

CANADIAN HANDS-ON EXERCISES

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Historical Records

- 1) Information: You are researching Garnet Middlebrook who was Canadian but emigrated to America in the early 20th century. You want to find any records you can about her.
 - *Enter:* First name: Garnet Last name: Middlebrook Born: (leave year field blank), Country = Canada Died: (leave year field blank), Country = (country field blank) *Leave the Exact Match checkbox *blank*.*

Results page:

- Select the third hit, from **Ontario**, **Canada Births**, **1869-1909**, to view the complete record, view the original image, etc.
- Go back to the results page using the browser Back button and use the left-hand box to *Narrow Your Search* by record category.
- Click on the **Immigration & Emigration** link.
- On the results list, select the result for a Garnet Middlebrook, Birth abt 1893 in Border Crossings: From Canada to U.S., 1895-1956 to view the complete record, view the original image, etc.
- 2) Information: You are researching a relative, Charles Hoskins, whom you know was born in Canada but immigrated to the United States sometime in the early 1900s. Can you find the surname of the family he lived with after moving to the U.S.?

Enter: **First Name:** Charles **Last Name:** Hoskins **Born:** (leave year field blank), **Country** = Canada



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Died: (leave year field blank), **Country** = (country field blank) *Leave the Exact Match checkbox *blank*.*

Results page:

- Select the first hit, from the **1930 United States Federal Census.**
- Review the transcription of the census record to find that Charles and May Hoskins are listed alongside members of the Weister family.
- Click the **View Image** icon to view the image and scroll to find his name.
- Near the bottom of the page, verify that Charles and May Hoskins are listed as lodgers in the Weister household.

Stories & Publications

1) Information: You discover that one of your ancestors, Raymond Collishaw, was a Major in the American Civil War; you are therefore interested in learning more about his involvement in the war.

Enter: Go to the **Stories & Publications** tab. **First Name:** Raymond **Last Name:** Collishaw **Keyword:** "civil war" **Country** = Canada **Province** = (leave blank)

2) *Information:* You are interested in finding out more about one of your ancestors who lived in Edmonton in the late 19th/early 20th century, **H.B. Kline.**

Enter: On the Search tab, select Stories & Publications tab, then enter the following information: **First Name:** H.B. **Last Name:** Kline

Country = Canada Province = Alberta *Leave the Exact Match checkbox *blank*.*

Photos & Maps

Information: Your family moved to Ontario from British Columbia when you were a small child. You would like to share pictures of notable landmarks from the Vancouver neighborhood (near Stanley Park) where you grew up with members of your family.

Enter: From the **Photos & Maps** tab, type **"Stanley Park"** into the **Keyword** field. **Country** = Canada **Province** = British Columbia ***Make sure the Exact Matches box is** *checked*.*

Results page: Notice the number of results in the Photos and the Maps, Atlases, and Gazetters categories.

• Select the "Historical Postcards Collection, c. 1893-1963" and review the results to find various postcard images of Stanley Park.



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- Click individual images to utilize the zoom and print/save/share tools.
- Return to the Photos results page, click on the "Library of Congress Photo Collection, 1840-2000."
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