

Research Guide 206
How to Find Wills in Court Records

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In this guide

This guide has information on how to find wills in court records at the Archives of Ontario.

In Ontario, wills are probated (made official) by the courts, after the person's death. The court issues letters probate to confirm the validity of the will.

If the person dies intestate (without a will) or if there is no executor to manage the succession, a request can be made to the court for letters of administration. This document appoints an administrator to manage the succession.

This guide includes a list of some key terms you will find in estate files and registers.

*Please note: We do not have the wills of persons who died recently. Courthouses do not have these wills until someone applies for probate. There is no central database or location for wills that have not been submitted for probate. We recommend checking with the person's lawyer, financial institution, or relatives. See below for information about the records we have. See Table 1 at the end of this guide for courthouse contact information.

*Please note: this guide contains links to information found in our online Archives Descriptive Database. On our website, this database is found under "Access Our

Collections". If you are using a print copy of this guide, go to page 8 for more information on how to find the online descriptions.

Where do I find these records?

We have the records below, from the 1780's to 1976 (with exceptions for some counties and districts):

- Estate files (the court files containing the will and related documents)
- Registers (volumes containing the letter probate issued by the court to confirm the will, and a copy of the will itself, or the letters of administration)
- Indexes (which contain estate file numbers)

All the indexes and many of the estate files and registers we have are on microfilm. You can view them in our reading room and you do not need to request them in advance. Libraries that offer interloan services can borrow most of these reels for you.

Some of the microfilm are also digitized and available on the FamilySearch website, [click here to access our Digitized Microfilm Collections webpage for more information](#). To find this information on our website, click on "Access our Collections" then click on the "Digitized Microfilm" page. The FamilySearch website is www.familysearch.org.

You can view the other records we have in our reading room only. You will need to order those records in advance. You may be able to order copies at a distance, if there is enough information to find the records.

Some indexes, estate files and registers are still with the courthouse that created them. This includes all records after 1976, except:

- Frontenac County: we have the estate files up to 1984
- Lincoln County: we have the estate files up to 1976, and for 1980 to 1985
- Parry Sound District: we have the indexes up to 1986
- Rainy River District: we have the indexes up to 1977.

See Table 1 at the end of this guide for courthouse contact info, as well as information on where to find records for each county.

What do I need to get started?

To find wills in court records, you need to know:

- the person's name
- when the person died (note: wills may have been probated years and even decades after the death)
- where the person lived

The Records

To find a will in court records, you need to find the estate file. First, you need to check indexes to find the estate file number and year. We have published indexes for some counties, up to around 1900. These indexes are in our reading room, and at some public libraries. Other indexes are with us, on microfilm, or at the courthouse.

The estate file contains the will (if there was one), the application for probate or administration, affidavits and other documents filed with the application, and various documents dealing with the succession itself.

If you are looking for the letters probate or letters of administration, you need to search the registers. Copies of these documents were not placed in the estate files. Searching the indexes may help you find when the court dealt with the succession. This will then help you find what register to search.

*Please note: Until the 1920's, many wills were registered with the local Land Registry Office, instead of being brought to the court. This was usually the case if the succession mostly consisted of land. For information about these wills, [click here to view research guide 231, Searching Land Registration Records](#). To find this and other guides on our website, click on "Access Our Collections" and go to the "Research Guides and Tools" page.

To find the records you are looking for, follow the steps below.

1. How do I find pre to 1793 estate records?

Before 1793, the courts did not probate wills. Instead, they were deposited with public notaries. Prerogative Courts dealt with the succession of people who had died intestate (without a will).

We do not have records from public notaries. We have records for the following areas :

- Hesse District (Lake Erie and Windsor area (southwestern Ontario)): For a list of the persons' whose files we have, [click here to see the description for RG 22-6](#). To view a file in our reading room, or to get a copy, contact us with the person's name and reference code RG 22-6.
- Lunenburg District (Upper Canada-Lower Canada border area (southeastern Ontario)): We have the files for the estates of **Adam Cline**, **Captain Peter Everitt**, **Barnaby Spencer**, and **Alexander McPherson**. To view a file in our reading room, or to get a copy, contact us with the person's name and reference code RG 22-7.
- Essex County and Leeds and Grenville Counties, Follow the steps for the files from 1793 to 1858 files in section 2 below.

2. How do I find estate files or registers between 1793 and 1858?

Between 1793 and 1858, more than one court could handle successions and probate wills. The Court of Probate handled estates valued at 5 pounds or more in two or more districts. Surrogate Courts in each district handled the other estates.

To find an estate file or a register entry between 1793 and 1858, follow these steps:

1. [Click here to search our online Archives Collection and enter the person's name.](#)
Please note: some search results may be for records other than estate files.
2. Each entry includes the person's name, the year the court dealt with the succession, the estate file number, the microfilm number and a file number. If there are no file number, this means the records are in alphabetical order on the reel. Write down the information you have found.
3. You can view the microfilm reel that contains the estate file in our reading room. You do not need to request it in advance. Public libraries that offer interloan services can also request it for you. Some of the microfilm is also available online at www.familysearch.org.
4. If you are looking for a register entry, see Table 1 at the end of this guide for information on how to access the registers.

3. How do I find estate files and registers between 1859 and 1976?

The Court of Probate ceased to exist in 1859. From that year forward, the Surrogate Courts handled all successions.

- If you are looking for records for **York County until 1862** or **Norfolk County until 1869**, follow the steps for the files from 1793 to 1858 in section 2, above.
- If the court processed the succession between 1859 and 1930, and you know the county or district (usually, the one where the deceased had resided), go to section 3.1 of this guide, below.
- If the court processed the succession between 1931 and 1976, and you know the county or district, go to section 3.2 of this guide, below.
- If you do not know the county or district, go to section 3.3 below for information on how to find it.
- If you are looking for the registers, see sections 3.1 or 3.2 below for information on how to find the year the court processed the succession. The index entry may also include the register volume and page number. Once you have this information, see table 1 at the end of this table for information on how to access the register.

3.1 How do I find an estate file between 1859 and 1930?

All the indexes and estate files, and most of the registers are on microfilm. You do not need to request them in advance before viewing them in our reading room. Libraries that offer interloan service can also borrow the reels for you. Some of the reels are also available online at www.familysearch.org.

Published indexes exist for some counties, from 1859 to 1900. You can view these indexes in our reading room, and some public libraries.

To find an estate file, follow the steps below:

1. Check table 1 at the end of this guide to find if there is a published index for the county or district you are looking for.
2. In the published index, find the name and write down the year and the estate file number, then go to step 4 OR
In our reading room, use the *User's Guide to Surrogate Courts and Surrogate Clerk Microfilm Reels* to find which microfilm reel has the index you need OR [Click here to see the Estate file page the Microfilm Interloan Catalogue](#) (or, on our website, find the Catalogue under "Access Our Collection", then click on the page for court records and click on the page for the Estate files). Click on the page for the county or district you are looking for to find what microfilm reel has the index you need.
3. (On the microfilm reel). Once you have found the name, write down the year and the estate file number. If there is a reference to the register, write it down too
4. To find the microfilm reel that matches both the year and the estate file number, use the User Guide to Surrogate Court Records or [click here to see the Estate file page the Microfilm Interloan Catalogue](#).

3.2 How do I find an estate file between 1931 and 1976?

We have most indexes, on microfilm. Some indexes are still at the courthouses. You do not need to request the microfilm we have in advance to view it in our reading room. Libraries that offer interloan services can borrow the reels for you.

Estate files are with us, the courthouses, or local archives. If the file is with us, you will need to request it in advance. The exception are the files for York County (Toronto) from 1930 to 1967; they are on microfilm in our reading room, and you do not need to request them in advance.

To find an estate file, follow the steps below.

1. Check table 1 at the end of this guide to find if the index for the county or district you are looking for are with us or the courthouse.
2. In our reading room, use the User Guide to Surrogate Court Records to find which microfilm reel has the index you need. OR
[Click here to see the Estate files page the Microfilm Interloan Catalogue](#) (or, on our website, find the Catalogue under "Access Our Collection", then click on the page for court records and click on the page for Estate file). Click on the page for the county or district you are looking for to find what microfilm reel has the index you need. OR
(If we do not have the index), contact the courthouse to get the file number and year.
3. Once you have the estate file number and year, See table 1 at the end of this guide to find where the estate file is located.

3.3 How do I find where the succession was processed?

If you do not know the county or district where the succession was processed, use the steps below to find it.

1. In our reading room, find the ***User's Guide to Surrogate Courts and Surrogate Clerk Microfilm Reels***, OR [Click here to see the Estate file page the Microfilm Interloan Catalogue](#) (or, on our website, find the Catalogue under "Access Our Collection", then click on the page for court records and click on the page for the Estate files).
2. Follow the instructions on how to find and use the *Surrogate Clerk for Ontario applications for probate books and indexes*.
3. When you have the name, the county or district and the year, write that information down and ignore the numbers you found in the applications for probate books and indexes. Use this guide to find the estate file (note: you will need to use the indexes for the county or district).

4. How do I find estate files and registers after 1976?

For the following counties and years, contact the courthouse to get the year and file number. Then, contact us with the person's name, the county, the year and the file number:

- Frontenac County, up 1984
- Lincoln County, 1980 to 1985 (courthouse has the estate files for 1977 to 1979)

For the following districts and years, we have indexes after 1976:

- Parry Sound District, up to 1986
- Rainy River District, up to 1977

For these two districts:

1. In our reading room, find the ***User's Guide to Surrogate Courts and Surrogate Clerk Microfilm Reels***, OR [Click here to see the Estate file page the Microfilm Interloan Catalogue](#) (or, on our website, find the Catalogue under "Access Our Collection", then click on the page for court records and click on the page for the Estate files)
2. Contact the courthouse with the person's name, the year and the file number to get the estate file.

For the indexes and estate files for all other locations and years after 1976, contact the courthouse. For all registers after 1976, contact the courthouse.

If you do not know the county or district where the succession was processed and it was processed in 1982 or before, see section 3.3 above for information on how to find it.

Are there related records?

We also have court records about contentious successions. These records are separate from the estate files.

Depending on the county or district, the Surrogate Court of the Supreme Court of Ontario (a higher court) dealt with contentious successions. The following type of files may have information about those court cases:

- Supreme Court estate files
- Supreme Court action files (these records also document other civil actions)
- Surrogate Court action and matter files
- Surrogate Court contentious estate files

For information about these records and how to access them, [click here to search the Archives Collection by groups of archival records, and enter the name of the county and the type of file](#). For York County, [click here to see the description for RG 22-5802, Supreme Court Central Office action files](#).

What are some of the key words in estate files and registers?

Administrator/ Administratrix: The person whom the Court appoints to distribute the estate of a person who died without a will.

Executor/Executrix: The person whom a will names to distribute the estate.

Intestate: A person who dies without making a will.

Letters of Administration: The court document appointing an administrator to distribute the estate of a person dying without a will (intestate) or where the executor/executrix that the will names has since died or is unable to carry this function. It is found in the court's registers.

Letters Probate: The court document confirming the executor/executrix named in the will. It includes the official transcript of the will, and it is found in the court's register (the original of the will is in the estate file).

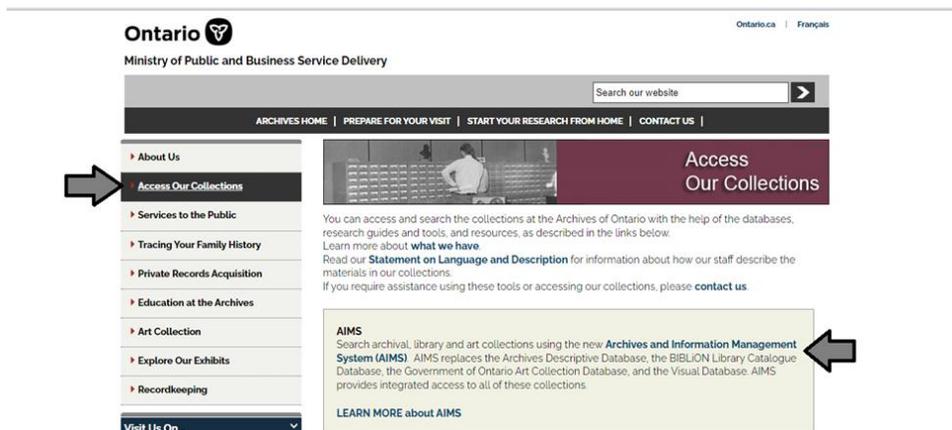
*Testate :*A person who dies and has made a will.

Testator/Testatrix: A person who makes a will.

Will: A will is a deposition made before witnesses that outlines the deceased's final wishes. It may include later codicils (changes).

How do I get to the online descriptions?

1. On our website's main page, click on "Access Our Collections", and click on "Archives and Information Management System", as shown in the image below:



2. In the Archives and Information Management System (AIMS), click on "Archives repository (only)" button:



3. On the "Welcome to the Archival Collection" search page, click "Advanced Search".



4. On the "Archives Advanced Search" page enter the reference code (that's the number starting with C, F or RG) in the Reference Code field and click "Search" (at the bottom of the page).

Archives Advanced Search

Refine your search using one or many of the specific search fields below.



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Contact us

Although unable to do your research for you, our reference archivists are waiting to assist you. You may telephone or write to them by mail or email or — best of all — visit the Archives of Ontario.

Telephone: 416-327 to 1600 Toll free (Ontario): 1-800-668-9933

Email: [Click here to email the Archives of Ontario](#). The e-mail address is reference@ontario.ca

Address: Archives of Ontario, 134 Ian Macdonald Blvd., Toronto, ON M7A 2C5

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Customer Service and Research Guides

Our guides contain information about our services, freelance researchers available to do research for you, and some of most popular records. [Click here to view our guides](#). To find the “Research Guides and Tools” on our website, click on “Access our Collections”.

Table 1: Where to find estate files, indexes and registers

This table lists where the indexes, estate files and registers for each county and districts can be found. See the “Records” Section of this guide for instructions on how to search for an estate file or a register entry. Once you have found in this table where the records you are looking for are located, do the following:

- Estate files indexes in the Archives Descriptive Database: Follow the instructions in section 2 of this guide.
- Indexes, estate files and registers on microfilm in the Archives Reading Room and through interloan: [Click here to consult the Microfilm Interloan catalogue to find the microfilm reel number you need](#), or see the **User's Guide to Surrogate Courts and Surrogate Clerk Microfilm Reels** binder in the Reading Room.

Some of the microfilm are also digitized and available on the FamilySearch website, [click here to access our Digitized Microfilm Collections webpage for more information](#). To find this information on our website, click on “Access our Collections” then click on the “Digitized Microfilm” page. The FamilySearch website is www.familysearch.org.

- Published indexes: For Peel and Simcoe County, follow the instructions at the start of the binder. For the other counties, find the name of the deceased, write down the year and file number. Then, see the **User's Guide to Surrogate Courts and Surrogate Clerk Microfilm Reels** binder to find the microfilm reel that contains the estate file, or [click here to consult the Microfilm Interloan catalogue](#).
- Estate files and registers on microfilm in the Archives’ Reading Room only: See the **User's Guide to Surrogate Courts and Surrogate Clerk Microfilm** to find the microfilm reel.
- Estate files and registers in original format at the Archives: Contact us to arrange to come and view the file, or to get copies. Mention the county or district, probate or administration year and file number, and the person’s name.
- Records at courthouses or the County of Prince Edward Archives: Contact these offices directly.

| Courthouse and Address | Indexes | Published Indexes | Estate Files | Registers |
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| Court of Probate (existed from 1793 to 1858) | 1793 to 1858: Estate files are indexed in the Archives Descriptive Database | No published index | 1793 to 1858: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan | 1793 to 1858: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room only; click here to view the description and microfilm list for RG 22-254 |
| Addington | See Lennox and Addington | See Lennox and Addington | See Lennox and Addington | See Lennox and Addington |
| Algoma Superior Court of Justice 426 Queen Street East Sault Ste. Marie , Ontario P6A 1Z7 705-945-8000, ext. 450 | 1860 to 1960: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1961 to present: Contact the courthouse | No published index | 1860 to 1931: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1932 to 1976: Originals are at the Archives 1977 to present: Contact the courthouse | 1860 to 1928: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room only 1929 to 1966: Originals are at the Archives 1967 to present: Contact the courthouse |
| Brant Superior Court of Justice 70 Wellington Street Brantford , Ontario N3T 2L9 519-752-7828 | 1853 to 1858: Estate files are indexed in the Archives Descriptive Database 1859 to 1967: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1968 to present: Contact the courthouse | 1859 to 1900 | 1853 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1931 to 1976: Originals are at the Archives 1977 to present: Contact the courthouse | 1853 to 1903: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1903 to 1931: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room only 1931 to 1944: Originals are at the Archives 1945 to present: Contact the courthouse |
| Bruce Superior Court of Justice 207 Cayley Street PO Box 39 | 1858 to 1969: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan | 1859 to 1900 | 1853 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan | 1867 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan |

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| Walkerton , Ontario N0G 2V0 519-881 to 1052 | 1968 to present: Contact the courthouse | | 1931 to 1976: Originals are at the Archives 1977 to present: Contact the courthouse | 1931 to 1950: Originals are at the Archives 1951 to present: Contact the courthouse |
| Carleton Superior Court of Justice 161 Elgin Street, 2 nd Floor Ottawa , Ontario K2P 2K1 613-239 to 1054 | 1842 to 1858: Estate files are indexed in the Archives Descriptive Database 1859 to 1969: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1970 to present: Contact the courthouse 1978 | 1859 to 1900 | 1842 to 1870: Estate files #1 to #305 no longer exist. Use the registers 1870 to 1931: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1932 to 1976: Originals are at the Archives 1977 to present: Contact the courthouse | 1842 to 1931: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1932 to 1974: Originals are at the Archives 1975 to present: Contact the courthouse |
| Cochrane Superior Court of Justice 149 Fourth Avenue PO Box 638 Cochrane , Ontario P0L 1C0 705-272-4256 | 1923 to 1927: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1928 to present: Contact the courthouse | No published index | 1923 to 1931: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1932 to 1976: Originals are at the Archives 1977 to present: Contact the courthouse | Contact the courthouse |
| Dufferin Superior Court of Justice 10 Louisa Street, 1 st Floor Orangeville , Ontario L9W 3P9 519-941-5802 | 1881 to 1968: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1969 to present: Contact the courthouse | 1859 to 1900 | 1881 to 1931: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1932 to 1976: Originals are at the Archives 1977 to present: Contact the courthouse | 1881 to 1906: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1906 to 1931: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room only 1932- to present: Contact the courthouse |

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| Dundas | See Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry | See Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry | See Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry | See Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry |
| Durham Region Superior Court of Justice 150 Bond Street E. Oshawa , Ontario L1G 0A2 905-743 -2630 | Before 1977: see Ontario County 1977 to present: Contact the courthouse | See Ontario County | Before 1977: see Ontario County 1977 to present: Contact the courthouse | Before 1977: see Ontario County 1977 to present: Contact the courthouse |
| Elgin Superior Court of Justice 4 Wellington Street St. Thomas , Ontario N5R 2P2 519-633 to 1720 | 1854 to 1858: Estate files are indexed in the Archives Descriptive Database 1859 to 1966: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1967 to present: Contact the courthouse | 1859 to 1900 | 1854 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1931 to 1976: Originals are at the Archives 1977 to present: Contact the courthouse | 1859 to 1901: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1901 to 1924: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room only 1925- to present: Contact the courthouse |
| Essex Superior Court of Justice 245 Windsor Avenue Windsor , Ontario N9A 1J2 519-973-6620 | 1785 to 1858: Estate files are indexed in the Archives Descriptive Database 1859 to 1969: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1970 to present: Contact the courthouse | 1859 to 1900 | 1785 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1931 to 1976: Originals are at the Archives 1977 to present: Contact the courthouse | 1785 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1931- to present: Contact the courthouse |

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| Frontenac Superior Court of Justice 5 Court Street Kingston , Ontario K7L 2N4 613-548-6811 | 1793 to 1858: Estate files are indexed in the Archives Descriptive Database. 1859 to 1943: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1944 to present: Contact the courthouse | 1859 to 1900 | 1793 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1931 to 1984: Originals are at the Archives 1985 to present: Contact the courthouse | 1814 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1931 to 1976: Originals are at the Archives 1977- to present: Contact the courthouse |
| Glengarry | See Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry | See Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry | See Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry | See Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry |
| Grenville | See Leeds and Grenville | See Leeds and Grenville | See Leeds and Grenville | See Leeds and Grenville |
| Grey Superior Court of Justice 611-9 th Avenue East Owen Sound , Ontario N4K 6Z4 519-370-2430 | 1859 to 1969: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1970 to present: Contact the courthouse | 1859 to 1900 | 1859 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1931 to 1976: Originals are at the Archives 1977 to present: Contact the courthouse | 1859 to 1929: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1930 to 1938: Originals are at the Archives 1939- to present: Contact the courthouse |
| Haldimand Superior Court of Justice 55 Munsee Street N. Cayuga , Ontario N0A 1E0 905-772-3335 | Before 1851: See Lincoln 1851 to 1858: Estate files are indexed in the Archives Descriptive Database 1859 to 1969: On microfilm, in the | 1859 to 1900 | Before 1851: See Lincoln 1851 to 1931: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1932 to 1976: Originals are at the Archives 1977 to present: Contact the courthouse | Before 1851: See Lincoln 1851 to 1933: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1933 to 1940: Originals are at the Archives |

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| | Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1970 to present: Contact the courthouse | | | 1941- to present: Contact the courthouse |
| Haliburton | See Victoria | See Victoria | See Victoria | See Victoria |
| Halton Superior Court of Justice 491 Steeles Avenue East Milton , Ontario L9T 1Y7 905-878-7281 | 1855 to 1858: Estate files are indexed in the Archives Descriptive Database 1859 to 1943: No court indexes available. Follow the instructions in the <i>User's Guide to Surrogate Courts and Surrogate Clerk Microfilm</i> (in the Archives' Reading Room) or the <i>Microfilm Interloan Catalogue</i> 1944 to present: Contact the courthouse | 1859 to 1900 | 1855 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1931 to 1976: Originals are at the Archives 1977 to present: Contact the courthouse | 1855 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1931 to 1953: Originals are at the Archives 1954- to present: Contact the courthouse |
| Hamilton | See Wentworth | See Wentworth | See Wentworth | See Wentworth |
| Hastings Superior Court of Justice 15 Bridge Street W. Belleville , Ontario K8P 0C7 613-962-9106 | 1840 to 1858: Estate files are indexed in the Archives Descriptive Database 1859 to 1966: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan | 1859 to 1900 | 1840 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1931 to 1976: Originals are at the Archives 1977 to present: Contact the courthouse | 1840 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room only 1930 to 1958: Originals are at the Archives 1959- to present: Contact the courthouse |

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| | 1967 to present: Contact the courthouse | | | |
| Huron Superior Court of Justice 1 Courthouse Square Goderich , Ontario N7A 1M2 519-524-2519 | 1842 to 1858: Estate files are indexed in the Archives Descriptive Database 1859 to 1967: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1968 to present: Contact the courthouse | 1859 to 1900 | 1855 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1931 to 1976: Originals are at the Archives 1977 to present: Contact the courthouse | 1842 to 1931: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1931 to 1967: Originals are at the Archives 1968- to present: Contact the courthouse |
| Kenora Superior Court of Justice 216 Water Street, Room 211 Kenora , Ontario P9N 1S4 807-468-2842 | 1887 to 1973: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1974 to present: Contact the courthouse | No published index | 1887 to 1931: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1932 to 1976: Originals are at the Archives 1977 to present: Contact the courthouse | 1887 to 1938: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1939- to present: Contact the courthouse |
| Kent Superior Court of Justice 425 Grand Ave. West Chatham , Ontario N7M 6M8 519-355-2200 | 1851 to 1858: Estate files are indexed in the Archives Descriptive Database 1859 to 1966: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1967 to present: Contact the courthouse | 1859 to 1900 | 1851 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1931 to 1976: Originals are at the Archives 1977 to present: Contact the courthouse | 1851 to 1876: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room only 1876 to 1902: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1902 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room only 1931 to 1944: Originals are at the Archives |

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| | | | | 1945- to present: Contact the courthouse |
| Lambton Superior Court of Justice 700 N. Christina Street Sarnia , Ontario N7V 3C2 519-333-2950 | Before 1854: See Essex 1854 to 1858: Estate files are indexed in the Archives Descriptive Database 1859 to 1966: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1967 to present: Contact the courthouse | 1859 to 1900 | Before 1854: See Essex 1854 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1931 to 1976: Originals are at the Archives 1977 to present: Contact the courthouse | Before 1854: See Essex 1854 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1931 to 1967: Originals are at the Archives 1968- to present: Contact the courthouse |
| Lanark Superior Court of Justice 43 Drummond Street East Perth , Ontario K7H 1G1 613-267-2021 | 1829 to 1858: Estate files are indexed in the Archives Descriptive Database. 1859 to 1969: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1969 to present: Contact the courthouse | 1859 to 1900 | 1829 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1931 to 1976: Originals are at the Archives 1977 to present: Contact the courthouse | 1848 to 1932 (probate) and 1848 to 1936 (administration): On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1932 to 1970 (probate) and 1936 to 1970 (administration): Originals are at the Archives 1971- to present: Contact the courthouse |
| Leeds and Grenville Superior Court of Justice 41 Court House Square Brockville , Ontario K6V 7N3 613-341-2800 | 1786 to 1858: Estate files are indexed in the Archives Descriptive Database. | 1859 to 1900 | 1786 to 1931: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1932 to 1976: Originals are at the Archives | 1794 to 1901: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room only |

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| | <p>1859 to 1877: Use the registers, or the published indexes</p> <p>1877 to 1953: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan</p> <p>1954 to present: Contact the courthouse</p> | | <p>1977 to present: Contact the courthouse</p> | <p>1901 to 1906 (volume 9): Original is at the Archives</p> <p>1906 to 1931: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan</p> <p>1931 to 1936: Originals are at the Archives</p> <p>1937- to present: Contact the courthouse</p> |
| <p>Lennox and Addington Superior Court of Justice 97 Thomas Street E. Napanee, Ontario K7R 4B9 613-354-3845</p> | <p>1865 to 1970: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan</p> <p>1971 to present: Contact the courthouse</p> | <p>1859 to 1900</p> | <p>1865 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan</p> <p>1931 to 1976: Originals are at the Archives</p> <p>1977 to present: Contact the courthouse</p> | <p>1865 to 1906: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room only</p> <p>1906 to 1933: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan</p> <p>1933 to 1951: Originals are at the Archives</p> <p>1952- to present: Contact the courthouse</p> |
| <p>Lincoln Superior Court of Justice 59 Church Street, 1st Floor St. Catharines, Ontario L2R 7N8 905-988-6200</p> | <p>1794 to 1858: Estate files are indexed in the Archives Descriptive Database.</p> <p>1859 to 1968: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan</p> | <p>1859 to 1900</p> | <p>1794 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan</p> <p>1931 to 1976: Originals are at the Archives</p> <p>1977 to 1979: Contact the courthouse</p> <p>1980 to 1985: Originals are at the Archives</p> | <p>1794 to 1812: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan</p> <p>1813 to 1832: No registers were kept</p> <p>1833 to 1902: On microfilm, in the Archives'</p> |

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| | <p>1969 to present: Contact the courthouse</p> | | <p>1986 to present: Contact the courthouse</p> | <p>Reading Room and through interloan 1902 to 1931: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room only 1931 to 1943: Originals are at the Archives 1944- to present: Contact the courthouse</p> |
| <p>Manitoulin Superior Court of Justice 27 Phipps Street Gore Bay, Ontario POP 1H0 705-282-2461</p> | <p>1888 to 1962: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1963 to present: Contact the courthouse</p> | <p>No published index</p> | <p>1888 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1931 to 1974: Originals are at the Archives 1975 to present: Contact the courthouse</p> | <p>1888 to 1938: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room only 1939- to present: Contact the courthouse</p> |
| <p>Middlesex Superior Court of Justice 80 Dundas Street London, Ontario N6A 6A3 519-660-3000</p> | <p>1800 to 1858: Estate files are indexed in the Archives Descriptive Database. 1859 to 1967: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1968 to present: Contact the courthouse</p> | <p>No published index</p> | <p>1800 to 1839: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room only 1839 to 1846: The files no longer exist 1846 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1931 to 1976: Originals are at the Archives 1977 to present: Contact the courthouse</p> | <p>1817 to 1839: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room only 1839 to 1846: The registers no longer exist 1846 to 1900: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1900 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room only 1931 to 1976: Originals are at the Archives</p> |

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| | | | | 1975 to present: Contact the courthouse |
| Muskoka Superior Court of Justice 3 Dominion Street North Bracebridge , Ontario P1L 2E6 705-645-8793 | 1888 to 1964: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1965 to present: Contact the courthouse | No published index | 1888 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1931 to 1976: Originals are at the Archives 1977 to present: Contact the courthouse | Contact the courthouse |
| Niagara North | See Lincoln | See Lincoln | See Lincoln | See Lincoln |
| Niagara South | See Welland | See Welland | See Welland | See Welland |
| Nipissing Superior Court of Justice 360 Plouffe Street North Bay , Ontario P1B 9L5 705-495-8309 | 1895 to 1941: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1942 to present: Contact the courthouse | No published index | 1895 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1931 to 1976: Originals are at the Archives 1977 to present: Contact the courthouse | 1895 to 1921: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room only 1922- to present: Contact the courthouse |
| Norfolk Superior Court of Justice 50 Frederick Hobson VC Drive Simcoe , Ontario N3Y 4L5 519-426-6550 | 1839 to 1868: Estate files are indexed in the Archives Descriptive Database 1868 to 1931: Use the grant books, on microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1931 to 1967: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan | 1859 to 1900 | 1839 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1931 to 1976: Originals are at the Archives 1977 to present: Contact the courthouse | 1839 to 1903: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1903 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room only 1931 to 1944: Originals are at the Archives 1944- to present: Contact the courthouse |

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| | <p>1968 to present: Contact the courthouse</p> | | | |
| <p>Northumberland and Durham United Counties / Northumberland County Superior Court of Justice 860 William Street Cobourg, Ontario K9A 3A9 905-372-3751</p> | <p>1803 to 1858: Estate files are indexed in the Archives Descriptive Database 1859 to 1967: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1968 to present: Contact the courthouse</p> | <p>1858 to 1900</p> | <p>1803 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1931 to 1976: Originals are at the Archives 1977 to present: Contact the courthouse</p> | <p>1803 to 1901 (Probate): On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1803 to 1930 (Administration): On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1902 to 1930 (Probate): On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room only 1931 to 1949: Originals are at the Archives 1950 to present: Contact the courthouse</p> |
| <p>Ontario County Superior Court of Justice 150 Bond Street E. Oshawa, Ontario L1G 0A2 905-743 -2630</p> | <p>Before 1854: See York County 1854 to 1858: Estate files are indexed in the Archives Descriptive Database 1859 to 1970: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1971 to 1976: Contact the courthouse</p> | <p>1859 to 1900</p> | <p>Before 1854: See York County 1854 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1931 to 1976: Originals are at the Archives 1977 to present: See Durham Region</p> | <p>Before 1854: See York County 1854 to 1902: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1902 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room only 1931 to 1976: Contact the courthouse</p> |

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| | 1977 to present: See Durham Region | | | 1977 to present: See Durham Region |
| Ottawa | See Carleton | See Carleton | See Carleton | See Carleton |
| Oxford Superior Court of Justice 415 Hunter Street, PO Box 70 Woodstock, Ontario N4S 4G6 519-539-6187 | 1841 to 1858: Estate files are indexed in the Archives Descriptive Database 1859 to 1966: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1967 to present: Contact the courthouse | No published index | 1841 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1931 to 1976: Originals are at the Archives 1977 to present: Contact the courthouse | 1841 to 1858: Original is at the Archives 1853 to 1931: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room only 1931 to 1943: Originals are at the Archives 1944 to present: Contact the courthouse |
| Parry Sound Superior Court of Justice 89 James Street Parry Sound, Ontario P2A 1T7 705-746-4251 | 1889 to 1986: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1986 to present: Contact the courthouse | No published index | 1889 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1931 to 1976: Originals are at the Archives 1977 to present: Contact the courthouse | 1888 to 1932: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room only 1932 to 1944: Originals are at the Archives 1945 to present: Contact the courthouse |
| Peel Superior Court of Justice 7755 Hurontario Street Brampton, Ontario L6W 4T1 905-456-4700 | 1867 to 1968: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1969 to present: Contact the courthouse | 1813 to 1867 Note: Index is for the following records for the area that became Peel County: • Probate Court files (1813 to 1858) | 1867 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1931 to 1976: Originals are at the Archives 1977 to present: Contact the courthouse | 1867 to 1871: Original is at the Archives 1871 to 1934: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room only 1934 to 1976: Originals are at the Archives 1977 to present: Contact the courthouse |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • York County Surrogate Court estate files and registers (1813 to 1867) • Wills deposited with the York County Land Registry Office (1813 to 1867) | | |
| <p>Perth Superior Court of Justice 1 Huron Street Stratford, Ontario N5A 5S4 519-271 to 1850</p> | <p>1853 to 1858: Estate files are indexed in the Archives Descriptive Database 1859 to 1964: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1965 to present: Contact the courthouse</p> | <p>1859 to 1900</p> | <p>1853 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1931 to 1976: Originals are at the Archives 1977 to present: Contact the courthouse</p> | <p>1853 to 1931: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room only 1931 to 1946: Originals are at the Archives 1947 to present: Contact the courthouse</p> |
| <p>Peterborough Superior Court of Justice 70 Simcoe Street Peterborough, Ontario K9H 7G9 705-876-3816</p> | <p>1842 to 1858: Estate files are indexed in the Archives Descriptive Database 1859 to 1966: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan</p> | <p>1859 to 1900</p> | <p>1842 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1931 to 1976: Originals are at the Archives 1977 to present: Contact the courthouse</p> | <p>1842 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room only 1931 to 1939: Originals are at the Archives 1940 to present: Contact the courthouse</p> |

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| | <p>1967 to present: Contact the courthouse</p> | | | |
| <p>Prescott and Russell Superior Court of Justice 59 Court Street, 2nd Floor L'Orignal, Ontario K0B 1K0 613-675-4567</p> | <p>1823 to 1858: Use the Registers 1859 to 1968: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1969 to 1972: Use the non-contentious business book, on microfilm reel MS 1778, in the Archives' Reading Room only 1973 to present: Contact the courthouse</p> | <p>1859 to 1900</p> | <p>1823 to 1858: Use the Registers 1859 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1931 to 1976: Originals are at the Archives 1977 to present: Contact the courthouse</p> | <p>1823 to 1934: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room only 1934 to 1948: Originals are at the Archives 1940 to present: Contact the courthouse</p> |
| <p>Prince Edward Superior Court of Justice 44 Union Street PO Box 680 Picton, Ontario K0K 2T0 613-476-6236</p> | <p>1859 to 1969: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1970 to present: Contact the courthouse</p> | <p>1859 to 1900</p> | <p>1859 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan. <u>Note:</u> The original files are held by the County of Prince Edward Archives For contact information, visit http://www.pecarchives.org/. 1931 to 1970: Originals are held by the County of Prince Edward Archives 1971 to present: Contact the courthouse</p> | <p>1859 to 1940: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room only 1941 to present: Contact the courthouse</p> |

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| Rainy River Superior Court of Justice 333 Church Street Fort Frances , Ontario P9A 1C9 807-274-5961 | 1909 to 1977: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1978 to present: Contact the courthouse | No published index | 1909 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1931 to 1974: Originals are at the Archives 1975 to present: Contact the courthouse | 1909 to 1939: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room only 1940 to present: Contact the courthouse |
| Renfrew Superior Court of Justice 297 Pembroke Street E. Pembroke , Ontario K8A 3K2 613-732-8581 | 1867 to 1969: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1970 to present: Contact the courthouse | No published index | 1867 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1931 to 1976: Originals are at the Archives 1977 to present: Contact the courthouse | 1867 to 1932: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1933 to 1947: Missing 1948 to 1959: Originals are at the Archives 1960 to present: Contact the courthouse |
| Simcoe Superior Court of Justice 75 Mulcaster Street Barrie , Ontario L4M 3P2 705-739-6111 | 1843 to 1858: Estate files are indexed in the Archives Descriptive Database 1859 to 1969: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1970 to present: Contact the courthouse | 1843 to 1929 (Note: Index is for the following records for the area that became Simcoe County <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Probate Court files (1829 to 1859) • York County Surrogate Court estate | 1843 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1931 to 1976: Originals are at the Archives 1977 to present: Contact the courthouse | 1843 to 1903: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1903 to 1931: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room only 1932 to present: Contact the courthouse |

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| | | files and registers (1829 to 1843) | | |
| Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Superior Court of Justice 29 Second Street West Cornwall, Ontario K6J 1G3 613-933-7500 | 1800 to 1858: Estate files are indexed in the Archives Descriptive Database 1859 to 1943: Use the registers 1859 to 1941: You can also use the non-contentious business books, on microfilm in the Archives' reading room and through interloan 1944 to 1967: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1968 to present: Contact the courthouse | 1859 to 1900 | 1800 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1931 to 1976: Originals are at the Archives 1977 to present: Contact the courthouse | 1800 to 1933: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1933 to 1945: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room only 1945 to present: Contact the courthouse |
| Sudbury Superior Court of Justice 155 Elm Street Sudbury, Ontario P3C 1T9 705-564-7600 | 1908 to 1968: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1969 to present: Contact the courthouse | No published index | 1908 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1931 to 1976: Originals are at the Archives 1977 to present: Contact the courthouse | 1912 to 1924 (administrations with will attached) and 1924 to 1933 (administrations and probates): On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room only |

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| | | | | 1931 to 1958: Originals are at the Archives 1960 to present: Contact the courthouse |
| Thunder Bay Superior Court of Justice 125 Brodie Street N. Thunder Bay , Ontario P7C 0A3 807-626-7100 | 1885 to 1931: Use the non-contentious business books, on microfilm in the Archives' reading room and through interloan 1931 to present: Contact the courthouse | No published index | 1885 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1931 to 1976: Originals are at the Archives 1977 to present: Contact the courthouse | 1885 to 1932: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1932 to 1946: Originals are at the Archives 1947 to present: Contact the courthouse |
| Timiskaming Superior Court of Justice 393 Main Street PO Box 609 Haileybury , Ontario P0J 1K0 705-672-3321 | 1913 to 1948: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1949 to present: Contact the courthouse | No published index | 1913 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1931 to 1976: Originals are at the Archives 1977 to present: Contact the courthouse | 1913 to 1935: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room only 1946 to 1959, 1967: Originals are at the Archives 1968 to present: Contact the courthouse |
| Toronto | See York County | No published index | See York County | See York County |
| Victoria Superior Court of Justice 440 Kent Street West Lindsay , Ontario K9V 6K2 705-324 to 1400 | Before 1863: See Peterborough 1863 to 1969: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1970 to present: Contact the courthouse | 1859 to 1900 | Before 1863: See Peterborough 1863 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1931 to 1976: Originals are at the Archives 1977 to present: Contact the courthouse | Before 1863: See Peterborough 1863 to 1931: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room only 1932 to 1955: Originals are at the Archives 1956 to present: Contact the courthouse |

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| Waterloo Superior Court of Justice 85 Frederick Street Kitchener , Ontario N2H 0A7 519-741-3200 | 1853 to 1858: Estate files are indexed in the Archives Descriptive Database 1859 to 1961: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1962 to present: Contact the courthouse | 1859 to 1900 | 1853 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1931 to 1976: Originals are at the Archives 1977 to present: Contact the courthouse | 1853 to 1902: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1903 to 1932: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room only 1932 to 1970: Originals are at the Archives 1971- to present: Contact the courthouse |
| Welland Superior Court of Justice 102 East Main Street Welland , Ontario L3B 3W6 905-735-0010 | Before 1856: See Lincoln 1856 to 1858: Estate files are indexed in the Archives Descriptive Database 1859 to 1969: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1970 to present: Contact the courthouse | 1859 to 1900 | Before 1856: See Lincoln 1856 to 1858: Estate files are not available. Use the registers 1853 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1931 to 1976: Originals are at the Archives 1977 to present: Contact the courthouse | Before 1856: See Lincoln 1856 to 1932 (probate) and 1856 to 1940 (administrations): On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room only 1932 to 1938 (probate): Originals are at the Archives 1939 to present (probate) and 1940—present (administrations): Contact the courthouse |
| Wellington Superior Court of Justice 74 Woolwich Street Guelph , Ontario N1H 3T9 519-824-4100 | 1841 to 1857: Search the Archives Descriptive Database 1859 to 1968: On microfilm, in the | 1859 to 1900 | 1841 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1931 to 1976: Originals are at the Archives | 1840 to 1931: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room only 1932- to present: Contact the courthouse |

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| | Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1969 to present: Contact the courthouse | | 1977 to present: Contact the courthouse | |
| Wentworth Superior Court of Justice 55 Main Street West Hamilton, Ontario L8P 1H4 905-645-6250 | 1816 to 1858: Estate files are indexed in the Archives Descriptive Database 1859 to 1968: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1969 to present: Contact the courthouse | No published index | 1816 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1931 to 1976: Originals are at the Archives 1977 to present: Contact the courthouse | 1816 to 1901: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room only 1898 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1930 to 1976: Originals are at the Archives 1977- to present: Contact the courthouse |
| York County Superior Court of Justice - Estates Division 330 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M5G 1R7 416-326-2940 | Before 1800: See Lincoln 1801 to 1862: Estate files are indexed in the Archives Descriptive Database 1863 to 1967: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1968 to present: Contact the courthouse | No published index | Before 1800: See Lincoln 1800 to 1930: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan 1931 to 1967: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room only 1968 to 1976: Originals are at the Archives 1977 to present: Contact the courthouse | 1825 to 1848: Check the Microfilm Interloan Catalogue for registers available on microfilm in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan. Check the <i>User's Guide to Surrogate Court Microfilm</i> for registers available on microfilm in the Archives' Reading Room only. 1849 to 1968: On microfilm, in the Archives' Reading Room only |

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| | | | | 1969, 1971 to 1974: Originals are at the Archives 1975 to present: Contact the courthouse |
| Regional Municipality of York Superior Court of Justice 50 Eagle Street West Newmarket , Ontario 905-853-9801 | Before 1978: see York County 1978 to present: Contact the courthouse | No published index | Before 1978: see York County 1978 to present: Contact the courthouse | Before 1978: see York County 1978 to present: Contact the courthouse |

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