

# ARNPRIOR & McNAB/BRAESIDE ARCHIVES

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## **GENEALOGICAL RESOURCES AND SERVICES**

**\*\*ONLINE SEARCH OF OUR HOLDINGS\*\*** – The description of our collections are now fully searchable online. There are also some images attached to these descriptions. Please visit our website on a regular basis for updates. Perhaps we have information or a photo of your ancestor.

- 1. Birth, Marriage and Death Registrations** (access subject to provincial privacy regulations – deaths up to 70 yrs of current year; marriages 80 yrs; births 95 yrs)
  - a. Town of Arnrior - 1896 onward
  - b. McNab Township – births & marriages -1896 onward; deaths - 1896-1935.
- 2. Census Returns (photocopies)** – McNab Township 1841-1901; Arnrior 1871-1901 (now also available in various locations on Internet)
- 3. Cemetery Records** – Indexes for all cemeteries in McNab Township and Arnrior, plus others. (Images available on internet in “Renfrew County Cemeteries.”)
- 4. Assessment and Collectors Tax Rolls** – These tax records usually provide the name, age, occupation and religious affiliation of the owner or tenant of the property as well as the number of occupants
  - a. Town of Arnrior - Assessment Rolls 1887-1931 (1913 missing); Collector's Rolls 1881-1931 with gaps; Combined Rolls 1932-1949
  - b. McNab Township – Assessment Rolls 1882, 1897, 1906 onwards; Collector's Rolls 1851, 1859, 1861-2, 1864, 1868, 1886 onwards
  - c. Braeside Village – Assessment Rolls 1922-1954; Collector's Rolls 1922-1955
- 5. Voter Lists** – Various years for Arnrior, Braeside, and McNab Township. (also on *Ancestry*)
- 6. Renfrew County Land Records** – These date from approximately 1858 to 1960 and are arranged by township, lot, and concession or town and town lot.
- 7. Arnrior Newspapers** (Watchman, Chronicle, and Guide)
  - a. **Abstracts** – Birth, Marriage, and Death notices in extant Arnrior Newspapers 1882-1934, with gaps, fully searchable in PDF on our website.
  - b. **Microfilm** – 1882-current, with gaps in the early years.
  - c. **Digitized Newspapers 1863 -1937**, with gaps, now available to search, browse and download from our website.
- 8. German Passenger Lists 1857-1861** – Alphabetical list of passengers sailing from Hamburg to Quebec City. List includes name, town of origin, occupation, and age.

## 9. Church Records

- a. Grace Methodist Church, Arnprior – marriages 1896-1925; baptisms 1898-1925; burial 1898-1925 (on microfilm)
- b. St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Arnprior - marriages 1896-1926; baptisms 1862-1870, 1893-1903, 1905-1941; burial 1862-1870 (on microfilm)
- c. St. John Chrysostom Records 1867-1943 – by Drouin (digital, plus on *Ancestry*)

**10. Family Trees** – A number have been donated. (List available on our online search)

**11. Women's Institutes Tweedsmuir Community Histories** – Most branches within McNab Township, as well as Arnprior and a few from West Carleton. Many histories provide photos and information on families and farms of their community.

**12. Photographs - Handford Studio Collection and Many Others** – From pre 1900 to 1970, the Handford Studio Collection contains over 25,000 negatives of portraits. There are also thousands of other photos in our collections, a number of which are described individually. Search our online database to see if we have a photo of your relative. Our book, *Early Commercial Photographers of Lanark and Renfrew Counties*, may help you identify the date of the photo.

**13. Maps** – The archives has many maps, a few containing names of land owners. There are also fire insurance plans from the early 20th century for Arnprior and the villages of Braeside, Pakenham, Cobden, and Eganville

## CDs For Sale (all \$20)

- 1. Arnprior Area Death Notices 2000-2018** – A searchable PDF chart of over 3,500 death notices from Arnprior newspapers and funeral homes.
- 2. "Township Papers" of McNab Township** – Contains a fully searchable finding aid with surnames and topics, as well as the images of the actual 1742 pages of documents. These are the miscellaneous collection of crown land records stored at the Ontario Archives. Years are from 1825 to 1872, with most from 1840 to 1865.
- 3. Index to Renfrew County Probated Wills 1878-1969** – A searchable PDF of over 240 pages and nearly 10,000 names. Tables of concordance provide the microfilm reel identification needed to view the pre 1930 documents.
- 4. The Family Historian by Patrick Wohler** – The well-read "Family Historian" articles seen in local newspapers in the past few years are now available on CD and on our website. Contains 228 articles and index in PDF.

## Services and Fees:

1. Volunteers available to help with your research. No admission fee.
2. Modern microfilm reader, which allows one to print, email or save the image to CD/stick.
3. Can't come personally? Research available @ \$35 per hour
4. Various prices for reproduction (photocopies, scanning images or microfilm)
5. Inter-institutional loans of microfilm records.

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