

**INTRODUCTION**  
to the  
Index of Death Notices, Obituaries, Estate Notices and In Memoriams  
as published in the  
Port Arthur Daily News and Port Arthur News-Chronicle 1906 - 1919

This alphabetical index was created to provide an easy reference for researchers seeking family information, biographical sources and estate files of individuals. The references cited are from the Port Arthur Daily News 1906 - 1916 and the Port Arthur News-Chronicle 1916 - 1919.

These references are in most cases the first published notice. Researchers are urged to search forward about a week or two in the newspaper on microfilm from the date the death notice or obituary was published to find references to inquest cases or cards of thanks notices, as these are not included here. When variations in spellings of names were found, both variations were usually entered.

In the time period of this database, death notices were not published for every person who died in the district. There were many news reports of men killed in industrial accidents such as the C.N.R. construction, however, names were not always included. Comparisons of the Ontario vital statistics and this database show only about 50 - 70% of deaths had published notices. There are very few notices in the pre-1910 Daily News. The reasons might have been editorial, social custom or cost of the notice. Rural deaths were more commonly noted in the correspondent updates from the district, especially for infants.

If references about an individual are not found here or the Daily Times-Journal, please consult the Ontario Death Indexes and Registrations at the LDS Thunder Bay Family History Centre or at [www.Ancestry.com](http://www.Ancestry.com) available at Brodie Library. The Thunder Bay Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society has published cemetery headstone transcriptions which are available at Brodie Library and the Northern Studies Resource Centre at Lakehead University.

Obituaries are not always factual. Use them as a guide to further research and always try to cross-reference from multiple sources for accuracy. We apologize for any transcription or data entry errors or omissions in this index. Please inform us of any errors so we can update the index.

This is a volunteer project. If you would like to assist with indexing other decades please contact me at the number or e-mail below.

Good luck with your searches.

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## Index Notes

### INDEXERS

The references were extracted from microfilm between January 2007 and April 2007 by David Nicholson and Carol Nicholson.

### TERMS USED IN THIS INDEX

In order to conserve space in the data fields some short forms have been used. If information was not stated, n/a (not available) was used. If any information was difficult to decipher or the microfilm quality was poor, a question mark was used with the reference.

#### Common:

- s/o = son of
- d/o = daughter of
- c/o = child of
- f/o = father of
- m/o = mother of
- FW = Fort William
- PA = Port Arthur

#### Military:

- KIA = Killed In Action
- 52<sup>nd</sup> = 52<sup>nd</sup> Battalion – Formed in Port Arthur
- Col. = Colonel
- Lt.-Col.= Lieutenant-Colonel
- Lieut. or Lt.= Lieutenant
- Fl-Lt. = Flight Lieutenant
- Maj. = Major
- Capt. = Captain
- Sgt. = Sergeant
- Corp. = Corporal
- Pte. = Private

### MISSING MICROFILM

There are gaps in the early years of the Daily News. In these cases, please consult the Fort William Daily Times-Journal.

Missing months of the Port Arthur Daily News on microfilm:

*July 1906, August 1906, January 1907, February 1907, August (9-26)1907, September 1910, October 1910, July 1911, August 1911, June 1912*

### NEWSPAPER HISTORY

The Port Arthur Daily News began in February 1906 and merged with the Port Arthur Evening Chronicle in 1916 to become the News-Chronicle. The News-Chronicle merged with the Fort William Times-Journal in 1972 to become the Times-News and Chronicle-Journal. For a more detailed history of the local newspapers, read *A History of Fort William and Port Arthur Newspapers From 1875* by George B. MacGillivray (1968). Copies are available at the Thunder Bay Public Library.