**Directories** [gendir]


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**Resources in our Collection**

The McLaughlin Library holds copies of local phone and city directories, which can be an invaluable resource when researching your family history.

**Telephone Directories**
Durham Region and surrounding territory

1938 – 1941
1958 – 1959
1961 – 1966
1968 – 1969
1972 – 1988/89
1992 – 2007

**Vernon's Oshawa & Whitby City Directory**
Look up an address and see who lived there, or look up a person's name and find out where they lived and worked. Some of our earliest directories are available online, while the remaining years are located at the McLaughlin branch.

1916-1917
1921
1923
1924
1926 New!
1928
1929 New!

1930 – 1948
1950 – 1991
1994 – 2001

**Selected Websites**

Canadian Directories - Who Was Where?
The collection includes scanned images of provincial/territorial, county and city directories, primarily from the pre-1901 period.

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**Resources in our Collection**

The Canadian Genealogical Sourcebook
929.371 TAY (MCL, LC)

Discover Your Roots: Dig Up Your Family History and Other Buried Treasures
929.1 BLA (MCL)

Finding Your Canadian Ancestors: A Beginner's Guide
929.10720971 IRV (NV)

500 Brickwall Solutions To Genealogy Problems
929.1072 FIV (MCL, NV)

The Genealogist's Question & Answer Book
929.1 MEL (MCL, LC, NV)

Genealogy For The First Time: Research Your Family History
929.1 BES (McL, LC)

The Genealogy Handbook: The Complete Guide to Tracing Your Family Tree
929.1 GAL (MCL, LC, NV)

Time Traveller's Handbook: A Guide To The Past
929.1072 DOU (MCL)

Tracing Your Family History: The Complete Guide to Locating Your Ancestors and Finding Out Where You Came From
929.1072 HUL (MCL, LC, NV, JH)

The Troubleshooter's Guide To Do-It-Yourself Genealogy: Unlocking Your Family History
929.1072073 QUI (MCL)

Who Do You Think You Are?: The Essential Guide to Tracing Your Family History
929.1072 SMO (MCL)

**Selected Websites**

Cyndi's List - Beginners
A large categorized and cross-referenced directory of sites useful for genealogical research, with hundreds of thousands of links.

The Global Gazette
Published by Global Genealogy, this newsletter offers lots of articles on various genealogical topics from well-known names in the field.

How to Do Genealogy – Canadian Genealogy Centre
Offers a detailed introduction to genealogy with specific reference to Canadian sources.

Peel's Prairie Provinces
Have ancestors from western Canada? Peel's Prairie Provinces is dedicated to helping researchers explore the history and culture of Canada's western provinces. Includes more than 7,000 digitized items, including city directories from several cities, and more than 3 million newspaper articles.

ProGenealogists' Research Articles
Several articles on genealogy and genealogical research, written by members of of ProGenealogists, a consortium of professional genealogists.

Ancestral Chart (pdf)

Family Group Record (pdf)

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**Cemetery Indexes** [cemind]


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**Resources in our Collection**

Copies of all the cemetery transcriptions for Durham Region are available in at the McLaughlin Library.

These are also available for purchase from the Ontario Genealogical Society Durham Region Branch.

A Better Place: Death and Burial in Nineteenth-Century Ontario
393.109713 SMA (McL)

Momento Mori: Classifying Nineteenth-Century Gravestones, An Oshawa Study
731.76 SUC (McL)

**Selected Websites**

Archives of Ontario – Ontario Genealogical Society Cemetery Transcripts
Need a transcript outside of Durham Region? Order microfilms of Ontario cemetery transcripts from the Archives of Ontario through our interlibrary loan service. To find the microfilm number, click on Microfilm Listings and choose the township you want.

CanadaGenWeb Cemetery Project
List of cemeteries throughout Canada (you can narrow your search by choosing a specific province). Many cemeteries have been photographed, so it's worth looking at the site in case a photograph of a family member's tombstone is there. Find out the location of the cemetery and the specific plot first on the Ontario Cemetery Finding Aid website.

Ontario Cemetery Ancestor Search
Search selected indexes created by the Ontario Genealogical Society.

Ontario Cemetery Finding Aid
A database of surnames, cemetery names, and locations of more than 2 million interments from several thousand cemeteries, cairns, memorials, and cenotaphs in Ontario.

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**Census Records** [cenrec]



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Census records are house to house inventories of the residents of Canada taken every 10 years. People are not listed alphabetically. Printed indexes for Oshawa and Whitby are available to aid in locating families in these records. These are listed below.

**Resources in our Collection**

Researching Canadian Census Records (book)

The McLaughlin Branch Library holds Census records on microfilm for:

1842 Carleton, Durham, Gore, Haldimand, Home, Lincoln, Newcastle, Northumberland, Ottawa District, Simcoe, Toronto City, York

1848 Durham, Leeds, Northumberland

1851 Durham, Hastings, Northumberland, Ontario, Peterborough, Prince Edward

1861 Dundas, Durham, Elgin, Hastings, Norfolk, Northumberland, Ontario, Oxford, Peterborough, Prince Edward, Renfrew, Toronto City

1871 Bothwell, Durham, Hastings, Kent, Lennox, Northumberland, Ontario, Peterborough, Prince Edward, Toronto City, Victoria

1881 – 1911 All of Ontario

Census Indexes can aid in locating families in census records. Indexes for Oshawa/Whitby are available at the Reference Desk of the McLaughlin Branch for the following years:

1851 – Township of Whitby
1861 – Township of East Whitby
1861 – Village of Oshawa
1878 – Village of Oshawa
1881 – Town of Oshawa
1881 – East Whitby township
1891 – Town of Oshawa
1891 – Township of East Whitby
1901 – Township of East Whitby
1901 – Town of Oshawa

Brant Bruce Durham

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| Elgin | Essex Kent | Grey |
| Haldimand-Norfolk | Halton-Peel | Hamilton-Wentworth |
| Hastings-Prince Edward | Huron | Kingston-Frontenac-Lennox-Addington |
| Leeds-Grenville | Lincoln-Welland-Niagara | London-Middlesex |
| Northumberland | Ontario County | Oxford |
| Perth | Peterborough-Victoria | Renfrew-The North |
| Simcoe | Stormont-Dundas-Glengarry | Toronto |
| Waterloo | Wellington | York |

**Selected Websites**

Check the various census research tools at ArchiviaNet.

Here you will find:Catalogue of Census Returns on Microfilm 1666-1901

This allows researchers to identify relevant microfilm reel numbers for census returns they wish to search.

Microfilms for all of Canada can be borrowed from Library and Archives Canada through our interlibrary loan service.

1851 Census (images only, no index)
1871 Census of Ontario (index only, no images)
1901 Census of Canada (images only, no index)
1906 Census of the Northwest Provinces (images only, no index)
1911 Census of Canada (images only, no index)

Census of Ireland, 1911 - National Archives of Ireland
Search the 1911 census for Ireland. The records include all 32 counties for Ireland during that period, and is searchable by all 18 fields, including religion, occupation, county or country of origin, and literacy status.

**Online Indexes**

1871 Census of Ontario
1881 Canadian Census
1901 Canadian Census
1911 Canadian Census

**Ancestry Library Edition** (Available only in Library)
This extensive database carries indexes and images for the 1851-1911 Canadian census. The Oshawa Public Libraries offers access to this resource, but it is only available within a library branch.

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| Brant | Bruce | Carleton |
| Elgin | Essex and Kent | Frontenac, Lennox and Addington |
| Grey | Haldimand | Halton |
| Hastings and Prince Edward | Huron | Lambton |
| Lanark and Renfrew | Leeds and Grenville | Lincoln and Welland |
| Middlesex | Norfolk | Northumberland and Durham |
| Ontario | Oxford | Peel |
| Perth | Peterborough | Prescott and Russell |
| Simcoe | Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry | Victoria |
| Wellington | Wentworth | York |

**Historical County Atlases**
Between 1874 and 1881, 32 county atlases were produced for Ontario. Each of the county atlases consists of a historical text, township and town maps, portraits, views, and directory/business cards. But more important, names of residents were marked on the lots of the township maps in these county atlases.

The McLaughlin Library carries the following county atlases in the Reference collection:

**Oshawa Historical Maps**
We carry a wide range of historical maps for the town and city of Oshawa and surrounding communities. These are housed in the Local History Collection at the McLaughlin Branch Library.

Insurance Plan for the City of Oshawa, July 1966
LOCAL HIST 912.71356 CAN (McL)

**Books**

Genealogy, Geography, and Maps: Using Atlases and Gazetteers to Find Your Family
REF 921.1072071 DOU (McL)

The Phillimore Atlas and Index of Parish Registers
REF 912.1200942 PHI (McL)

Using Maps in Family History Research: Lessons & Links
REF DESK 929.1072 STR (McL)

Walking with Your Ancestors: A Genealogist's Guide to Using Maps and Geography
929.1072073 KAS (LC, McL)

**Selected Websites**

The Canadian County Atlas Digital Project - McGill University
The County Atlas Digital Project is a searchable database of the property owners' names that 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.

Canadian Geographic Historical Maps of Canada
Watch the map of Canada change in this quick overview of Canadian history from 1700 to 1999.

Canadian Heritage Gallery - Maps & Plans

David Rumsey Historical Map Collection
Excellent resource showing how powerful GIS can be in showing old maps.

Harvard Digital Map Collection
This online catalogue for Harvard University Library includes American Civil War maps and a 1739 atlas of Paris.

Historical Atlas of Canada: Online Learning Project
Three volumes which explore major themes and episodes in the history of Canada using maps, text, and graphics.

Library of Congress American Memory Project
Collection of American History and National Parks Maps.

Maps 1667-1999 - Canadian Confederation
A series of maps that recount important moments in Canada's history. These maps cover the period from the French colonial era of the seventeenth century to the creation of Nunavut in 1999.

Maps, Plans & Charts
About 4,000 maps and plans, now in the public domain, have been digitized and may be consulted online.

Perry-Castañeda Library Map Collection - Historical Maps
Online collection of more than 11,000 maps from the Perry-Castañeda Library Map Collection at the University of Texas.

W. H. Pugsley Collection of Early Canadian Maps - McGill University
50 early Canadian maps dating from 1556 to 1857.

More American Civil War Maps
Courtesy of the United States Military Academy at West Point.
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**Historical Newspapers** [hisnew]

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Old newspapers can be very useful when researching a local family, business, or event, and especially helpful in obtaining birth, marriage, and death notices when tracing your family tree.

**Resources in our Collection**

Inventory of Ontario Newspapers: 1793-1986
REF 070.350971 GIL (McL)

Researching Canadian Newspaper Records
REF 929.371 TAY (McL)

**In our Microfilm Collection**

**Ontario Reformer**
April 28, 1871 – December 26, 1873

**Oshawa Daily Reformer**
December 2, 1922 – December 30, 1922
June 1, 1926 – June 30, 1927

**Oshawa Daily Times**
July 4, 1927 – December 1932
January 1955 – December 1969

**Oshawa Independent**
April 4, 1994 – March 31, 1995

**Oshawa This Week**
January 1991 – Present

**Oshawa Times**
July 1940 – December 1940
July 1946 – December 1954
January 1970 – November 6, 1994

**Oshawa Vindicator**
January 1, 1862 – November 30, 1864
December 7, 1864 – December 25, 1867
January 1, 1868 – March 15, 1871
March 22, 1871 – December 27, 1871

**The Globe and Mail**
1849 – present

**The Toronto Star**
1929 – present

**Selected Websites**

Multicultural Newspapers - Archives of Ontario
One hundred newspapers published by multicultural Ontario communities between 1930-1987. Click on any of the red links to find details about the films, including the reel numbers you need to order the films through interlibrary loan.

Oshawa Newspaper & Obituary Index
A regularly updated online index of articles that have appeared in the various Oshawa papers. This index makes it easier to find articles on the microfilmed newspapers.

Toronto Star – Pages of the Past
A searchable online database of the complete run of this paper from 1894 – 2007. All content can be searched by date or keyword and you can view the scanned pages online. You will be prompted to enter your library card to access this resource.

Canadian Newspapers on Microform Held by the Library and Archives Canada
Films available at Library and Archives Canada can be ordered online through our interlibrary loan service. Please make sure to include the name of the paper, the dates needed, and the Amicus Number (AN).

Original and Microfilmed Newspaper Collections in the Archives of Ontario (pdf)
Films available at the Archives of Ontario are available in the Archives' reading room only and not through interlibrary loan. The Archives is located at 134 Ian Macdonald Boulevard, near Keele Street, on the campus of York University.

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**Land Records** [lanrec]


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**Books in our Collection**

Land Records in Ontario Registry Offices: A Genealogical Research Guide
REF 929.3713 MCF (McL)

Locating Your Roots: Discover Your Ancestors Using Land Records (American)
929.1072073 HAT (LC, McL)

Ontario Land Registry Office Records: A Guide
REF 929.3713 STR (McL)

Researching Canadian Land Records
REF 929.1072071 MUR (McL)

Title Searching in Ontario: A Procedural Guide
346.710438 GLO (McL)

**Selected Websites**

Crown Land Records, Archives of Ontario, Series RG 1
When ordering land records from the archives, please quote the appropriate microfilm reference number (e.g. MS 658, Reel 1) on your interlibrary loan card.

Crown Land Records: Introduction
List of Crown Land records available on microfilm. Click one of the links with Series RG 1-xxx (you need this information to order the films online through our interlibrary loan service) to find the specific microfilm numbers for those records.

Types of records in Ontario Land Registry Offices

Upper Canada (Ontario) Land Petition Records

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**Magazines & Newsletters** [genmag]


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Beaver: Canada's History Magazine
Canadian Military History
Everton Genealogical Helper (ceased publication in 2009)
Family Tree Magazine
Family Chronicle
Historical Happenings (Oshawa)
Internet Genealogy
Kindred Spirits
OGS Newsleaf
Ontario History
Practical Family History

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**Military Records** [milrec]


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**Resources in our Collection**

Royal Canadian Air Force Memories Scrapbook
On display at the McLaughlin Branch and now available online in our Full-Text Archive, this scrapbook contains newspaper clippings about Oshawa soldiers who served in the Canadian Air Force. Check the index for a list of names.

Oshawa Book of Remembrance
On display at the McLaughlin Branch, this volume contains photographs and biographical information about Oshawa soldiers lost during the World Wars.

Army Records: A Guide for Family Historians
929.341 SPE (McL)

History of the Ontario Regiment, 1866-1951
940.541271356 SCH (McL)

The History of the 2nd Canadian Battalion (East Ontario Regiment), Canadian Expeditionary Force in the Great War, 1914-1919
LOCAL HIST 940.41271 MUR (McL)

The Remembered: The Students, Graduates and Staff of the Oshawa Collegiate and Vocational Institute Who Served in the Second World War, 1939-1945
LOCAL HIST PAMPHLET 940.546771356 OSH (McL)

Tracing Your Second World War Ancestors
929.107204 FOW (McL)

**Selected Websites**

Books of Remembrance
Contain the names of Canadians who fought in wars and died either during or after them.

Canadian Forces after 1918, including Second World War
Library and Archives Canada web page for information on accessing military records for soldiers who served in the First and Second World Wars. For soldiers who survived WWII, please note that access restrictions apply to these service records. Further instructions are available on the Application for Military Service Information form (pdf).

Canadian Virtual War Memorial
A registry of information about the graves and memorials of more than 116,000 Canadians and Newfoundlanders who served valiantly and gave their lives for their country.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission
The "Debt of Honour Register" is the Commission's database listing the 1.7 million men and women of the Commonwealth forces who died during the two world wars and the 23,000 cemeteries, memorials and other locations worldwide where they are commemorated.

The Great Canadian War Project
This site was developed to "promote interest in Canada's participation in World War I...to research the Canadians who participated in the Great War 1914-1919, or other nationalities who served in the CEF."

Last Post – Legion Magazine
Legion Magazine's historical archive database goes back to January 1987. It contains more than 165,000 short death notices for Royal Canadian Legion members with military backgrounds.

The Memory Project
Developed by the Historica-Dominion Institute, the Memory Project is a record of Canada’s participation in WWII, providing living Second World War veterans with the opportunity to share their memories through oral interviews and digitized artefacts and memorabilia.

Soldiers of the First World War – CEF
The CEF database is an index to those personnel files, which are held by Library and Archives Canada. To date, over 800,000 images of Attestation papers have been scanned and are being made available on-line.

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**Vital Records** [vitrec]


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- **Resources in our Collection**

The indexes for the following years have been released by the Province:

- Births 1869-1914
- Marriages 1873-1929
- Deaths 1869-1939

Indexes are available on microfilm at the McLaughlin Branch and to borrow from the Archives of Ontario.

The full registration record is available on loan from the Archives of Ontario.

**Ancestry Library Edition** (Available only in Library)
This extensive database carries indexes and images for many of the Ontario Vital records. The most current vital records for Ontario have not been added yet, but Ancestry is working on it.
The Oshawa Public Libraries offer access to this resource, but it is available only within a library branch.

**Books**

Following the Paper Trail: A Multilingual Translation Guide
418.02 SHE (McL)

International Vital Records Handbook
REF 929.373 KEM (McL)

Researching American Vital Statistics Records
929.1072073 BAR (McL)

Researching Canadian Vital Statistics Records: Births, Marriages, and Deaths
REF 929.1072071 MUR (McL)

Vital Records in Ontario before 1869: A Guide to Early Ontario Vital Records
REF 929.3713 STR (McL)

**Selected Websites**

The Births, Marriages, and Deaths page from Library and Archives Canada offers some information on when each province began recording their vital statistics. Also includes information on how to obtain and research earlier records.

Some transcriptions of Ontario Vital Records are available online through the Ontario Vital Statistics Project.

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