

GR-3034
British Columbia Vital Statistics Agency
Death registrations index
Microfiche (neg.) 1872-1984 [Bf00044]

This is a nominal index to registrations of BC deaths, generated by the BC Vital Statistics Agency from its computer database of BC deaths, which occurred from 1872 to 1984 and are mostly available on microfilm (see GR-2951).

It consists of one complete alphabetical listing, by surname, of deaths registered within the Province of British Columbia. Each entry contains: name of the deceased; registration number (the format is year-province code-finding number, e.g., 1949-09-006017); event date (format is yyyy/mm/dd, e.g. 1949/05/29); gender; event place (e.g. Victoria); age at death; BC Archives microfilm reel number (the B number) and GSU (now FamilySearch) reel number.

With respect to age at death, age "0" means that a child died before his or her first birthday, and includes still births. In the case of infant deaths, the registration documents often contain the exact age. The code "UNK" on the microfiche index or "unknown" on the computer index indicates that age at death was not known by the individual registering the death or not recorded.

Please note that the information on the computer and microfiche indexes is provided only for the purpose of locating registrations and should not be taken as authoritative. The final authority for all registration information is the registration document itself.

To find an individual registration, first look up a person's name in the alphabetical listing. When you have found the right name and event, make note of the registration number, the event date, and the BC Archives reel number.

Although the Genealogy Search database can be searched for deaths from 1872 to the latest release of records for deaths older than 20 years, this index can be useful if the spelling of a name is uncertain (e.g. Mc or Mac).

See also GR-2986.