



Genealogical Resource Index

Specific to Simcoe County

A Bibliography of Simcoe County, Ontario, 1790-1990

Local History 016.917317 Bib

This book contains a list of published genealogical sources about Simcoe County. There may also be some valuable genealogical information within the books on Simcoe County, especially those on the history of it or gazateers.

County Marriage Registers 1858-1869 Index to Simcoe County

Local History 929.3713 Cou v.12

These are alphabetical, and list the bride/groom's residence, father, spouse, and year of marriage. The full record, which would include the parties ages, both parents names, and birthplace, is available at the Archives of Ontario. These are useful in tracking a female relatives name change, and it should be noted that some of the marriages recorded, albeit a few, predate the 1858 starting point (at which time legislation was passed making it mandatory to record marriages in Canada).

Gazetteer and Directory of the County of Simcoe for 1872-3

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After a brief description of Bradford and its chief industries, it proceeds to list the names of male residents, and their occupation. It also lists the same for any unmarried, or widowed women who worked outside the home. From page 66-69, it provides copies of advertisements for Bradford businesses (if one is listed for a person's business, after occupation is will say "see adv"). There is also a listing of all the advertisements, divided by village, on page iii-vi). It also lists alphabetically those that owned land (usually men, but some widowed women), and on what lot/concession they owned the land. After their address appears either the letter F or h, indicating whether they were a freeholder or a householder. A business directory is included, indicating in which village you could find a certain blacksmith or physician.

Genealogical Index to the Illustrated Atlas of the County of Simcoe, 1881

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This only lists the subscribers for the whole county that are available on page 41-53. This is useful if you are not sure what village/township your ancestors would have belonged to. But it only lists the subscribers, not all of the residents.





Historical Atlas of York County, 1878

Local History 911.713 I

This is considered one of the most useful maps when researching West Gwillimbury. It includes a map of Bradford, and the owners of the surrounding rural plots are labeled. The lots inside the town of Bradford are labeled, but no information is given as to who occupied each lot.

Historical Atlas of Simcoe County, 1881

Local History 911.713

This atlas starts by providing a brief history of the townships or villages in Simcoe County. Including a profile of Bradford and West Gwillimbury, a map of West Gwillimbury with the property of some residents labeled, a portrait of Hugh McCarroll of West Gwillimbury, a detailed list of West Gwillimbury subscribers, an alphabetical list of all the inhabitants of West Gwillimbury, and their lot and concession, and whether they are a freeholder or tenant. This atlas is also useful to other areas in Simcoe County. It lists residences and addressed for most townships, and provides similar maps indicating who lived where. It also has drawings of some churches and buildings, and portraits of special people within Simcoe County.

A History of St. Luke's Anglican Church Pinkerton, Ontario 1871-1971

Local History 971.317 H

Included in this book is information on some of the early families and their children. It also provides some detailed information about where some of these early families lived.

History of Simcoe County by Andrew Hunter

Local History 971.317 Hun

This book is considered one of the best sources that Simcoe County has on its past. It gives a very thorough development of the county.

History of Simcoe County: A collection of winning essays gathered from Simcoe County Historical Association's Essay Contests during 1974-76.

Local History 971.317 His

An Index to Hunter's History of Simcoe County

Local History 971.317 Ind

This lists which part of the book, and which pages a particular family or business is located. This is helpful if one does not know which area their ancestors are from.





Inventory of Cemeteries in Ontario: A Genealogical Research Guide (1987 Edition)

Local History 929.3713 Inv

This provides a listing of all the cemeteries that exist in Ontario, and their location, in terms of lot and concession. Of particular interest to this community is page 150-156 (which is Simcoe County). West Gwillimbury is page 156.

Index to Probate & Surrogate Court Records for Simcoe County, 1828-1929

Local History 364.05 Pur

This book contains an index of wills that can be viewed at the archives of Ontario. It also lists alphabetically persons who have died, their area of residence, their occupation, and date of death

The Oro African Church: A History of the African Methodist Episcopal Church Edgar Ontario Canada

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Rich Hill: A history of the church 1888-1988

Local History 287.92 Ric

Tecumseth Township: The Unforgettable Past

Local History 971.317 Tec

Tottenham: A History of Tottenham, Ontario

Local History 971.317 Tot

Township of Innisfil Historical Review

Local History 971.3 T

It is helpful in that it also provides the names of current descendants, which a researcher may be able to contact for more information.

