



Quebec Records Finding Aid

USING the BAnQ website

- Access is free to the Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec/Library and National Archives of Quebec (BAnQ) website.
- To access the BAnQ genealogy section [Click Here](#)
 - Click on the “Généalogie” tab for genealogy related information. Click on the pull down menu to select the database you want to search. Enter the surname of your ancestor in the “Nom” field. To limit your search results you could also enter the first name in the “Prénom” field. Then click on “Chercher”.

Tutelle et curatelle de la région de Montréal, 1791-
Nom Prénom
Chercher

- To search all archival documents available in the ten BAnQ centres throughout Quebec as well as in three accredited private archival services, click on “Advitam”. Enter a keyword, such as your ancestor’s surname, and then click on “Chercher”. You could also use the advanced search function by clicking on “Recherche avancée”.

Advitam Généalogie
ADVITAM Chercher [Recherche avancée](#)

NOTE: Most screens and databases are in French. For best results, refrain from changing your screen to English, since you will not get the same screens or results.

Press the Ctrl key and Click at the same time on the [Click Here](#) button to open the link in a new tab.

BIRTHS/MARRIAGES/BURIALS

Registers of the civil status of Quebec from origins to 1917

- Original parish registers. The main denominations are Catholic, Anglican, Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, Evangelical, Jewish and Lutheran.
- Click on “Accéder” on the bottom left hand side.
- On the right hand side, you could access these records several ways:
 - 1) By administrative region (Région administrative)
 - 2) By judicial district;
 - 3) By parish (Paroisse)
 - 2) By place/location (Lieu représenté)
 - 3) By date

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Non-Catholic Baptisms in the Montreal Region, 1766-1835

- Transcriptions of records only
- Search criteria: Last name; First name; Year of baptism; Year of birth; Church; or Confession/Religion

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Non-Catholic burials in the Montreal Region, 1767-1899

- Transcriptions of records only
- Search criteria: Last name; First name; Year of burial; Church; or Confession/Religion

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Non-Catholic Marriages in the Montreal Region, 1766-1899

- Transcriptions of records only
- Search criteria: Last name husband; First name husband; Last name wife; First name wife; Year; Church; or Confession/Religion

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Marriage contracts from the judicial districts of Quebec, Beauce, Charlevoix, Montmagny and Thetford Mines, 1636-1953

- Search criteria: Surname of man; First name of man; Other spouse - remarks; Occupation; Place of residence; Surname of woman; First name of woman; Other spouse - remarks; Date; Notary; Act number; or Type of Act

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Marriage Contracts for the Haut-Saguenay

- Search criteria: Surname of man; First name of man; Other spouse - remarks; Occupation; Place of residence; Surname of woman; First name of woman; Other spouse - remarks; Date; or Notary

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Marriage contracts kept at the National Archives in Trois-Rivières, 1647-1920

- Man's surname name; Man's first name; Age; Occupation; Place of residence; Man's parents; Other spouse; Date; Woman's surname; Woman's first name; Age; Occupation; Place of residence; Woman's parents; Other spouse; Notary

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Genealogical Dictionary of Canadian Families of Cyprien Tanguay 1700-1760

- Click on “Accéder” located under the photo of Cyprien Tanguay.
- The dictionary will be displayed. You could either scroll through page-by-page or click on “Éléments” on the right hand side where you could then click on a specific Volume.
- You cannot do a specific search by a person's name.

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CEMETERIES

Burial Register of Mount Hermon Cemetery, 1848-1904

(Quebec City)

- More than 17,000 people are buried in this cemetery, primarily non-Catholics including Anglican, Protestant, as well as Greek, Chinese, and Cambodian.
- Search criteria: Family name; Given name; Occupation; Place of birth; Age; Place of death; Date of death; Disease or cause of death

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CENSUS RECORDS

Notre-Dame-de-Québec parish Québec City 1716

- Search criteria: Street; Household; First name; Surname; Occupation; Status or Profession; Age

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Notre-Dame-de-Québec parish Québec City 1792, 1795, 1798, 1805, 1806

- Search criteria: Surname; First name; Occupation; Upper or lower town, surroundings; Street; or Source (year)

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Notre-Dame-de-Québec parish Québec City 1818

- Search criteria: Name of respondent; First name of respondent; Occupation of respondent; Status of respondent; Spouse of respondent; Name of street or area; The house; or The housekeeper

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CORONERS' INQUESTS

Coroners' inquests from Abitibi-Témiscamingue, 1934-1986

- Search criteria: Surname; First Name; Profession - Trade; Place of Residence; Date of Death / Discovery of Body; Coroner's Name; Cause or Circumstances of Death - Coroner's Findings; Remarks; Judicial District; or Court File Number.

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Coroners' inquests from the judicial district of Pontiac (Campbell's Bay), 1895-1949

- Search criteria: Surname; First name; Date of death / discovery of body; Date of inquest; Place of inquest; Coroner; Cause or circumstances of death - coroner's verdict; or Presence of witnesses

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Coroners' inquests from the judicial districts of Quebec, Beauce, Charlevoix, Montmagny and Thetford Mines, 1765-1986

- Search criteria: Surname; First Name; Occupation - Trade; Place of Residence; Date of Death / Discovery of Body; Date of Investigation; Place of Investigation; Coroner; Cause or Circumstances of Death - Coroner's verdict; or Presence of Witnesses.

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Coroners' inquests from the Judicial District of Saint-François (Sherbrooke), 1900-1954

- Search criteria: Surname; First Name; Occupation - Trade; Place of Residence; Date of Death / Discovery of Body; Date of Investigation; Place of Investigation; or Cause or Circumstances of Death - Coroner's verdict.

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Coroners' inquests from the Department of Justice of the judicial district of Quebec City, 1962-1982

- Search criteria: Surname; First name; Occupation - trade; Place of residence; Date of death / discovery of body; Date of investigation; Place of investigation; Coroner; Cause or circumstances of death - coroner's verdict; or Presence of testimony

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Coroners' inquests of violent deaths from the Department of Justice involving the entire province of Quebec 1971-1981

- Search criteria: Surname; First name; Occupation - trade; Place of residence; Date of death / discovery of body; Date of investigation; Place of investigation; Coroner; Cause or circumstances of death - coroner's verdict; or Presence of testimony

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Coroners' inquests - Department of Justice index for the entire province of Quebec, 1939-1944

- Search criteria: Last name; First name; Place of residence or inquest; Year of record; Coroner's name; Cause or circumstances of death - coroner's verdict; Judicial district; or File number.

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COURT DOCUMENTS

Research Tips

- Some first names are missing or have only initials.
- The database distinguishes between accented characters and hyphens.
- On several occasions, women are referred to only by their husband's name.
- Where First Name 1, Last Name 1, First Name 2, and Last Name 2 exist: The data in the First Name 1 and Last Name 1 fields and those in the First Name 2 and Last Name 2 fields are entered in duplicate with inversion of the information so that all the surnames and first names in the First Name 1 and Last Name 1 fields and in the First Name 2 and Last Name 2 fields are present. This facilitates the search.
- It is possible to use truncation i.e. to obtain all variations of the name Arsenault, enter Arsen%.

Divorce files and judgments from the judicial districts of Quebec City, Beauce, Charlevoix, Montmagny and Thetford Mines, 1968-1987

- Search criteria: Name 1; First name 1; Status; Name 2; First name 2; Date of irrevocable judgment; Name and first name of the judge; District; Case Number; Remark

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List of irrevocable and conditional judgments and petitions for divorce in the judicial districts of the Montreal region

- Search criteria: Name of the applicant; Applicant's first name; Name of Respondent; Respondent's first name; Date of judgment; Number/nature of the judgment; Name of the judge; Remarks

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Preliminary Inquiries in the Judicial District of Quebec, 1897-1927

- Search criteria: Name of victim or complainant; First name of victim or complainant; Crime; Date of offence; Place of the offence; Name of the accused or company; or First name of the accused

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Courts of Appeal index of records in Quebec City, 1872-1984 (civil files)

- Search criteria: Rating; Year; File Number; Last Name 1; First Name 1; Last Name 2; First Name 2; Trial Judicial District; Subject Matter; or Supreme Court (report)

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Courts of Appeal index to the records for Lower Canada, 1772-1835

- Search criteria: Order; Name 1; First name 1; Name 2; First name 2; File No.; Year; or Remarks

Research Tip

- For serial numbers 1 to 1143, the first name appearing for each case is that of the appellant; the second name is that of the respondent. The reverse is true for case numbers 10001 to 11143.

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Courts of Appeal index of records in Quebec City, 1872-1984 (criminal and penal records)

- Search criteria: Year; File Number; Last Name 1; First Name 1; Last Name 2; First Name 2; Trial District; Subject Matter; or Supreme Court (report)

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Bankruptcy files for the judicial districts of Québec, Saint-Joseph-de-Beauce, Montmagny and La Malbaie (1885-1920)

- Search criteria: Surname of bankrupt person; First name of bankrupt person; Name of bankrupt company; Type of business or occupation of bankrupt person; Name of applicant; City; Legal name of company; Year; or Judicial District

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DIRECTORIES

- Click on "Accéder" to access the directory. If a column on the right-hand side listing areas or date ranges is not visible, click on "Eléments" on the far right.
- Click on the area or date range you are interested in.

Lovell Directory of Montreal and its suburbs (1842-2010)

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Marcotte Quebec City directory (1822-1976)

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Quebec City Almanac (1780-1841)

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DIGITIZED NEWSPAPERS

- The newspapers are classified by administrative regions of Quebec, then by place of publication and chronological dates.
- The majority of digitized newspapers are indexed. It is therefore possible to conduct full-text searches.

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MILITIA

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- Some first names are missing or have only initials.
- The databases distinguish between accented characters and hyphens.
- It is possible to use truncation i.e. to obtain all variations of the name Arsenault, enter Arsen%.

War of 1812 Militia Land Petitions

- Search criteria: Surname; First Name; Occupation; Residence; Date; or Certificate of Demobilization (physical description)

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Militiamen of the War of 1812 - List of 1875

- Search criteria: Last name; First name; Residence; County; Province/State; Applicant's rank in 1812-1815; or Corps (or division) in which he served

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NOTARIES AND NOTARIAL RECORDS

Inventories after death in the Montreal area, 1791-1840

- Search criteria: Deceased last name; Deceased first name; Spouse's last name; Spouse's first name; Profession; Date; Place; or Notary's name

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Inventories after death of the judicial districts of Quebec, Charlevoix, Beauce, Montmagny and Kamouraska, 1785 -1955

- Search criteria: Surname of man; First name of man; Other spouse - remarks; Occupation; Place of residence; Surname of woman; First name of woman; Other spouse - remarks; Date; Notary

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Inventories after death of the Judicial District of Rimouski, 1822-1918

- Search criteria: Deceased surname; Deceased first name; Deceased surname; Deceased surname; Surname spouse; First name spouse; Surname spouse; Surname spouse; Occupation; Place of residence; Date act; or Notary

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Archives of Quebec notaries from origins to 1937

- You can browse the images of notarial records by notary, by judicial district, or by region. There are two tools to help you find your way around:
 - 1) The directories, generally drawn up by the notaries themselves, give an overview of each act (number, date, type, names of the parties), in chronological order.
 - 2) An index may accompany a notary's directory. The entries in this index are generally grouped under the first letter of the surname of the parties involved in the acts, with a sub-classification in chronological order.

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Deposited Acts of the Gaspé Peninsula: 1814-1921

- Access to nearly 11,000 deposited records, representing approximately 30,000 names and include deeds of sale, marriage contracts, wills, donations, etc.
- Search criteria: Last name part 1, First name part 1, Place of residence 1, Last name part 2, First name part 2, Place of residence 2, Type of Act, Date of deed, Date of filing, Place of deed, Deed concerning land - Reference to building, Name of officer who drew up the deed

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Deposited Acts of the Magdalen Islands, 1887-1922

- Access to nearly 2,500 deposited records, representing approximately 7,000 names and include deeds of sale, marriage contracts, wills, donations, etc.
- Search criteria: Last name part 1, First name part 1, Place of residence 1, Last name part 2, First name part 2, Place of residence 2, Type of Act, Date of deed, Date of filing, Place of deed, Deed concerning land - Reference to building, Name of officer who drew up the deed

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LAND

Applications for free land grants to families of 12 children and more, 1890-1905

- Search criteria: Father's Last Name; Father's First Name; Mother's Last Name; Mother's First Name; Other Spouses; City; or County

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British immigration in the vicinity of Quebec City, 1817-1823: Lac de Beauport, Stoneham, Valcartier, Saint-Patrice and Portneuf

- Search criteria: Place; Name; First name; Age; Year of establishment (year they started)

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Inventory of seigneurial land registry papers, 1654-1854

- Search criteria: Seigneurie; Owners; Date of land survey letters; Land survey made by; Type of document

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Land use in the cities and countryside of New France: confessions and enumerations and declarations of the King's tenants, 1723-1746

- Search criteria: First name; Last name; First name according to the confession; Last name according to the confession; Status of the owner; Trade / Profession; Residence; Other owner; Remarks; Date; Seigneurie; Location (Parish, village, range, road or coast); Land number; Type of land; Summary / Long text; Title of the confession and enumeration

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MISCELLANEOUS

Persons incarcerated in Quebec Prisons, 1813-1907, 1914

- Search criteria: Family name; Given name; Country or ethnic origin; Date of imprisonment; Offence; Sentence; or Grounds for discharge

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Atlas of the city and county of Quebec from actual surveys – 1879

- Atlas of the city and county of Quebec from actual surveys, based upon the cadastral plans deposited in the office of the Department of Crown Lands
- Click on “Éléments” on the right hand side of the page to see all the pages

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Maps and plans

- This collection of nearly 20,000 documents is essentially composed of maps and plans relating to the territories of Quebec and North America held by BAnQ. It extends from 1537 to the 21st century and bears witness to the transformations of Quebec over the centuries.
- Click on “Accéder” then you could sort the list alphabetically or year ranges.

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Voting records for the Quebec City area and eastern Quebec, 1814-1841

- This database contains 39,008 records of people who voted from 40 ballot books held in the Quebec City area and eastern Quebec between 1814 and 1841. Excluding the electoral districts of Kamouraska, Gaspé and Bonaventure, where no voting books were kept, the entire territory is covered by at least one voting book. It should be noted that the name of the same individual may appear several times in the database, due to different elections or properties in more than one district allowing him or her to vote more than once.

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Events of 1837-1838: In the Footsteps of the Patriots

- Search criteria: Surname or nickname; First name; Profession or function; Date; Type of documents; Author(s); Year of events; or Themes (blocks)

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GUARDIANSHIPS (Tutorships and Curatorships)

Tutor in French is tutelle and curator is curatelle. Guardianship lasts until the age of legal majority, i.e. 25 years under the French regime and 21 years under the English regime. However, it can end in emancipation, usually around the age of 18, or in marriage.

Tutorships and Curatorships in the Judicial District of Montréal, 1791-1807

- This database contains the surname and first names of the guardian, the child or person placed under guardianship and the date of the document.
- Search by: Surname; First name; Title; Act; Date

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