

An Ontario toolbox - a selection of family history resources in the Ottawa Branch OGS Library

Getting Started

Genealogy in Ontario: Searching the records, 30th anniversary edition, Brenda Dougall Merriman, Ontario Genealogical Society, 2013.

Ontario genealogy for beginners, 8th edition, Ruth M. Burkholder, Global Heritage Press, 2012.

Finding Your Canadian Ancestors: A Beginner's Guide, Sherry Irvine and Dave Obee, Ancestry Publishing, 2007.

Understanding Ontario First Nations Genealogical Records: Sources and Case Studies, David K. Faux, Ontario Genealogical Society, 2002.

Understanding time and place

Genealogy, Geography, and Maps: Using Atlases and Gazetteers to Find Your Family, Althea Douglas, Ontario Genealogical Society, 2006.

Handbook of Upper Canadian Chronology, revised edition, Frederick H. Armstrong, Toronto: Dundurn Press, 1985.

Municipal Records in Ontario - History and Guide, Fraser Dunford, Ontario Genealogical Society, 2005.

Townships of the Province of Ontario Canada: A Complete Index of the Townships in all the Counties and Districts, Compiled by Muriel Gartner and Frederick Prong, Ontario Genealogical Society, 2007.

Time Traveller's Handbook: a Guide to the Past, Althea Douglas, Dundurn Press, 2011.

Life stages and key events

Vital Records in Ontario Before 1869: A Guide to Early Ontario Vital Records, Fawne Stratford-Devai and Ruth Burkholder, Global Heritage Press, 2003.

Counting Canada: A Genealogical Guide to the Canadian Census, Dave Obee, self-published, 2012.

Education and Ontario Family History: A Guide to Resources for Genealogists and Historians, Marian Press, Ontario Genealogical Society and Dundurn Press, 2011.

A Call to the Colours: Tracing Your Canadian Military Ancestors, Kenneth G. Cox, Ontario Genealogical Society and Dundurn Press, 2011.

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Crime and Punishment in Upper Canada: A Researcher's Guide, Janice Nickerson, Ontario Genealogical Society and Dundurn Press, 2010.

A Better Place: Death and Burial in Nineteenth Century Ontario, Susan Smart, Ontario Genealogical Society, 2006.

Land, property and inheritance

Ontario Land Registry Office Records: A Guide, Fawne Stratford-Devai and Ruth Burkholder, Global Heritage Press, 2003.

Inheritance in Ontario: Wills and Other Records for Family Historians, Jane E. MacNamara, Ontario Genealogical Society and Dundurn Press, 2013.

Emigration, Immigration and Migration

Province of Ontario Immigration Records: An Overview, Fawne Stratford-Devai, Global Heritage Press, 2003.

Across the Waters: Ontario Immigrants' Experiences 1820-1850, Frances Hoffman and Ryan Taylor, Global Heritage Press, 1999.

Destination Canada: A Genealogical Guide to Immigration Records, Dave Obee, self-published, 2010.

Leaving Ontario: Sources for Tracking Ontario Migrants, Fawne Stratford-Devai, Global Heritage Press, 2008.

Getting from Here to There: Identifying the Origins of Immigrants to Canada, Fawne Stratford-Devai, Global Heritage Press, 2003.

Avoiding pitfalls and research traps

Genealogy and the Law in Canada, Margaret Ann Wilkinson, Ontario Genealogical Society and Dundurn Press, 2010.

Using Forms for Canadian Genealogical Research, Susan Smart and Clifford Duxbury Collier, Ontario Genealogical Society, 2006.

Here Be Dragons!: Navigating the hazards found in Canadian family research, Althea Douglas, Ontario Genealogical Society, 1996.

Here be Dragons, too! More navigational hazards for the Canadian family researcher, Althea Douglas, Ontario Genealogical Society, 2000.

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