

# ARNPRIOR & MCNAB/BRAESIDE ARCHIVES

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## GENEALOGICAL RESOURCES AND SERVICES

**\*\*ONLINE SEARCH OF OUR HOLDINGS\*\*** – Collection descriptions and more are now fully searchable online. Please visit our website to view our “Latest Archival Additions” feature and check out our new Graveside Stories blog. Perhaps we have added new information or a photo of your ancestor.

- 1. Birth, Marriage and Death Registrations for Town of Arnrior & Township of McNab**  
1896 onwards with gaps (see website for details) Access to these records follow provincial privacy regulations – deaths restricted up to 70 yrs; marriages 80 yrs; births 105 yrs.
- 2. Arnrior Newspapers** (Watchman, Chronicle, and Guide and other misc. titles)
  - a. **Digitized Newspapers 1863-1937**, with gaps, searchable on website.
  - b. **Abstracts** – Birth, Marriage, and Death notices in extant Arnrior Newspapers 1882-1934, with gaps, fully searchable on our website and linked to newspapers.
  - c. **Microfilmed Newspapers** – 1882-current, with gaps in the early years.
- 3. Cemetery Records** –
  - a. Indexes for all cemeteries in McNab Township and Arnrior, plus others. (Images available on internet in “Renfrew County Cemeteries.”)
  - b. St. Celeste Cemetery Index of remains re-interred at Malloch Road Cemetery (searchable on website.)
- 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. Renfrew County Land Records** – These date from approximately 1858 to 1960 and are arranged by township, lot, and concession or town and town lot. A finding aid is available on our website under Renfrew County Land Records Collection.
- 6. Voter Lists** – Various years for Arnrior, Braeside, and McNab Township. (also on *Ancestry*)
- 7. Census Returns (photocopies)** – McNab Township 1841-1901; Arnrior 1871-1901 (now also available in various locations on Internet)
- 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*)
- d. Shawville United Church (1851-1898) –Indexes to the Births, Marriages, and Deaths searchable online, with original transcriptions at the Archives.

**10. 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.

**11. Women's Institutes Tweedsmuir Community Histories** – Originals for 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. Many online at <https://collections.fwio.on.ca/search>.

**12. Family Trees** – A number have been donated. (List on our website under Reference)

**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

**14. Online Exhibits** – Our website contains a number of exhibits, including “The Lumbering Era” which features digitized records from McLachlin Bros. of Arnprior; including Shanty Books, Ledgers, and Letters.

## CDs For Sale (all \$20)

- 1. Arnprior Area Death Notices 2000-2020** – A searchable PDF chart of over 8,000 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.

## Services and Fees:

1. Volunteers available to help with your research. No admission fee.
2. 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. Reproduction fees vary.
4. Inter-institutional loans of microfilmed records.

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