

Starting Genealogy on the Internet

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**SOMETHING, SOMEWHERE
WENT TERRIBLY WRONG.**

Where to Start ?

At home, of course. Talk to all your relatives, look to see old photographs, records of birth, baptism, death and marriage, family Bibles, funeral service sheets, etc. Make copies. Where are all your dead relatives buried? If locally, visit the graves, transcribe gravestone information, take pictures. Not buried locally? Lacking birth information, etc.?

NOW you go to the internet.

Two choices among many:

[Ontario Cemetery Finding Aid - OCFA](http://www.ocfa.islandnet.com) . *ocfa.islandnet.com*

A database of over 3 million burials in *Ontario*.

<http://www.genealogysearch.org/canada/ontario.html>

You want More?

Quality of official statistics naturally varies wildly from century to century, country to country, place to place. Never mind the Romans, 1066, and all that, extensive government statistical gathering didn't really get going until whole populations had to be counted for mass political and military purposes.

Let's start with Canada

Archives of Canada

Canadian Genealogy Centre - Introduction –

<http://www.collectionsCanada.gc.ca/022/index-e-html/>

Immigration and Citizenship
Births, Marriages and Deaths
Census and Enumerations
Military

Genealogy
Links
Land

http://www.archivescanada.ca/car/car_e.asp?l=e&a=genealogy

- [1881 Canada Census](#)

- (Census field choose "1881 Canadian Census")

- [1901 Census of Canada](#)

- [1906 Census of the Northwest Provinces](#)

- [1911 Census of Canada](#)

(This database allows researchers to search by geographic location only)

- [ArchiviaNet \(Library and Archives Canada\)](#)

- (Colonial Archives, Canadian Expeditionary Force - First World War; Dominion Land Grants, etc.)

- [Book of Remembrance](#)

- (from Veterans Affairs Canada)

- [Canadian Genealogical Projects Registry](#)

- (from Alberta Family Histories Society)

- [Canadian Genealogical Societies](#)

- (list of provincial and territorial genealogical societies)

<http://www.archives.gov.on.ca/english/family-history/the-records.aspx>

Marriages from around 1802 to 1928,

Births from 1869 to 1913

Deaths from 1869 to 1938.

Research Guide 204:

- Sources for Birth, Marriage and Death Records

Message Boards: Carleton County, N.B.

<http://boards.ancestry.com/localities.northam.canada.newbrunswick.carleton/1286/mb.ashx>

There are thousands of community message boards like this one.

Threads: 550 - Messages: 1753

Thread	Author	Replies	Last Posted
<u>Bessie Dickinson married in Woodstock June 24, 1908</u>	 <u>NHCowboy</u>	5	<u>24 Apr 2011 2:21PM</u>
<u>Detachment of 33rd Regiment stationed at Woodstock</u>	 <u>mchambe405</u>	0	<u>19 Apr 2011</u>
<u>Carleton York Regiment in WWII in England</u>	David BYRAM	15	<u>11 Apr 2011</u>
<u>Benjamin Potter Dunn family of Wilmot, Carleton</u>	 <u>James Allan M...</u>	4	<u>6 Apr 2011</u>
<u>Mary Jane Tidd-Teed of Woodstock (born 1837)</u>	 <u>alfysmiling</u>	2	<u>4 Apr 2011</u>
<u>david stewart and judith mccollom/mccullum/mccallum</u>	 <u>sasatwood</u>	0	<u>30 Mar 2011</u>
<u>Looking for Boyers/Barnetts/ Murphys/Prices</u>	Debbie	7	<u>29 Mar 2011</u>
<u>LF Children of Thomas Earl Troy and Iva M Stairs</u>	 <u>glmorris137</u>	1	<u>23 Mar 2011</u>
<u>Looking for Information on the Edwards/ Dow families</u>	 <u>nicolalindsay</u>	4	<u>23 Mar 2011</u>

<http://freebmd.org.uk/>

A British project, still in progress, to transcribe the public index of births, marriages, and deaths for England and Wales.

So far, something like 200 million names are fully recorded.

FreeBMD.org.uk is part of a larger project which includes census data and parish registers.

Other Sources

BritishAncestors.com

MyHeritage.com (*Family Tree Builder*)

www.olivetreegenealogy.com

A free genealogy and history site specializing in free primary source genealogy records especially ships' passenger lists.

Genealogytoday.com

This site offers things like “Genograms”, family history prints and charts, British family history resources in selections of both free and fee-based databases.

www.cyndislist.com/soc-cigs.html

Societies & Groups - Computer Interest Groups

Ancestry.com (Kitchener Library) *see last screen.*

www.cyndislist.com

291,330+ links for family history. A small sample:

[Acadian, Cajun & Creole](#) (119)

Updated January 4, 2011

[Adoption](#) (191)

Updated September 18, 2009

[Africa](#) (207)

Updated March 7, 2010

[African-American](#) (678)

Updated February 3, 2011

[Ancestry.com: The Basics](#) (174)

Updated January 28, 2011

[Antarctica](#)



(42)

Updated December 17, 2009

[Asia & The Pacific](#) (323)

Updated November 3, 2010

[Australia](#) (1207)

Updated February 4, 2011

[Names](#) (109)

Updated March 7, 2010

[Native American](#) (660)

Updated December 13, 2010

[Netherlands / Nederland](#) (345)

Updated February 23, 2011

[Newsgroups](#) (179)

Updated January 17, 2009

[Newspapers](#) (847)

Updated January 28, 2011

[New Zealand](#) (287)

Updated January 5, 2011

[Norway / Norge](#) (348)

Updated February 4, 2011

[Novelties](#) (66)

Updated September 30, 2010

What to do with it all?

Save it, of course. There's lots of software for recording your findings and some of the best is free. Read the following comprehensive review before deciding.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison_of_genealogy_software

PAF: Personal Ancestry File. *(Different programs for different versions of Windows, and other languages. One way to tap into the Mormons' enormous database.)*

Family Tree Maker. *(Start with the free version, then decide whether you need the greater power of the paid one.)*

RootsMagic Essentials. *(A free version of a more powerful commercial product)*

Gramps. *(This Genealogical Research and Analysis Management Programming System runs on Linux, MAC OS X, and Windows. Aimed at Linux types.)*