

Accessing BC Vital Event Registrations

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Some images of vital event registrations have been digitized and are **available online** through the following databases:

1. [BC Archives - Genealogy Database](#)
Vital events records: Births (some 1854-1903), Marriages (some 1859-1941), Deaths (some 1872-1996)
2. [Family Search - Family Search Database](#)
Vital events records: Births (some 1854-1903), Marriages (some 1859-1932; 1937-1938)

If you cannot find a digital image of the vital event registration online, you have a few other options to obtain a copy.

You can locate the vital event registration record **on microfilm** at the following locations:

1. [Royal BC Museum - BC Archives](#)
655 Belleville St, Victoria, BC V8W 1A1
Microfilm available: Births (1854-1903), Marriages (1859-1941), Deaths (1872-1996)
2. [Vancouver Public Library – Central Branch](#)
350 West Georgia St, Vancouver, BC V6B 6B1
Microfilm available: Births (1854-1903), Marriages (1859-1933), Deaths (1872-1988)
See [catalogue listing](#) for details.
3. [Okanagan Regional Library – Kelowna Branch](#)
1380 Ellis St, Kelowna, BC V1Y 2A2
Microfilm available: Births (1851-, 1872-1900), Marriages (from 1872), Deaths (from 1872)
See [catalogue listing](#) for details
4. [Simon Fraser University Library - W.A.C. Bennett](#)
8888 University Drive East, Burnaby, BC V5A 1S6



Microfilm available: Births (1851, 1882-1903), Marriages (1872-1921), Deaths (1872-1980)
See [catalogue listing](#) for details

5. [Surrey Public Libraries – Cloverdale Branch](#)
Microfilm available: Births (to 1903), Marriages (to 1933), Deaths (to 1988)
See [Family History collection](#) for more information
6. [Family Search - Family History Library](#)
35 North West Temple St, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84150
Microfilm available: Births (1854-1903), Marriages (1872-1934)
See [catalogue listing](#) for details

If you cannot find an image of the registration online, and are unable to visit one of the above-listed locations, you can **order a copy** of the registration remotely from one of the following sources:

1. [BC Archives - Reproductions](#)
Cost: \$30.00 plus tax per inquiry (up to 30 pages), \$0.50 plus tax per additional page
Delivery format: Hard copy or electronic formats available
Contact: access@royalbcmuseum.bc.ca
2. [Victoria Genealogical Society - Search Services](#)
Cost: \$10.00 plus tax per inquiry
Contact: Submit [online form](#)
3. [Vital Statistics - Order Certificates & Copies](#)
Cost: \$50.00 plus tax per genealogy certified registration copy
Contact: [Online or by phone](#)
4. [Independent Researchers – External researchers for hire](#)
Costs may vary
Contact researcher directly

Please note: Registration records are made available by BC Vital Statistics after 120 years for births, 75 years for marriages, and 20 years for deaths. For birth, marriage, and death registrations that have not yet been released, please contact the [BC Vital Statistics Agency](#).

