

Canadian Online Genealogical Resources

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Occasionally I am asked to write about foreign online genealogical resources. This is the first of a series, which will appear every few months as a Tip of the Month (TOM).

I selected our great neighbors to the north, Canada, for the first in this series. My genealogical research in Canada goes back a dozen years when I began searching my Faulkner roots in Nova Scotia. For two years I wrote articles for the Alberta Genealogical Society's Quarterly Newsletter, in Edmonton, where I have visited several times. My Canadian research includes *Library and Archives Canada* in Ottawa, the *Nova Scotia Archives and Records Management* in Halifax and several local historical societies, cemeteries, and libraries in the Maritimes.

The following listing certainly is not complete, as there are hundreds if not thousands of Canadian Genealogical websites, most of which are *free* and exceptionally well prepared. If you don't find what you need in this list I recommend *Cindi's List* for Canadian (or any country for that matter), updates at: <http://www.cyndislist.com/>

Library and Archives Canada (LAC) Genealogical Section (Highly Recommended)
<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/genealogy/index-e.html> As an example they list over 462 online 'links' just for Nova Scotia. An excellent website for any Canadian search.

Genealogy Today (Organizations, Books, Databases sometimes overlooked)
<http://www.genealogytoday.com/ca/>

British Home Children (Over 100,000 British children were sent to Canada from 1870 to 1948. This site may be very helpful in locating Canadian/British ancestors.
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~britishhomechildren/>

Local Catholic Church History and Genealogy in Canada (Every Province Index of Catholic Churches. Possible valuable resource for births, marriages, deaths, etc.)
http://home.att.net/~Local_Catholic/Catholic-Canada.htm

The Olive Tree/Canada (If it's Canada be sure to look here)
<http://olivetreegenealogy.com/can/index.shtml>

University of Waterloo (Especially 'Upper Canada': Maps, Passenger/Ships Lists, cemetery information, old newspapers, census data, etc.) This link was prepared by a UW staff member.
<http://ist.uwaterloo.ca/~marj/genealogy/genealogy.html>

The Island Register (Prince Edward Island) A good source for PEI genealogy along with other helpful links. Passenger and Ships lists, documents, diaries, maps etc.)
<http://www.islandregister.com>

The Genealogical Association of Nova Scotia. (A great Nova Scotia genealogy site)
<http://www.chebucto.ns.ca/Recreation/GANS/>

About.com (About.com's recommended Canadian Genealogy Websites by category)
<http://genealogy.about.com/od/canada/>