

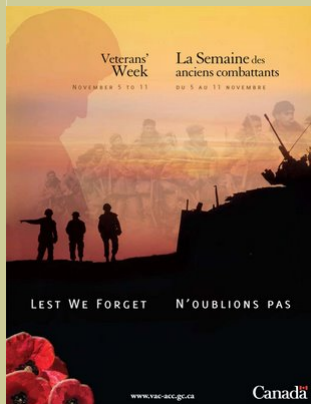


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Finding Maiden Names

In genealogy research finding an ancestor's maiden name is often a difficult obstacle to overcome. Finding out a maiden name, however, can open new doors of research by locating information on a previously unknown family branch. Where do you start, though?

The most obvious place to begin is looking for a marriage record. The bride's maiden name is always listed on her marriage record and usually that of at least her father and often her mother along with the mother's maiden name.


You can also check cemetery records. In days gone by, often the only record of a female's maiden name was on her tombstone.

Another great place to check is census records. Often you will find that a couple was living with the parents or that an aged parent was living with them and frequently this is the wife's parents. Or, perhaps, you will find a sister or brother of the wife residing in the same household.

Churches can also be a great resource for maiden names. The birth and christening records in many cases will have the names of both parents on them. The mother's name, in most cases, will be listed under her maiden name. Churches may also have marriage information, including maiden names. Prior to civil registration, churches were often the only place where this type of information was recorded.

Newspapers can be wonderful resources. Look at newspapers from the area in which your ancestor lived. You may find anniversary notices, obituaries or items in a social column which often include the woman's maiden name.

Finally, check out death records. Many death certificates, especially those after 1900 in Ontario, will be one of the only places her maiden name will be listed. You should also read the certificate carefully, though, since the information on old death certificates can be inaccurate. If you look you will be able to find out who the informant is. The closer the relationship between the deceased and the informant, the more accurate the information often will be.

Family history research can often be frustrating. Finding a female ancestor's maiden name shouldn't have to be. There are avenues to explore to track those names down and the tips above should give you a good start and before you know it, you will have broadened your family tree to include new and exciting branches. 

Canadian Military Records

With Remembrance Day fast approaching, perhaps your genealogy research will turn to your family members who served in our Armed Forces. Canada has a long and rich military history and there are several records and collections related to our veterans

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which can now be found online.

Several websites you will want to check out are:

[Canadian Air Aces and Heroes](#)

This is a site which provides biographies, airplane histories, medal details, and more for the Canadian pilots of World Wars I & II as well as the Korean conflict.

[The Canadian Army Overseas 1939-1945](#)

Maple Leaf Up, is a private Canadian non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the memory of the all-volunteer Canadian Army Overseas in World War II.

[Canadian Books of Remembrance](#)

This site is provided by Veterans Affairs of Canada and is comprised of six books that record the names of Canadians who fought and gave their lives in each of the six wars outside of Canada since the birth of our country in 1867.

[The Maple Leaf Legacy Project](#)

The Maple Leaf Legacy Project is a non-profit organization dedicated to photographing or obtaining a photograph of every Canadian War Grave of the 20th Century. Their aim is to create a virtual Canadian National War Cemetery for the families and friends of Canada's war dead to visit and remember.

[Canadian Soldiers of the First World War \(CEF\)](#)

This is a site maintained by Library and Archives Canada of the over 600,000 Canadians who enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) during the First World War. Over 800,000 images of Attestation papers have been scanned and made accessible through the database.

[The Canadian Merchant Navy War Dead](#)

This is an index provided by Veterans Affairs Canada and can be searched for the names of Canadian Merchant Seaman who died while serving Canada in her Merchant Navy.

[The Canadian Virtual War Memorial](#)

This site contains information about the graves and memorials of more than 116,000 Canadians and Newfoundlanders who served valiantly and gave their lives for their country.

[Commonwealth War Graves Commission](#)

Maintained by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, this is free online database which provides personal, service, and burial location details for the 1.7 million members of the Commonwealth forces who died in the First and Second World Wars.

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