




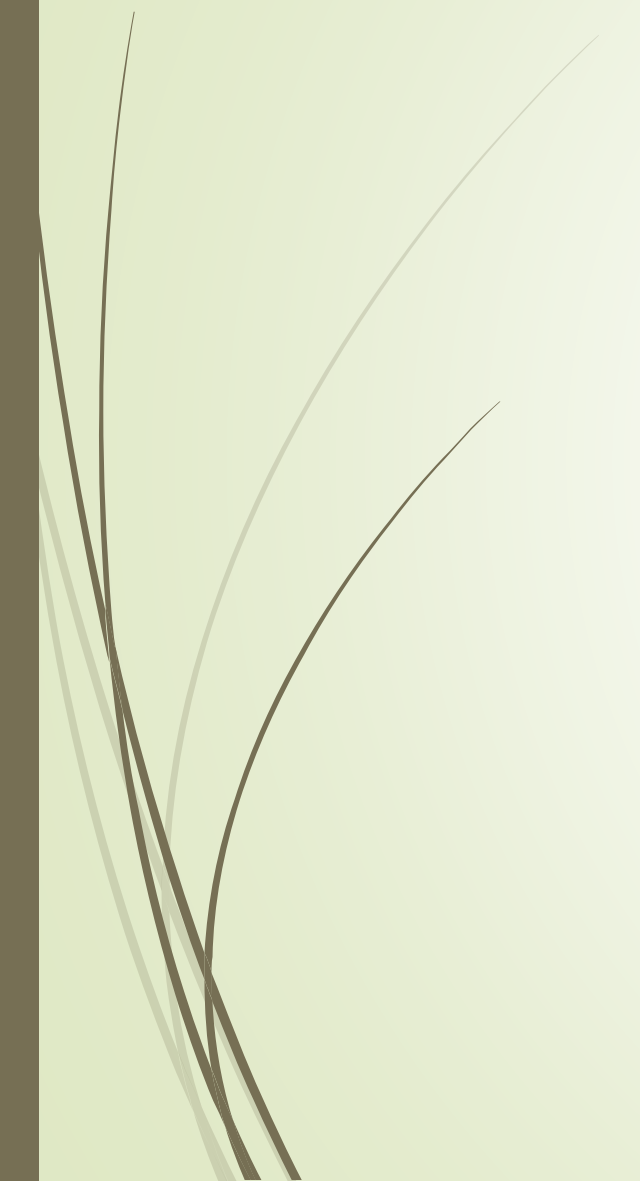
Canadian Census Facts

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- The census is taken by the federal government every 10 years to count Canada's population.
 - Census records are useful because they provide your ancestor's location at a specific time and list information such as name, age, occupation, place of birth, and religion.



Where to Find the Canadian Census

You can search the Canadian census on:

1. Ancestry
 2. Library and Archives Canada
 3. FamilySearch
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Check each website to determine:

1. Which years are available on each one.
2. For search tips.
3. To understand any abbreviations used.

Note: Ancestry may be accessible using your Brantford Public Library card at brantfordlibrary.ca. Contact info@brantfordlibrary.ca for more information or assistance.



Things to Remember When Searching...

- ▶ Check for spelling variations of names – handwriting may be hard to read or name may be spelled incorrectly
- ▶ Questions asked by the enumerator varied on different censuses. For example, in some censuses he asked how old the person would be on their next birthday while in others the person was asked how old they were on their last birthday
- ▶ Parts of the census didn't survive
- ▶ Depending on who provided the information, it may not be accurate

1851 Census

It was actually January 12, 1852 before enumeration started in Canada East and West

1851 Census of Canada East, Canada West, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia for Thomas Walton

Canada West (Ontario) > Hamilton City > St Andrew

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Names of inmates. 477	Profession, Trade, or occupation.	Place of Birth.	Religion.	Residence if out of limits.	Age next birth day.	Sex.		Married or Single.	Widowers or Widows.	Colored Per- sons.	Residents.				Members of family absent.		Deaf & Dumb.	Blind.	Lunatics.	Attending School.		Birth in 1851.	
						Male.	Female.				Members of family.		Not Members.		M	F				M	F	M	F
											M	F	M	F									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Thomas. Walton.	Tailor	Ireland	Roman.C.	Hamilton	46.	1.		M	-	-	1												
Marcella. Walton.	Wife	Ireland	Roman.C.		40.		1.	M				1											
Thomas. McNamara.	Smith	Ireland	Roman.C.		25.	1.		M					1	1									
Eliza. McNamara.	Wife	Ireland	Roman.C.		20.		1	M															
James. McNamara.	Child	Canada	Roman.C.		1.	1.								1								1.	
Mary. Brennan.	Servant	Ireland	Roman.C.		14.		1.								1								
Thomas Flynn.	Labourer	Ireland	Roman.C.		30.	1.		M					1										
Sarah Flynn.	Wife	Ireland	Roman.C.		25.		1	M						1									
Bridget O'Connor.	Servant.	Ireland	Roman.C.		22		1								1								

1851 census was the first one to list everybody in the household

Agricultural Schedule, 1851 Canada Census

1851 Census of Canada East, Canada West, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia for Thos Walton
Canada West (Ontario) > York County > York

AGRICULTURAL CENSUS—ENUMERATION DISTRICT, No. *Two* 428 OF

Name of occupier.	Concession or Range.	Lot or part of Lot.	Number of Acres of Land.						Wheat.		Barley.		Rye.	
			Held by each person or family.	Under Cultivation.	Under Crops in 1851.	Under Pasture 1851.	Gardens or Orchards.	Under Wood or Wild.	Acres.	Produce Bsh.	Acres.	Produce Bsh.	Acres.	Produce Bsh.
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1 Mrs. Millman	1 st	12	19	14	-	14		5	-	-				
2 Mrs. Smith			50	50	30	20		0	-	-				
3 Mrs. E. Poyter	2 nd	11	200	150	50	95	5	50	14	168				
4 J. G. Gaudin			25	25	23	0	2	0	3	40				
5 Jas. Donovan		6	60	30	30	-	-	30	10	200				
6 C. Spink	2		29	25	12	12	1	14	7	150				
7 P. Ballenden	2		20	13	6	7	0	7	14	80				
8 W. Sparr	2	6	90	45	32	13		45	6	150				
9 D. Sullivan			11	11	20	0		0	-	-				
10 S. Archibald	1 st	8	102	63	39	22	1	50	4	80				
11 F. Bayley	1		66	66		64	2	-						

There are agricultural returns for the 1851, 1861 and 1871 censuses

Lists lot & concession number, acreage, livestock and agricultural products

Canada, Census Mortality Schedule, 1871

Guy Walton in the Canada, Census Mortality Schedule, 1871



Name:	Guy Walton
Gender:	Male
Death Age:	47
Marital status:	Married
Birth Year:	1823
Birth Place:	Ontario, Canada
Death Date:	Aug 1870
Death Place:	Ontario, Canada
Address:	01, Scarboro c, East York 45
Religion:	P Methodist
Enumeration District:	45
Sub-District:	c
Ward of City:	Scarboro
Line Number:	8

Ancestry and FamilySearch both have a database for the 1871 mortality schedule

This schedule was only microfilmed for the 1851, 1861 and 1871 censuses

1891 Census of Canada

1891 Census of Canada for Berte B T Walton
 Ontario > Toronto City > St Lawrence Ward

Province of Ontario District No. 119, East Toronto S. District 7 St. Lawrence Ward
 SCHEDULE No. 1.—Nominal Return of the Living. Enumerated by me on the 6 day of April 1891.
 EAU No. 1.—Dénombrement des Vivants. Enuméré par moi ce jour de 1891.

John Young Enumerator.

5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
NAMES.	Sex.	Age.	Married or Widowed.	Relation to Head of Family.	Country or Province of Birth.	French Canadian.	Place of Birth of Father.	Place of Birth of Mother.	RELIGION.	Profession, Occupation or Trade.	Employed.	Wage Earned.	Unemployed during week preceding Census.	In state average number of hours employed during year.	Read.	Write.	Do not know.	
NOMS.	Sexe.	Age.	Married ou en Veuvage.	Lien de parenté avec le chef de Famille.	Pays ou Province de Naissance.	Canadien Français.	Lieu de Naissance du Père.	Lieu de Naissance de la Mère.	RELIGION.	Profession, Occupation ou Métier.	Patron.	Employé.	Sans emploi durant la semaine précédant le recensement.	Nombre de personnes employées par lui pendant l'année.	Sachant lire.	Sachant écrire.	Ne sait pas.	
1	Walton Berte	W	48	M	—	—	Eng	Ont	Meth.	Steamboat Engineer	CK	1	—	—	1	1	—	
	Walton Eliza	F	48	M	H	—	Ireland	Ireland	"	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	
	Berte B T	W	10	—	S	—	Ont	Que	"	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	
2	Gordon R	M	60	H	—	—	Que	Que	Co. E	Roy Goods Clerk	—	1	—	—	1	1	—	
3	Blitt Wm	M	32	—	—	—	Ireland	Ireland	Co. E	Merchant	—	—	—	65	1	1	—	
4	Allison John	M	28	—	—	—	Scotland	Scotland	Presb.	Roy Goods Clerk	—	1	+	—	1	1	—	
5	Elliott Phe	W	39	M	—	—	Eng	Eng	Co. E	Photo Engraver	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	
	Elliott Ann	F	31	M	W	—	Ont	Ont	Meth.	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	
	" Edith	F	6	—	D	—	Eng	Ont	"	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	" Mable	F	4	—	D	—	"	"	"	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	

The 1891 census was the first one to list the person's relationship to the head of the household

1901 Census

1901 Census of Canada for Judith Walton
British Columbia > Victoria > Victoria

Dwelling House.	Family or Household.	Name of each person in family or household on 31st March, 1901.	Sex.	Colour.	Relationship to head of family or household.	Singla, married, widowed or divorced.	Month and date of birth.	Year of birth.	Age at last birth.
Numérotés dans l'ordre des Visites.		Description de la Personne.							
Demeure.	Famille ou Ménage.	Nom de chaque personne dans la famille ou le ménage, le 31 Mars, 1901.	Sexe.	Couleur.	Relation de parenté ou autre avec le chef de famille ou du ménage.	Célibataire, marié, en veuvage ou divorcé.	Mois et date de naissance.	Année de naissance.	Âge au dernier anniversaire de naissance.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
169	173	McLaren, Fred S	M	W	Son	S	Oct. 8	1890	10
		" Mary E	F	W	Daughter	S	June 15	1893	✓ 7
		" Alma P	F	W	"	S	Feb. 7	1895	✓ 5
		" Percy L	M	W	Son	S	Feb. 19	1899	2
170	174	Hall, Charles	M	W	Head	M	July 19	1867	33

The 1901 census asked for the birth date of each person in the household

Note: This information may not be correct depending on who provided the information

1906 Census of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta

Census of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, 1906.

SCHEDULE No. 1. POPULATION AND LI
Approved by the Governor General in Council on January 1, 1906.

PROVINCE Manitoba DISTRICT Selkirk

Page 1 Date when filled June 25 1906. Signed _____

LINE	No. of family in order of valuation.	POPULATION.							
		Name of each person in family.	Relation to head of family.	Sex.	Married, single, widowed or divorced.	Age.	Country or place of birth.	Year of immigration to Canada.	Post office address.
		POPULATION.							
		POPULATION.							
LINE	N ^o de la famille dans l'ordre de valuation.	Nom de chaque personne dans la famille.	Relation avec le chef de famille.	Sexe.	Marri, ou marié, ou veuvé ou divorcé.	Age.	Pays ou lieu de naissance.	Année d'immigration au Canada.	Adresse du bureau de poste.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
1		Stratton James	Head	M	M	34	Ontario	-	Stonewall
2		" Mary	Daughter	F	S	45	"	-	"
3		" Charles	"	M	S	44	"	-	"
4		" Ira	Son	M	S	40	"	-	"
5		Lawrence Claudine	adopted	F	S	13	"	-	"
6		Blakely John	Boarder	M	S	24	"	-	"
7		Houghton Russell	"	M	S	15	"	-	"
8		A. Kandel Erbert	"	M	S	30	England	1902	"

- The federal government took a census of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta in 1906 because:
1. These provinces didn't exist in 1901 when the previous census was taken
 2. They wanted to keep track of the increasing population in these regions

Did you know:
Prairie censuses were also taken in 1916 and 1926

1921 Census

1921 Census of Canada for Gladys Walton
 Ontario > Ontario North > Sub-DISTRICT 24 - Beaverton (Village)

Province Ontario District No. Ontario North

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NUMBER in the order of enumeration	NAME AND RESIDENCE				TENURE AND CLASS OF HOME					PERSONAL DESCRIPTION			
	NAME of each person in family, household or institution.	PLACE OF BIRTH		Municipality	Mortgage or rent.	If owned, give rate paid per month.	Class of house (See instructions.)	Material of construction (See instructions.)	Rooms occupied by this family.	Relationship to head of family or household.	Sex	Single, married, widowed, divorced or legally separated.	Age at last birthday
Parish or township		Municipality											
NUMÉRO d'ordre des personnes	NOM ET RÉSIDENCE				TENURE ET CLASSIFICATION DES MAISONS					INFORMATIONS INDIVIDUELLES			
NOM de chaque personne dans la famille, le ménage ou l'institution.	DOMICILE		Municipalité	Propriété ou location	Si loué, indique le loyer mensuel	Classification des maisons (V. voir instructions.)	Matériaux de construction (V. voir instructions.)	Chambre(s) occupée(s) par cette famille.	Parent ou relative dans le chef de la famille ou du ménage.	Sexe	Célibataire, marié, veuf, divorcé ou légalement séparé.	Âge au dernier anniversaire.	
	Paroisse ou section	Municipalité											
1 2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
132 139	Golden, Malcolm	Osborne St	Beaverton	0	DP	S	BV	09	Owner	M	S	28	
2	"	Christina	"	"	"	"	"	"	Mother	F	W	65	
3	"	Belle	"	"	"	"	"	"	Sister	F	S	44	
133 140	Golden, John	"	"	0	DP	S	BV	06	Owner	M	M	42	
5	"	Elizabeth	"	"	"	"	"	"	Wife	F	M	44	
6	"	Mary	"	"	"	"	"	"	Daughter	F	S	9	
134 141	Grant, Dorbell	"	"	0	DP	S	BV	06	Owner	M	M	78	

The 1921 census is the most recent Canadian census released to the public

Did you know: You have to wait 92 years after the taking of a census in Canada before it can be made public



For More Information About the Canadian Census

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<https://www.brantfordlibrary.ca/en/resources/Genealogy-Guides/Pathfinders/censusinfo.pdf>



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