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Information Resource Guide: External Sources

Research Inquiry	Record Types	Places to Go	Note
House and Property Research	Deeds, indexes to deeds, other property records created by the province	Land Registry Office Online only: www.onland.ca Tel: 807-343-7436 www.ontario.ca/page/send-request-office-registrar-general	The City of Thunder Bay Archives has an incomplete selection of provincial government property records, 1950s and earlier.
Vital Statistics (Family History)	Birth, death and marriage certificates, statements of live birth, change of name records	Office of the Registrar General P.O. Box 4600 189 Red River Road Thunder Bay ON, P7B 6L8 1-800-461-2156 www.ontario.ca/page/send-request-office-registrar-general	**For records older than:** - Births (95 years) - Deaths (70 years) - Marriage (80 years) Archives of Ontario 134 Ian Macdonald Boulevard Toronto, ON M7A 2C5 Tel: 1-800-668-9933 www.archives.gov.on.ca Email: reference@ontario.ca The City of Thunder Bay Archives hold indexes to Vital Statistics; these are not accessible until they are outside of the above time frame. This includes requests concerning an individual's own personal information.

Divorce Records	Divorce orders, divorce judgments and other legal records relating to divorce	Court Office where the case was filed Central Registry of Divorce Proceedings Department of Justice P.O. Box 2730, Postal Station D Ottawa ON K1P 5W7 Tel: 613-957- 4519 www.justice.gc.ca/eng/fl-df/divorce/crdp-bead.html	**For divorces before 1931:** Library and Archives Canada Tel: 1-866-578-7777 395 Wellington St. Ottawa, ON K1A 0N4 www.canada.ca/en/library-archives.html **For divorces 1932 to 1980:** Archives of Ontario 134 Ian Macdonald Boulevard Toronto, ON M7A 2C5 Tel: 1-800-668-9933 www.archives.gov.on.ca Email: reference@ontario.ca
Wills	Probate wills, estate files, executor records	Ontario Superior Court of Justice 125 Brodie Street N. Thunder Bay, ON P7C 0A3 Tel: 807-343-2700 www.ontariocourts.ca/scj/locations/thunderbay/	**Wills and estate files before 1963:** Archives of Ontario 134 Ian Macdonald Boulevard Toronto, ON M7A 2C5 Tel: 1-800-668-9933 www.archives.gov.on.ca Email: reference@ontario.ca
Adoption Inquires	Post-adoption birth information, adoption orders, other non-identifying information	Govt. of Ontario Tel: 1-800-461-2156 www.ontario.ca/page/search-adoption-records	**Adoptions before 1921:** Archives of Ontario 134 Ian Macdonald Boulevard Toronto, ON M7A 2C5 Tel: 1-800-668-9933 www.archives.gov.on.ca Email: reference@ontario.ca
Local / Family History Inquiries	Obituaries, newspaper articles, Henderson's Directories, Ontario Genealogical, Society Research Guides	Thunder Bay Public Library (Brodie Branch) 216 Brodie Street S. Thunder Bay ON P7E 1C2 https://www.tbpl.ca/reference/local-history-and-genealogy/	The City of Thunder Bay Archives also has Henderson Directories.

Local Historical Photographs		Thunder Bay Public Library (Brodie Branch) 216 Brodie Street S. Thunder Bay ON P7E 1C2 https://www.tbpl.ca/reference/local-history-and-genealogy/ Thunder Bay Museum 425 Donal Street E. Thunder Bay, ON Tel: 807-623-0801 www.thunderbaymuseum.com Lakehead University Archives Chancellor Paterson Library 955 Oliver Rd. Thunder Bay, ON P7B 5E1 Tel: 807-343-8272 Email: sjanes1@lakeheadu.ca library.lakeheadu.ca/libraries-and-collections/archives	The City of Thunder Bay Archives also has Local photographs.
Military/ War Records	Records of service, records of military deaths and other military records	Archives of Ontario 134 Ian Macdonald Boulevard Toronto, ON M7A 2C5 Tel: 1-800-668-9933 www.archives.gov.on.ca Email: reference@ontario.ca Library and Archives Canada 395 Wellington Street Ottawa ON K1A ON4 (Toll free): 1866-578-7777 www.canada.ca/en/library-archives.html	
Immigration Records	Registry Files from the Department of Immigration, Border Entry Lists and Ships' Manifests	Archives of Ontario 134 Ian Macdonald Boulevard Toronto, ON M7A 2C5 Tel: 1-800-668-9933 www.archives.gov.on.ca	

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