



# Genealogy Collections

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## Getting started

The City of Ottawa Archives offers access to many primary and secondary resources in its corporate, community and reference collections that support genealogical research, with an emphasis on the history of the Ottawa region.

In addition, we partner with the local branches of several organizations that provide reference resources and services at the Archives to those interested in family histories. These include the Ontario Genealogical Society – Ottawa Branch (OBOGS), the British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa (BIFHSGO), the United Church of Canada (UCC), and the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada – Sir Guy Carleton Branch (UELAC).

Please find below an overview of the combined resources offered at the City of Ottawa Archives Central Branch.

For records of this kind pertaining to the former Rideau Township and its predecessors, North Gower and Marlborough Township, please see the City of Ottawa Archives Research Guide No. 211.

## Resources

### City of Ottawa Archives Collection:

*Table 1-City of Ottawa Archives Collection*

<b>Materials</b>	<b>Dates Available</b>
Beechwood Cemetery (Ottawa) - Burial Registers	1873 - 1987
Birth Registrations (Carleton County)	1869 - 1905

<b>Materials</b>	<b>Dates Available</b>
Bytown Packet / Ottawa Citizen,	1846 - 1885
Bytown Gazette	1836 - 1845
Carp Review	1905 - 1974
City Directories (Ottawa)	1861 - 2011
Death Registrations (Carleton County)	1869 - 1931
Estate Files and Probated Wills (Carleton County)	1870 - 1926
Family Trees (Ottawa), various	various
General Hospital (Ottawa), Accounts and Admissions Registers	1851 - 1907
Land Registry Records (Carleton County)	1802 - 1962
Le Droit	1913 - 1948
Marriage Registrations (Carleton County)	1869 - 1921
Municipal Property Tax Assessments (Ottawa and pre-amalgamated townships)	1857 -
Notre Dame de Lourdes Cemetery (Ottawa), Burial Registers	1878 - 1989
Old Sandy Hill Cemeteries, Tombstone Transcriptions	various
Sœurs Grises de la Croix, various ministries	1845 - 1926
The Ottawa Journal	1885 - 1980

## Birth, Marriage & Death Announcements from newspapers:

Table 2-Birth, marriage & death announcements from newspapers

Materials	Dates Available
Carleton Place Herald	1851 - 1896
Lanark Herald	1850 - 1851
The Aylmer Times	1884 - 1890
The Equity (Pontiac County)	1883 - 1905
The Ottawa Daily Union	1861 - 1866
The Ottawa "News" & "Times"	1865 - 1877
The Ottawa Tribune	1854 - 1862

### Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS) – Ottawa Branch Collection:

The Ottawa Branch, OGS, is responsible for supporting genealogical research related to the Counties of Carleton, Lanark, Renfrew, Russell [Prescott-Russell]. Its library, hosted in the Reference Room at the City of Ottawa Archives, contains extensive materials covering the Ottawa and Gatineau Valleys.

Volunteers are available on-site to provide research guidance. Inquiries can be sent to [inquiries@ogsottawa.ca](mailto:inquiries@ogsottawa.ca).

The following list does not represent the entire collection. Please see the OBOGS library catalogue on the branch website to locate specific resources:

[ogsottawa.on.ca/libsearch/](http://ogsottawa.on.ca/libsearch/)

Table 3-Ontario Genealogical Society materials

Materials	Dates Available
Cemetery Transcripts	various
County, Township and Town Histories	various
Family Trees / Histories	various

## Birth, Marriage and/or Death Announcements:

Table 4-Birth, marriage and death announcements (OGS)

<b>Materials</b>	<b>Dates Available</b>
Almonte Express	1861 - 1862
Almonte Gazette, 1867-1890	1867 - 1890
The Almonte Gazette 1870-1884	1870 - 1884
Arnprior & District Births, Marriages and Deaths	
Brockville Papers	1850 - 1869
Christian Messenger	1866 - 1983
Edmonton Journal	1906 - 1908
Flamborough (East & West)	1869 - 1913
Glengarry & Stormont, Birth, Marriage & Death Records	1858 - 1908
Kemptville Advance	1891 - 1897
Morrisburg Newspapers	1874 - 1877
Paisley Advocate	1871 - 1910
Parish of Saint Mary's of Church of Ireland in Newtownbarry (named recently changed to Bun Clody) in County Wexford, Ireland: Copies of existent Church Registers of Births, Baptisms, Marriages and Burials	1799 - 1903
Parishes and Registration Districts in England and Wales	
Prescott Papers	1837 - 1887

<b>Materials</b>	<b>Dates Available</b>
Quyón (Wesleyan Methodist) United Church: Births and Baptisms	1923 - 1930
St. Lawrence River from Dundas County to Glengarry County, Ontario, Births, Marriages and Deaths	c.1840 - c.1950
The Carleton Place Herald	1851 - 1896
"The Globe," Toronto	1844 - 1847
The Lanark Herald	1850 - 1851
The Ottawa Citizen	1879 - 1885
The Ottawa Journal	1881 - 1901
Wesleyan Methodist Baptismal Register Master Index	

### **United Church Archives Collection (Ottawa and the Seaway Valley Presbyteries)**

Records of the Ontario congregations of the Ottawa and Seaway Valley Presbyteries of the United Church of Canada are housed at the City of Ottawa Archives.

Researchers can consult a listing of Marriage, Baptism and Burial Registers that have been deposited in the Montreal & Ottawa Conference collection at the City of Ottawa Archives. This listing includes pre-1925 registers of congregations that joined the United Church of Canada, as well as those for congregations which were formed after 1925. Registers that are still held by local churches are not included in this listing.

The Montreal & Ottawa Conference collection includes other sources of information on baptisms, marriages and burials which are not listed here. These consist of annual reports, Session minutes, Communion and Historic rolls.

An archivist is available on-site on a part-time basis. Appointments are recommended for in-person visits. Inquiries can be forwarded to the [City of Ottawa Archives](#).

### **United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada – Sir Guy Carleton Branch Collection**

The UEL Association's mission is to preserve, promote and celebrate the history and traditions of the Loyalist epoch in Canadian history. The Sir Guy Carleton branch library,

located at the City of Ottawa Archives, acquires books that relate to the Loyalists and their experience in Canada. This includes biographies; family histories; census, cemetery and vital records; military records; and histories of the American revolution, of the provinces where the Loyalists settled, and of the original 13 American colonies. The collection has now grown to over 800 books and 27 periodical titles.

Branch volunteers are available on-site on a part-time basis to provide research guidance. Contact the Archives for details.

Search the Sir Guy Carleton UEL Library on the branch's website:

[uelac.org/SirGuyCarleton/](http://uelac.org/SirGuyCarleton/)

### **Additional services**

We do not provide research services, however our reference staff are willing to assist. Researchers may telephone, write by mail or email, or visit the City of Ottawa Archives in-person. Please note there may be a delay in accessing certain materials; it is recommended that you contact Reference Services well before the date of your intended visit.

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Tuesday to Friday: 9 am to 4 pm

Saturday 10 am to 5 pm

### **Website**

For information about the Archives' holdings, as well as access to research guides and other customer service materials available through the City of Ottawa Archives, please access our website, [ottawa.ca/archives](http://ottawa.ca/archives).