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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.

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

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

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

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