

INTRODUCTION
to the
Index of Death Notices, Obituaries, Estate Notices and In Memoriams
as published in the
Fort William Daily Times-Journal 1940 - 1949

This alphabetical index was created to provide an easy reference for researchers seeking family information, biographical sources and estate files of individuals.

The Second World War dominated the news in the 1940s. Perhaps the war was taking its toll because there was a lot of domestic violence in the 1940s, with some cases leading to murders of spouses. The impact of the war didn't instantly end in 1945 as the Lakehead citizens were affected for a few years after by continued rationing, the layoffs at the major employers, housing crisis due to returning veterans (with their war brides and babies) and the D.P.'s (Displaced Persons) arriving from Europe.

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 further references. When variations in spellings of names were found, both variations were usually entered.

If references about an individual are not found here or the News-Chronicle, 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 please contact me at the e-mail below.

Good luck with your searches.

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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
- FW = Fort William
- PA = Port Arthur

Military Short Forms:

- 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