LIVERPOOL & S.W. LANCASHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

Useful Links for Canadian Research, especially Home Children

This leaflet has been compiled from suggestions made in our old Forum.

There are no immigration records prior to 1908.

The 1921 census for Canada, is available on http://www.ancestry.ca/1921census
A lot of Liverpool people went over to Canada so you might find missing relatives on this Census.
Over Remembrance weekend they usually offer access records for the Canadian military.

https://library-archives.canada.ca/eng Library and Archives Canada, including Newspapers
also have all children who passed through the Receiving Centre, also Births, Marriages & Deaths.
Search for a name, and you should find out the name of the ship they went out on, click on that and it should show you all those who travelled on it.

https://library-archives.canada.ca/eng Library and Archives Canada

https://library-archives.canada.ca/enghttps://mha.mun.ca/mha/1881/crews1881.php 1881 Crew Lists Databast

https://encyclopedia.1914-1918-online.net/article/recruitment_and_conscription_canada
useful link for Recruitment and Conscription Canada

https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/military-heritage/first-world-war/personnel-records/Pages/personnel-records.aspx Canadian Personnel Records of WWI

https://pier21.ca/ Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21

http://mayholme.ca/ For immigrants to Canada in the Niagara area.

https://ancestralfindings.com/resources-tracing-canadian-ancestors-online/
Quite a number of links for research.

https://www.whodoyouthinkyouaremagazine.com/feature/6-best-canadian-family-history-websites/
Links to sites that might prove useful for Canadian research.

https://canadianbritishhomechildren.weebly.com/ British Home Children in Canada, the search has a wealth of information and mentions of thousands of children, including the History of Access to Barnardo's Records which are not free.

http://www.childrenshomes.org.uk/ information on all various types of children's homes in Britain including orphanages, homes for those in poverty, and children with special needs, reformatories, industrial and approved schools, training ships, hostels etc

https://www.formerchildrenshomes.org.uk/1911_institutions.html#Lancs
A list of former childrens homes in Lancashire.

Some sites to investigate

https://www.childmigrantstrust.com/
https://www.quarriers.org.uk/
https://wearenugent.org/ Nugent Care
https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/
https://archives.gnb.ca/Search/VISSE/default.aspx?culture=en-CA Provincial Archives of New Brunswick
http://www.archives.gov.on.ca/en/tracing/the_records.aspx Ontario Archives

https://canadianheadstones.ca/wp/ Canadian Headstones - choose your Province

https://www.ontariogenealogy.com/uppercanadaburials.html Upper Canada (Central Ontario) Burial Indexes

https://www.islandnewspapers.ca/ Canadian newspapers, especially Prince Edward Island - fully searchable free!

Institutional records transferred from Nugent Care 2012 to the Liverpool Archives

1. Leyfield School (Also known as the Bishop Memorial School) Honey Greens Lane, WEst Derby. Opened 1894
2. Our Lady's Home for Homeless Babies, 93 Shaw Street
3. St Vincent's Certified Orphanage/Industrial School/Approved School for Catholic Boys, Opened 1859, Everton Crescent, Beacon Lane, Formby.
4. Father Berries Homes:
St Vincent De Paul's Home for Working Boys, 105 Shaw Street
St Francis Home, Shaw Street
St Patrick's Home for Remand Children, Shaw Street
St Philip's Home, Shaw Street
St Bernard's Home, Shaw Street
St Anthony's Home, Shaw Street
5. Birkdale Farm Reformatory School, later became St Thomas More Approved School, Birkdale
6. St George's Certified School, later St George's Approved School, opened 1854 Everton Terrace, West Derby Road, Formby.

7. St Anne's Industrial School, Formby
8. Liverpool Boys REfuge Industrial School 1864-1922 St Anne Street
9. Bishop Brown Memorial Industrial School, Stockport
10. The Clarence Reformatory Ship, 1864. Later Farnworth Nautical School, later St Aidens Approved SChool.
11. Catholic Children's Protection Society, Shaw Street. Taken over by Father Berries Homes 1902. Emigration Records.
12. Liverpool Catholic Schools Association
13. The Liverpool Catholic Children's Protection Society
14. Catholic Children's Aid Committee, Truman Street

If you are just looking for records of Births, Marriages and Deaths in Canada, each Province maintains its own registration service; there is no central federal office similar to the GRO in the UK. One of the Provinces, Manitoba, provides a really useable search facility https://vitalstats.gov.mb.ca/Query.php The records which are searchable online are categorised as follows: Births more than 100 years ago, Marriages more than 80 years ago and Deaths more than 70 years ago, and are updated quarterly. Just a word of caution about completing the 'place' box on the form. The search engine is expecting a place code rather than the full name, such as Winnipeg, and so if in doubt, leave that box blank and you will get better results. There is also a search facility for Manitoba wills and estates https://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/archives/estate/index.html

Experience with two of the other Provinces is less positive. Ontario have basically offloaded the problem to Ancestry.ca and FamilySearch, although there are microfilmed indexes if you can visit in person. I'm not sure how much access you can get to the specifically Canadian catalogues using the normal Institution Ancestry accounts operated by most libraries in the UK. In my experience, very few Canadian domestic searches (as opposed to say travel and immigration) come up with anything meaningful.

The Quebec authorities are even less helpful. They do not appear to have any indexes available online to search and seem to take their data protection responsibilities very seriously, including where the individuals are obviously no longer alive.

Additionally, there are the privately-run family history societies in each Province which may have done their own partial transcriptions of some of the BMD records but these haven't been checked out.