



Discovering Your Canadian Roots – Parts 1 & 2

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Genealogy Sites with both US and Canadian Documents

- **Ancestry**: www.ancestry.com (\$) - Subscription. Free 2week trial. Free at libraries.
- **My Heritage**: www.myheritage.com (\$) - Subscription. Free 1-2week trial.
- **Find My Past**: www.findmypast.com (\$) - Subscription. Free 1 week trial.
- **Family Search**: www.familysearch.org Free. Must register for an account.

Canadian Libraries & Archives

- **Library and Archives Canada** - www.bac-lac-gc.ca (Free)
- **National Library and Archives of Quebec** - www.banq.qc.ca (Free) (Bibliothèque et Archives du Québec)

Canadian Provincial Vital Statistics (Birth/Marriage/Death) and other Records

For quick access, use *Family Search* “Research Wiki” page for each Province: www.familysearch.org > Search>Research Wiki>enter name of Province

French Quebec Records

- For easiest access, French Birth, Marriage, and Death records can be found in **The Drouin Collection** on Ancestry.com (\$) - www.ancestry.com > Search > Card Catalog> Title (type Drouin Collection)
 - Contains Index and Images (in French)
- **PRDH-IDG** (<https://www.prdh-igd.com/>) (\$) - Buy ‘hits’
 - Summaries of all known facts on an individual, a couple, or their family
- **BMS 2000** (<http://www.bms2000.org>) (\$) - Buy ‘vouchers’
 - Catholic and Non-Catholic BMD records from 1600s to 2000s
- **Ficher Origine/Nos Origines** (Free) Information on early French settlers from 1600s to 1865

Personal Genealogy Software

- **Roots Magic** – <https://www.rootsmagic.com/> (\$) + Beginners free program called Essentials’
- **Legacy Family Tree** <https://www.legacyfamilytree.com> (Free)
- **Family Tree Builder** – <https://www.family-tree-builder.com> (Free)

Learn More about Genealogy

- **YouTube Genealogy Videos** - <https://www.thefhgguide.com/blog/10-genealogy-youtube-channels-you-shouldnt-miss/>
- **Webinars** - <https://genealogyyou.com/best-genealogy-courses-webinars/>
- **Newsletters** - <https://thenewsletterlife.com/ancestry-newsletters/>
- **Blogs/Bloggers**: https://bloggers.feedspot.com/genealogy_blogs/
- **Facebook Genealogy Pages**
- **Genealogy Societies**

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Canadiana Fest-Join us for the Can Am Peace Jam and other Canadian Cultural events

<https://CanadianaFest.FUN>

The Kalamazoo Valley Genealogical Society

<https://www.mikvgs.org>