

To the members of the Canadian Historical Association Preparing to do Research at Library and Archives Canada



Searching for Material

- Consult the [Search Help](#) page and the [How to Begin your Search Online](#) video.
- Use the online research tools and guides:
 - [Library Search](#)
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 - Research guides organized [by type](#) and [by topic](#)

Important: many archival research tools are only available in paper format and can only be consulted in person onsite.

Ordering Material

- To order material prior to your visit to LAC, you must:
 - Obtain a user card number by filling out the [User Card Registration Form](#).
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Consulting Material

- The material can be consulted at our building located at 395 Wellington Street, Ottawa. Here is a [map](#) and the [service and opening hours](#). You can watch the [Orientation Services for Clients at 395 Wellington](#) video and see the [Consulting and Borrowing Material](#) page.

Questions and Appointments

- For more information or to book an appointment with a LAC reference specialist, please consult the page [Ask Us a Question](#).

Good luck with your research!

