

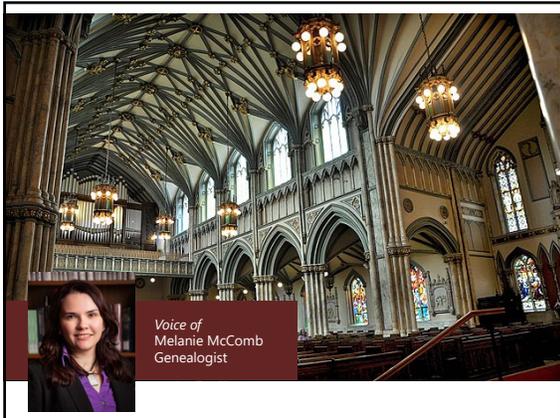
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Marriage Act (1791)

- First New Brunswick act to regulate marriage and divorce
- Anglican, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian or Quaker clergyman could perform marriage for men and women over the age of 21 (or with parental consent if younger) after banns published 3 consecutive weeks
- If banns were not published or if clergyman did not know the couple, a marriage bond and license was issued.

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Anglican Church

- Earliest records start in 1786 in Gagetown
 - Births and marriages only
- Original parish records held at the Diocese of Fredericton

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Anglican Registers Project

- New Brunswick Genealogical Society created an online database for digitized and transcribed baptisms, marriages, and deaths recorded in the Anglican records held at the Provincial Archives (PANB)
- Guest account can browse Registers
- NBGS membership required to search by name, location, event type, date, etc.

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nbgs.ca

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Marianne Grey Otty Database

- Marianne Grey Otty, an author and local historian, transcribed Anglican Church records from the Gagetown area
- The original records were kept by travelling ministers between 1786 to 1841. They include baptisms, marriages, and deaths.
- In addition to Gagetown, they include the communities of Fredericton, Saint Marys, Lincoln, Grand Lake, Waterborough, Long Island, Wickham, Hampstead, Maugherville, Petersville, Sheffield, Kingston, Springfield, Greenwich, and Saint John
- Original records are held at the New Brunswick Museum Archives

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The Marianne Grey Otty Database

Database Search

Event Date	Last Name	First Name	Sex	Event Type	Location	Event Details	Other Notes
	Cole	Louise	Dist	Baptism	Waterborough	Johannson & Arns	Page 16, Volume 28-29
	Cole	Elizabeth	Dist	Baptism	Waterborough	Johannson & Arns	Page 16, Volume 28-29
December 1, 1785	Harwood	David	Death	Death	Waterborough	Isaac	Page 16, Volume 28-29
February 1, 1785	Watson	John	Death	Death	Waterborough	Isaac	Page 16, Volume 28-29
May 22, 1786	Harwood	John	Dist	Baptism	Waterborough	Isaac	Page 16, Volume 28-29

motty.lib.unb.ca

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Roman Catholic Church

- Records kept by Acadians from 1679-1758 – found in the Drouin Collection
- Four diocese:
 - Bathurst
 - Edmundston
 - Moncton
 - Saint John

St. Pius Catholic Church in Saint John, New Brunswick

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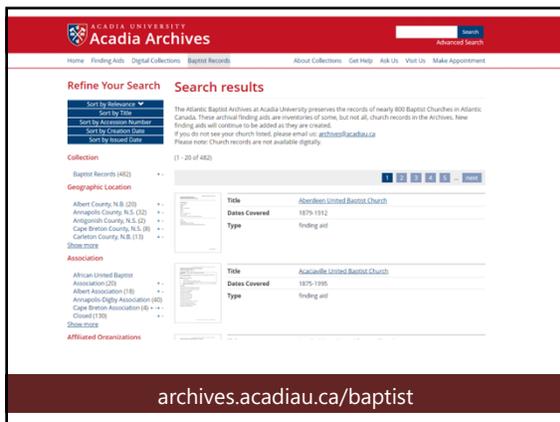
Baptist

- First Baptist congregation founded in 1763 in Middle Sackville – 13 Baptist settlers came from Swansea, Massachusetts
- Original records held at the Maritime Baptist Archives at Acadia University in Wolfville, Nova Scotia



Middle Sackville Baptist Church, New Brunswick – First Baptist Church in Canada

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archives.acadiau.ca/baptist

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Methodist

- New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Methodist Conference organized in July 1874.
- On 10 June 1925, the United Church of Canada was formed.
- Records kept at the Fundy-St. Lawrence Dawning Waters and Regional Council in Sackville

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United Church

- Includes Methodist and Presbyterian
- Earliest records date back to 1753 (general records) and then earliest parish was Fredericton (1794)
- The archives of the United Church of Canada (Maritime Conference) are largely held at the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick.

St. David's United Church
– Rothsay, New
Brunswick



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Online Church Records

<p>Databases on FamilySearch.org</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Canada, New Brunswick Births and Baptisms, 1819-1899</i> -index and images of typed extracts of late registrations 	<p>Same database on Ancestry.com</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Acadia, Canada, Vital and Church Records (Drouin Collection), 1757-1946</i> -index and images of Catholic church records (in French) • <i>New Brunswick, Select Births and Baptisms, 1819-1899</i> -index only, images on FamilySearch
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Civil Registration

- Mandatory civil registration begins in 1888
- Microfilmed births, marriages, and deaths:
 - Births, 1800-1924
 - Marriages, 1790-1969
 - Deaths, 1815-1951
 - Late registrations of births, 1810-1899

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Online Vital Records

<p>Databases on FamilySearch.org</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Canada, New Brunswick Provincial Returns of Births, and Late Registrations, 1810-1906</i> -index and images • <i>Canada, New Brunswick Provincial Returns of Marriages and Late Registrations, 1920-1950</i> -index and images • <i>Marriage Bonds, 1810-1932 (Index, 1810-1932)</i> -index and images • <i>New Brunswick Marriage Registers, 1792-1889</i> -index and images • <i>New Brunswick Provincial Returns of Marriage, 1887-1919</i> -index and images 	<p>Same databases on Ancestry.com</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>New Brunswick, Canada Births and Late Registrations, 1810-1906</i> -index and images • <i>New Brunswick, Canada, Marriages, 1789-1950</i> -index and images
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Online Vital Records Cont'd

<p>Databases on FamilySearch.org</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>New Brunswick Provincial Returns of Deaths, 1815-1919</i> -Images only (index on the Provincial Archies web site) 	<p>Same databases on Ancestry.com</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>New Brunswick, Canada, Deaths, 1888-1938</i> -index and images
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Later New Brunswick VR's

Recent New Brunswick records must be obtained from Vital Statistics Office

- **Births** 1907 to present
- **Marriages** 1951 to present
- **Deaths** 1939 to present

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Vital Record Substitutes

- Daniel F. Johnson's New Brunswick Newspaper Vital Statistics (Provincial Archives of New Brunswick)
- St. John County Burial Permits, 1889-1919 (FamilySearch)

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Nova Scotia

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Roman Catholic

- Records kept by Acadians from 1679-1758
- Three Diocese:
 - Antigonish
 - Halifax
 - Yarmouth



Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost in North Sydney, Nova Scotia

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Anglican

- The Church of England combines Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island within one diocese of Nova Scotia
- The Diocese Archives is located at Halifax, Nova Scotia



St. John's Anglican Church in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

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Baptist

- Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Baptist Association was formed at Lower Granville on June 23, 1800, and included 10 churches.
- Records are kept at the Maritime Baptist Archives at the Vaughan Library, Acadia University in Wolfville, Nova Scotia
- "Baptist Heritage in Atlantic Canada" series began in 1979.
 - Includes vital record transcriptions like the Diary of Joseph Dimock which includes 275 marriages performed by him between 1794 and 1845.



First Baptist Church of Halifax, Nova Scotia

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Presbyterian

- The Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia was formed on 3 July 1817.
- Three presbytery:
 - Cape Breton
 - Pictou
 - Halifax and Lunenburg



St. Andrew's Church, Sydney, Nova Scotia – circa 1914

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United Church

- On 10 June 1925, the United Church of Canada was formed.
- Records kept at the Bermuda-Nova Scotia Regional Council Archives at Sackville, New Brunswick



Central United Church
– Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

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Lutheran

- Earliest records date back to 1772 in Lunenburg
- Priscilla Haines transcribed the birth/baptismal records from 1783-1793 (FamilySearch)



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
– Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

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Quakers

- Records date back to 1786 in Dartmouth
- Original records held at the Rhode Island Historical Society
- Digitized and on FamilySearch under town of Dartmouth
 - Preparative Meeting Minutes, 1787-1798



Quaker House –
Dartmouth, Nova Scotia

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Online Church Records

<p>Databases on FamilySearch.org</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Nova Scotia Church Records, 1720-2001</i> -Mostly Catholic and Church of England -Images only (partially searchable) • <i>Nova Scotia, Antigonish Catholic Diocese 1823-1905</i> -covers parishes in the counties of Antigonish, Inverness, Richmond, Cape Breton, Pictou, Victoria, and Guysborough -Images only (and searchable) 	<p>Same databases on Ancestry.com</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Acadia, Canada, Vital and Church Records (Drouin Collection), 1757-1946</i> -index and images of Catholic church records (in French) • <i>Nova Scotia, Canada, Antigonish Catholic Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1823-1905</i> -Index only
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Civil Registration

- Pre-1864
 - Vital records were entered in township books starting in 1702
 - Not all township books survive
 - No townships on Cape Breton Island
- Mandatory registration started in 1864
- In 1876, the government stopped registration for births and deaths (only marriages were recorded)
- On 1 Oct. 1908, birth and death registrations resumed.

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Online Vital Records

<p>Databases on FamilySearch.org</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Nova Scotia Births, 1864-1877</i> -index and images • <i>Nova Scotia Delayed Births, 1837-1904</i> -index and images • <i>Canada, Nova Scotia Marriages, 1711-1909</i> -index and images • <i>Nova Scotia Marriage Bonds, 1763-1871</i> -index and images 	<p>Same databases on Ancestry.com</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Nova Scotia, Canada, Births, 1840-1921</i> -index with images accessed at Nova Scotia archives web site • <i>Nova Scotia, Canada, Marriages, 1763-1945</i> -index with images accessed at Nova Scotia archives web site
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Online Vital Records Cont'd

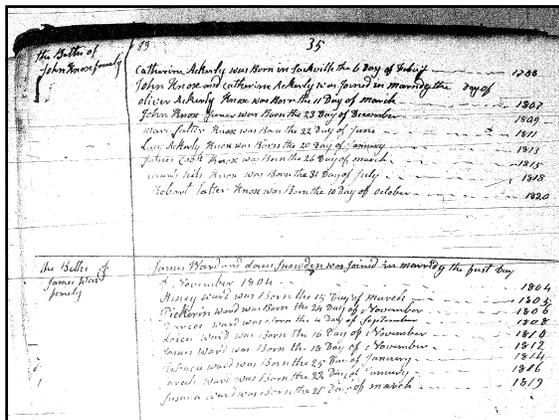
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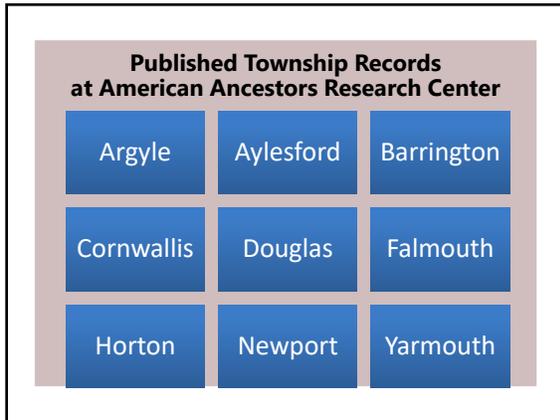
Township Books

- Out of undeveloped lands, counties and townships were carved out.
- When the population of the township had reached fifty, the township was allowed to send a representative to the provincial Legislative Assembly
- Township system was abolished in 1859
- In addition to vital records, township records list land transactions, cattle marks, and more. These mirror the New England town records.
- Earliest records date back to 1702 in Argyle

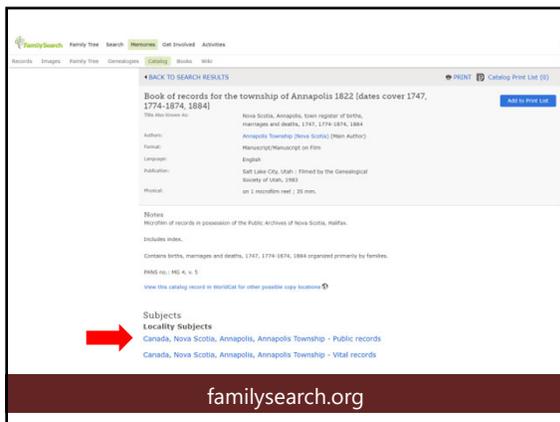
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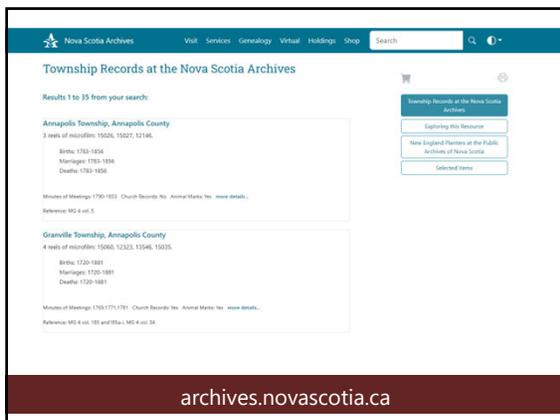
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VR's at the Nova Scotia Archives

- Births (1864-1877, 1908-1921, delayed registrations 1830-1921)
- Marriages (1864-1946) and marriage bonds (1763-1864).
- Deaths (1864-1877, 1908-1972)
- City of Halifax deaths (1890-1908).

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The screenshot shows the 'Nova Scotia Births, Marriages, and Deaths' search page. It features a search bar at the top with a search icon. Below the search bar, there are several filters: 'First Names' and 'Last Name' with 'contains' dropdown menus; 'Place' and 'County' with dropdown menus and a 'map' icon; and 'Year' with a range selector and checkboxes for 'Birth', 'Marriage', and 'Death'. A 'Search' button is located at the bottom right of the filter section. On the right side of the page, there are links for 'Nova Scotia Births, Marriages, and Deaths', 'Genealogy Guide', 'Background', 'Birth Registrations', 'Marriage Registrations', 'Death Registrations', and 'Contact Us'. The URL 'archives.novascotia.ca/vital-statistics' is displayed at the bottom of the screenshot.

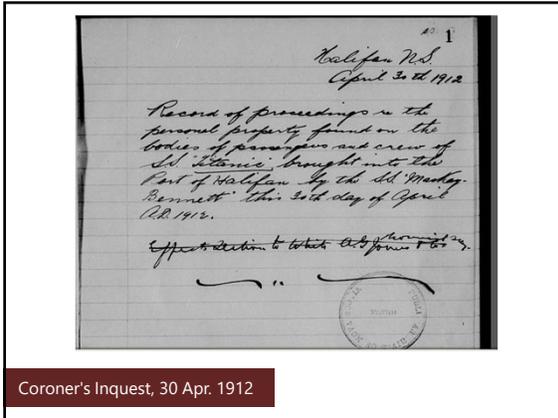
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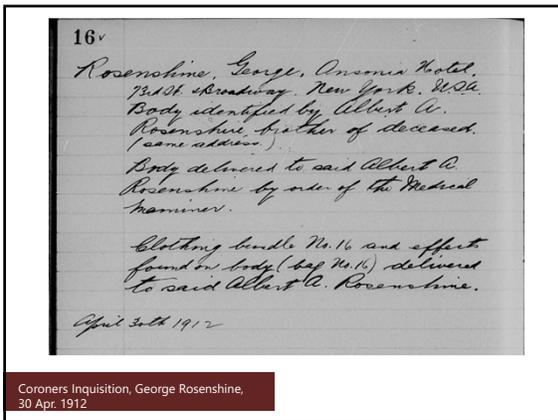
Recent Nova Scotia records must be obtained from Vital Statistics, Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations department.

- **Births** 1922 to present
- **Marriages** 1947 to present
- **Deaths** 1973 to present

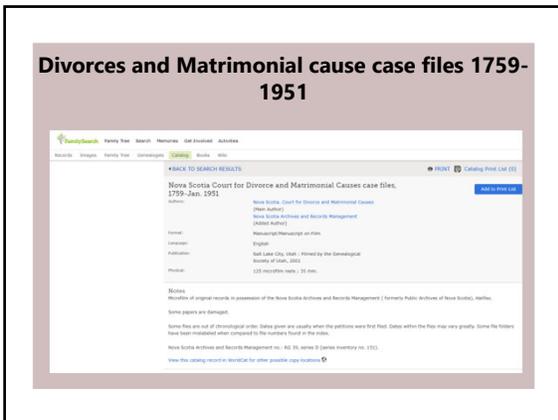
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Anglican

- No Anglican Church Diocese for Prince Edward Island – it's part of the Diocese of Nova Scotia in Halifax



St. Paul's Anglican Church –
Charlottetown, PEI

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Roman Catholic

- First priest arrived in 1721
- In 1772, Scottish Catholics came led by Fr. James McDonald
- Many of the Catholic records have been microfilmed and are on FamilySearch – through about 1900



St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church –
Lennox Island, PEI

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Baptist

- In July 1868, the Prince Edward Island Baptist Association was organized – 13 churches, membership of 600. It was dismissed from the Nova Scotia Eastern Association.
- Records are kept at the Maritime Baptist Archives at the Vaughan Library, Acadia University in Wolfville, Nova Scotia



St. John the Baptist Church in Miscouche, PEI

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Methodist

- Led by Joseph Avard, Methodist preacher from England, who came to Charlottetown in 1806
- First Methodist minister in 1807 – Rev. James Bulpitt
- New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Methodist Conference organized in July 1874. Prince Edward Island was its own district. In 1893, divided into two districts, Charlottetown and Summerside.
- On 10 June 1925, the United Church of Canada was formed.

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United Church

- In 1925, half of the Presbyterians and all of the Methodists joined the United Church presbytery.
- Many of the United Church records are at the Public Archives of Prince Edward Island and have been microfilmed.

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Online Church Records

<p>Databases on FamilySearch.org</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Prince Edward Island Baptism Card Index, 1721-1885</i> -Prepared by the Division of Vital Statistics from church records -Index and images • <i>Prince Edward Island Church Records, 1777-1985</i> -Mostly from Protestant churches -Images only 	<p>Same databases on Ancestry.com</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Prince Edward Island, Baptism Index, 1788-1943</i> -Index only • <i>Prince Edward Island, Canada, Baptisms, Marriages, Burials, 1780-1982</i> -Index and images
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Civil Registration

- Mandatory registration started in 1906
- Marriage records date back to 1787
 - Some gaps between 1813 and 1824
 - Clergy provided marriage registers between 1832 and 1923
 - Marriage licenses 1787-1919
 - Marriage bonds 1849-1902
- 1906-present vital records are at the Office of Vital Statistics in Montague

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Online Vital Records

<p>Databases on FamilySearch.org</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Marriage Registers, 1832-1888</i> -Index and images • <i>Canada, Prince Edward Island Card Death Card Index, 1721-1905</i> -Index and images 	<p>Same databases on Ancestry.com</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Prince Edward Island, Canada, Marriage Registers, 1832-1888</i> -Index and images • <i>Prince Edward Island, Canada, Death Card Index, 1810-1913</i> -Index and images
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Vital Record Substitutes

- Cemetery Transcript Collection (FamilySearch)
- Master Name Index
- Newspapers – IslandNewspapers.ca

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Newfoundland and Labrador

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Anglican Church

- Earliest records
 - Trinity, 1753 for baptisms only
 - Harbour Grace, 1775 for baptisms, marriages, burials
 - Bonavista, 1786 for baptisms and marriages
 - St. John's 1752 for marriages, 1790 for baptisms

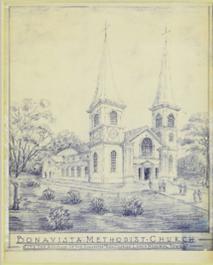


St. Luke's Anglican Church, Port de Grave

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Methodist Church

- The rise of Methodism
 - Rev. Laurence Coughlan (1766)
- Earliest records in Carbonear, Conception Bay
- Many converts from Anglican church
- Newfoundland District established in 1815 – part of the British Wesleyan Conference
- Newfoundland Methodists accepted majority decision to become part of the United Church of Canada in 1925



DONAVISTA METHODIST CHURCH

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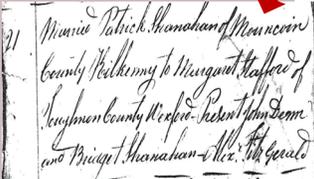
United Church

- Records kept at the First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council Archives in St John's
- Also has pre-1925 records of the Presbyterian, Methodist, and Congregational congregations in the Maritimes which joined The United Church of Canada in 1925

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Roman Catholic Church

- Established 1783
- St. John's Basilica
 - 1793 marriages
 - 1802 baptisms
 - Many marriages record place of origin
- Harbour Grace area
 - 1806 baptisms
 - 1812 marriages
- King's Cove, Trinity Bay
 - 1815 for baptisms and marriages
- Burial records begin much later



1821 marriage of
Patrick Shanahan, Mooncoin, County
Kilkenny to Margaret Stafford of
Taghmon, County Wexford

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Baptist Church

- No Baptist church or minister
- Revs. J. B. McDonald, George Armstrong, spent a few weeks in missionary work in 1875.
- Rev. George Armstrong evangelized for nine weeks in 1879.
- Records are kept at the Maritime Baptist Archives at the Vaughan Library, Acadia University in Wolfville, Nova Scotia

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Online Church Records

<p>Databases on FamilySearch.org</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Newfoundland Church Records, 1793-1945</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mostly Roman Catholic records for ten communities • <i>Canada, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753-1893</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Dept of Public Health and Welfare program – Church transcripts mostly from Protestant churches 	<p>Same database on Ancestry.com</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Newfoundland Church Records, 1793-1899</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Index and images • <i>Newfoundland Births, Marriages, and Deaths, 1757-1901</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Index and images
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Civil Registration

- Begins 1891/1892
- Clergy submitted information until 1948
- Microfilmed BMD:
 - Births, 1891-1899
 - Marriages, 1891-1922
 - Deaths, 1891-1949
 - Late registrations of births, 1840-1915

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Late registration of birth for Catherine Frances Keefe

Record of baptism from Sacred Heart Parish of Placentia
Issued August 1924

Catherine Frances, daughter of James Keefe and Mary Walsh, was born at Great Harloway, Parish of Placentia, Newfoundland, in the year 1890, and was baptised on the 4th day of October, in the same year, by the Rev. M. A. Clancy, P.P.

Sponsors: John Thant; Catherine Keefe.

Placentia,
Newfoundland,
8/2/24.

Wm. J. Flaherty

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Online Vital Records

<p>Databases on FamilySearch.org</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Canada, Newfoundland Vital Records, 1840–1949</i> -Original vital records from the Provincial Archives -Index and images 	<p>Same databases on Ancestry.com</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Newfoundland, Canada, Births, Marriages, and Deaths, 1850-1949</i> -Index and images • <i>Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada Death Certificates, 1950-1968</i> -Searchable with images
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Later Newfoundland and Labrador VR's

Recent Newfoundland & Labrador VR's must be obtained from the Vital Statistics Division in St. John's, Newfoundland:

- **Births** 1900 to present
- **Marriages** 1923 to present
- **Deaths** 1950 to present

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Vital Record Substitutes

- *Births, Deaths & Marriages in Newfoundland Newspapers* by Gertrude Crosbie
– Index available online on Ancestry.com
- *Royal Gazette and Newfoundland Advertiser: Vital Statistics and Other Items, [1810–1873]* by Mildred Howard
- *Vital Statistics and Items from Newspapers, 1831–1872* by Mildred Howard

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Cemeteries

- Family History Society of NL
 - Transcription Project
 - Cemetery Database
- Stonepics.com
 - Name Index
 - CD-ROM
- Websites
 - Grand Banks
 - Has Stonepics index
 - GenWeb



Fox Harbour Cemetery, Fox Harbour, NL

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Cemeteries



ERECTED BY MICHAEL FOLEY
IN MEMORY OF HIS WIFE
ELIZABETH
WHO DIED FEB: 27th 1871.
AGED 75 YEARS.

ALSO PETER SMITH,
DIED JAN: 27th 1872.
AGED 70 YEARS.

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Newspapers

- Earliest newspaper est. 1806 in St. John's
- Gert Crosbie Collection: Births, Marriages, Deaths, 1810-1890
 - Online index at Ancestry.com
 - Covers St. John's and Eastern Newfoundland
- Newspapers online at Memorial University, Digital Archives Initiative
- Transcriptions on Newfoundland genealogy websites



Name:	Michael Foley
Gender:	Male
Event Type:	Death
Birth Date:	Abt 1790
Death Date:	8 Apr 1879
Death Place:	Fox Harbour, Newfoundland
Age at Death:	89
Reference Date 1:	8 Apr 1879
Source:	Gazette (Royal Newfoundland Gazette) 1807; Harbor Grace Standard (also known as Standard and Conception Bay Advertiser) 1859-1936; Newfoundlander 1827-1888; Morning Chronicle 1865-1881
Notes:	Deceased left 12 children, 102 grandchildren and 35 great great grandchildren.
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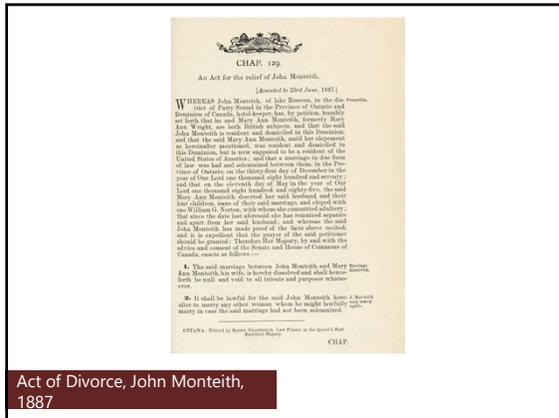


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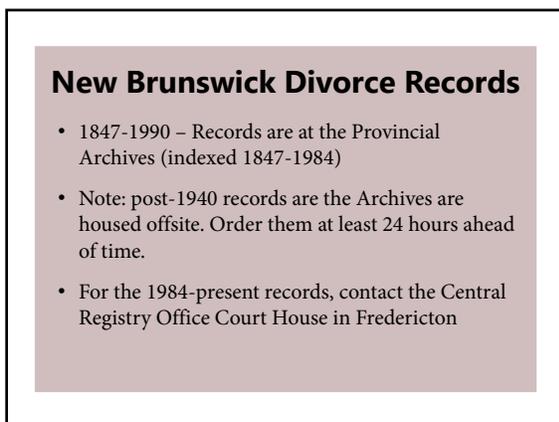
Divorce Law

- From 1840-1968 – Many divorces were granted by acts of Parliament
- From 1867-1968, some provinces required the person wanting to obtain a divorce to place a notice in the newspapers.
- From 1867-1963, a transcript of the act of divorce was published in the Statutes of Canada.
- 1968 – First federal Divorce Act passed by Parliament
 - Central Registry of Divorce Proceedings is created.

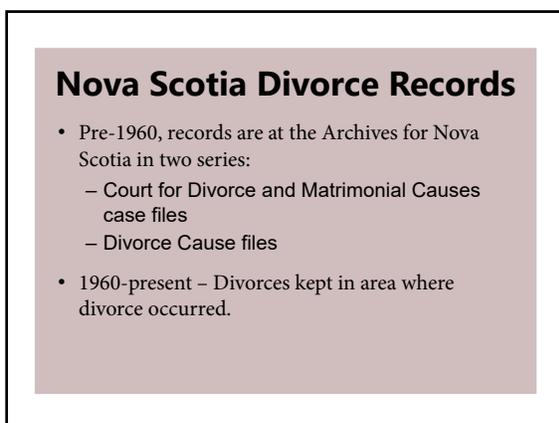
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PEI Divorce Records

- 1867-1946 – at the Senate of Canada, Office of the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel
- In 1930, the court granting divorce was dissolved and divorces had to be obtained through an act of Parliament.
- 1946-1980 – Index is at the Sir Louis Henry Davis Law Courts in Charlottetown; Original records are at the Prince Edward Island Archives
- 1981-present – records are at the Davis Law Court

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Newfound and Labrador Divorce Records

- Required an Act of Parliament to grant a divorce
- Held by the Unified Family Court in St. John's, Newfoundland for 60% of province
- Remaining records are at the local records office (six centers) where divorce occurred

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Other Vital Record Substitutes

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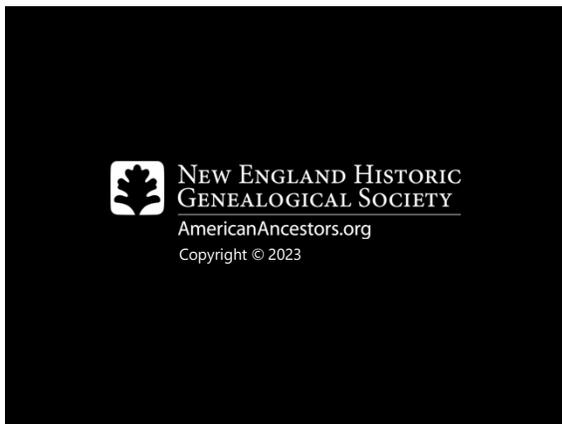
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