



## INFORMATION RESOURCE GUIDE: EXTERNAL SOURCES

Research Inquiry	Record Types	Places to Go	Note
<b>House and Property Research</b>	Deeds, Indexes to Deeds, other property records created by the Province	<u>Land Registry Office</u> Thunder Bay No. 55 189 Red River Road, Suite 201 Thunder Bay ON P7B 1A2 Tel: 807-343-7436 Fax: 807-343-7439	The City of Thunder Bay Archives also has an incomplete selection of provincial government property records
<b>Vital Statistics (Family history)</b>	Birth, Death and Marriage Certificates, Statements of Live Birth, Change of Name records	<u>Office of the Registrar General</u> P.O. Box 4600 189 Red River Road Thunder Bay ON P7B 6L8 1800-461-2156 <a href="mailto:infoMGS@ontario.ca">infoMGS@ontario.ca</a> <a href="http://www.ontario.ca/en/residents/119274">http://www.ontario.ca/en/residents/119274</a>	For records older than: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Births (95 years)</li> <li>- Deaths (70 years)</li> <li>- Marriage (80 years)</li> </ul> <u>Archives of Ontario</u> 134 Ian Macdonald Boulevard Toronto ON M7A 2C5 Tel: 416-327-1600 Toll Free (Ontario only): 1800-668-9933 <a href="http://www.archives.gov.on.ca">www.archives.gov.on.ca</a>  <u>The City of Thunder Bay Archives</u> holds Indexes to Vital Statistics; these are not accessible until they are outside of the above time frame. <i>This includes requests concerning an individuals' own personal information.</i>
<b>Divorce Records</b>	Divorce Orders, divorce	<u>Office of the lawyer</u> where the divorce took	For divorces prior to 1979:

	judgments and other legal records relating to divorce	place <u>Court Office</u> where the case was started <u>Central Registry of Divorce Proceedings</u> Department of Justice P.O. Box 2730, Postal Station D Ottawa ON K1P 5W7 Tel: 613-957-4519	<u>Archives of Ontario</u> (contact information listed above) Archives staff will require the year the divorce was granted, the court locations and the court file number. If you do not have that information, contact the Central Registry of Divorce Proceedings.
<b>Wills</b>	Probate Wills, estate files, executor records	<u>Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Estates Division)</u> 277 Camelot Street – Main Floor Thunder Bay ON P7C 4Z2 Tel: 807-343-2700	Wills and Estate Files prior to 1963: <u>Archives of Ontario</u> (contact information listed above)
<b>Adoption Inquiries</b>	Post-Adoption Birth Information, Adoption Orders, other non-identifying information	<u>Service Ontario</u> Tel: 416-325-8305 Tel: 1800-461-2156  Applications can also be made online: <a href="http://www.ontario.ca">www.ontario.ca</a> – Under ‘For Residents’ and ‘Adoption Information’.	Only adopted children and birth parents can apply for Post-Adoption Birth Information.  Non-identifying information can also be obtained from the local <u>Children’s Aid Society</u> where the case was handled.  Researching adopted ancestors (adoptions prior to 1921): adoptions could only take place through an act of the legislature. Researchers will need to consult Statutes of Ontario in the relevant year. These volumes are accessible at the <u>Archives of Ontario</u> and some major public libraries.
<b>Local/ Family History Inquiries</b>	Obituaries, newspaper articles, Henderson’s Directories (1907/08), Ontario Genealogical Society Research Guides	<u>Thunder Bay Public Library (Brodie Branch)</u> 216 Brodie Street S. Thunder Bay ON P7E 1C2 <a href="http://www.tbpl.ca">www.tbpl.ca</a>	A new website has been set up by Dave Nicholson relating to digitizing and making accessible online, death notices, obituaries and estate notices: <a href="http://my.tbaytel.net/pafwinfo/obituaries.htm">http://my.tbaytel.net/pafwinfo/obituaries.htm</a>
<b>Local Historical Photographs</b>		<u>Thunder Bay Public Library</u>  <u>City of Thunder Bay Archives</u>	

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425 Donald Street E.  
Thunder Bay ON

Gateway to Northwestern Ontario History  
<http://images.ourontario.ca/gateway/search>

<b>Military/ War Records</b>	Records of service, records of military deaths and other military records	<u>Library and Archives Canada</u> 395 Wellington Street Ottawa ON K1A ON4 Tel: 613-996-5115 (Toll free): 1866-578-7777	For more information see Library and Archives Canada website: <a href="http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca">www.collectionscanada.gc.ca</a> Look under 'Discover Our Collections' and 'Military and Peacekeeping'
<b>Immigration Records</b>	Registry Files from the Department of Immigration, Border Entry Lists and Ships' Manifests	<u>Archives of Ontario</u> (contact information listed above)  <u>Library and Archives Canada</u> (contact information listed above)	Archives of Ontario: Immigration records dating between 1833 and 1901 (for immigration within Ontario). Also; microfilm of Central Registry Files (1973-1979), Juvenile Immigration Records (1892-1932), Border Entry Lists (1908-1919), Ships' Manifests (1868-1920). LAC has many of the above records and they also have Border Entry Lists (1920-1935) and Ships' Manifests (1921-1935).