

# In Review

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## *Surrogate Court Index of Ontario Canada*

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Our library has a complete set of Indexed Probate Records up to 1899 from each Ontario County. If you are researching after 1900 go directly to the Archive of Ontario. [www.archives.gov.on.ca](http://www.archives.gov.on.ca)

- Choose the county you are researching and find the name in the index
- The number of the microfilm and will is given.
- On the Archives of Ontario site find the microfilm. Use this information on the Archives of Ontario site and find the microfilm number. (In the search box at the top right hand side enter Probate records.)
- Order the microfilm through your public library, and review on the microfilm reader.
- “How to Find a Will in Court Records” 206 Research Guide

REID, Thomas , Euphrasia Tp, # 430 1876  
REID, William, Collingwood Tp, # 123 1867  
REID, William , Euphrasia Tp, #2531 1897  
REID, William , Euphrasia Tp, #2594 1898  
REID, William Sr, Egremont Tp, # 917 1884  
REILLY, Henry Sr, Sydenham Tp, # 565 1879  
RENDALL, Jane, Collingwood Tp, #1227 1888  
RENNIE, Thos Henry, Savannah GA, #1519 1890  
RENNIE, Wm James, Euphrasia Tp, #2457 1897  
RICHARDSON, Joseph, Proton Tp, #2082 1894  
RICHARDSON, Mary, Euphrasia Tp, #1703 1892  
RIDDEL, Hugh, Bentinck Tp, #2941 1900  
RIDDELL, Alexander, Sullivan Tp, #1919 1893  
RIDDELL, John, Owen Sound, # 136 1868  
RIDDELL, William, Sydenham Tp, #1402 1889  
RIEPERT, Henry, Normanby Tp , #2237 1895  
RIES, Hartman, Neustadt, #2752 1899  
KINGLAND, Robert, Proton Tp, #2092 1894  
RITCHIE, Jessie, Keppel Tp, #2800 1899  
RITCHIE, John, Holland Tp, #1448 1890  
RITCHIE, William, Keppel Tp, #1451 1890  
RITZ, John, Sullivan Tp, # 362 1875  
RITZ, William, Sullivan Tp, # 362 1875

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# How to Find a Will in Court Records

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This research guide describes how to find a will that was filed in an Ontario court. In Ontario, the courts usually probate a will after the death of the individual.

## GETTING STARTED

To find a will filed in Ontario, you will need to find the estate file. An “estate file” is the name of the file that has the documents that a Court in Ontario uses to disperse a deceased person's possessions, whether the person died with a will (testate) or without a will (intestate).

Probate is the process of legally establishing the validity of a will before a judicial authority.

Estate files for wills filed in Ontario are kept in one of two places:

- the Archives of Ontario (most files 1970 and before), or
- an Ontario courthouse (files 1971 and after).

This research guide describes how to find and use records at the Archives of Ontario and at local courthouses. Unless noted otherwise, all lists and research tools mentioned in this guide found in this Guide can be found:

- in the Archives' reading room: in a binder titled User's Guide to Surrogate Courts
- online: “Court Records” section of the [Microfilm Interloan Catalogue](#); you will find in the Catalogue in the “How to Access Your Records” section of our website.

At the end of this guide there is a list of legal words and terms that you may come across when you are searching for a will.

You may also want to consult the pathfinder to Estate Files available in the Archives' Reading Room or on our website ([www.ontario.ca/archives](http://www.ontario.ca/archives)). A document titled “Ontario Court of Probate and Surrogate Court Records: Wills and Estate Files - A Pathfinder” can be found as part of the “Court Records” section of the [Microfilm Interloan Catalogue](#). This document explains how to find wills (within estate files) that were filed with the courts between the years 1793 and 1963.

*Will Probations in Ontario – A Short History*

Since 1777, three different courts have handled successions:

- From 1777 to 1792, Courts of Prerogative in each District handled succession where the person died without a will. Until 1791, wills were deposited with a notary public before the death. They were not probated in court after the death.
- From 1793 to 1858, the province-wide Court of Probate (Series RG 22-155) handled estates with property in two or more Districts valued over £5.
- From 1793 to 1858, Surrogate Courts in each District (later, each County) handled estates with property in ONLY ONE district or county.
- After 1858, Surrogate Courts became responsible for all estate actions. (The Court of Probate was abolished in 1858.)

### *All Wills Are Not in Court Records*

In doing your research, remember that not all wills are in court records. If the deceased person's estate consisted ONLY of real estate (e.g., farmers), the original will may have been deposited in the local Land Registry Office to transfer the land to the heirs. Some Land Registry Offices hold over 60 per cent of all surviving wills. Because they were never probated, these wills are not indexed or registered in the court records. Consult Research Guide 231, *Finding land registration records* for more information on how to find these wills.

## THE RECORDS

To find a will filed in Ontario, you must first look at an index to obtain a file number. To do so, you will need the deceased person's last name, death date (actual or approximate) and the county or district where the person had his/her main place of residence. As you do your research:

- Look for all possible variations of the deceased person's name (e.g., "Smith", "Smyth", "Smythe"). Take into account phonetic pronunciations and possible clerical or typographical errors.
- If you do not find a mention of the estate file for the first few years after the death, you may want to search further — a will may have been probated several decades after the death.
- Try to get the location (county or district) where the person died. If you do not find an estate file in a certain county, check the county/district where the rest of the family lived or where the deceased person lived for most of his/her life. Keep in mind the district's or county's date of creation since earlier estate files would have stayed at the court where they were probated.
- Courthouses use different columns in their indexes to record estate file numbers. Check the User's Guide to Surrogate Courts and Surrogate Clerk Microfilm Reels or the Microfilm Interloan Catalogue for instructions on how to use the indexes for the relevant county/district. Some courthouses renumber their estate files on January 1<sup>st</sup>, either annually or every few years. Record both the file number and the year (if given) corresponding to the deceased person's name.

### Finding Estate Files 1971 and after

Estate files probated in 1971 or after are at the local courthouse. Table 1 at the end of this guide has the courthouse contact information. The following chart describes how to find the records you need.

| Location   | How to Get the Records   |
|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Kenora (to 1973)</li> <li>▪ Parry Sound (to 1986)</li> <li>▪ Rainy River (to 1977)</li> </ul> | <p>The Archives of Ontario holds the indexes on microfilm, See either the User's Guide to Surrogate Courts and Surrogate Clerk Microfilm Reels or the <a href="#">Microfilm Interloan Catalogue</a> to find the microfilm numbers (look up the table for the appropriate county/district).</p> <p>Once you have viewed the film and found the file number and year, contact the local courthouse (Table 1)</p> |
| Other counties/dates   | Contact the local courthouse (Table 1)   |

## Finding Estate Files 1970 and before

Most estate files dated 1970 and before are in the Archives' collection (records for some of the smaller courthouses are transferred to the Archives every few years only). The following section describes how to find these estate files.

Some indexes for records dated 1970 and before (that the Archives of Ontario has) are still at the local courthouse. Where this is the case, the information is included in both the User's Guide to Surrogate Courts and Surrogate Clerk Microfilm Reels and the Microfilm Interloan Catalogue. First, contact the courthouse (see Table 1 at the end of this guide) for the file number and year and then contact the Archives.

Courthouses used different columns in their indexes to record estate file numbers. Check the User's Guide to Surrogate Courts and Surrogate Clerk Microfilm Reels or the Microfilm Interloan Catalogue for instructions on how to use the indexes for the relevant county/district. Some courthouses renumber their estate files on January 1<sup>st</sup>, either annually or every few years. Record both the file number and the year (if given) corresponding to the deceased person's name. Contact the courthouse (see Table 1) to retrieve the records you need.

**If there is no Index listed** in the User's Guide to Surrogate Courts and Surrogate Clerk Microfilm Reels or the [Microfilm Interloan Catalogue](#) for a particular county, use the microfilm reel of the Register Book for the appropriate years. The estate file numbers will be listed in the index either at the beginning or end of the volume, or in the margin of the page indicated. Not all registers are available through interloan. If you do not find a register for a given county/district and year in the Microfilm Interloan Catalogue, check the User's Guide or consult one of our a reference staff.

**If you do not know the county where the will was probated:** Check the Applications for Probate - Application Books and Index Books (Series RG 22-514). They list every estate file from 1859 to 1982 and the courthouse that handled it. The Archives has these records on microfilm. See either the User's Guide to Surrogate Courts and Surrogate Clerk Microfilm Reels or the [Microfilm Interloan Catalogue](#) for instructions on finding and using the microfilm reels you need. Once you know the county and the year, follow the instructions below on how to find the estate file. (Please note that the application number in these records does not match the estate file number used by the courthouse).

| Instructions for Finding Estate Files 1970 and before |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| Estate Probate Date                                   | Record Location  | How to Get the Records   |
| <b>Before 1793</b>                                    | The Archives of Ontario has records of the Court of Prerogatives for the Districts of Hesse (series <a href="#">RG 22-6</a> ) and Lunenburg (series <a href="#">RG 22-7</a> ). These records are described in the online Archives Descriptive Database, in the “Start Your Research” section of our website. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The series descriptions include the names of individuals documented in these series.</li> <li>▪ These records are located offsite, and can only be consulted in the Archives’ Reading Room. We recommend ordering the file a <u>week or so in advance of a visit</u>; requests submitted in the reading room take <u>one business day</u>. Copying these records takes <u>from five to seven business days</u>.</li> </ul>  |
|   | <i>Note: Records of the Surrogate Court for Essex County and Leeds and Grenville County include some pre-1793 estate files</i>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ See the instructions (below) for finding records from 1793 to 1859.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>1793 to 1859</b>                                   | The Archives has these records on microfilm  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Search the <a href="#">Archives Descriptive Database</a> for the name of the deceased.</li> <li>▪ Click on the list of file/items (please note, you may get entries not related to estate files). Entries for estate files from the Court of Probate include the name of the deceased, date of probate, occupation, location of the death, and microfilm reel number. Entries for estate files from the Surrogate Courts include the name of the deceased, year of probate, county and microfilm reel number. Entries for some counties also have a file number: write it down.</li> <li>▪ Write down all the information you have found, then retrieve the microfilm (in the Reading Room) or order it through your local library.</li> <li>▪ If you do not find the name you are looking for, records may exist if the person died without a will and the heirs applied to the Surrogate Court to have an administrator appointed for the succession. Go the section for estate probate dates 1859 to 1930 for instructions on using the indexes to find the records you need.</li> </ul> |

| Instructions for Finding Estate Files 1970 and before |   |   |      |            |       |         |         |          |        |               |          |         |         |       |           |        |       |          |           |           |           |          |      |         |           |           |         |                 |        |                |             |          |          |          |       |         |         |  |      |            |  |       |  |  |              |  |  |
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| Estate Probate Date                                   | Record Location   | How to Get the Records  |      |            |       |         |         |          |        |               |          |         |         |       |           |        |       |          |           |           |           |          |      |         |           |           |         |                 |        |                |             |          |          |          |       |         |         |  |      |            |  |       |  |  |              |  |  |
| 1859 to 1930  | <p>The Archives has printed indexes (in the Reading Room) for estate files for the following counties <u>up to 1900 only</u>, the estate files are on microfilm:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Brant</td> <td>Kent</td> <td>Prescott &amp;</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bruce</td> <td>Lambton</td> <td>Russell</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Carleton</td> <td>Lanark</td> <td>Prince Edward</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dufferin</td> <td>Leeds &amp;</td> <td>Renfrew</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Elgin</td> <td>Grenville</td> <td>Simcoe</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Essex</td> <td>Lennox &amp;</td> <td>Stormont,</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Frontenac</td> <td>Addington</td> <td>Dundas &amp;</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grey</td> <td>Lincoln</td> <td>Glengarry</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Haldimand</td> <td>Norfolk</td> <td>Victoria (incl.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Halton</td> <td>Northumberland</td> <td>Haliburton)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hastings</td> <td>&amp; Durham</td> <td>Waterloo</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Huron</td> <td>Ontario</td> <td>Welland</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Peel</td> <td>Wellington</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Perth</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Peterborough</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> | Brant   | Kent | Prescott & | Bruce | Lambton | Russell | Carleton | Lanark | Prince Edward | Dufferin | Leeds & | Renfrew | Elgin | Grenville | Simcoe | Essex | Lennox & | Stormont, | Frontenac | Addington | Dundas & | Grey | Lincoln | Glengarry | Haldimand | Norfolk | Victoria (incl. | Halton | Northumberland | Haliburton) | Hastings | & Durham | Waterloo | Huron | Ontario | Welland |  | Peel | Wellington |  | Perth |  |  | Peterborough |  | <p>If you have the deceased person's name:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Write down the estate file number and year</li> <li>Go to the User's Guide to Surrogate Courts and Surrogate Clerk Microfilm Reels and use the section for the county to find which microfilm reel corresponds to the file number and year. These reels are available both in the Archives' Reading Room and through microfilm interloan.</li> <li>Follow the instructions below if you want to access the indexes and the files through interloan.</li> </ul> |
| Brant   | Kent  | Prescott &  |      |            |       |         |         |          |        |               |          |         |         |       |           |        |       |          |           |           |           |          |      |         |           |           |         |                 |        |                |             |          |          |          |       |         |         |  |      |            |  |       |  |  |              |  |  |
| Bruce   | Lambton   | Russell   |      |            |       |         |         |          |        |               |          |         |         |       |           |        |       |          |           |           |           |          |      |         |           |           |         |                 |        |                |             |          |          |          |       |         |         |  |      |            |  |       |  |  |              |  |  |
| Carleton  | Lanark  | Prince Edward   |      |            |       |         |         |          |        |               |          |         |         |       |           |        |       |          |           |           |           |          |      |         |           |           |         |                 |        |                |             |          |          |          |       |         |         |  |      |            |  |       |  |  |              |  |  |
| Dufferin  | Leeds &   | Renfrew   |      |            |       |         |         |          |        |               |          |         |         |       |           |        |       |          |           |           |           |          |      |         |           |           |         |                 |        |                |             |          |          |          |       |         |         |  |      |            |  |       |  |  |              |  |  |
| Elgin   | Grenville   | Simcoe  |      |            |       |         |         |          |        |               |          |         |         |       |           |        |       |          |           |           |           |          |      |         |           |           |         |                 |        |                |             |          |          |          |       |         |         |  |      |            |  |       |  |  |              |  |  |
| Essex   | Lennox &  | Stormont,   |      |            |       |         |         |          |        |               |          |         |         |       |           |        |       |          |           |           |           |          |      |         |           |           |         |                 |        |                |             |          |          |          |       |         |         |  |      |            |  |       |  |  |              |  |  |
| Frontenac   | Addington   | Dundas &  |      |            |       |         |         |          |        |               |          |         |         |       |           |        |       |          |           |           |           |          |      |         |           |           |         |                 |        |                |             |          |          |          |       |         |         |  |      |            |  |       |  |  |              |  |  |
| Grey  | Lincoln   | Glengarry   |      |            |       |         |         |          |        |               |          |         |         |       |           |        |       |          |           |           |           |          |      |         |           |           |         |                 |        |                |             |          |          |          |       |         |         |  |      |            |  |       |  |  |              |  |  |
| Haldimand   | Norfolk   | Victoria (incl.   |      |            |       |         |         |          |        |               |          |         |         |       |           |        |       |          |           |           |           |          |      |         |           |           |         |                 |        |                |             |          |          |          |       |         |         |  |      |            |  |       |  |  |              |  |  |
| Halton  | Northumberland  | Haliburton)   |      |            |       |         |         |          |        |               |          |         |         |       |           |        |       |          |           |           |           |          |      |         |           |           |         |                 |        |                |             |          |          |          |       |         |         |  |      |            |  |       |  |  |              |  |  |
| Hastings  | & Durham  | Waterloo  |      |            |       |         |         |          |        |               |          |         |         |       |           |        |       |          |           |           |           |          |      |         |           |           |         |                 |        |                |             |          |          |          |       |         |         |  |      |            |  |       |  |  |              |  |  |
| Huron   | Ontario   | Welland   |      |            |       |         |         |          |        |               |          |         |         |       |           |        |       |          |           |           |           |          |      |         |           |           |         |                 |        |                |             |          |          |          |       |         |         |  |      |            |  |       |  |  |              |  |  |
|   | Peel  | Wellington  |      |            |       |         |         |          |        |               |          |         |         |       |           |        |       |          |           |           |           |          |      |         |           |           |         |                 |        |                |             |          |          |          |       |         |         |  |      |            |  |       |  |  |              |  |  |
|   | Perth   |   |      |            |       |         |         |          |        |               |          |         |         |       |           |        |       |          |           |           |           |          |      |         |           |           |         |                 |        |                |             |          |          |          |       |         |         |  |      |            |  |       |  |  |              |  |  |
|   | Peterborough  |   |      |            |       |         |         |          |        |               |          |         |         |       |           |        |       |          |           |           |           |          |      |         |           |           |         |                 |        |                |             |          |          |          |       |         |         |  |      |            |  |       |  |  |              |  |  |
|   | <p>The Archives has all the indexes and estate files for all counties on microfilm, available in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan.</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check the indexes first. They will give you the name, year of the file, and file number. See either the User's Guide to Surrogate Courts and Surrogate Clerk Microfilm Reels or the <a href="#">Microfilm Interloan Catalogue</a> for instruction on finding and using the microfilm reels you need.</li> <li>Once you have found the file number and the year, write them down and return to the User's Guide or the <a href="#">Microfilm Interloan Catalogue</a> to get the number for the microfilm reel that has the file.</li> </ul> |      |            |       |         |         |          |        |               |          |         |         |       |           |        |       |          |           |           |           |          |      |         |           |           |         |                 |        |                |             |          |          |          |       |         |         |  |      |            |  |       |  |  |              |  |  |

| Instructions for Finding Estate Files 1970 and before |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| Estate Probate Date                                   | Record Location   | How to Get the Records  |
| 1931 to 1970  | <p>Most indexes are on microfilm, available in the Archives' Reading Room and through interloan. . Some indexes are still with the local courthouse and you will need to contact the courthouse (Table 1) for the file number and year before contacting us.</p> <p>Estate files are available only in their original formats. Most are held by the Archives, and are located off-site. See the notes on York (including Toronto) and Prince Edward County files in "How to Get the Records."</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Check the indexes first. They will give you the name, year and file number. See either the User's Guide to Surrogate Courts and Surrogate Clerk Microfilm Reels or the <a href="#">Microfilm Interloan Catalogue</a> for instructions on finding and using the microfilm reels you need.</li> <li>▪ The files are located offsite, and can only be consulted in the Archives' Reading Room. Contact one of our reference staff in-person or by e-mail (reference@ontario.ca) with the name, county, estate file number and year. We recommend ordering the file a <u>week or so in advance of a visit</u>; requests submitted in the reading room take <u>one business day</u>. Copying these records takes <u>from five to seven business days</u>.</li> <li>▪ Some smaller county/district courthouses still have estate files before 1969. This information is included in the User's Guide and the <a href="#">Microfilm Interloan Catalogue</a>.</li> </ul> |
|   |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Indexes for York County (including Toronto) for 1931 to 1967 are on microfilm, available in the Reading Room and through Interloan. The files are on microfilm, available in the Reading Room only.</li> <li>▪ The indexes for 1968 to 1970 are with the Courthouse (Table 1). You will need to contact them for the file number and year before contacting us.</li> </ul>   |
|   |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Prince Edward County records dating from 1931 to 1970 are at the Prince Edward County Historical Society in Picton. Contact:<br/>Prince Edward Historical Society<br/>Box 69, Bloomfield ON, K0K 1G0<br/>613-393-2204<br/>Please contact the historical society for information about hours of operation and services. You may need to leave a voice mail message when you call and a volunteer will get back to you as soon as possible.</li> </ul>   |

## Words and Terms Related to Estate Files

### **Administrator/ Administratrix:**

This is the person (male/female) that the Court appoints to distribute the estate of a person who died without a will.

### **Dependents' Relief Act:**

This act is the Ontario law that permits a spouse or child to obtain benefits from an estate if the will did not provide for them.

### **Encroach:**

Encroach is paying out to a beneficiary money or assets held in trust.

### **Escheat:**

Escheat is the Government's seizure of an estate when there is no will or next-of-kin.

### **Estate File:**

The estate file has all the documents needed to grant Letters Probate or Letters of Administration. It includes the petition for probate or administration, the original will, the oaths of executors or administrators, tally of assets and related evidence.

### **Executor/Executrix:**

This is the person (male/female) that a will names to distribute the estate.

### **Index:**

The index has the number of the deceased's estate file and/or the register and page number. It is organized by surname initial and date.

### **Intestate:**

Inestate refers to a person who dies without making a will or the act of dying without a will.

### **Letters of Administration with Will Annexed:**

This refers to the court grant 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.

### **Letters Probate:**

Letters Probate are the court grant confirming the executor/executrix named in the will. It includes the official transcript of the will.

### **Life interest:**

These are benefits that a will awards to a beneficiary to be enjoyed only during the beneficiary's life.

**Register:**

The register has a transcription of the will (if it exists) and the Court's copy of the grant of probate or administration. Some Counties had separate Probate and Administration Books (the will is in the former).

**Succession Duty Act (1892):**

This is the Ontario law requiring the payment of duty on estates. The act requires there to be a full valuation made of the estate with a beneficiaries' roll listing their relationship (if any) to the deceased. Proof of payment of all duties had to be filed with the Court before the estate could be finally probated.

**Testate:**

Testate refers to a person who dies and has made a will or the act of dying with a will.

**Testator/Testatrix:**

This refers to a person (male/female) 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). The original will was filed in the estate file and a transcription was copied into the register. Early courts allowed wills to be registered "in anticipation" but this does not mean they were eventually probated.

## MAKING CONTACT

***Ready and Willing***

Although unable to do your will research for you, our reference staff 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.

***Contact us***

**Telephone:** 416-327-1600 Toll free (Ontario): 1-800-668-9933  
**Fax:** 416-327-1999  
**Email:** [reference@ontario.ca](mailto:reference@ontario.ca)  
**Address:** Archives of Ontario, 134 Ian Macdonald Blvd., Toronto, ON M7A 2C5

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**TABLE #1: Ontario Courthouse Addresses and Telephone Numbers**

| County or District   | Courthouse Address  |
|--|---|
| <b>Algoma</b>  | Superior Court of Justice<br>426 Queen Street East<br><b>Sault Ste. Marie</b> , Ontario<br>P6A 1Z7<br>705-945-8000, ext. 450  |
| <b>Brant</b>   | Superior Court of Justice<br>70 Wellington Street<br><b>Brantford</b> , Ontario<br>N3T 2L9 519-752-7828   |
| <b>Bruce</b>   | Superior Court of Justice<br>207 Cayley Street<br>PO Box 39<br><b>Walkerton</b> , Ontario<br>N0G 2V0 519-881-1052   |
| <b>Carleton</b>  | Superior Court of Justice<br>161 Elgin Street, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor<br><b>Ottawa</b> , Ontario<br>K2P 2K1 613-239-1054   |
| <b>Cochrane</b>  | Superior Court of Justice<br>149 Fourth Avenue<br>PO Box 638<br><b>Cochrane</b> , Ontario<br>P0L 1C0 705-272-4256   |
| <b>Dufferin</b>  | Superior Court of Justice<br>10 Louisa Street, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor<br><b>Orangeville</b> , Ontario<br>L9W 3P9<br>519-941-5802                                     |
| <b>Durham, United Counties of Northumberland &amp; – see Northumberland &amp; Durham</b> |   |
| <b>Durham</b>  | Superior Court of Justice<br>150 Bond Street E.<br><b>Oshawa</b> , Ontario<br>L16 0A2 905-743-2630<br><br><i>Before 15/10/1973, see Northumberland &amp; Durham</i> |
| <b>Elgin</b>   | Superior Court of Justice<br>4 Wellington Street<br><b>St. Thomas</b> , Ontario<br>N5R 2P2 519-633-1720   |
| <b>Essex</b>   | Superior Court of Justice<br>245 Windsor Avenue<br><b>Windsor</b> , Ontario<br>N9A 1J2 519-973-6620   |

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| <b>Frontenac</b>  | Superior Court of Justice<br>5 Court Street<br><b>Kingston</b> , Ontario<br>K7L 2N4 613-548-6811                    |
| <b>Glengarry – see Stormont, Dundas &amp; Glengarry</b>   |   |
| <b>Grenville - see Leeds</b>  |   |
| <b>Grey</b>   | Superior Court of Justice<br>611-9 <sup>th</sup> Avenue East<br><b>Owen Sound</b> , Ontario<br>N4K 6Z4 519-370-2430 |
| <b>Haldimand</b>  | Superior Court of Justice<br>55 Munsee Street N.<br><b>Cayuga</b> , Ontario<br>N0A 1E0 905-772-3335                 |
| <b>Haliburton - see Victoria</b><br>There is no separate courthouse for Haliburton County. For any will (or other court records) for that county, see Victoria. |   |
| <b>Halton</b>   | Superior Court of Justice<br>491 Steeles Avenue East<br><b>Milton</b> , Ontario<br>L9T 1Y7 905-878-7281             |
| <b>Hamilton-Wentworth – see Wentworth</b>   |   |
| <b>Hastings</b>   | Superior Court of Justice<br>15 Bridge Street W.<br><b>Belleville</b> , Ontario<br>K8P 0C7 613-962-9106             |
| <b>Huron</b>  | Superior Court of Justice<br>1 Courthouse Square<br><b>Goderich</b> , Ontario<br>N7A 1M2 519-524-2519               |
| <b>Kenora</b>   | Superior Court of Justice<br>216 Water Street, Room 211<br><b>Kenora</b> , Ontario<br>P9N 1S4 807-468-2842          |
| <b>Kent</b>   | Superior Court of Justice<br>425 Grand Ave. West<br><b>Chatham</b> , Ontario<br>N7M 6M8 519-355-2200                |
| <b>Lambton</b>  | Superior Court of Justice<br>700 N. Christina Street<br><b>Sarnia</b> , Ontario<br>N7V 3C2 519-333-2950             |

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| <b>Lanark</b>                                       | Superior Court of Justice<br>43 Drummond Street East<br><b>Perth</b> , Ontario<br>K7H 1G1 613-267-2021  |
| <b>Leeds &amp; Grenville</b>                        | Superior Court of Justice<br>41 Court House Square<br><b>Brockville</b> , Ontario<br>K6V 7N3 613-341-2800   |
| <b>Lennox &amp; Addington</b>                       | Superior Court of Justice<br>97 Thomas Street E.<br><b>Napanee</b> , Ontario<br>K7R 4B9 613-354-3845  |
| <b>Lincoln</b>                                      | Superior Court of Justice<br>59 Church Street, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor<br><b>St. Catharines</b> , Ontario<br>L2R 7N8 905-988-6200                       |
| <b>Manitoulin</b>                                   | Superior Court of Justice<br>27 Phipps Street<br><b>Gore Bay</b> , Ontario<br>P0P 1H0 705-282-2461  |
| <b>Middlesex</b>                                    | Superior Court of Justice<br>80 Dundas Street<br><b>London</b> , Ontario<br>N6A 6A3<br>519-660-3000   |
| <b>Muskoka</b>                                      | Superior Court of Justice<br>3 Dominion Street North<br><b>Bracebridge</b> , Ontario<br>P1L 2E6 705-645-8793  |
| <b>Niagara North – see <i>Lincoln</i></b>           |   |
| <b>Niagara South – see <i>Welland</i></b>           |   |
| <b>Nipissing</b>                                    | Superior Court of Justice<br>360 Plouffe Street<br><b>North Bay</b> , Ontario<br>P1B 9L5 705-495-8309   |
| <b>Norfolk</b>                                      | Superior Court of Justice<br>50 Frederick Hobson VC Drive<br><b>Simcoe</b> , Ontario<br>N3Y 4L5 519-426-6550  |
| <b>Northumberland &amp; Durham</b>                  | Superior Court of Justice<br>860 William Street<br><b>Cobourg</b> , Ontario<br>K9A 3A9 905-372-3751<br><br><i>After 15/10/1973, see <b>Durham</b></i> |
| <b>Ontario (pre-1974 files) – see <i>Durham</i></b> |   |
| <b>Ottawa-Carleton – see <i>Carleton</i></b>        |   |

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| <b>Oxford</b>                           | Superior Court of Justice<br>415 Hunter Street, PO Box 70<br><b>Woodstock</b> , Ontario<br>N4S 4G6 519-539-6187           |
| <b>Parry Sound</b>                      | Superior Court of Justice<br>89 James Street<br><b>Parry Sound</b> , Ontario<br>P2A 1T7 705-746-4251                      |
| <b>Peel</b>                             | Superior Court of Justice<br>7755 Hurontario Street<br><b>Brampton</b> , Ontario<br>L6W 4T1<br>905-456-4700               |
| <b>Perth</b>                            | Superior Court of Justice<br>1 Huron Street<br><b>Stratford</b> , Ontario<br>N5A 5S4 519-271-1850                         |
| <b>Peterborough</b>                     | Superior Court of Justice<br>70 Simcoe Street<br><b>Peterborough</b> , Ontario<br>K9H 7G9 705-876-3816                    |
| <b>Prescott &amp; Russell</b>           | Superior Court of Justice<br>59 Court Street, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor<br><b>L'Orignal</b> , Ontario<br>K0B 1K0 613-675-4567 |
| <b>Prince Edward</b>                    | Superior Court of Justice<br>44 Union Street<br>PO Box 680<br><b>Picton</b> , Ontario<br>K0K 2T0 613-476-6236             |
| <b>Rainy River</b>                      | Superior Court of Justice<br>333 Church Street<br><b>Fort Frances</b> , Ontario<br>P9A 1C9 807-274-5961                   |
| <b>Renfrew</b>                          | Superior Court of Justice<br>297 Pembroke Street E.<br><b>Pembroke</b> , Ontario<br>K8A 3K2 613-732-8581                  |
| <b>Simcoe</b>                           | Superior Court of Justice<br>75 Mulcaster Street<br><b>Barrie</b> , Ontario<br>L4M 3P2<br>705-739-6111                    |
| <b>Stormont, Dundas &amp; Glengarry</b> | Superior Court of Justice<br>29 Second Street West<br><b>Cornwall</b> , Ontario<br>K6J 1G3 613-933-7500                   |

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| <b>Sudbury</b>   | Superior Court of Justice<br>155 Elm Street<br><b>Sudbury</b> , Ontario<br>P3C 1T9 705-564-7600   |
| <b>Thunder Bay</b>   | Superior Court of Justice<br>125 Brodie Street N.<br><b>Thunder Bay</b> , Ontario<br>P7C 0A3<br>807-626-7100                                  |
| <b>Timiskaming</b>   | Superior Court of Justice<br>393 Main Street<br>PO Box 609<br><b>Haileybury</b> , Ontario<br>P0J 1K0 705-672-3321                             |
| <b>Victoria</b>  | Superior Court of Justice<br>440 Kent Street West<br><b>Lindsay</b> , Ontario<br>K9V 6K2 705-324-1400   |
| <b>Waterloo</b>  | Superior Court of Justice<br>85 Frederick Street<br><b>Kitchener</b> , Ontario<br>N2H 0A7 519-741-3200  |
| <b>Welland</b>   | Superior Court of Justice<br>102 East Main Street<br><b>Welland</b> , Ontario<br>L3B 3W6 905-735-0010   |
| <b>Wellington</b>  | Superior Court of Justice<br>74 Woolwich Street<br><b>Guelph</b> , Ontario<br>N1H 3T9 519-824-4100  |
| <b>Wentworth</b>   | Superior Court of Justice<br>55 Main Street West<br><b>Hamilton</b> , Ontario<br>L8P 1H4 905-645-6250   |
| <b>York<br/>1967-1980</b><br><br><b>City of Toronto<br/>1980-present</b> | Superior Court of Justice -<br>Estates Division<br>330 University Avenue,<br>7th floor<br><b>Toronto</b> , Ontario<br>M5G 1R7<br>416-326-2940 |
| <b>York, Regional<br/>Municipality</b><br><br><b>1980-present</b>        | Civil Office<br>Superior Court of Justice<br>50 Eagle Street West<br>Room 2025<br><b>Newmarket</b> , Ontario<br>L3Y 6B1 905-853-4809          |