

At the Trent Valley Archives, your membership fee entitles you to search the following **In-House Genealogy and History Resources**:

Cemetery Transcripts – A great resource for finding birth and death dates for ancestors and possibly where they were born. Transcripts contain the information that is written on the tombstone. (Here we could link to our cemetery holdings listed on the web. I would highlight that we have the full set of Little Lake Cemetery, Lakefield and St. Peter's.)

Kawartha Cemetery Finding Aid – Don't know which cemetery your loved one is buried in? Not a problem. If they were buried in the Peterborough County area – this database will find them. Saves the researcher the time to look through dozens of listings.

Submitted Family Histories – We are fortunate to be given many completed family trees which may save you hours of frustration. We also respond to many research requests which result in hundreds of family files already started.

Master Genealogist – This amazing resource has now topped 200,000 family trees. (Link to special announcement on web.) We also have **ancestry.com** at the centre available to all members.

Census Records – At the Trent Valley Archives we have the Census reels for Peterborough, Victoria, Northumberland, Durham and Haliburton between the years: 1851-1901. (Note: 1881 and 1901 are on-line). More importantly, we have the invaluable Newcastle District microfilms which begin around 1810-1850 and cover the same area listed above.

Parish Records – We have the entire Peterborough Diocese records here on microfilm. See link on web. We also have the St. John's Anglican records. These consist of microfilmed copies of parish registers, registers of service, financial records and early records of St. John's Anglican Church from 1825 to 1935. St. John's was the first church in Peterborough, and as a result, many of our early and prominent Peterborough residents belonged to this parish. In addition we have copies of the Warsaw United Church records from 1890-1960 and the early Methodist Registers from 1805-1850.

Microfiche Series – Trent Valley Archives has recently purchased the following microfiche for research purposes. Great items here such as County and City Directories for our entire area including Belleville and Port Hope.

Newspaper Obituaries – These contain invaluable resources for the budding genealogist. Most include day of death, residence, next of kin, cause of death, place of interment etc. At the Trent Valley Archives we have births, marriages and deaths for the Peterborough area from 1845-1885 and from 1980-2004. If you are looking outside the Peterborough area we can also assist you. We have births, marriages and deaths from the **Cobourg Star** from 1831-1849, and from the **Lindsay** area from 1861-1882. We also have indexes to the Lindsay papers from 1883-1919.

Peterborough City Directories – At the Trent Valley Archives we have the following City Directories: 1851, 1858, 1869, 1870, 1876, 1883, 1889, 1914 and 1927 – the microfiche series fill many of these gaps.

Marriage Registers of Upper Canada (Canada West) – These resources list many of the early marriages that are impossible to find elsewhere. We also have the early baptisms, marriages and deaths on microfilm (**Peterborough and Victoria** 1841-1858, 1858-1869) These reels contain the same information for these Counties: **Peel** (1858-1887), **Perth** (1858-1869), **Prescott** (1858-1869), **Prince Edward County** (1833-45, 1858-1869), **Renfrew** (1858-1869), **Russell** (1855-1869), **Simcoe** (1842-1866), **Talbot** (1838-1857) and **Victoria** (1839-1858).

Vital Statistics Search – The vital stats contain the following genealogical information:

- **Births:** 1869-1907
- **Marriages:** c. 1801-1922 (Note: There are many gaps in pre-1869 marriage records)
- **Deaths:** 1869-1932

We can order these reels for our members for \$1 per reel which covers the shipping charge back to Toronto.

Peter Robinson Book – Don't know whether or not your family was an original Peter Robinson settler. This resource will let you know (link to website as well).

Historic Illustrated Atlases for Peterborough, Victoria, Northumberland, Durham and many more. These will provide lot and concession maps so you can begin land record research. Some also contain indexes that list occupation, settlement dates etc.

Transcribed Census – At the Trent Valley Archives we are fortunate to have many of our township census transcribed including Peterborough Town and Smith Township. The 1851 Douro Census contains the maiden names of the wives, and we have Emily township transcribed from the (1820s-1850s) and Dummer township from (1840s-1850s). We also have the entire 1871 Index for the Canadian Census.

Peterborough County Land Records – We have all the copy books and instruments (1865-1955) for lots and concessions in Peterborough County. Includes villages such as Lakefield, Allandale, Ashburnham and Keene.

Other neat resources found here:

- Fire Laws, Fire Brigades for Peterborough Volume 1: 1848-1869
- 1901 House of Providence Listing (St. Joseph's Hospital)
- An index to the Peterborough Examiner from 1920-1965. (link to web)
- Index to Peterborough wills will be available to members in April 2005

- Lindsay Jail Register, listing of Cobourg Jail Register
- Ashburnham directories from 1858-1914
- Fire insurance maps (complete maps of the City of Peterborough) from 1882, 1889, 1911, 1915, 1929
- Historic maps of the Peterborough area as well as land plans
- Cavan township will register from 1830-1910
- Christ Church burial register
- Warsaw merchants before 1900
- Dummer Voter's lists: 1894, 1917
- Bridgenorth United Church Records
- Knox Presbyterian Register, Woodville
- St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Eldon Township
- St. Luke's Downeyville records

Most of our archival holdings also contain resources that can be used for genealogical research. Several of these (*) are described under "**Searchable Historic Resources**" on our website and researchers can see a complete item listing. A complete finding aid to more than 100 of our archival collections will be available shortly.

*Martha Kidd (City of Peterborough, Ashburnham),

*Electric City (City of Peterborough)

*Delledone (Lakefield),

*Dorfman (Dummer Township)

*Gerry Stephenson Canoe History fonds

John and Mary Young fonds

Howard Pammett fonds

*J. Alex Edmison fonds

* Osborne Studios

Our library contains thousands of titles. Our Reference Room library can be viewed from the website, and we have in-house lists for the libraries of Howard Pammett, J. Alex Edmison, Archie Tolmie and Elwood Jones. These book collections are rich in subjects that relate to genealogy, local Ontario history, Canadian history, emigration, everyday life, and supplement our collections. For example, we have many books related to canoeing, exhibitions and entertainment, houses and construction, emigration, the Irish and cemeteries.

We are very proud of our newspaper collections. We have very strong runs for the following:

Upper Canadian newspapers:

[ON MICROFILM]

Kingston British Whig

Brockville Recorder

Bytown Gazette

*Canadian Emigrant and Western District Advertiser,
Sandwich*

Canadian Freeman, Toronto

Christian Guardian

Cobourg Star

Colonial Advocate

Constitution, Toronto
Correspondent & Advocate, Toronto
Gore Gazette, Ancaster
Hallowell Free Press
Kingston Chronicle
Mirror, Toronto
Montreal Courier
Montreal Gazette
Montreal Herald
Niagara Papers
Patriot & Farmer's Monitor, Kingston and Toronto
Perth Courier

Peterborough newspapers

Havelock Standard
Lakefield papers
Peterborough Review
Peterborough Sun
Peterborough Pinnacle
Occasional issues of other newspapers
Peterborough Newspapers

Special newspaper collection

For those who are unable to visit us, Trent Valley Archives does provide research services to the public. The following rates have been approved by the Board as of March 2005:

\$5 Charge per item:

- Census search per year searched
- Cemetery Transcription

\$10 Charge per item:

- Obit search
- Obtaining a will
- Researching at the Land Registry Office
- Land Record look-ups (per property)
- Family group sheet (per generation)
- Researching at other local institutions (plus cost of photocopies)
- Vital Stat search for one name and one event (birth, marriage, or death)

Hourly Rates:

For those requests where significant time is involved piecing a family tree together, Trent Valley Archives charges **\$20 hourly**, minimum one hour. These searches are detailed and the cost must reflect the effort involved. Parish register searches also fall under this category.