

Genealogy Basics – Why I Registered for FamilySearch.org

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A few years ago, I discovered that users could register for FamilySearch.org.

I'll admit that it took me a little while to research and to figure out that Registration was required principally for the users to see and download the images of source documents in addition to seeing the transcriptions. Once I figured that out, I registered.

I waited about a month to see whether I would be dropped because I was not a member of the Mormon Church. Then I started preaching to my peer genealogists and to attendees at my seminars that in my view Registration was the only way to see the source documents. Also I noted that as of then (and now), I have never received unwanted Emails as a result of Registration.

Why do I recommend that CGBHA Members register? I compiled the following list of Canada's FamilySearch.org databases from FamilySearch Collections List. It is the list of publically available databases which identifies those databases:

- that are indexed and have images available to the user (a number in Records and YES in Images)
- that are not indexed but have images available for browsing (Browse Images in Records and YES in Images)
- that are indexed but do not have images (Blank in Images)

Note that most have Images, The ones that are not yet indexed hopefully will soon be indexed.

Title	Records	Last Updated	Images
British Columbia Birth Registrations, 1854-1903	11,809	14-May-14	YES
British Columbia Death Registrations, 1872-1986	898,889	9-May-14	YES
British Columbia Marriage Registrations, 1859-1932	124,593	5-Sep-12	YES
British Columbia, Crown Land Grant Records, 1851-1874	Browse Images	18 Jun 2014	YES
British Columbia, Crown Land Grants, 1869-1930	Browse Images	18 Jun 2014	YES
British Columbia, Crown Land Pre-emption Registers, 1860-1971	Browse Images	18 Jun 2014	YES
British Columbia, Dominion Land Branch Records, 1885-1949	Browse Images	18 Jun 2014	YES
British Columbia, Estate Files, 1859-1949	Browse Images	29-Nov-12	YES
British Columbia, Naturalization Records, 1859-1926	Browse Images	16-May-12	YES
British Columbia, Victoria Times Birth, Marriage and Death Notices, 1901-1939	Browse Images	5-Jun-12	YES
British Columbia, Wills, 1861-1981	Browse Images	21-Jun-12	YES
Canada Census Mortality Schedules, 1871	45,371	24-Jan-13	
Canada Census, 1851	1,487,802	13-Apr-10	
Canada Census, 1871	3,519,941	25-Feb-13	
Canada Census, 1881	4,281,160	15-Mar-13	
Canada Census, 1891	4,787,225	25-Feb-13	

Canada Census, 1901	5,334,728	6-Sep-12	
Canada Census, 1906	802,443	10-Sep-12	
Canada Census, 1911	1,227,603	24-Oct-13	
Canada Census, 1916	1,811,736	24-Mar-14	
Canada Deaths and Burials, 1664-1955	101,189	9-Apr-10	
Canada Passenger Lists, 1881-1922	3,874,103	15-Nov-13	YES
Canada, Births and Baptisms, 1661-1959	1,534,515	21-Mar-12	
Canada, Lower Canada Census, 1825	74,323	29-Aug-12	YES
Canada, Lower Canada Census, 1831	91,908	17-Feb-12	YES
Canada, Lower Canada Census, 1842	46,467	16-Feb-12	YES
Canada, Marriages, 1661-1949	225,322	4-May-12	
Canada, Merchant Marine Agreements and Accounts of Crews, 1890-1920	Browse Images	9-Jan-13	
Canada, Royal Canadian Mounted Police obituary card index and notices, 1876-2007	Browse Images	12-Oct-12	
Canada, Upper Canada Census, 1842	20,851	22-Jan-13	YES
Canadian Headstones	766,368	17-Mar-14	YES
International Genealogical Index (IGI)	892,761,439	legacy	
Manitoba Probate Records, 1871-1930	Browse Images	21-Mar-12	YES
Manitoba, Census Indexes, 1831-1870	Browse Images	18 Jun 2014	YES
Manitoba, Church Records, 1800-1959	Browse Images	5-Dec-12	YES
New Brunswick Census, 1861	200,172	26-Feb-13	
New Brunswick Provincial Deaths, 1815-1938	172,406	5-May-11	
New Brunswick Provincial Returns of Marriages and Late Registrations, 1920-1950	Browse Images	5-Jun-12	YES
New Brunswick Provincial Returns of Marriages, 1887-1919	Browse Images	5-Jun-12	YES
New Brunswick, Births and Baptisms, 1819-1899	25,300	14-Mar-12	
New Brunswick, County Deed Registry Books, 1780-1930	Browse Images	11-Jan-13	YES
New Brunswick, Death Certificates, 1920-1934	Browse Images	28-Jul-10	YES
New Brunswick, Death Certificates, 1935-1938	Browse Images	28-Jul-10	YES
New Brunswick, Late Registration of Births, 1810-1899	Browse Images	16-Feb-12	YES
New Brunswick, Marriage Registers, 1789-1889	Browse Images	11-Jun-12	YES
New Brunswick, Provincial Returns of Births and Late Registrations, 1810-1906	160214	20-Dec-12	YES
New Brunswick, Provincial Returns of Deaths, 1815-1919	Browse Images	28-Jul-10	YES
Newfoundland, Church Records, 1793-1945	Browse Images	11-Dec-12	YES
Newfoundland, Vital Records, 1840-1949	Browse Images	13-Aug-10	YES
Newfoundland, Vital Statistics, 1753-1893	Browse Images	3-Aug-10	YES
Nova Scotia Census, 1861	57,453	24-Mar-10	
Nova Scotia, Antigonish Catholic Diocese, 1823-1905	91,875	28-Nov-12	YES
Nova Scotia, Births and Baptisms, 1702-1896	130,108	15-Mar-12	
Nova Scotia, Church Records, 1720-2001	Browse Images	17-Jan-14	YES
Nova Scotia, Halifax County, Deed Indexes, 1749-1958	Browse Images	5-Jun-12	YES
Nova Scotia, Marriages, 1711-1909	37,261	9-Mar-12	
Nova Scotia, Queens County, Notes of Thomas Brenton Smith, 1700-1950	Browse Images	17-Jan-14	YES
Nova Scotia, Vital Records, 1763-1957	807,577	4-Jan-13	
Ontario Births, 1869-1912	2,094,890	9-Jun-14	
Ontario Census, 1861	1,709,804	19-Apr-11	
Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947	2,050,112	12-Oct-12	
Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927	1,136,379	9-Oct-13	
Ontario, Births and Baptisms, 1779-1899	454,979	14-Mar-12	
Ontario, Marriages, 1800-1910	28,441	9-Mar-12	
Ontario, Roman Catholic Church Records, 1760-1923	Browse Images	17-Jan-12	YES
Ontario, Toronto Trust Cemeteries, 1826-1989	150,838	1-Nov-13	YES
Prince Edward Island Baptism Card Index, 1721-1885	92,218	1-Oct-12	YES
Prince Edward Island Census, 1861	25,315	24-Mar-10	
Prince Edward Island Death Card Index, 1721-1905	Browse Images	31-Aug-10	YES
Prince Edward Island Marriage Registers, 1832-1888	Browse Images	31-Aug-10	YES
Prince Edward Island, Church Records, 1777-1985	Browse Images	7-Dec-12	YES
Quebec Census, 1861	1,094,774	27-Jan-11	
Quebec, Births and Baptisms, 1662-1898	26,934	20-Mar-12	
Quebec, Catholic Parish Registers, 1621-1979	79,535	17 Jun 2014	YES
Quebec, Non-Catholic Parish Registers, 1763-1967	Browse Images	16-May-12	YES
Quebec, Notarial Records, 1800-1920	Browse Images	20-May-14	YES
Quebec, Quebec Judicial District, Guardianships, 1639-1930	Browse Images	17 Jun 2014	YES
Saskatchewan Provincial Records, 1879-1987	Browse Images	24-Apr-14	YES
Saskatchewan, Catholic Church Records, 1846-1957	Browse Images	18 Jun 2014	YES
Saskatchewan, Judicial District Court Records, 1891-1954	Browse Images	17 Jun 2014	YES
Saskatchewan, Probate Estate Files, 1887-1931	41,261	24-Mar-14	YES

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