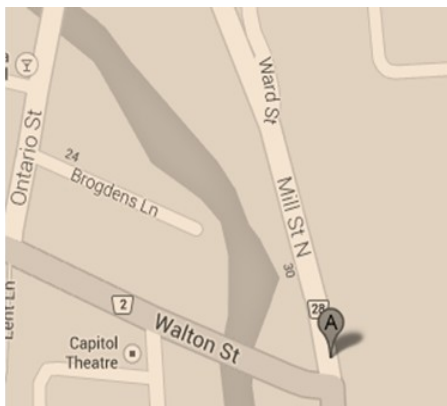


## PUBLIC RESOURCES

Local history books and newspapers  
Women's Institute Tweedsmuir Histories  
Birth, Death and Marriage registrations  
Census records  
Maps and Atlases  
Probates  
Land records  
Church records  
Organization records  
Church and religious periodicals  
Military records  
Book of Remembrance/Honour Rolls  
Yearbooks  
Business and city directories  
Cemetery stone transcriptions  
Burial registers and maps

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Tuesday to Friday 1-5pm

1st Saturday 9am-1pm

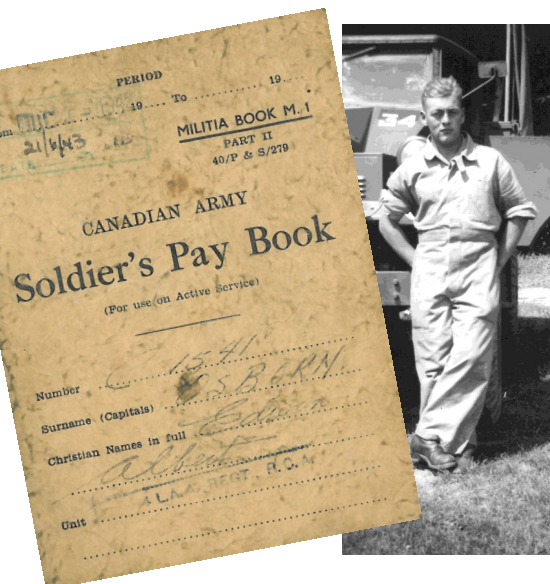
(October to May)

*OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT*

## STARTING YOUR GENEALOGICAL AND FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH



# PORT HOPE ARCHIVES





# GETTING STARTED ON YOUR FAMILY HISTORY!

## Key Tips!

Don't expect others to do the work for you

Document your findings

Record resources you have checked – even if they didn't help you – saves checking again

Keep track of who you write/email

Be aware that each institution has rules, be courteous and follow their requests

Ask permission before you digitize anything

Computers are not always welcome in archives – carry hardcopies of your research

Remember copyright – it is your responsibility as a researcher to give proper credit and seek proper authorization for use of copyrighted materials

Copyright is not limited to published materials

Our ancestors lived in a different time – photography, literacy and record keeping was not common in all families and areas

Become familiar with the context in which you are researching

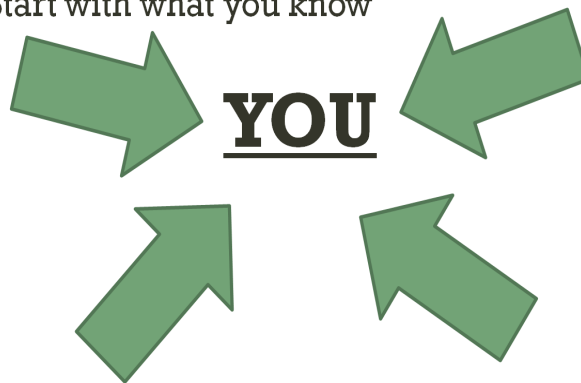
Each region will have its own resources, created by people in that area. Take advantage of any indexes that may be available

Not all information is going to be available on-line. You may have to travel to look for your answers

Internet sources – buyer beware – you get what you pay for – so if it is free...

Different spellings of names – use soundex options if it is available

Start with what you know



**YOU**

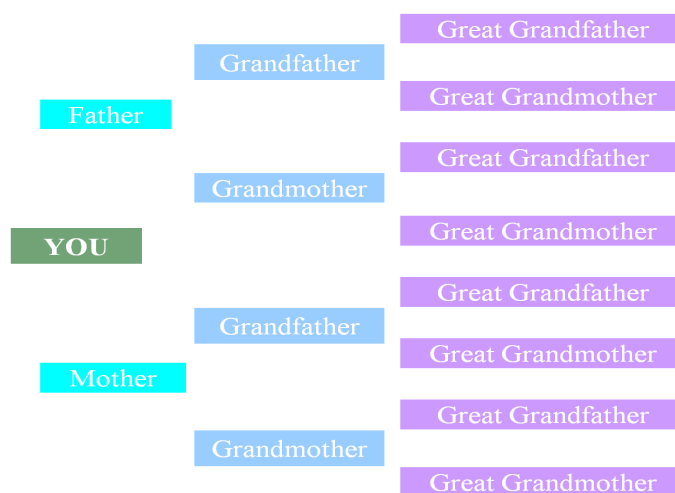
## Using Your Family Resources

Who is the Family Historian?

What have you been told?

What do you remember from family stories

Family heirlooms - Bibles, photograph albums, wedding, death and birth announcements, newspaper clippings, marriage certificates, etc.



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## About Census Records

Currently, Canadian censuses from 1861, 1871, 1881, 1891, 1901, 1911, and 1921 are available from Library and Archives Canada (many are indexed, digitized, and searchable for free online; or via [ancestry.ca](http://ancestry.ca) for a fee)

Censuses can tell information such as: dates, names, household occupants, occupations, immigration details, age at last birthday, address, nationality, and any infirmities an individual had.

### REMEMBER...

- Information is often incomplete
- Information is not always correct
- Dates of birth and ages are not always accurate
- “Origin” refers to the origin through the paternal side of the family – often the origin of the father or grandfather even if born in British North America or Canada
- Not all areas have complete records
- Not always filed by county (by Electoral districts)
- Boundaries changed over time – check indexes
- Original records remain in Ottawa at Library and Archives Canada
- Checking the archival microfilm over the available online transcriptions can reveal new information