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Canadian Images in FamilySearch Historical Collections

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Images are photo copies of the source documents. The source documents are often hand-written by a public official like a town clerk, a magistrate, a doctor, an undertaker etc.

Why are images important? Some computer records simply do not contain all the information that the person recorded. Also, in the digitization process, some information on the records may have been ignored because there was no field in the format for the person to transcribe the information to. Finally, records are created by people who transcribe, digitize, and index information that another person recorded – and people are human and can make errors. And that includes the person who recorded the original source hand-written record.

I have been reading the images for my Cape Breton family in the parish records in the [Nova Scotia, Antigonish Catholic Diocese, 1823-1905](#) collection. Most (if not all) of the christening records contain godparents' names. I'll admit that I did not record many of the godparents' names in my database. If I ever need to record them, I'll know where they are and how to find them. That information is only available in the source and image records. Please note that the FamilySearch software requires that the user register to see the image. The user assigns the password.

The Nova Scotia, Antigonish Catholic Diocese database is one of 78 Canadian databases in the FamilySearch Historical Collections list that follows. The list is hyperlinked. The second column indicates that the images are available and can be browsed without the use of a home page record selection screen. My list is almost a mirror-image of the FamilySearch Collections List. I deleted the last updated column and I added a new last column to indicate that some images are available. Finally, please note that some items on the list supposedly do not have images.

Title	Records	Image
British Columbia Birth Registrations, 1854-1903	11,809	YES
British Columbia Death Registrations, 1872-1986	898,889	YES
British Columbia Marriage Registrations, 1859-1932	124,593	YES
British Columbia, Crown Land Grant Records, 1851-1874		Browse Images
British Columbia, Crown Land Grants, 1869-1930		Browse Images
British Columbia, Crown Land Pre-emption Registers, 1860-1971		Browse Images
British Columbia, Dominion Land Branch Records, 1885-1949		Browse Images
British Columbia, Estate Files, 1859-1949		Browse Images
British Columbia, Naturalization Records, 1859-1926		Browse Images
British Columbia, Victoria Times Birth, Marriage and Death Notices, 1901-1939		Browse Images
British Columbia, Wills, 1861-1981		Browse Images
Canada Census Mortality Schedules, 1871	45,371	
Canada Census, 1851	1,487,802	
Canada Census, 1871	2,320,856	
Canada Census, 1881	851,225	

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Canada Census, 1891		4,787,225	
Canada Census, 1901		1,118,734	
Canada Census, 1906		191,329	
Canada Census, 1916		522,339	
Canada Deaths and Burials, 1664-1955		101,189	
Canada, Births and Baptisms, 1661-1959		1,534,515	
Canada, Lower Canada Census, 1825		74,323	YES
Canada, Lower Canada Census, 1831		91,908	YES
Canada, Lower Canada Census, 1842		46,467	YES
Canada, Marriages, 1661-1949		225,322	
Canada, Merchant Marine Agreements and Accounts of Crews, 1890-1920	Browse Images		
Canada, Royal Canadian Mounted Police obituary card index and notices, 1876-2007	Browse Images		
Canada, Upper Canada Census, 1842		20,851	YES
International Genealogical Index (IGI)		892,761,439	
Manitoba Probate Records, 1871-1930	Browse Images		
Manitoba, Census Indexes, 1831-1870	Browse Images		
Manitoba, Church Records, 1800-1959	Browse Images		
New Brunswick Census, 1861		200,172	YES
New Brunswick Provincial Deaths, 1815-1938		172,406	YES
New Brunswick Provincial Returns of Marriages and Late Registrations, 1920-1950	Browse Images		
New Brunswick Provincial Returns of Marriages, 1887-1919	Browse Images		
New Brunswick, Births and Baptisms, 1819-1899		25,300	
New Brunswick, County Deed Registry Books, 1780-1930	Browse Images		
New Brunswick, Death Certificates, 1920-1934	Browse Images		
New Brunswick, Death Certificates, 1935-1938	Browse Images		
New Brunswick, Late Registration of Births, 1810-1899	Browse Images		
New Brunswick, Marriage Registers, 1789-1889	Browse Images		
New Brunswick, Provincial Returns of Births and Late Registrations, 1810-1906		160,214	YES
New Brunswick, Provincial Returns of Deaths, 1815-1919	Browse Images		
Newfoundland, Church Records, 1793-1945	Browse Images		
Newfoundland, Vital Records, 1840-1949	Browse Images		
Newfoundland, Vital Statistics, 1753-1893	Browse Images		
Nova Scotia Census, 1861		57,453	
Nova Scotia, Antigonish Catholic Diocese, 1823-1905		91,875	YES
Nova Scotia, Births and Baptisms, 1702-1896		130,108	
Nova Scotia, Church Records, 1720-2001	Browse Images		
Nova Scotia, Halifax County, Deed Indexes, 1749-1958	Browse Images		
Nova Scotia, Marriages, 1711-1909		37,261	
Nova Scotia, Queens County, Notes of Thomas Brenton Smith, 1700-1950	Browse Images		
Nova Scotia, Vital Records, 1763-1957		807,577	
Ontario Births, 1869-1912		1,760,515	
Ontario Census, 1861		1,709,804	

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Ontario Deaths,1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947		2,050,112	
Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927		782,731	
Ontario, Births and Baptisms, 1779-1899		454,979	
Ontario, Marriages, 1800-1910		28,441	
Ontario, Roman Catholic Church Records, 1760-1923	Browse Images		
Ontario, Toronto Trust Cemeteries, 1826-1935		57,610	YES
Prince Edward Island Baptism Card Index, 1721-1885		92,218	YES
Prince Edward Island Census, 1861		25,315	
Prince Edward Island Death Card Index, 1721-1905	Browse Images		
Prince Edward Island Marriage Registers, 1832-1888	Browse Images		
Prince Edward Island, Church Records, 1777-1985	Browse Images		
Quebec Census, 1861		1,094,774	
Quebec, Births and Baptisms, 1662-1898		26,934	
Quebec, Catholic Parish Registers, 1621-1979		79,535	YES
Quebec, Non-Catholic Parish Registers, 1763-1967	Browse Images		
Quebec, Notarial Records, 1800-1900	Browse Images		
Quebec, Quebec Judicial District, Guardianships, 1639-1930	Browse Images		
Saskatchewan Provincial Records, 1879-1987	Browse Images		
Saskatchewan, Catholic Church Records, 1846-1957	Browse Images		
Saskatchewan, Judicial District Court Records, 1891-1954	Browse Images		
Saskatchewan, Probate Estate Files, 1887-1931		41,261	YES

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