

Tracing 20th Century Ontarians

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Top Ten Resources

Note: This is NOT an exhaustive list, just a sampling of my personal favourites. I have included the web address only where it is tricky to find. Otherwise just use your favourite search engine. When in doubt, always check the local public library, Ontario GenWeb page, Ontario Genealogical Society Branch website, and the fabulous website TheAncestorHunt.com.

1. Newspapers
 - 1.1. Recent digital
 - 1.1.1. Most newspaper websites, 2002+
 - 1.2. Historic digitized
 - 1.2.1. Toronto Star (through libraries)
 - 1.2.2. Globe & Mail (through libraries)
 - 1.2.3. OurOntario.ca Community Newspapers Collection <<http://news.ourontario.ca/about/3>>
 - 1.2.4. Google News Archives <<https://news.google.com/newspapers>> (no OCR, browse only)
 - 1.2.5. Newspapers.com (Windsor Star, Ottawa Citizen, Ottawa Journal, National Post)
 - 1.3. Online BMD indexes
 - 1.3.1. Belleville Public Library
 - 1.3.2. Collingwood Public Library
<<http://genealogy.collingwoodpubliclibrary.ca/genealogy/obitview.asp>>
 - 1.3.3. Elgin County OGS Oxford County Library
 - 1.3.4. London & Middlesex County, OGS
 - 1.3.5. Niagara Falls Public Library <<https://www.nflibrary.ca/nfplindex/start.asp?db=cari>> (very slow to load - significant gaps between 1963-1966 and 1972-1982)
 - 1.3.6. Ottawa Journal (1885-1980), Ancestry.ca
 - 1.3.7. Port Hope - a living past <www.nhb.com/hunter/>
 - 1.3.8. Greater Sudbury Historical Database <<http://webcat.sudbury.library.on.ca:81/search/>>
 - 1.3.9. Thunder Bay Public Library
 - 1.3.10. Windsor Public Library
 - 1.3.11. Woodstock Public Library
 - 1.3.12. OurOntario.ca <<http://www.ourontario.ca/holdings/news.html>>
 - 1.3.13. Obituary Daily Times (1998+) <<http://sites.rootsweb.com/~obituary/>>
 - 1.3.14. Canadian Health Obituaries Index (medical personal, pre-2000)
 - 1.3.15. Canadian Necrology (prominent people)
<<http://link.library.utoronto.ca/necrology/index.cfm>>
 - 1.3.16. Legion Magazine's Last Post Database
 - 1.3.17. RCMP obituary card index (pre-2007, FamilySearch.org)
 - 1.4. Online obituary and memorial databases
 - 1.4.1. Legacy.com (<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/torstar/> - choose advanced)
 - 1.4.2. Remembering.ca
 - 1.4.3. TributeArchive.com
2. Cemeteries

- 2.1. Cemetery office records
 - 2.1.1. City of Niagara Falls
 - 2.1.2. Mount Pleasant Group of Cemeteries (Toronto)
 - 2.1.3. Beechwood Cemetery Registers, Ottawa (Ancestry.ca, 1873-1990)
 - 2.1.4. Lakefield Cemetery, Peterborough
- 2.2. Online Cemetery Indexes
 - 2.2.1. Ontario Cemetery Finding Aid (old)
 - 2.2.2. OGS TONI (new and growing)
- 2.3. Online Gravestone Photographs & Inscription Transcripts
 - 2.3.1. Oxford County Library (choose local history, then relevant township)
 - 2.3.2. Uxbridge and Area Cemetery Project
 - 2.3.3. FindAGrave.com
 - 2.3.4. BillionGraves.com
 - 2.3.5. Interment.net
 - 2.3.6. CanadaGenWeb Cemetery Project
 - 2.3.7. CanadianHeadstones.com
3. Funeral Homes
 - 3.1. Online memorials
 - 3.2. Offices - usually need approximate date of death to search
4. Directories
 - 4.1. Canada411.ca
 - 4.2. Canadian Telephone Directory, 1995-2002 (Ancestry.ca)
 - 4.3. Vernon's city directories (FamilySearch.org)
5. Voters Lists
 - 5.1. Canadian Federal Voters Lists, 1935-1974 (Ancestry.ca)
6. Court Records
 - 6.1. Surrogate Clerk Application Index - up to 1985 (Archives of Ontario, onsite on microfilm only)
7. Online "Trees"
 - 7.1. Ancestry.com
 - 7.2. Geni.com
 - 7.3. FamilySearch.org
 - 7.4. WeRelate.org
 - 7.5. WikiTree.com
 - 7.6. MyHeritage.com
8. Social Media
 - 8.1. Facebook
 - 8.2. LinkedIn
9. Registrar General of Ontario Online Applications
<<https://www.orgforms.gov.on.ca/eForms/start.do>>
 - 9.1. Death "searches"
 - 9.2. Marriage "searches"
 - 9.3. Birth "searches"
10. Immigration/Travel
 - 10.1. Passenger Lists Arriving in Canada up to 1935 (Ancestry.ca & FamilySearch.org)
 - 10.2. Border Crossings to USA 1895-1960 (Ancestry.ca & FamilySearch.org)
 - 10.3. Border Crossings from USA (Ancestry.ca, 1908-1935)