*Genealogy Gateway to the Web*: [www.gengateway.com](http://www.gengateway.com)

This well organized site offers several gateways into large collections of family web pages, surname listings, obituaries, military records and more.

*Genealogical Research in Canada:* [www.king.igs.net/~bdmlhm/cangenealogy1.html](http://www.king.igs.net/~bdmlhm/cangenealogy1.html)

A well maintained and interesting collection of sites arranged by categories, the sources listed are sorted alphabetically by Province/Territory first, with the exception of the War & Military links, which are listed chronologically.

### **Specialized Sites:**

*International Blacksheep Society of Genealogists:*  
[blacksheep.rootsweb.com](http://blacksheep.rootsweb.com)

A site for those looking for the more disreputable members of a family.

*British Home Children (1869-1930s):* [http://www.collectionscanada.ca/02/020110\\_e.html](http://www.collectionscanada.ca/02/020110_e.html)

Between 1869 and the early 1930s, over 100,000 children were sent to Canada from Great Britain during the child emigration movement. Maintained by the British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa and offered through the National Archives. It enables searches of Home Children by name from passenger lists. It includes name of the ship, port and date of arrival, sponsor, and age and gender of the child.

*Aboriginal People's Guide to the Records of Canada:* [www.archives.ca/02/02012001\\_e.html](http://www.archives.ca/02/02012001_e.html)

Offered through the National Archives, this site contains letters from both the Dept. Of Indian Affairs, and the Dept. of the Interior from 1870 and on. A brief history of government relations with aboriginal peoples provides genealogists with an overview. Included are Métis scrip settlements, and an index to Band Offices and their records.

*Jewishgen: The Home of Jewish genealogy:* [www.jewishgen.org](http://www.jewishgen.org)

Comprehensive site for researchers of Jewish genealogy. Links include a database of over 200,000 surnames of towns, discussion groups, the JewishGen InfoFiles, a subject directory of resources, and links to Jewish genealogical societies worldwide. Includes records of Holocaust victims. "The Mall" sells products for genealogical research, proceeds of which help support the JewishGen organization.

*Afrigeneas: African Ancestored Genealogy:* [www.afrigeneas.com](http://www.afrigeneas.com)

This site provides a searchable database of census material by surnames of both slaveholding families and their slaves. Accessible public records include birth, death, tax, marriage, church, bills of sale, plantation, runaways, letters, and diaries. Message boards and chat are also available.

*Canadian Adoptees Registry Inc.:* [www.canadianadopteesregistry.org/index.html](http://www.canadianadopteesregistry.org/index.html)

A site offering free registry to individuals searching for their birth and foster relatives. Offers searchable databases, and answers to FAQs. It provides samples of information request forms, addresses of Canadian Adoption Disclosure Registries by province, internet links to telephone number lookup aids, and alternate adoption registries.

*Canadian Virtual War Memorial:* [www.vacacc.gc.ca/general/sub.cfm?source=collections/virtualmem](http://www.vacacc.gc.ca/general/sub.cfm?source=collections/virtualmem)

This site allows you to search a database of over 110,000 surnames of Canadians and Newfoundlanders who died in World Wars I and II. Contains digital images and personal memorabilia of individuals and provides a search, by surname, of commemorative memorials and burial sites.

*Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints:* [www.lds.org/site\\_main\\_menu/frameset-global-fam\\_his.html](http://www.lds.org/site_main_menu/frameset-global-fam_his.html)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, or Mormon Church, has been gathering records worldwide for more than a century, earning it the title of “the world leader in family history.” Provides useful tools for getting started- plus a printable pedigree chart. Search for ancestral names, or submit a family history.

## Genealogical Societies

*Manitoba Genealogical Society:* <http://www.mts.net/~mgsi>

This site offers tips for getting started. Explains how to submit a search request to MSG for professional researchers. (Fee for service, discounts offered for members). Publications for sale from the site include indexes to marriage and death notices from Manitoba newspapers, the Society's newsletters, pedigree charts, and cemetery transcriptions.

*Ontario Genealogical Society:* [www.ogs.on.ca](http://www.ogs.on.ca)

The society is maintained by volunteers, and is housed in North York Public Library. Items for sale through this site include microfilmed census records, birth, death, and marriage certificates from the Ontario Archives, maps of counties, and certain court records.

*East European Genealogical Society:* [www.eegsociety.org/index.html](http://www.eegsociety.org/index.html)

Also maintained by volunteers, and supported by members, EEGS's site includes information on pre and post World War One geographical areas, current countries, ethnic groups, and religions. Also includes a searchable database by surname or ancestral village. Founded in Manitoba.

*Mennonite Historical Society:* [www.mhsc.ca/](http://www.mhsc.ca/)

This site, staffed by volunteers, offers the *Canadian Mennonite Encyclopaedia* online, as well as a database of over 1000 Mennonite congregations, institutions, and their members. Also has a compilation of Mennonite materials from the former USSR available in North America, primarily on microfilm.

## 12. Directory of Manitoba Genealogical Organizations and Societies

Besides the Library, there are several other excellent genealogical sources to assist you in your ancestral search, before contacting these organizations,

be sure you have gathered precise information and have a clear idea as to what you want.

- a) Manitoba Genealogical Society  
204-783-9139  
Unit E-1045 St. James Street, R3H 1B1
- b) Legislative Library of Manitoba  
204-945-4330  
200 Vaughan Street, R3C 1T5
- c) Provincial Archives of Manitoba  
204-945-3971  
200 Vaughan Street, R3C 1T5
- d) City of Winnipeg Archives  
204-986-3060  
380 William Avenue, R3A 0J1
- e) Hudson's Bay Co. Archives  
204-945-4949  
200 Vaughan Street, R3C 1T5
- f) Vital Statistics Department of Manitoba  
204-945-3701  
254 Portage Avenue, R3C 0B6
- g) Land Titles Office  
204-945-2042  
405 Broadway Avenue, R3C 3L6
- h) Western Canada Pictorial Index  
204-949-1620  
404-63 Albert Street, R3B 1G4
- i) Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Days Saints  
204-261-4271  
Family History Centre  
45 Dalhousie Drive, R3T 5R9

- j) Canadian Mennonite University  
204-487-3300 ext. 395  
600 Shaftsbury Boulevard, R3P 0M4
  
- k) Post Adoption Registry (Province of Manitoba)  
204-945-6962  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 114 Garry Street, R3C 4K4
  
- l) Indian and Northern Affairs  
204-983-2842  
1100-275 Portage Avenue, R3C 0B6  
(For obtaining band number and treaty rights)
  
- m) Eastern Genealogical Society  
204-989-3292  
P.O. Box 2536  
Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3C 4A7
  
- n) The Heritage Centre, the Societe Historique  
204-233-4888  
de Saint Boniface located at the Centre Culturel  
Franco-Manitobain, 340 Provencher Boulevard  
R2H 0G7
  
- o) National Archives of Canada  
395 Wellington Avenue  
Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0N3

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HUSBAND:		WIFE:					
NAME							
BIRTH DATE / PLACE							
MARRIAGE DATE / PLACE							
DEATH DATE / PLACE							
BURIAL DATE / PLACE							
OCCUPATION							
RELIGION							
OTHER SPOUSES							
FATHER / MOTHER							
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<b>Cornish</b>	20 West Gate	204-986-4679
<b>Fort Garry</b>	1360 Pembina Highway	204-986-4918
<b>Henderson</b>	1-1050 Henderson Highway	204-986-4314
<b>Louis Riel</b>	1168 Dakota Street	204-986-4573
<b>Munroe</b>	489 London Street	204-986-3736
<b>Osborne</b>	625 Osborne Street	204-986-4775
<b>Pembina Trail</b>	2724 Pembina Highway	204-986-4369
<b>River Heights</b>	1520 Corydon Avenue	204-986-4934
<b>St. Boniface</b>	100-131 Provencher Boulevard	204-986-4331
<b>St. James-Assiniboia</b>	1910 Portage Avenue	204-986-3424
<b>St. John's</b>	500 Salter Street	204-986-4689
<b>St. Vital</b>	6 Fermor Avenue	204-986-5628
<b>Sir William Stephenson</b>	765 Keewatin Street	204-986-7070
<b>Transcona</b>	111 Victoria Avenue West	204-986-3954
<b>West End</b>	999 Sargent Avenue	204-986-4677
<b>West Kildonan</b>	365 Jefferson Avenue	204-986-4386
<b>Westwood</b>	66 Allard Avenue	204-986-4742
<b>Windsor Park</b>	955 Cottonwood Road	204-986-4949

**Library Business Office/Administration** 204-986-6462

**Web site** [www.winnipeg.ca/library](http://www.winnipeg.ca/library)

**Email** [wpl-info@winnipeg.ca](mailto:wpl-info@winnipeg.ca)

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