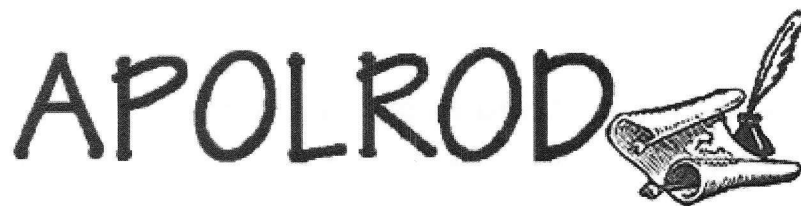


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The time has come for the provincial APOLROD group to say good-bye. The project's goal was to save the pre-1955 land registry office records. At this point in time, We HAVE accomplished our basic goal. Most of the records have been moved from local Land Registry Offices to a local repository or to the Archives of Ontario. While there remain some counties without homes for their records, the Archivist of Ontario has agreed to provide storage for the records until a repository can be found.

This massive project could not have happened without the support of the over 1400 members and 500 volunteers who gave of their time, money and energy to create and type an inventory, find a local repository and move the records. Many of our local groups are still recognized as "APOLROD" and continue to work to create local or regional archives or to make available the records that have been transferred. This local work will continue.

However, as the provincial body is no longer necessary, APOLROD is not accepting any further memberships or membership renewals. Your membership benefits will remain in effect until December 31, 2001.

While the project is complete there are still ways in which you can continue to help this cause:

- support the repositories who have become the hosts for these records;
- be vigilant as to what is happening with further land record movements in your area;
- add your voice to those who are calling for the creation of regional and county archives.

Important Links:

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 [LIST OF ONTARIO LAND REGISTRY OFFICES](#)

PLEASE NOTE:

- APOLROD CANNOT CONDUCT RESEARCH FOR YOU.
- APOLROD does NOT have any land records.
- If you need assistance in finding land-related information, contact the local [Land Registry Office](#) for your county of interest, or a [professional researcher](#).

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We know that some or all of the following records/documents/registers are to be found or were known to be stored at one time in Ontario Land Registry Offices:

- ✿ Instruments/land transfer documents which were known to include bargains & sales, mortgages, wills, quit claims etc.
- ✿ Registers of first patentees in a given township/townsite. These books were given to the local LRO by the Surveyor General's Office or the Commissioner of Crown Lands and are often referred to as the "Domesday Book" for a particular area.
- ✿ The General Register series and register/index (GR).
- ✿ Deposits and the Deposit register.
- ✿ Survey Plans (subdivisions etc) and plan registers
- ✿ Registers/indexes of prior titles
- ✿ Register of Insolvents (from 1864 -)
- ✿ Power of Attorney/Index to Power of Attorney records
- ✿ Wills and letters of administration/registers of wills and letters of administration (many wills were never probated or were never separated into the general register but are simply instruments which transferred property from one generation to another and are filed with other typical land transfer documents.
- ✿ Applications/registers of marriage licences (late 19th century)
- ✿ Marriage returns/registers for the period 1858-1869. Most of the returns from clergy were filed as instruments among the regular series of documents.
- ✿ Fee books (a record of the amount of money received by the LRO staff for any and all transactions which came into the office)
- ✿ Judgements and Judgement Registers. The individual Judgements were often interfiled amongst the regular series of instruments and in many offices the Judgement registers/indexes have been lost.
- ✿ Chancery court registers

- ✿ Various documents related to provincial legislation at various times
- ✿ Bylaws and related documents. These records often authorized the building of early libraries, bridges, court houses and other public buildings.
- ✿ Partnership documents and partnership registers
- ✿ Joint stock registers
- ✿ Debentures and debenture registers
- ✿ Registers of cattle brands/marks (early 1800s-1830s)
- ✿ Voters lists
- ✿ Naturalization registers/registers of aliens
- ✿ Oaths of allegiance
- ✿ Orders of Protection (1867-1895) have been found in hard copy in one Land Registry Office and on the microfilm in two other offices. These orders document early instances of the abuse/neglect of women and children.
- ✿ Incorporations/Incorporation registers (for example, Cheese and butter manufacturing companies, public libraries, mechanics institutes and various co-operative associations were incorporated by filing with the registry offices).
- ✿ And much more that we are still discovering!!

To highlight the diversity of records contained under one of many acts that governed the conduct of LROs, and to show the potential for the variety of other records that can and do/did exist in LROs, the following quote is extracted from the Custody of Documents Act:

In this Act "document" shall include whatever is included in the word "instrument" as defined by the Registry Act, and also any certificate, affidavit, statutory declaration, or other proof as to the birth, baptism, marriage, divorce, death, burial, descendants, or pedigree of any person, or as to the existence or non-existence, happening or non-happening of any fact, event or occurrence upon which the title to land may depend, notices of sale, or other notices necessary to the exercise of any power of sale or appointment or other power relating to land. R.S.O. 1927, c.157, s.1.

Where have the Ontario Land Records Gone?

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Land Records from the local offices might be found in any one of three places:

- A number of records from each office have been left in the local office as they have been deemed to be necessary for operational use. Many of these records are earmarked to go to the Archives of Ontario when their usefulness in the office is past.
- Some of the records are going immediately to the Archives of Ontario. These are either records of provincial significance, or records that complete their holdings for one copy of documents from every office.
- The remaining records are moving to museums, archives and/or other repositories in the local county.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Although the physical records have moved, they are available on microfilm in the local Land Registry Offices. Your research should always begin in the local Land Registry Office.
- This list was updated in January 2001. As placement agreements are signed and the records transferred, the information below will be updated.
- If you require access to the original documents, note:

In many places, only the documents have been moved at the present time because the Ministry wants to be sure that the Abstract Index Books have been microfilmed before they are released for local placement. Please see the chart below for a general idea of what records have been moved to which location.

Registry Office	Group	What has been Placed	Placed
ALGOMA Land Registry Office Box 550, 420 Queen St E. Sault Ste Marie ON P6A 5M8	Sault Ste Marie Public Library, c/o Linda Burtch 50 East St Sault Ste Marie ON P6A 3C3 705-759-5230 Fax 705-759-8752	All	Yes
BRANT Land Registry Office 80 Wellington Street Brantford ON N3T 2L9	Brant Historical Society Elizabeth Hunter, Curator Brant County Museum and Archives 57 Charles Street Brantford ON N3T 2W6 519-752-2483	All	Yes
BRUCE Land Registry Office Box 1690 203 Cayley Street Walkerton ON N0G 2V0	Bruce County Museum and Archives Barbara Ribey Director PO Box 180 Southampton ON N0H 2L0 519-797-2080 Fax 519-797-2191	All	July 1999
CARLETON/ OTTAWA Land Registry Office 4th Floor, Court House 161 Elgin St Ottawa ON K2P 2K1		Documents to 1888 at Archives of Ontario	
COCHRANE Land Registry Office Box 580, 149 4th Ave Cochrane ON P0L 1C0		Nothing to place	

DUFFERIN Land Registry Office 10 Louisa Street Orangeville ON L9W 3P9	Dufferin County Museum Wayne Townsend, Director PO Box 120 Rosemont ON L0N 1R0 Fax 705-435-9876 dcmchin@planeteeer.com		
DUNDAS Land Registry Office Box 645 5th St Morrisburg ON K0C 1C0	Stormont, Dundas and Glengary County Library 4141 Brinstone Road County Road 16 South Dundas 613-652-9050	All	Yes
DURHAM Land Registry Office 590 Rossland Rd East Whitby ON L1N 9G5		Documents to Archives of Ontario	
ELGIN Land Registry Office 4 Wellington St St. Thomas ON N5R 2P2	Elgin St. Thomas Archives Association		
ESSEX Land Registry Office 3rd Floor 250 Windsor Ave Windsor ON N9A 6V9			
FRONTENAC Land Registry Office 1 Court St Kingston ON K7L 2N4	Catarauqui Archaeological Foundation 370 King St. West Kingston ON K7L 2X4	City of Kingston	Yes
	Fairmont Home/ Frontenac Management Board 2069 Battersea Rd Glenburnie ON K0H 1S0	Rest of Frontenac County	Yes
GLENGARRY Land Registry Office Box 668, 63 Kenyon St W Alexandria ON K0C 1A0	Glengarry Historical Society c/o David Anderson P.O. Box 70 Williamstown ON K0C 1J0	All	Yes September 1999
GRENVILLE Land Registry Offices 7 King St W Brockville ON K6V 3P7		No pre-1935 documents to place	
GREY Land Registry Office 595 9th Avenue East Owen Sound ON N4K 3E3	Grey County Historical Society c/o Roger Renton Box 369 Durham ON N0G 1R0 519-369-3117		Yes
HALDIMAND Land Registry Office Box 310, 10 Echo St Cayuga ON N0A 1E0	Haldimand County Museum and Archives 8 Echo St PO Box 38 Cayuga ON N0A 1E0 905-772-5880	All	Yes
HALIBURTON Land Registry Office Box 270, Newcastle Street Minden ON K0M 2K0		Documents to Archives of Ontario	
HALTON Land Registry Office 491 Steeles Avenue East Milton ON L9T 1Y7		Documents to Archives of Ontario	
HASTINGS Land Registry Office 15 Victoria Avenue	Seventh Town Historical Society Ian E. Reilly, President	All	Yes

Belleville ON K8N 1Z5	Marilyn Adams Centre PO Box 35 Ameliasburgh ON K0K 1A0		
HURON Land Registry Office 38 North Street Goderich ON N7A 2T4	Huron County Museum Claus Breede, Director	All documents to Archives of Ontario Books to Museum	Yes
KENORA Land Registry Office Box 1350, 220 Main Street South Kenora ON P9N 3X7	Lake of the Woods Museum 300 Main St., P.O. Box 497 Kenors ON P9N 3X5 807-467-2105		
KENT Land Registry Office 40 William Street N Chatham ON N7M 4L2		Documents to Archives of Ontario	Yes
LAMBTON Land Registry Office Court House 700 North Christina St Sarnia ON N7V 3C2	Lambton County Library Maureen McKay Box 3130 - 787 Broadway St Wyoming ON N0N 1T0 519-845-3324 Fax 519-845-0700	All	Yes
LANARK Land Registry Office 2 Industrial Drive Almonte ON K0A 1A0	Lanark County Genealogical Society c/o Marilyn Snedden P.O. Box 512 Perth ON K7H 3K4		
LEEDS Land Registry Office 7 King St W Brockville ON K6V 3P7		No pre-1935 documents to place	
LENNOX & ADDINGTON Land Registry Office 2 Dairy Road Unit 10 Dale's Plaza Napane ON K7R 3T1	County of L&A Museum and Archives Jennifer Bunting Archivist 97 St Thomas St E, Postal Bag 1000 Napane ON K7R 3S9 613-354-3027 fax 613-354-3112	All	Yes August 1999
MANITOULIN Land Registry Office Court House, 27 Phipps St Gore Bay ON P0P 1H0		Documents to remain in LRO	
MIDDLESEX Land Registry Office Box 5600, 80 Dundas Street London ON N6A 2P3	City of London Public Library Galleria Mall	Middlesex West	Yes
MUSKOKA Land Registry Office 15 Dominion Street North Bracebridge ON P1L 2E7		Documents to Archives of Ontario	
NIAGARA NORTH Land Registry Office 59 Church Street St. Catharines ON L2R 3C3	Niagara Historical Society and Museum 43 Castlereagh St, PO Box 208 Niagara-on-the-Lake ON L0S 1J0 905-468-3912 Fax: 905-468-1728	Documents for Niagara town, Township; Niagara on the Lake	Yes
	West Lincoln Historical Society 288 Station Street Smithville ON L0R 2A0 905-957-0138	Documents for village/ town of Grimsby, North and South Grimsby Townships, Gainsborough & Caistor	Yes

	Niagara Falls Library 4848 Victoria Avenue Niagara Falls ON L2E 4C5	Documents for town/city of Niagara Falls, Drummondville, Clifton, Stamford Township, Village of Chippawa, Willoughby Township	Yes
	Town of Lincoln 4800 South Service Road Beamsville ON L0R 1B1 905-563-8205 Fax: 905-563-6566	Documents for Louth Township, Jordan, Beamsville, Clinton Township	Yes
	St. Catharines Museum Welland Canals Centre - Lock 3 1932 Government Road St. Catharines ON L2R 7C2 905-984-8880 Fax: 905-984-6910	Documents for Grantham Township, Merritton, Port Dalhousie, town/ city of St. Catharines	Yes
NIAGARA SOUTH Land Registry Office 200 Division Street Welland ON L3B 4A2	Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum Virginia Anger, Director 280 King Street, PO Box 572 Port Colborne ON L3K 5X8 905-834-7604 Fax: 905-834-6198	Documents for Humberstone Township and Village, Town and City of Port Colborne	
	Welland Historical Museum Angela Dyck 65 Hooker Street Welland ON L3G 5G9 905-732-2215	Documents for Crowland Township; village/ town/ city of Welland; Fonthill; Pelham Township; village/ town/ city of Thorold	
	Fort Erie Historical Museum Box 339 Ridgeway ON L0S 1N0 905-894-5322 Fax: 905-894-6851	Documents for Bertie Township, Crystal Beach, Ridgeway, Fort Erie, Bridgeburg	
	Wainfleet Township Public Library 19M9 Park Street Wainfleet ON L0X 1V0	Documents for Wainfleet Township	
NIPISSING Land Registry Office 360 Plouffe St North Bay ON P1B 9L5		Documents to remain in LRO	
NORFOLK Land Registry Office Court House 2nd Fl, Box 9 530 Queensway West Simcoe ON N3Y 4K8	Waterford and Townsend Historical Society Spruce Row Museum 159 Nichol St Waterford ON N0E 1Y0 519-443-4211	All	Yes

NORTHUMBERLAND Land Registry Office Ste 105, 1005 William St Cobourg ON K9A 5J4	Cobourg and District Historical Society/Coburg Archives c/o Karen Walker P.O. Box 911 Coburg ON K9A 4W4 905-377-0413	All from old Northumberland LRO	Yes
	Port Hope Historical Society/ Port Hope Archives c/o Ken MacPherson 17 Mill St. South Port Hope ON L1A 2T1 905-885-7672	All from old Port Hope LRO	Yes
OXFORD Land Registry Office 75 Graham Street Woodstock ON N4S 6J8	Oxford Historical Society		
PARRY SOUND Land Registry Office 28 Miller Street Parry Sound ON P2A 1T1		Documents to Archives of Ontario	
PEEL Land Registry Office Box 1200 1st Floor 7765 Hurontario St Brampton ON L6V 2L8	Region of Peel Archives Peel Heritage Complex 9 Wellington St E Brampton ON L6W 1Y1 905-457-3948 fax 905-451-4931	All	Yes August 2000
PERTH Land Registry Office 5 Huron Street Stratford ON N5A 5S4	Stratford- Perth Archives c/o Lutzen Riedstra 24 St. Andrew Street Stratford ON N5A 1A3 519-273-0399		Yes January 2001
PETERBOROUGH Land Registry Office 2nd Floor, 300 Water St. PO Box 7000 Peterborough ON K9M 8M5			
PRESCOTT Land Registry Office 1020 Victoria Street, PO Box 302 L'Original ON K0B 1K0	La Regionale La Seigneurie c/o Marie-Paule Houle, President 550 Higginson Street Hawkesbury ON K6A 1H1 613-632-6656 Fax: 613-632-2029		
PRINCE EDWARD Land Registry Office Box 1310, 1 Pitt Street Picton ON K0K 2T0	Prince Edward County Archives D. Taylor County Offices Drawer 1550 Picton ON K0K 2T0 613-476-2148 fax 613-476-8356	All	Yes July 1999
RAINY RIVER Land Registry Office 353 Church Street Fort Frances ON P9A 1C9		Documents to Archives of Ontario	
RENFREW Land Registry Office Mike Gallagher, Registrar 400 Pembroke Street East Pembroke ON K8A 3K8	Arnprior and District Archives		
STORMONT Land Registry Office 127 Sidney Street Cornwall, ON K6H 3H1	Societe Franco-Ontarienne d'Histoire et de Genealogie 146 Chevrier Ave	All	Yes

	Box 1894 Cornwall ON K6H 6M6 613-932-1320 Fax 613-932-0360 sjohg@cnwl.igs.net		
SUDBURY Land Registry Office Suite 301, 199 Larch Street Sudbury ON P3E 5P9		All	Yes
THUNDER BAY Land Registry Office Suite 201, 189 Red River Road Thunder Bay ON P7B 1A2	City of Thunder Bay Archives 500 Donald Street E Thunder Bay ON P7E 5V3 807-625-3390 Fax 807-622-4212	All	Yes
TIMISKAMING Land Registry Office Box 159, 375 Main Street Haileybury ON P0J 1K0		Documents to remain in LRO	
VICTORIA Land Registry Office Box 4000, Provincial Court Building 440 Kent St W Lindsay ON K9V 4S5		Documents to Archives of Ontario	
WATERLOO Land Registry Office 3rd Floor, 200 Frederick Street Kitchener ON N2H 6N9	Regional Municipality of Waterloo, Archives Evelyn Stettner, Clerk 150 Frederick Street Kitchener ON N2G 4J3 519-575-4410 fax 519-575-4481	All - with the proviso that documents might be moved to area facilities	Yes
WELLINGTON Land Registry Office 1 Stone Road West Guelph ON N1G 4Y2			
WENTWORTH Land Registry Office Box 2112, 4th Floor 119 King St. W. Hamilton ON L8N 3Z9		Documents to Archives of Ontario	
YORK - TORONTO Land Registry Office Box 108 3rd Floor, 20 Dundas St W Toronto ON M5G 2C2		Only documents from 1947	
YORK - NEWMARKET Land Registry Office 1st Floor 50 Eagle Street W Newmarket ON L3Y 6B1		No documents to place	

ONTARIO LAND REGISTRY OFFICES - Listed by county/region

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Please take a few minutes to learn about the work of [APOLROD](#) and hundreds of volunteers across the province of Ontario who have worked to save our pre-1955 land records.

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