

INTRODUCTION

to the
index of death notices, obituaries, In Memoriams and estate notices
as published in the Fort William Daily Times-Journal 1920 - 1929

This alphabetical index was created to provide an easy reference for researchers seeking family information, biographical sources and estate files of individuals. The references were extracted from microfilm between April 2008 and September 2008.

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 usually 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. The early 1920s seem sparse, with more in the later years. There was an economic boom in the late 1920s when the concrete grain elevators were being built and the Lakehead was a magnet for people from across Canada. The newspapers were also starting to become more structured in their layout, making it easier to index.

If references about an individual are not found here or the Port Arthur Daily News/News-Chronicle Index, please consult the Ontario Death Indexes and Registrations at the LDS Thunder Bay Family History Centre or at 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

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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
- 52nd = 52nd Battalion – Formed in Port Arthur
- Col. = Colonel
- Lt.-Col.= Lieutenant-Colonel
- Lt. = Lieutenant
- Fl-Lt. = Flight Lieutenant
- Maj. = Major
- Capt. = Captain
- Sgt. = Sergeant
- Cpl. = Corporal
- Pte. = Private

NEWSPAPER HISTORY

The Fort William Daily Times-Journal merged with the Port Arthur News-Chronicle 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.