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Class 5: Land Records

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OVERVIEW

- **Presentation (60 mins.)**
 - Nova Scotia
 - New Brunswick
 - Prince Edward Island
 - Newfoundland and Labrador
 - Indian and Inuit Affairs Program
- **Q&A (30 mins.)**

PLAN of the NEW TOWN of HALIFAX in NOVA SCOTIA,



Explanation.

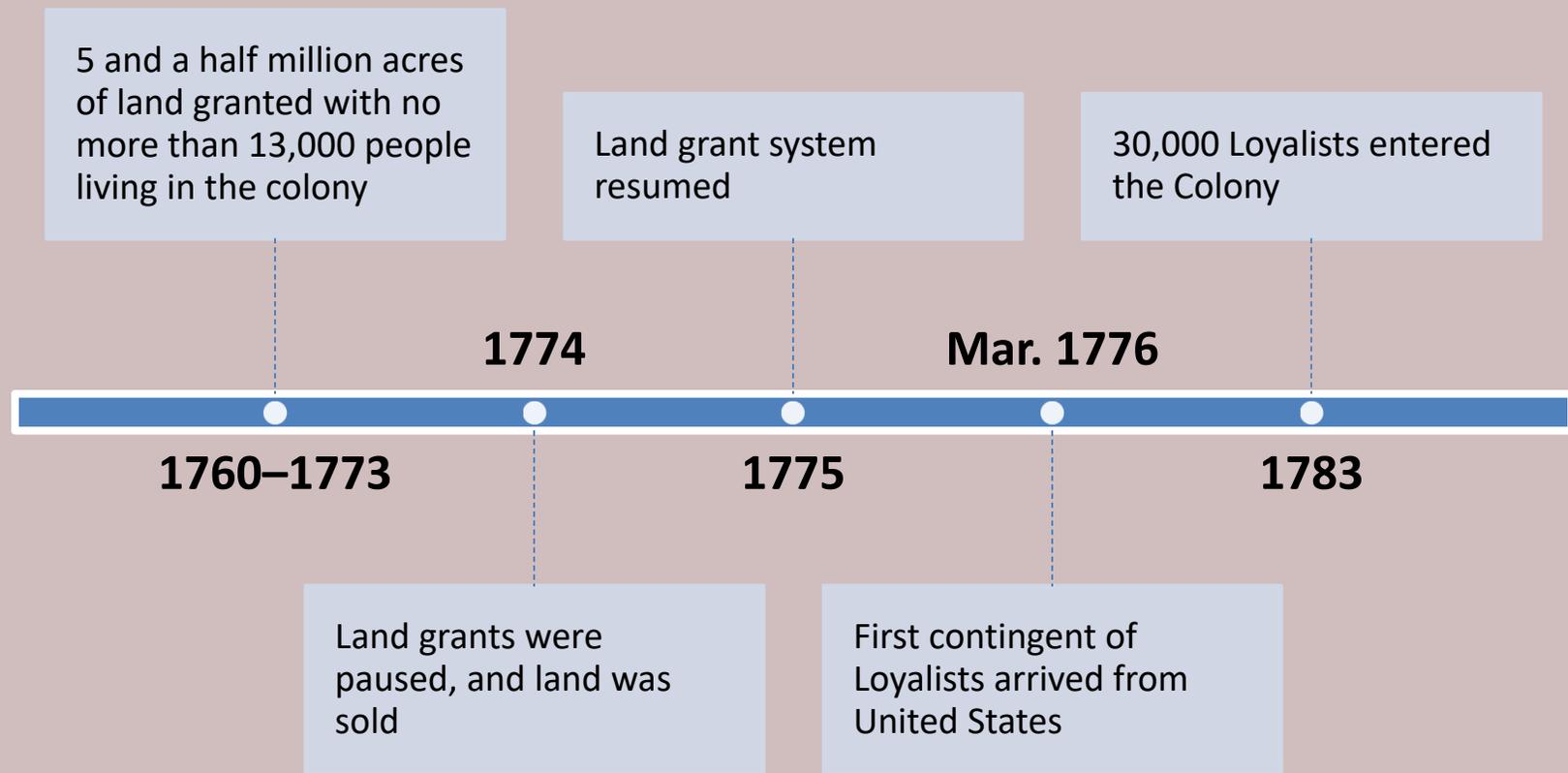
- 1 Court house and prison.
- 2 The church
- 3 Parade
- 4 Governor's house
- 5 Store houses.
- 6 Palliaded forts
- 7 Barracks in the same
- 8 Lines of palisades to defend the town.
- 9 Shewing the number of lots
- 10 Victualling office.



Voice of
Melanie McComb
Senior Genealogist

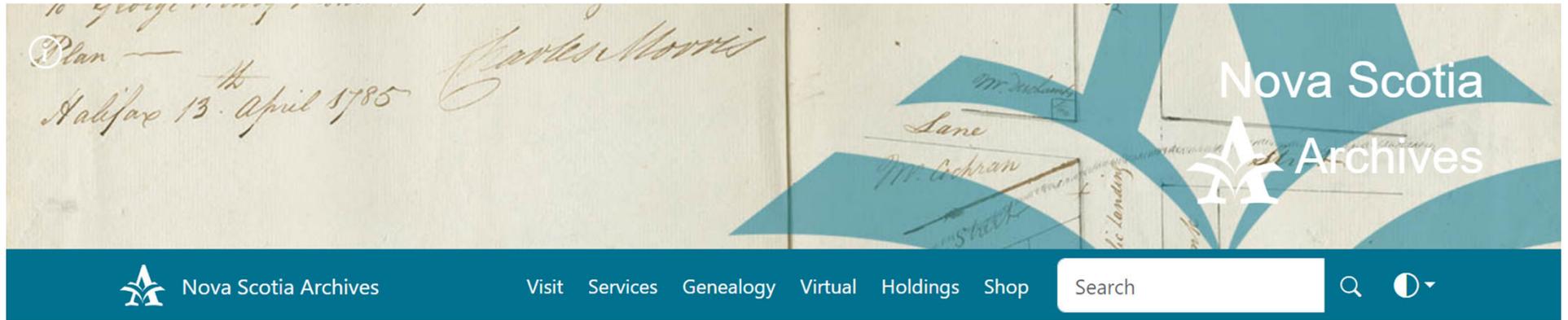
Nova Scotia

History



Nova Scotia Land Papers

- Petitions for crown land made between 1765 and 1800 by individuals or groups of people
- Petitions include their name(s), country of origin, and date of arrival in Nova Scotia
- Database is online on Nova Scotia Archives website with a searchable index and contains over 11,000 names!



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Search



Nova Scotia Land Papers 1765-1800



Search all

This is a searchable database for petitions made to government by individuals or groups of people seeking grants of Crown Land for settlement purposes in early Nova Scotia. The database contains 11,464 names, and will link from the petitioner's name to the fully digitized document file created for that particular land grant — 1890 files, containing 9259 image scans. If you're searching for online information about early land settlement in Nova Scotia, you've come to the right place!

Nova Scotia Land Papers 1765-1800

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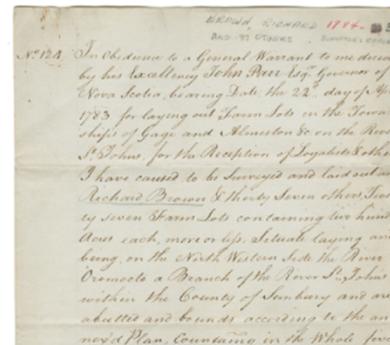


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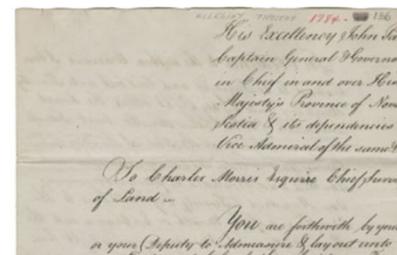
Brown, Richard and others – 1784 – New Brunswick

Documents: Surveyor's Report; Survey Certificate; Draft Grant;



Hierlihy, Timothy and others – 1784 – Antigonish County

Documents: Warrant to Survey; Surveyor's Report; Survey Certificate; Draft Grant;



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Johnson, John and others – 1786 – Halifax County

Names listed in the documents: John Johnson, John Gluson, Adam Dunlap, John Dunlap, James Dunlap Jr., James Dunlap Sr., William Logan, Edward Logan, and Hugh Logan

Memorials for land in the province. Surveyed 3850 acres on Musquedoboit River. Bounded by lands of John Fisher.

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Johnson, John 1786
40th
(99)

John Johnson, John Gluson, Adam
Dunlap, John Dunlap & James Dunlap
have had, 250 Acres of land each, laid
out to them on Musqueduboit River, & James
Dunlap Sen.^r ^{500 Acres} & William Logan ~~each~~ 600
Acres, & Edw.^d & Hugh Logan each Two
Hundred & fifty Acres, if His Excellency
the Governor thinks proper to give a Warrant
their Grant can pass. Thom Morris for etc. 1786

1750 } 2850
1500 }

License to Occupy, 1786, Halifax County

Cape Breton Island Petitions

- Online database on Nova Scotia Archives web site
- Petitions for crown land grants to settle on Cape Breton Island
- Covers 1787-1843
- Index only. The petitions can be ordered from the Nova Scotia Archives.
- The papers are also digitized on FamilySearch (Affiliate or FamilySearch Center access)
- Some Cape Breton content can be found in the Nova Scotia Land Papers database.



Cape Breton Island Petitions 1787-1843



This is a searchable database for early petitions (often called 'Memorials') made to government by individuals or groups of people seeking grants of Crown Land for settlement purposes in Cape Breton Island, 1787-1843.

Cape Breton Island was a separate colony from 1784 to 1820, and then was joined again to Nova Scotia for administrative purposes. Consequently, managing its early records was sometimes a challenge for the governments of the time.

This database is an index only, drawn from the contents of [Cape Breton land petitions and other material](#), 1787-1843, a series within the [Nova Scotia Commissioner of Crown Lands](#) records. The database lists 3,340 petitions, many with multiple applicants. The records themselves (petitions, some surveyor's reports, plans, etc.) are available at the Nova Scotia Archives.

The overlapping [Nova Scotia Land Papers 1765 to 1800](#) database available on this website also contains *some* Cape Breton content, 1787-1800; this database features fully digitized document

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Cape Breton Island Petitions 1787-1843

Results 1 to 4 of 4 from your search: Lambert, Cape Breton

Cape Breton number: 87

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1803

Lambert, George

Report of Crawley to Plant: 48 acres near the eastern bar on Spanish River; also lot 1 in Cornish town, bounded on the west by the shore of Spanish River. Crown lease authorized by Campbell. Duplicate plans signed by Crawley.



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PRINT Catalog Print List (0)

Cape Breton land papers and index, 1787-1843 and misc. land papers, 1820-1864

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Authors:	Nova Scotia. Department of Crown Lands (Main Author)
Format:	Manuscript/Manuscript on Film
Language:	English
Publication:	Salt Lake City, Utah : Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1983-1984
Physical:	14 microfilm reels ; 35 mm.

Notes

Microfilm of original records in possession of the Public Archives of Nova Scotia, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Contains grants, petitions, surveys, etc.

Cape Breton Island was a separate government from 1784 until 1820 when it became a county of Nova Scotia. In 1835 the counties of Inverness and Richmond were formed from part of Cape Breton County and in 1851 Victoria County was also formed from part of Cape Breton County.

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Nova Scotia land grants, 1732-1864

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Format: Manuscript/Manuscript on Film
Language: English
Publication: Ottawa, Ontario : Central Microfilm Unit, Public Archives of Canada, 1965
Physical: on 1 microfilm reel ; 35 mm.

Notes

Microreproduction of typescript in possession of the Public Archives of Canada.

PAC no.: M.G. 9, B5.

Guysboro County
Land Grants of Nova Scotia.

1823. - 9 -

No. 113. Return for James Murray - 200 acres ; John Devereaux, 200 acres
2d Division Road from Guysboro to Antigonish.
By Wentworth Taylor, Jan. 1st, 1823.

No. 114. Plan of Survey of Lands applied for by James Hamilton at
Canso Oct. 25th 1823. Wentworth Taylor. Surveyor.

No. 115. Report of Survey of Town Plot of Wilmot at Canso by W.
Taylor. Made in August and September 1822, a
true copy made 12th July 1823.

1824.

No. 116. Report for Alex. Macdonald, 150 acres West Branch of St. r
Mary's , July 1st, 1824. Alex. Hattie, Asst. Sur .

No. 117. Return of Survey for Christian Ehler 100 acres. Crow Harbor
21st day of August 1824, John Cummings , Asst. Dy
Surveyor.

No. 118. Abstract of returns Lower district of Sydney, 19th ~~October~~,
1824. Wentworth Taylor, Dy. Surveyor.

No. 119. Return for Richard O'Gorman 100 acres ; Michael Egan 200
acres. July 1st 1824 - Road from Guysboro to
St. Marys. Wentworth Taylor, Dy. Surveyor.

No. 120. List of returns by W. Taylor. Dy. Surveyor July 1st, 1824.

No. 121. Returns for James McNair, 100 acres, Colin W. McNair
100 acres. Surveyed 20th February 1824. Wentworth
Taylor, Dy. Surveyor.

No. 122. Return for David Campbell Esqr., 300 acres at New Caledonia.
Survey completed 28th Feb. 1824. W. Taylor. Dy. Sur.

No. 123. Return of Survey for Abigail Falt and heirs of John Falt
200 acres at Dover Bay/ Surveyed by Wentworth
Taylor. Dy. Surveyor, 24th Aug. 1824.

No. 124. Return of 100 acres for James O'Brien on the south of

Land Grants of Nova Scotia, Guysboro
County, FamilySearch



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PRINT Catalog Print List (0)

Crown land grants for Cape Breton County, 1786-1949, 1969

Add to Print List

Authors:	Cape Breton County (Nova Scotia). Registrar of Deeds (Main Author)
Format:	Books/Monographs/Book on Film
Language:	English
Publication:	Salt Lake City, Utah : Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1969-1993
Physical:	on 16 microfilm reels ; 35 mm.

Notes

Microfilm of original records in possession of the Cape Breton County Courthouse, Sydney, Nova Scotia.

Index to grants (both filmings) is filmed with: Grantor-grantee index, 1786-1865.

The dates listed for the grant books are registration dates which may vary greatly from the date of grant.

The index to grants does not file by "Mc" or "Mac" but by the first letter after the "Mc" or "Mac" (i.e. Donald Mc, Bessie).

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PROVINCE
OF
NOVA-SCOTIA.



VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, and of the United Church of England and Ireland, on Earth the Supreme Head.

(Signed)

J. Gasparde Marchant

L. S.

To all to whom these Presents shall come,

GREETING:

KNOW YE, that WE, of our special grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, have given and granted, and do by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, in consideration of the sum of

twelve pounds and ten shillings

to Us paid, Give and Grant unto

Fleming A. Harrington of Sydney in the County of Cape Breton, Merchant, a small lot of land and land covered with water situated lying and being in the said County and bounded as follows: Beginning at the distance of fifteen feet Westward from the Western corner of the Pier of the Bridge at the entrance of Fresh Water Creek at Sydney aforesaid and at right angles with it, thence running North twenty nine degrees and thirty minutes East one hundred and eighty feet to a spruce tree at the North West corner of the Embankment of the said Bridge, thence by the same course one hundred feet to the southern line of a Reserve, thence North Westward by the said Reserve one hundred and fifty feet to high water mark on the shore, thence North seventy eight degrees West two hundred feet into the water, thence South Angler degrees West three hundred and twenty feet, thence South seventy eight degrees East two hundred and fifty feet to the place of beginning - Running hereon a Public Road thirty feet wide between the end of the Embankment aforesaid and the shore as marked by dotted lines on the annexed plan.

J. P. W.



Scale 1/4 inch = 10 feet
Fresh Water Creek
Sydney, Cape Breton

13 March
C. C. S. J. J. J.

Wm.

Entered on Record at Ten O'clock, forenoon, on the Twenty second day of December 1856. By me,
James S. Ward
Registrar of Deeds for the County of Cape Breton.



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Nova Scotia Crown land grant registers, 1732-1901; indexes, 1707-1999

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Authors: [Nova Scotia. Department of Crown Lands \(Main Author\)](#)

Format: Manuscript/Manuscript on Film

Language: English

Publication: Salt Lake City, Utah : Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 2001

Physical: 34 microfilm reels : maps ; 35 mm.

Notes

Microfilm of original records in possession of the the Provincial Crown Lands Record Centre, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Prince Edward Island was part of Nova Scotia until 1769. New Brunswick was part of Nova Scotia until 1784. The county of Sunbury, Nova Scotia covered most of what became New Brunswick. The county was re-established as Sunbury County, New Brunswick with its present boundaries in 1785.

Some vols. are individually indexed as well as indexed in the consolidated indexes.

Dates listed in this record for land grant registers are registration dates, not necessarily the dates of the grants which, in some cases, may be many years earlier.



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Nova Scotia, Halifax County, deed indexes, 1749-1958

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Authors:	Halifax County (Nova Scotia). Registrar of Deeds (Main Author) Nova Scotia. Land Registry Office (Halifax County) (Repository)
Format:	Manuscript/Manuscript on Digital Images
Language:	English
Publication:	Salt Lake City, Utah : Digitized by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 2006
Physical:	37 digital folders
References:	(Index For) Deed records, 1749-1903; index, 1749-1967 : [1968 filming] / Halifax County (Nova Scotia). Registrar of Deeds (Index For) Halifax [County] registry of deeds, 1749-1902 : [2004-2005 filming] / Halifax County (Nova Scotia). Registrar of Deeds

Notes

To view digital images of these Nova Scotia, Halifax County, Deed Indexes, click [here](#). Not available on microfilm.

Digital images of original records in possession of the Land Registry Office of Halifax County, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

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CUMBERLAND COUNTY GRANTEE & GRANTOR INDEX



Lambert, John	"	John Lambert	R	439	1844	Maccan
"	"	John Harrison	H	88	1821	"
"	"	John Lollar	F	41	1803	River Maccan
"	"	Mary Cannon	D	251	1795	Cumberland
"	"	Mary Cannon	D	210	1794	"
"	"	Catherine Knapp	K	457 ¹	1829	Amherst
"	"	John Lambert, Sr.	P	432	1840	"
"	"	Matthew Brown	P	432	1840	"
Lampard, John	"	John Stuart	K	212	1827	"
"	"	Mary Cannon	D	210	1794	Cumberland

Registered 16th Day of January 1796 on the rolls of
This Indenture made the seventh day of August
One thousand Seven hundred and ninety three and in the
thirty third year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George
the third, by the grace of God King of great Britain, France
and Ireland defender of the faith &c. Between Mary Cannon
of Falmouth in the County of Hants and Province of Nova
Scotia, (by virtue of the power and Authority to her given by
Joseph Frederick Mallet Des Barres Esquire) of the one part
and John Sampart, David Sinner, and Henry Furlong,
Farmers of the other part Witnesses that the said
Mary Cannon for and in consideration of the Rent and
covenants hereinafter reserved and contained on the
part and behalf of the said John Sampart, David Sin-
ner, and Henry Furlong, their Executors, Administra-
tors and Assigns to be paid observed and performed
Hath demised granted and to farm letten, and by these
presents doth demise grant and to farm letten unto the said John
Sampart, David Sinner, and Henry Furlong four hundred
Acres of upland Situals lying and being on the River Mac-caw
in the County of Cumberland, bounded Westerly by lands granted
to James Metcalf, and to extend along his line and through
ungranted land, of the said Mary Cannon's due Right untill

John Sampart,

Registry of Deeds

- Post-1910 land deeds can be found in the county's registry of deeds

Township Books

- Like New England Town Records
 - Communities adopted New England model of town record keeping
- Contain vital records
- Town administration
 - Land division
 - Roads, schools, cattle marks, etc.
- American Ancestors Research Center, FamilySearch, Nova Scotia Archives

now on the Premises —

13 D^o William Moorson

Settled by him now owned by Jonathan Burnham Esq^r

Letter B. Division

14 D^o W^m Jinks

Settled by his Tenant Dan^l Hawkins now owned by Charles Dixon Esq^r

2 D^o Dan^l Hawkins

The Property of Charles Dixon Esq^r

3 D^o Edmund Jinks

Settled by his Tenant now owned by Gilbert Seamons on the Premises —

4 D^o Timothy Williams

Settled by him the Property of Charles Dixon Esq^r

5 D^o David Tift

Settled by him and sold to Sam^l Rogers and apart by sd Rogers to Gilbert Seamons and John Richardson on the Premises —

6 D^o Benoni Williams

Settled by his Tenant Joseph Reed part of which is now improved by Charles Dixon Esq^r and John Fawcett —

17 D^o W^m Jinks

Settled by him now owned by Dan^l Hawkins and sold by

Minutes of Nova Scotia Council

- Also known as His Majesty's Council
 - Advised the Governor
 - Minutes contain information on land grants and petitions
 - Can also provide historical context for life in 18th-century Nova Scotia
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Category:	Nova Scotia
Creator:	Nova Scotia. Legislative Council.
Description:	13 microfilm textual records (18 volumes) ; 35 mm
Background:	<p>The seat of government in Nova Scotia was initially located at Annapolis Royal beginning in 1720 and consisted of a Governor and a Council of twelve members. The seat of government moved to Halifax upon the founding of the city in 1749 under Governor Edward Cornwallis, and thereafter the Council was commonly called the Halifax Council.</p> <p>In 1758 the first legislative assembly in Canada was elected in Nova Scotia, partially with the aim of attracting new settlers. The House of Assembly convened in Halifax for the first time on October 2, 1758 under Governor Charles Lawrence. The members of the Nova Scotia Council, or as it was contemporaneously called His Majesty's Council,</p>

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Crown Land Grant Maps

- A series of 140 maps showing the location of crown land grants in Nova Scotia between 1750 and 1850.
- Show the layout of original land grants and townships
- Index sheets updated by government staff

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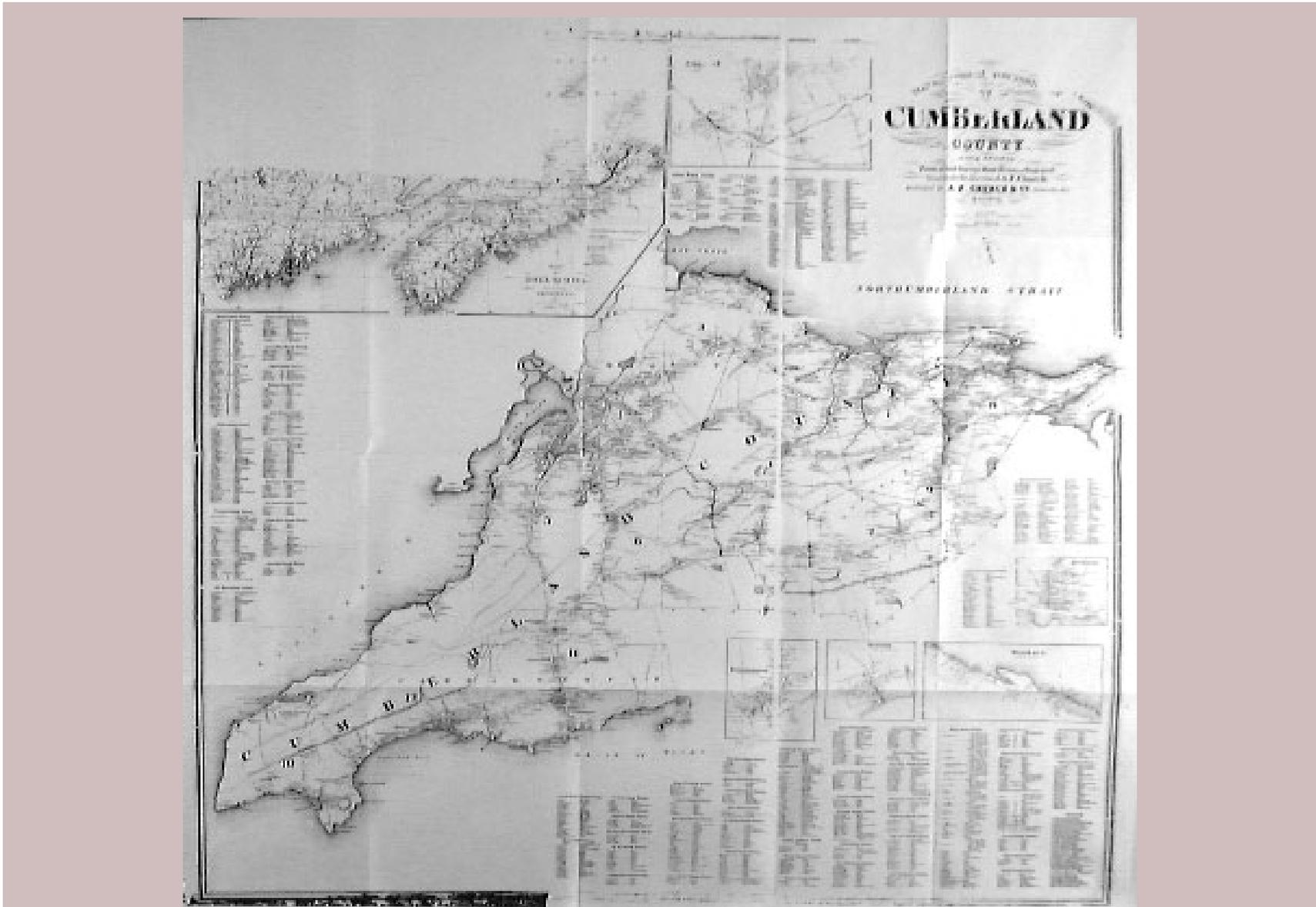
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A.F. Church & Co. Maps

- Topographical township maps prepared by Ambrose Finson Church and published by his company
- These maps track crown land transactions
- Includes names of heads of household as well as prominent citizens and a list of tradesmen
- Maps available from American Ancestors Research Center in Boston, Massachusetts as well as Nova Scotia Dept of Natural Resources and Renewables



Planters and Pioneers

- Author: Esther Clark Wright
- Chronicles settlers to Nova Scotia from 1749 to 1775
- Premier source
- Available on [Archive.org](https://www.archive.org)

SHAW, MOSESGRANVILLE, 176-
b. 18 Jan. 1741, Barnstable, Mass., son of Moses Shaw, d. 11 Jan.
1827, ae 86. m. Ann Phinney of Barnstable, d. 1 Feb. 1780, ae 43;
m. (2) 24 Jan. 178-, Mehitabel, dau. of Joseph Patten, who m. (2)
Zachariah Hall of Boston, d. 3 July 1812, ae 74. Ch: Isaiah,
Elizabeth, Moses, Joseph, David, Zebina, Havilah, Mary, (2d)
Susanna, Susannah, Anna.

SHAW, THOMAS HALIFAX, 1749.
mariner, *Everley*, m. Sarah Ch: John, Mehitabel.

SHEARMAN, CALEB CUMBERLAND, 1764.
husbandman, d. Ch: Young, Ring.; relatives; George, Joshua, who
prob. ret. to U.S.A.

SHEED, THOMAS PICTOU, 1767?
1 man, Scot, 1770.

SHEFFIELD, AMOS CORNWALLIS, 1764.
b. 4 June 1733, Newport, R.I., son of John Sheffield. m. 18 Mar.
1761, Mary, dau. of Stephen Jr. and Elizabeth Spencer
Harrington, of N. Kingston, R.I. and Cornwallis, d. 1821?. Ch:
Ruth, Elizabeth, Stephen, Amos, Jr.

SHEPHERD, ANDREW HALIFAX, 1749.
baker, *Wilmington*. m. 1 boy, 1 girl. Shepperd, 1752, 2 males, 1
female above 16, 1 female under 16. George Shippard m. 20 July
1756, Jane Donly, widow.

SHEY, PETER NEWPORT, 1761.
b. 1748, N. Ireland, d. 7 Sept. 1818. m. Frances, dau. of Judge
John Duport of Halifax, b. 1736, d. 22 Apr. 1799. Ch: Susanna,
Maria, William Henry, John, Jane, Jane Frances, Thomas.

SHEY, WILLIAM FALMOUTH, 1761.
b. N. Ireland. 2 men, 4 boys, 2 women, 4 girls, 1770. d. 1772, fell
overboard schooner *Sally*, Bay of Fundy.

SHIPPEY, JOHN (SHIPPING) HALIFAX
m. 24 Aug. 1750, Sarah Allen, widow. Ch: Sarah Martha, d. 2
males, 3 females above 16, 2 males under 16, 1752.

SHIPPEY, LUKE HALIFAX
1 male, 1 female above 16, 1 male under 16, 1752.

SHIPTON, GEORGE HALIFAX, 1749.
private, *Wilmington*. m. 19 Nov. 1749, Sarah, prob. widow of
John Mervin.

SHIPTON, SAMUEL HALIFAX

- SHAW, MOSES****GRANVILLE**, 176-.
 b. 18 Jan. 1741, Barnstable, Mass., son of Moses Shaw, d. 11 Jan. 1827, ae 86. m. Ann Phinney of Barnstable, d. 1 Feb. 1780, ae 43; m. (2) 24 Jan. 178-, Mehitable, dau. of Joseph Patten, who m. (2) Zachariah Hall of Boston, d. 3 July 1812, ae 74. Ch: Isaiah, Elizabeth, Moses, Joseph, David, Zebina, Havilah, Mary, (2d) Susanna, Susannah, Anna.
- SHAW, THOMAS** **HALIFAX**, 1749.
 mariner, *Everley*, m. Sarah Ch: John, Mehitabel.
- SHEARMAN, CALEB** **CUMBERLAND**, 1764.
 husbandman, d. Ch: Young, Ring,; relatives; George, Joshua, who prob. ret. to U.S.A.
- SHEED, THOMAS** **PICTOU**, 1767?
 1 man, Scot, 1770.
- SHEFFIELD, AMOS** **CORNWALLIS**, 1764.
 b. 4 June 1733, Newport, R.I., son of John Sheffield. m. 18 Mar. 1761, Mary, dau. of Stephen Jr. and Elizabeth Spencer Harrington, of N. Kingston, R.I. and Cornwallis, d. 1821?. Ch: Ruth, Elizabeth, Stephen, Amos, Jr.
- SHEPHERD, ANDREW** **HALIFAX**, 1749.
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Whereabouts of Some American Refugees, 1784-1800: The Nova Scotian Land Grants

- Author: Clifford Neal Smith
- Biographical directory of Americans who pursued land petitions in Nova Scotia between 1784 and 1800
- 8 Volumes arranged by Surname

CLARK, John. Signer (twice) of Appendix B

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- (b) A merchant of this name listed in Wright, p. 269.
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- (e) A man of this name, from the 70th [British Regiment] received land in Charlotte County, New Brunswick; see Wright, p.269.
- (f) A man named John Hunter Clark received land in St. Andrews, Charlotte County, New Brunswick; see Wright, p.269.
- (g) A John Clark, Jr., received land at Long Reach, Kings County, New Brunswick; see Wright, p.269.
- (h) A John Wright Clark received land in Queens County, New Brunswick; see Wright, p.269.
- (i) A John Clarke, private in the 2nd battalion of the King's Royal Regiment of New York as of 2 Jul 1781; see Cruikshank, Royal Regiment, p.181.
- (j) A man named James CLERK/CLARK/CLARKE, born in Scotland in 1757, listed as a sergeant in the 1st battalion of the King's Royal Regiment of New York; he enlisted on 25 Oct 1777 and was corporal in Munro's Company 1777-1781 and in Al. McD[onald's?] Company in 1782 and a sergeant therein in 1783; see Cruikshank, Royal Regiment, p.182.]
- (k) See also John CLARKE below]

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- (g) A John Clark, Jr., received land at Long Reach, Kings County, New Brunswick; see Wright, p.269.
- (h) A John Wright Clark received land in Queens County, New Brunswick; see Wright, p.269.
- (i) A John Clarke, private in the 2nd battalion of the King's Royal Regiment of New York as of 2 Jul 1781; see Cruikshank, Royal Regiment, p.181.
- (j) A man named James CLERK/CLARK/CLARKE, born in Scotland in 1757, listed as a sergeant in the 1st battalion of the King's Royal Regiment of New York; he enlisted on 25 Oct 1777 and was corporal in Munro's Company 1777-1781 and in Al. McD[onald's?] Company in 1782 and a sergeant therein in 1783; see Cruikshank, Royal Regiment, p.182.]
- (k) See also John CLARKE below]

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History

- 1710 – Region ceded to Great Britain
- 1784 – Areas north of the Bay of Fundy established as the Province of New Brunswick (separated from Nova Scotia)
- 1785 – Charter granted for City of St. John in response to the large number of Loyalist refugees that landed and settled at the mouth of the St. John River
- 1836 – Colonial government gained control over crown lands
- 1842 – Webster-Ashburton Treaty settled boundary between New Brunswick and Maine
- 1866 – United States cancelled the Canadian-American Reciprocity Treaty
- 1867 – New Brunswick entered Canadian Confederation

Black Loyalists

- In 1783, 3,000 free blacks or former slaves arrived in 1783 in Nova Scotia.
- In this same group, 1,232 enslaved persons came with their enslavers as well.
- The initial lots given to Black Loyalists were too small to farm on.
- By 1785, blocks of 50 acres surveyed and given to 100 families
 - Loch Lomond
 - Kingston Peninsula
 - Westfield
- 1792 - Exodus to Sierra Leone

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The Black Loyalist Directory

Ladson, Charlestown, South Carolina.

Solomon, 12, fine boy. Charles Morris of Halifax, claimant. (Charles Morris). [Property of Charles Morris as per Bill of Sale] from Jeremiah Savage, [Charlestown, South Carolina].

Benjamin, 21, stout fellow. Mr.

to John Dobbins, Black river, South Carolina; [left him] 4 [years ago].

Cornelius McIntire, 28, [stout fellow], Miller, (Sam Wiggan). Free, served till 21 years of age with John Schenck, Brunswick Landing. GBCP.

Lissey his wife, 24, stout



Black Refugees

- Between 1813 and 1816, 2,000 black refugees arrived in the Maritimes.
- Most were primarily from Virginia and Maryland and had previously sided with the British during War of 1812.
- 400-500 settled in New Brunswick
 - Willow Grove near Loch Lomond
- Given licenses for occupation of 50 acres in 1817
- In 1825, 99-year leases were granted to those that lived on the land.
- In 1836, residents were allowed to buy land for 20 shillings.

Land Petitions

- Pre-1783 land records are found in the Nova Scotia records
- 1783-1918 land petitions index on Provincial Archives web site
- Land petitions are digitized and available on FamilySearch
- Petitions detail place of origin, arrival in the colony, military service, etc.



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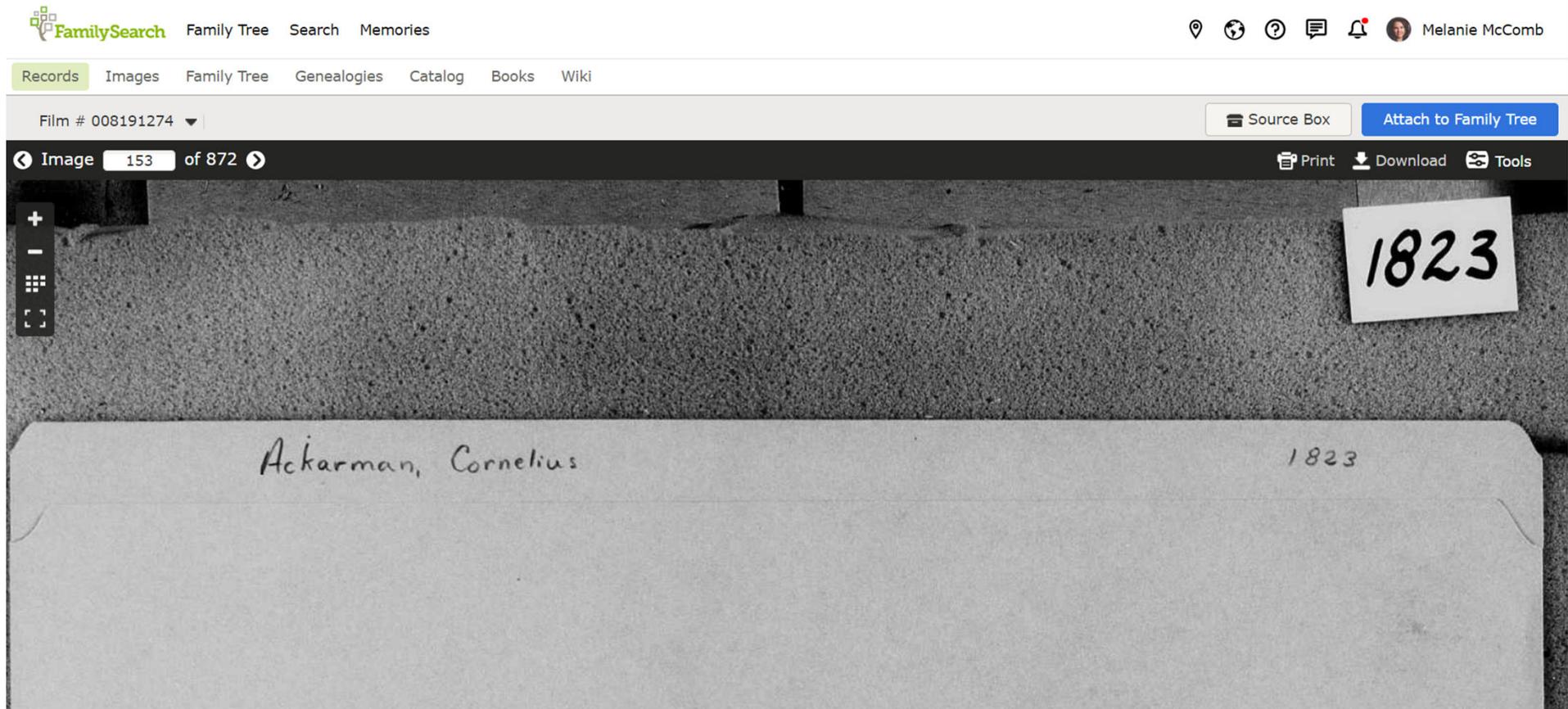
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To His Honor Ward Chipman, Esquire, President & Commander
in Chief of the Province of New-Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

The Memorial of Cornelius Ackerman,
most humbly sheweth,

That Your Memorialist was born in the Colony of New-
Jersey, now one of the United States of America, and came to this
Province in the Year 1782, where he has ever since resided.

That Your Memorialist and five of his Brothers, joined
the British Army at the capture of New-York, and continued to
serve His Majesty faithfully, in the Third Battalion New-Jersey

New Brunswick Land Petition of Cornelius
Ackerman, 1823, FamilySearch

Volunteers, commanded by Lieut. Colonel Buxirk, during, and until the final end of the American Rebellion, (with the exception of two of his Brothers who died during the War,) and never for one moment was either of them a prisoner under guards, or even rebuked by an Officer for any kind of misconduct; and at the period above mentioned Your Memorialist and his then surviving Brothers came to this Country.

That Your Memorialist has had a Grant of One Hundred acres of Land. That Eight Town Lots in Fredericton were purchased by himself and his then co-partner the late Abraham Van Derbeck, and afterwards granted to them, but

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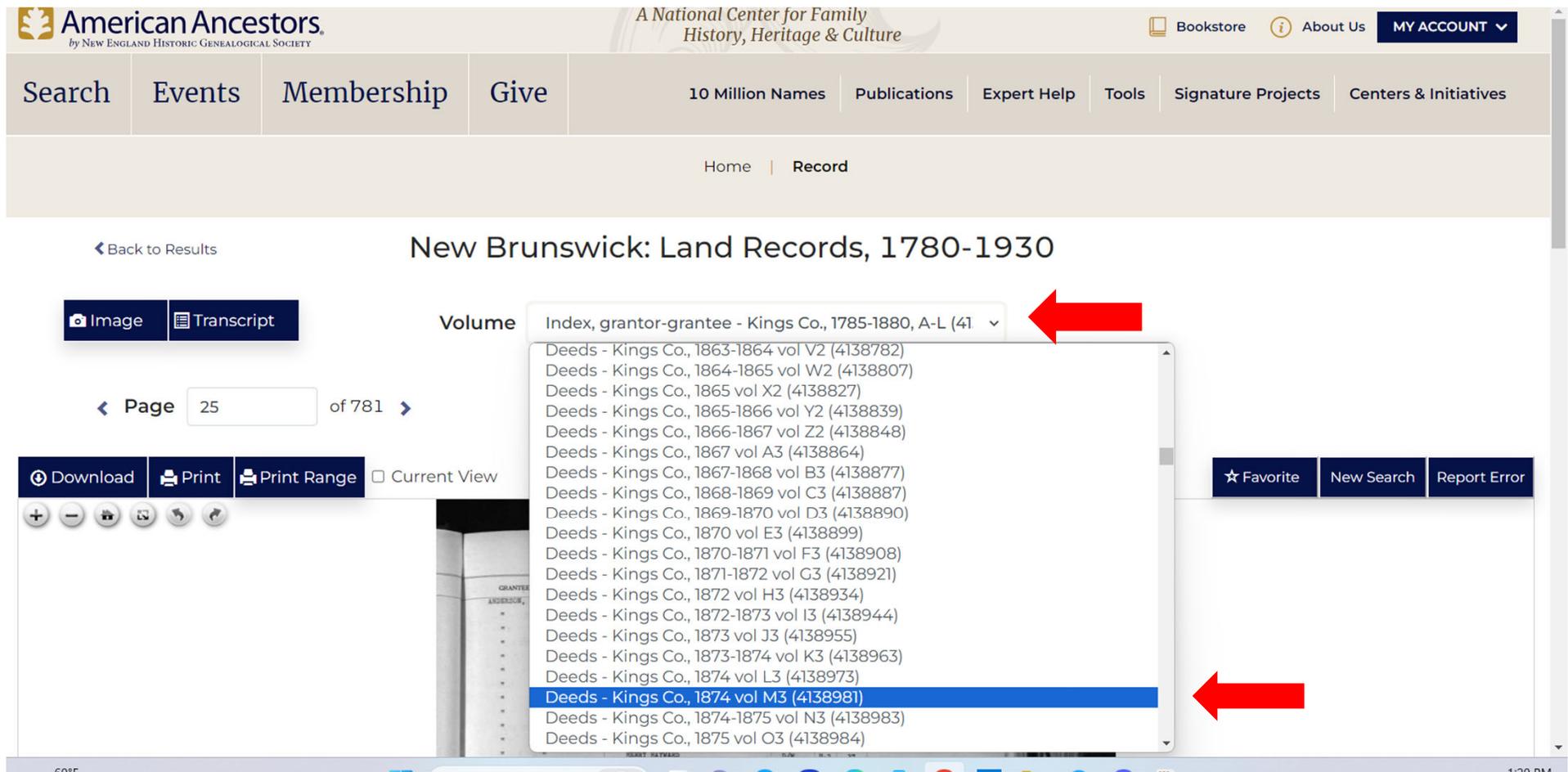
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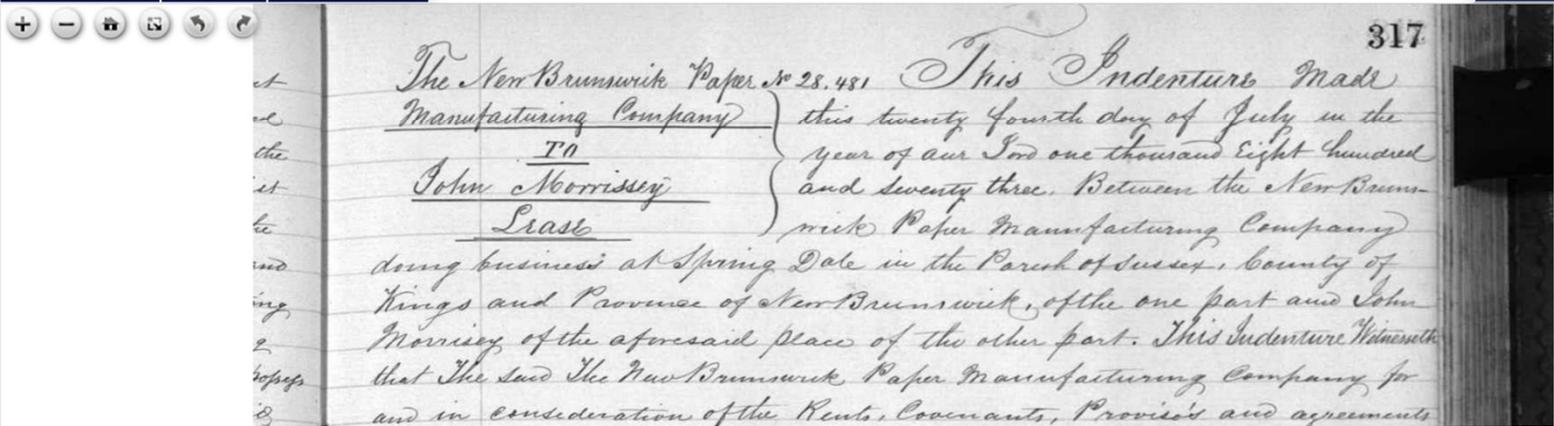
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John Morrissey } and seventy three. Between the New Brun-
Lease } swick Paper Manufacturing Company
 doing business at Spring Dale in the Parish of Sussex, County of
 Kings and Province of New Brunswick, of the one part and John
 Morrissey of the aforesaid place of the other part. This Indenture Witnesseth
 that The said The New Brunswick Paper Manufacturing Company for
 and in consideration of the Rents, Covenants, Proviso's and agreements
 hereinafter reserved and contained on the part of the said John
 Morrissey, his Executors, Administrators and assigns, to be paid
 done, observed, performed and kept, Hath demised and leased and
 by these Presents doth demise and Lease unto the said John Morrissey

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 our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and ninety five and
 In the thirty fifth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord
 George the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France
 and Ireland King Defender of the faith and so forth between
 Enoch Ward of the Parish of Saint Mary in the County of
 York and Province of New Brunswick yeoman and
 Ruth his wife and Thomas Taboor of the Parish of Beaton
 in the County of Sunbury and the Province aforesaid yeo-
 man and Mary his wife of the one Part and Mathew
 Ham of the Parish of Saint Mary in the County of York
 and Province aforesaid of the other Part witnesseth
 That the said Enoch Ward and Ruth his wife and Thomas
 Taboor and Mary his wife for and in Consideration of
 The Sum of Twenty Pound Current and Lawful
 Money of the Province of New Brunswick to them in hand
 Paid by the said Mathew Ham at and before the sealing
 and Delivery of these Presents the Receipt whereof they
 do hereby acknowledge have given Granted bargained
 and Sold and by these Presents do fully Clearly and
 Absolutely Give Grant bargain and Sell unto the said
 Mathew Ham his heirs and assigns forever all that
 Piece or Parcel of Land Situate Lying and being in the
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Description

Located 6.12 km NNW of [Coal Branch: Harcourt Parish, Kent County](#): Adamsville was established in 1879 following the adoption of the Free Grants Act and named for Michael Adams (1845-1899), the surveyor-general of New Brunswick and Member of the Legislative Assembly for Northumberland-Miramichi: PO 1886-1970: in 1898 Adamsville was a station on the Intercolonial Railway and a farming and lumbering settlement with 1 post office, 1 church and a population of 175.

Latitude : 46° 24'

Longitude : 65° 11'

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Parish : Harcourt

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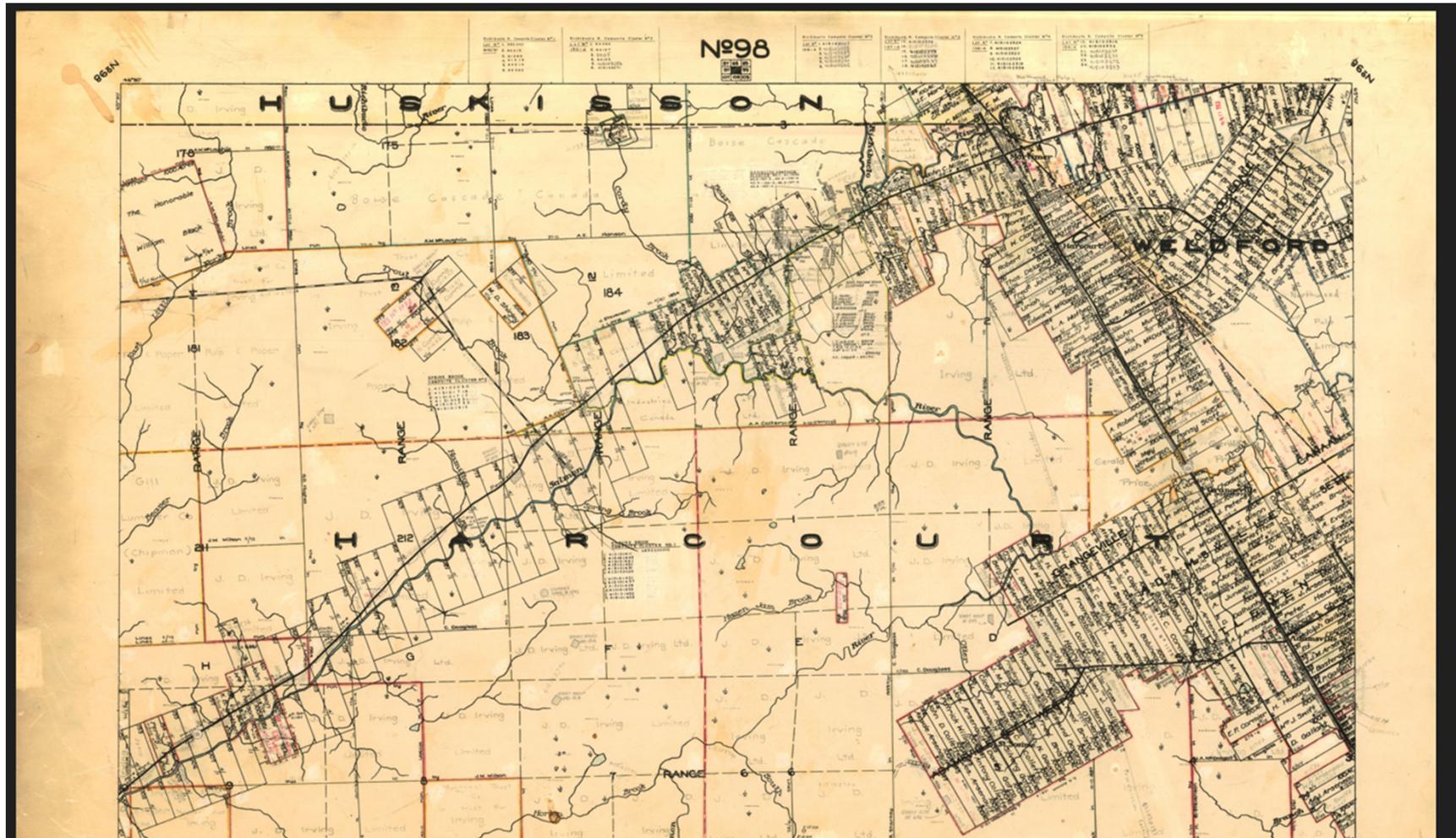
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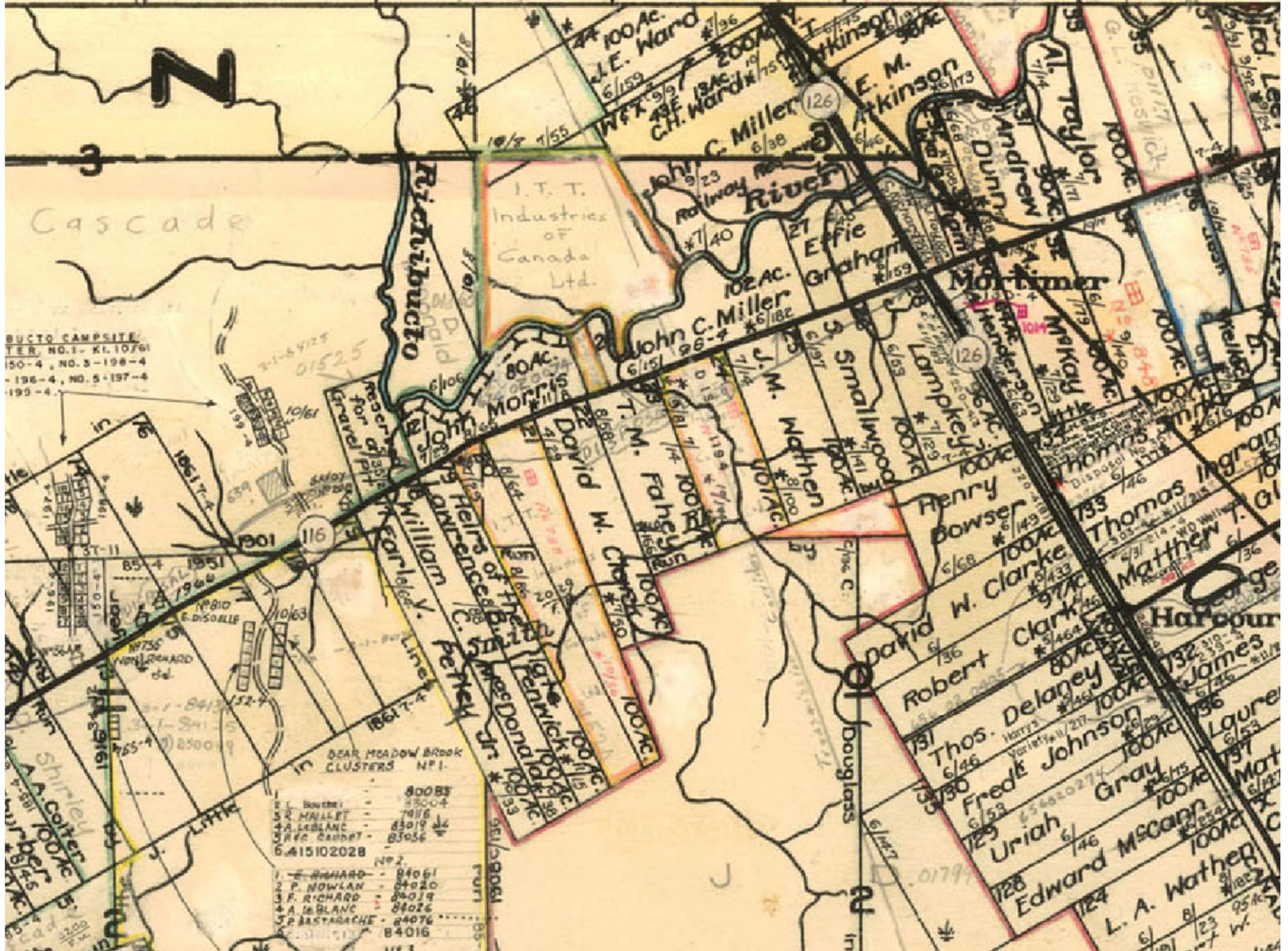
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Authors: [Saint John \(New Brunswick\). Mayor](#) (Main Author)
Format: Books/Monographs/Book on Film
Language: English
Publication: Salt Lake City, Utah : Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1971
Physical: on 1 microfilm reel ; 35 mm.

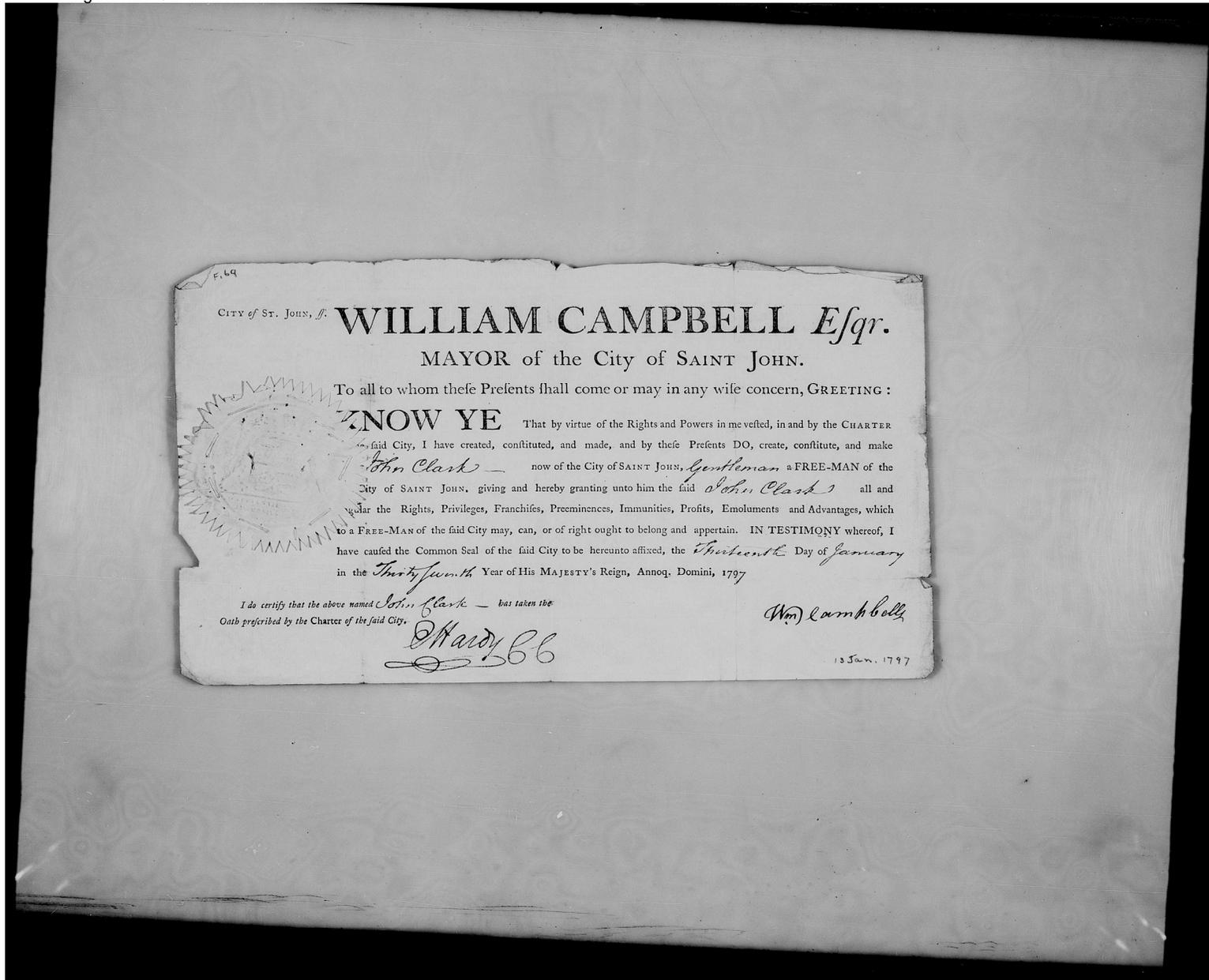
Notes

Microreproduction of original records in possession of the New Brunswick Museum, Archives Section, Saint John, New Brunswick.

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New Brunswick Museum no.: Box F69.

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St. John Freeman Certificate, FamilySearch



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New Brunswick quit rent returns, 1832-1837

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Authors: [New Brunswick Museum](#) (Added Author)

Format: Manuscript/Manuscript on Film

Language: English

Publication: Salt Lake City, Utah : Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1971

Physical: on 1 microfilm reel ; 35 mm.

Notes

Microreproduction of original records at the New Brunswick Museum.

New Brunswick Museum collection of quit rent returns from the counties of Carleton, Gloucester, Kent, Kings, Queens, Albert and Westmorland.

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Return of Claimants for Quit Rents in
Queens County made pursuant to Com-
mand of His Excellency the Lieutenant
Governor.

Claimant's Name	Year	Amount
Appley Luke	1832	4 5/2
Appley Henry	"	4 5/2
Appley Benjamin	"	15 4/2
Appley John	"	6 8
Armstrong John	"	4 5/2
Neil Melaine	"	2 2/2
Austin John	"	8 10
Butler James	1833	5 8
Belmaine Henry	1832	6 3
Belmaine John	"	9 5/2
Brown Robert Arthur Esq	"	5 5 6
Bull John	"	3 1
Burgess William	"	6 8
Brown Elizabeth	"	2 6

Quit Rent Returns 1832-1833, Queens
County, New Brunswick FamilySearch

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Prince Edward Island

History



1763 – France ceded the Island of St. John to Great Britain



1767 – Land lottery was held



1769 – Island separated from Nova Scotia



1799 – Island renamed to Prince Edward Island



1853 – Land Purchase Act



1873 – PEI joins Confederation of Canada

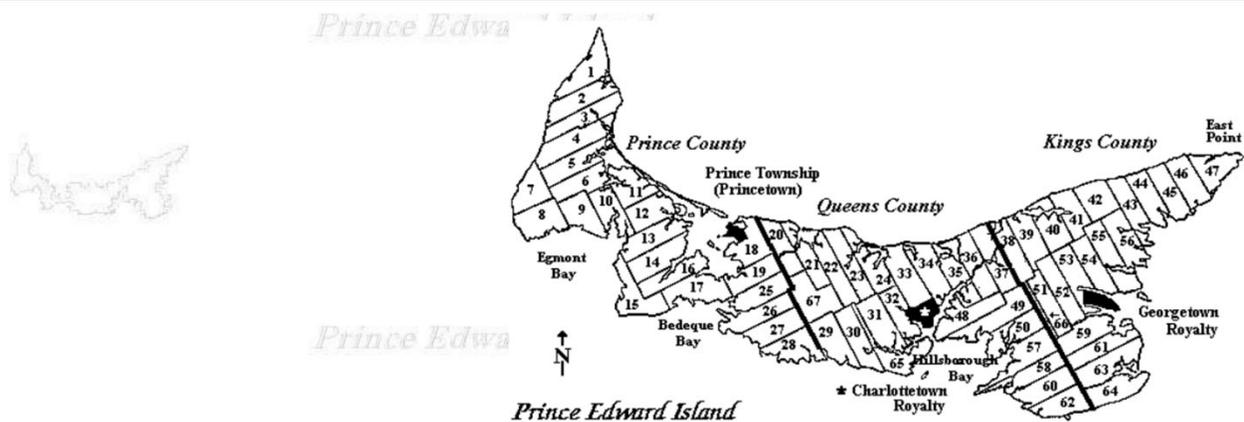


1875 – Second Land Purchase Act

1767 Land Lottery

- Lottery in London held on July 23, 1767
- Land divided into 67 lots of about 20,000 acres each
- The British Government's Board of Trade and Plantation drew lots and assigned them to high-ranking British citizens.
- The proprietors who won the lottery would pay annual quitrent lands to the Crown to finance the land and bring in colonists to live on the land.
- Most of the proprietors never settled on the land and left their requirements to the Crown unfulfilled.

Proprietors of P.E.I. Lots in 1767, and Changes in Lot Ownership till 1810.



Lot #	Lot Proprietors 1767-1810
1	Philip (Phillip) Stephens (Stevens) Sec. To the Lords of the Admiralty.
2	James Hunter and William Hunter, Merchants.
3	Chauncey (Chauncy) Townshend (Townsend), Esq. (M.P.).
4	Admiral (Hon.) Augustus (August) Keppel (Kepple), Esq.
5	Edward Lewis, Esq. (M.P.). In 1779 the Lot was listed as jointly owned by Edward Lewis and John Hill.
6	William Crowle (Croule), Esq.
7	(Sir) James Montgomery, Esq., Lord Chief Baron of the Court of Exchequer in Scotland and His Majesty's Advocate for Scotland.
8	Arnold Nisbett (Nisbith, Nesbet), Esq. (M.P.). After 1775 the owners were William Kilpatrick, Merchant, and Benjamin Todd (Dodd), then in 1783, the owners were either or both Andrew or Isaac Todd.

islandregister.com/proprietors.html



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Prince Edward Island land grants, 1768-1769

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Authors: [Nova Scotia. Governor](#) (Main Author)
Format: Manuscript/Manuscript on Film
Language: English
Publication: Salt Lake City, Utah : Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 2000
Physical: on 1 microfilm reel ; 35 mm.

Notes

Microfilm of original records in possession of the Land Registry Office, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

Prince Edward Island was a part of the province of Nova Scotia from 1763 until 1769 and was known as the Island of St. John. It's name was changed to Prince Edward Island in 1799.

Contains a copy made in 1833 of the original grants for 1768-1769 covering many lots (townships) in Prince Edward Island (the titleboard erroneously states "Townships 20 and 21").

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Index, PEI Land Grants, 1768-1768, FamilySearch

Name of Grantee	Quantity of Land	In what County situate	No of Lot	Date of Quit Rent for Hundred Acres	Page
A. Adair Robert	20,000 Acres	Kings County	54	6/ - 22 nd May 1769	5.
- do do	20,000 - - -	Kings County	54	6/ - - 22 nd May 1769	41.
Abercrombie Jas + 30thrs	80,000 - - -	do do	38 39 41 42	4/ - - 16 June 1769	71.
Allanby. Wm + 10thrs	20,000 - - -	Prince County	18	6/ - - 24 June 1769	82
B. Burke-Bingham & S	20,000 - - -	do do	17	6/ - - 1 July 1769	45



Land Grant to Bingham and Theobald Burke

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<p>Nova Scotia s^r. William Campbell Bingham Burke and Theobald Burke Esq^s No. 17. 20,000 Acres -</p>	<p>To all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting Know That I Lord William Campbell Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia or Acadie and its Dependencies Vice Admiral of the same &c. &c. &c. By virtue of the Power and Authority to me Given by His Present Majesty King George the Third under the Great Seal of Great Britain Have Given Granted and Confirmed and do by these Presents pursuant to His Majesty's Order in Council bearing date the twenty sixth day of August One Thousand Seven Hundred and sixty seven Give Grant and Confirm unto Bingham Burke and Theobald Burke Esquires their Heirs and Assigns in severalty to be equally divided by them share and share alike their Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns a certain tract of land in the Island of St John in the Province</p>
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Escheat Party

- Escheat = unimproved land would revert to the government for reallocation
- Many residents pushed for land to be allocated to resident landlords
- The Escheat Party emerged after Roman Catholics were enfranchised in 1830
- British government opposed escheat without compensation
- Absentee landlords were eventually replaced when land was sold to residents

1853 Land Purchase Act

- The British government purchased estates over 1,000 acres and sell them to tenants and squatters in units up to 300 acres.

Prince Edward Island Land Commission of 1860

- Created by the PEI govt in 1860 to settle the final resolution of the land by absent proprietors.
- The commission recommended 100,000 pounds to repurchase the remaining land
- Alternative record for the 1851 Census

The Prince Edward Island
Land Commission of 1860

Edited by
Ian Ross Robertson

Acadiensis Press
Fredericton, New Brunswick

1988

Extract from 1860 PEI Land Commission

From this Lot two committees were present. On the one were Angus McPhee, James Dollar and Patrick Dogherty; on the other, Colin Holm, M. P. P., John McLeod and Alexander Robertson.

Coun. Thomson to Mr. Dogherty. — You reside on Lot 30? Yes. How long? Ten or twelve years. Whom did you live under before? Mr. Douse. You left him and went to Lot 30? Yes. Did you sell your farm? No. I did not get a shilling for it. How long did you work on the place? 8 years. Did you pay your rent? No, I was not able. Did you take a lease again? Yes. From whom? Mr. Robert Bruce Stewart. What rent? 1s. an acre. Have you paid any? Yes, by work. What work did you do? I opened 1 1/2 miles of road. Was that road any convenience to yourself? No. Was there any reservation of timber in your lease? Yes, but I got it struck out. [Mr. Dogherty here showed Mr. Thomson another lease which he held for 50 acres.] There is a reservation in this one, why did you not get it also struck out? I cannot read, and I never knew there was one in it before. There it is, he can make tram rails on your farm, and all sorts of things. Would you have taken the lease if you had known this clause was in it? No: I would have had it wholly to myself or not at all.

1875 Land Purchase Act

- Proprietors with estates more than 1,000 acres were compelled to sell to the PEI government
- The government issued crown grants to tenants



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Land registry records (conveyance ledgers), 1769-1872

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Authors: [Prince Edward Island. Registrar of Deeds](#) (Main Author)

Format: Manuscript/Manuscript on Film

Language: English

Publication: Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island : Microfilmed by the Public Archives of Prince Edward Island, 1979-1981

Physical: 55 microfilm reels ; 35 mm.

Notes

Microfilm of original records at the Public Archives of Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown, P.E.I.

There are two different sets of books labelled "v. 1-4."

Years are mixed, especially in early years.

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To	From	LIBR	FOLIO	DATE OF INSTRUMENT	DATE OF REGISTRY	DESCRIPTION	TOWNSHIP
Douise William	Bourke John Roche	71	556	7. May. 1858.	15. Jan'y. 1858	Sheriff's Deed of 200 acres land on Township 31	31.
Delaney Richard	Delaney Lawrence	"	570	30. Nov. 1858	2. Jan'y. 1858	Agreement.	
Dingwall John	Haviland Thomas H.	"	595	13. Nov. 1858.	22. Jan'y. 1858	Conveyance of 2 acres land on Township 56.	56.
Davis Hannah Bella	Aitken George Stuart	"	635	23. Dec. 1858.	25. Jan'y. 1858	Conveyance of Town Lot No. 5. 1st Range Lot No. George Town	
Duncan George	Beran William et uxos.	"	647	24. Dec. 1858.	30. Jan'y. 1858	Conveyance of part of Town Lot No. 51. in 11 th 100 in Charlottetown.	
Douglas Edward	Roper Charles et uxos.	"	700	14. Jan'y. 1858.	6. Feb. 1858	Conveyance of part of pasture lots Nos. 549, 557, & 550 in Charlottetown Royalty	
Douise William Senr.	Nelson Wellington et uxos.	"	763	31. Dec. 1858.	12. Feb'y. 1858	Conveyance of 70 acres of land on Township 21.	21.
Dodd Thomas W.	Hodgson Daniel	"	765	6. Feb'y. 1858.	12. Feb'y. 1858	Conveyance of part of pasture Lot No. 50 in Charlottetown Royalty	
Dymond Humphrey	Seymour Sir George S.	"	924	13. Nov. 1858.	15. Nov. 1858	Conveyance of 100 acres land on Township 10.	10.
Des Brisay Theophilus and	Green Rev. Henry J. J. J.	"	934	18. Dec. 1858	24. Nov. 1858	Power of Attorney.	
Des Brisay Charles	Jenkins Louis Et uxos.	"	952	31. May. 1858	16. Jan'y. 1858	Conveyance of part of Town Lot No. 44 in 11 th 100 Charlottetown.	
Douglas Alexander	Hunt Thomas Sheriff.	72	1.	15. Dec. 1858	1. April 1858	Conveyance of 100 acres of land on Township 11	11
Dodd Thomas	Helm Oliver	1882	12.	28. Mar. 1858	1. April 1858	Mortgage of household furniture on Township 29	29.
Doherty Francis	Selkirk Earl of	72	61.	7. April 1858.	7. April 1858	Conveyance of 100 acres Township 57 & 55.	57 & 55.
Doye Eleanor	Jones Thomas	"	57	6. Aug. 1858	15. April 1858	Assignment of 2 acres land on Township 47.	47.
Dodd Thomas W.	Young Hon Charles.	"	177	16. Jan'y. 1858	5. May 1858.	Conveyance of pasture Lot No. 58 in Charlottetown Royalty.	
Delaney Michael	O'Brien William et uxos.	53	12.	May 1858.	12. May 1858.	Mortgage of part of Town Lot No. 94 in 11 th 100 Charlottetown.	
Dalton James & Petr.	Campion Alexander et uxos.	72	372	21. June 1858.	26. June 1858	Lease of two plots of land, George Town & George Town Royalty	
Dingwall Joseph	Cairns James W. et uxos.	1882	76.	16. June 1858	27. June 1858	Mortgage of part of Town Lot No. 28 in 11 th 100 Charlottetown	
Douise John	Selkirk Earl of	72	115	3. Jan'y. 1858	21. July 1858	Conveyance of 60 acres of land on Township No. 57	57
Darragh John	Rennie David Stuart	"	452	22. July 1858.	22. July 1858	Lease of 46 1/2 acres land on Township No. 20.	20
Des Brisay Theophilus	Mac Nitt Thomas Sheriff.	"	505	3. Sep. 1858.	14. Aug. 1858	Conveyance of 400 acres land on Township No. 3.	3.
Des Brisay Theophilus	Stansfield Hutton Hantsman.	"	510	16. Aug. 1858.	16. Aug. 1858	Conveyance of certain lands in Prince Edwards Island.	
Davis Benjamin	Des Brisay Theophilus	"	554	27. Aug. 1858	1. Sep. 1858	Conveyance of an undivided moiety of land on George Town.	
Davis James	Longworth Francis et uxos.	"	576	5. July 1858	2. Sep. 1858	Conveyance of part of Common Lot No. 22 in Charlottetown Common	
Dixon George J. J.	Mac Eddy Angus et uxos.	"	572	6. Nov. 1858.	5. Sep. 1858	Conveyance of 20 acres of land in Charlottetown. Char.	21



Conveyance Ledger, PEI, FamilySearch

<p>(Dated 7th April 1856 <i>Earl of Selkirk</i> <i>Francis Dougherty</i> Release on the Acknowledgment of the grantor - Dec 7th Apr 1856 - Arch^l: M^o: New Asst. Registrar</p>	<p><i>This Indenture</i> made the Seventh Day of April in the year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and fifty six Between <i>Dumbar James</i> <i>Earl of Selkirk of Scotland</i> by <i>William Douse Esq</i></p>
<p>his Attorney of the one part, <i>Francis Dougherty</i> Farmer of <i>Montague Pines Lot 5th</i> of the other part Witnesseth, That for and in consideration of the Sum of <i>One hundred and Twenty Pounds</i> of lawful Money of <i>Prince Edward Island</i>, to the said <i>William Douse</i> in hand well and truly paid by the said <i>Francis Dougherty</i> at or immediately before the Sealing and Delivery of these Presents (the receipt whereof by the said <i>Dumbar James Earl of Selkirk</i> is hereby acknowledged) and of and from the same and every part thereof doth he the said <i>Francis Dougherty</i> his heirs Executors Administrators and assigns forever, by these presents be the said <i>Dumbar</i> <i>James Earl of Selkirk</i> hath granted bargained sold limited appointed assigned released and confirmed and by these presents (being a deed of Release made</p>	

Conveyance from Earl of Selkirk to Francis Dougherty, 1856, PEI, FamilySearch



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Land records, 1763-1914; index, 1784-1877

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Authors: [Nova Scotia. Department of Crown Lands](#) (Main Author)

Format: Manuscript/Manuscript on Film

Language: English

Publication: Salt Lake City, Utah : Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1983-1984

Physical: 95 microfilm reels ; 16 mm. and 35 mm.

Notes

These records are searchable online at <https://novascotia.ca/archives/virtual/?Search=THlan&List=all/> (as of August 3 2020).

Microfilm of original records in possession of the Public Archives of Nova Scotia, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Contains township grants, petitions, survey warrants, survey descriptions, certificates from the Surveyor General of the King's Woods, and grants.

Prince Edward Island was part of Nova Scotia until 1769. New Brunswick was part of Nova Scotia until 1784. The county of Sunbury, Nova Scotia covered most of what became New Brunswick. The county was re-established as Sunbury County, New Brunswick with its present boundaries in 1785.

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Prince Edward Island Commissioner's deeds, 1855-1915; indexes, 1855-1966?

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Authors:	Prince Edward Island. Commissioner of Public Lands (Main Author)
Format:	Manuscript/Manuscript on Film
Language:	English
Publication:	Salt Lake City, Utah : Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 2000
Physical:	on 18 microfilm reels ; 35 mm.
References:	(See Also) Index to the 1870 Commissioner of Public Land's report : in the journal of the legislative assembly, appendix S / Prince Edward Island Genealogical Society

Notes

Microfilm of original records in possession of the Land Registry Office, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

Some documents are damaged.

The index lists a "class of deed" number and "liber and folio" numbers. The "liber and folio" numbers refer to the vol. number on the spine of the book and the page number on the upper right-hand corner of the document. They do NOT refer to the "ledger and folio" numbers written on each document. The vol. number 2-13 in the catalog listing of films indicates class of deed 2 (written "second class" on documents) and vol. 13. Volumes A and B are indicated in the index under

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Prince Edward Island township ledgers, 1850-1954, 1981 (most dates between 1866 and 1900)

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Authors: [Prince Edward Island. Registrar of Deeds](#) (Main Author)

Format: Manuscript/Manuscript on Film

Language: English

Publication: Salt Lake City, Utah : Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 2000

Physical: on 14 microfilm reels ; 35 mm.

Notes

Microfilm of original records in possession of the Land Registry Office, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

The township ledgers are organized by lots (nos. 1-67). They contain the names of the persons who purchased land and a list of payments by date for each person. The beginning and ending dates vary for each person, thus the dates listed for each lot are approximate dates only. Most entries fall between 1866 and 1900.

Each lot is individually indexed (by first letter only; each ledger includes an index unless otherwise noted).

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Lot 3 ledger, 1879-1911	Family History Library	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	2194560 Item 7	8699925	
Lot 4 ledgers, 1866-1923 (3 ledgers, the index to all three ledgers is in the first ledger; the third ledger is identified in the index by an "A" next to the page number)	Family History Library	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	2194561 Items 1 - 3	8699926	
Lot 5 ledgers, 1866-1917, 1942-1947 (2 ledgers, the index for both ledgers is found at the beginning of the first ledger)	Family History Library	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	2194561 Items 4 - 5	8699926	
Lot 6 ledger (1, to p. 132), 1866-1894 (this ledger includes the index for both Lot 6 ledgers)	Family History Library	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	2194561 Item 6	8699926	
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Lot 7 ledger, 1876-1917	Family History Library	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	2194562 Item 3	8194539	
Lot 8 ledger, 1867-1908	Family History Library	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	2194562 Item 4	8194539	

106				106	
1860	Dr. Francis Dogherty	£	0 0	1860	2 ^d Class
Dec 12	To Purchase of 75. a 6/ "Lewins Road" Lot 58	22	10 0	Dec 12	By Cash
"	" " Plan & Deed	"	10	"	" By Cash
		£	23 0 0		
1861	To Balance	18	0 0	1862	
Dec 12	" One Year Interest	"	18	May 2	By Cash.
		£	18 18 0		
1862	To Balance	15	18 0	Dec 29	By Cash. to complete 2 ^d instal
Dec 12	" One Year Interest	"	15 11		
		£	16 13 11	1863	
1863	To Balance	14	7 8	Dec 12	By Cash.
Dec 12	" One Year Interest	"	14 11	Jan 13	By Cash. to complete 3 ^d instal
		£	15 2 0		
1864	To Balance	12	11 6	1865	
Dec 12	" One Year Interest	"	12 7	Jan 20	By Cash.
		£	13 4 1	1866	

106		LOT 58		106	
1860	Dr. Francis Dogherty	£	0 0	1860	By Cash
Dec 12	To Purchase of 75. a 6/ "Lewins Road" Lot 58	22	10 0	Dec 12	By Cash
"	" " Plan & Deed	"	10		
		£	23 0 0		
1861	To Balance	18	0 0		
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		£	18 18 0		
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		£	16 13 11		
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Dec 12	" One Year Interest	"	14 11		
		£	15 2 0		
1864	To Balance	12	11 6		
Dec 12	" One Year Interest	"	12 7		
		£	13 4 1		

Lot 58, Township Ledger, Francis Dogherty, FamilySearch

Post-1900 Land Registry Deeds

- Registry of Deeds
- Charlottetown location – Kings and Queens County deeds
- Summerside location – Prince County only

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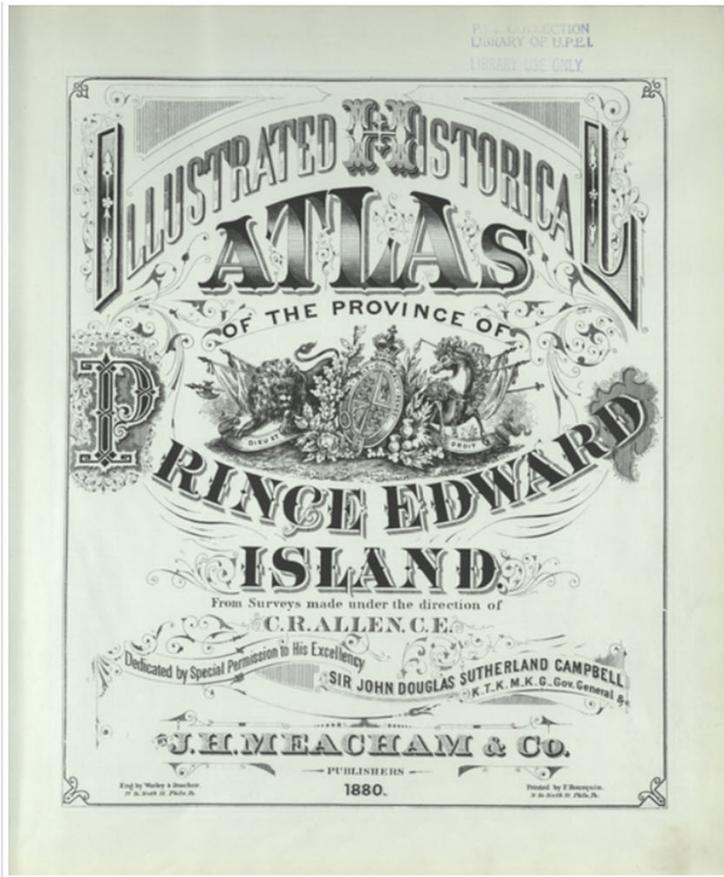
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These maps tell the story of the settling and colonization of Prince Edward Island. But this island, Epekwitk, has a rich history starting long before these maps were written. From time immemorial through to the present day, this land has been the home of the Mi'kmaq. The Mi'kmaq Confederacy of PEI has created a map of Mi'kmaw traditional land use, incorporating Mi'kmaw place names as well as historical documents. It is now hosted by L'nuey. [Epekwitk Place Names \(via L'nuey\)](#)

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Thos. Shea 50		Angus M ^c Pherson 75	
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Owen Hughes 100			
Mich ^l . Rooney 50			
Jas. M ^c Cabe 50			
Owen M ^c Kenna 50			
Jas. M ^c Ginnis 50			
Philip Rooney 100			
Mich ^l . M ^c Kenna 55			
Jas. M ^c Kenna 55			
Barney Dougherty 175		Alex. M ^c Phee 75	
James Mullen 100		Angus Bruce 75	
Dennis Rooney 100		Angus M ^c Donald	
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		Mrs. Angus M ^c Phee 100	
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Legal system

- Most land occupied without legal title
- Crown land grants
 - Available on microfilm at the FamilySearch Library in Salt Lake City, Utah (not digitized yet)
- Registry of Deeds formed 1825
- Misc. deeds and wills, 1744-1859 include
 - Land transfers
 - Marriage settlements



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Land records, 1803-1990

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Authors: [Newfoundland. Crown Lands Department](#) (Main Author)

Format: Manuscript/Manuscript on Film

Language: English

Publication: Salt Lake City, Utah : Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1991

Physical: 37 microfilm reels ; 35 mm.

Notes

Microfilm of originals are located at the Howley Building, St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada.

Includes indexes.

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Land records, 1825-Feb. 1931; indexes, 1825-1938

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Authors: [Newfoundland. Registrar of Deeds](#) (Main Author)
Format: Manuscript/Manuscript on Film
Language: English
Publication: Salt Lake City, Utah : Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1997
Physical: 68 microfilm reels ; 35 mm.

Notes

Microfilm of original records in possession of the Registry of Deeds, Companies and Securities, St. John's Newfoundland.

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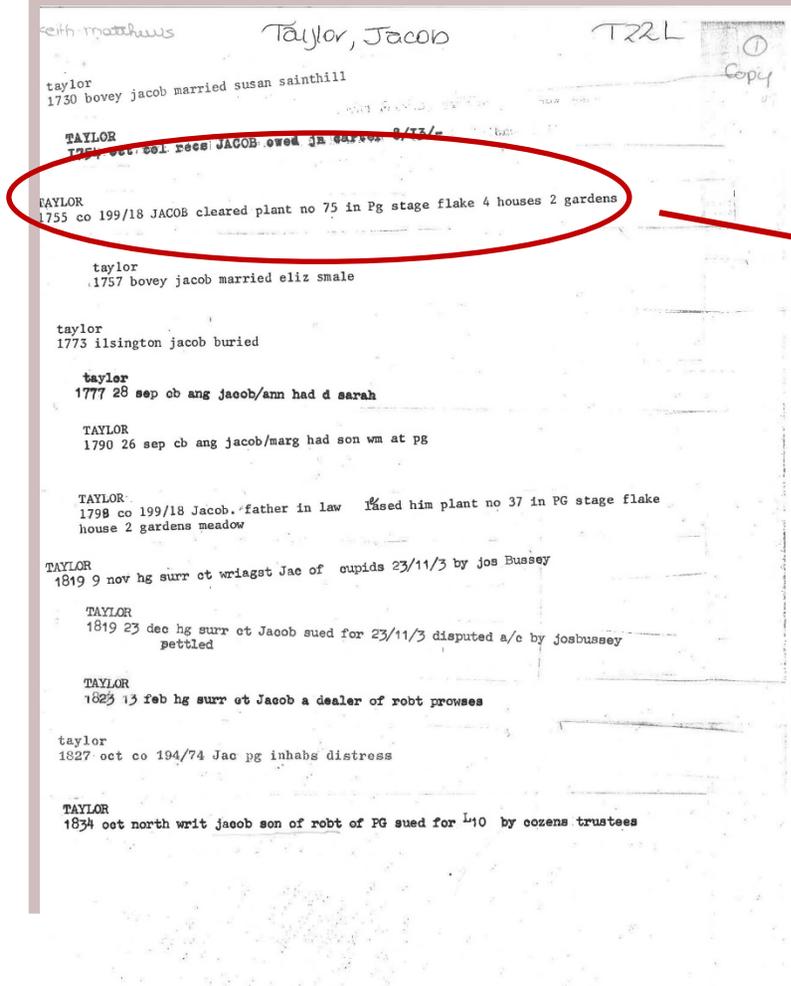
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Deed Index, Newfoundland and Labrador, FamilySearch

Keith Matthews Name files: *Jacob Taylor of Port de Grave*



TAYLOR

1755 co 199/18 JACOB cleared plant no 75
in Pg stage flake 4 houses 2 gardens

Translation:

In 1755 Jacob Taylor cleared plantation no. 75 in Port de Grave and it had stage, flake, 4 houses 2 gardens Extracted from Colonial Office records series 199 v. 18 (co 199/18)

Example from the Mardy O'Neil
Papers at NEHGS

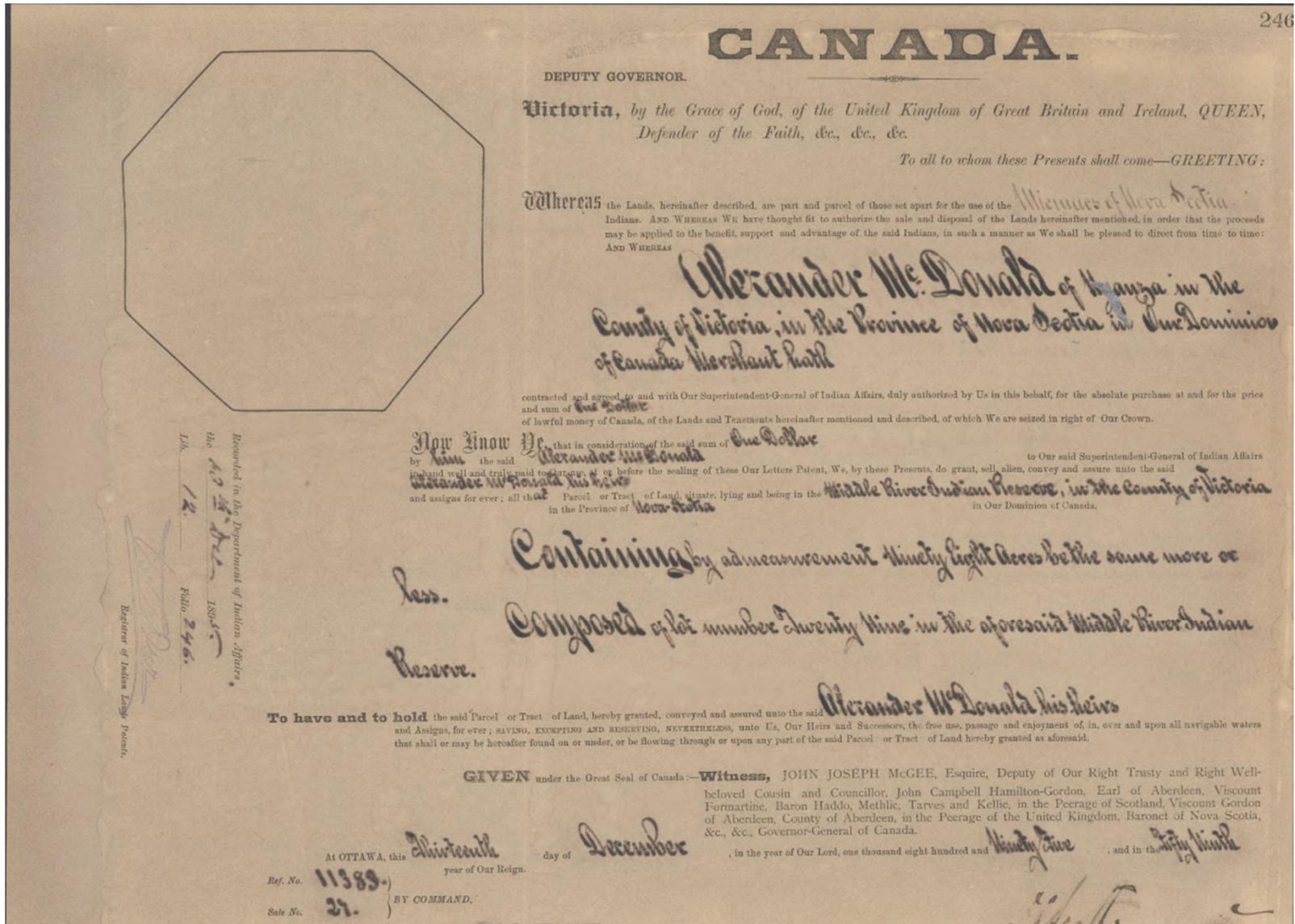
Indian and Inuit Affairs Program

History

- First Nations reserves were considered federal Crown lands
- Patents were first issued in 1763 and were handled by provincial secretaries
- 1840 – Act of Union between Lower and Upper Canada – established the Office of the Registrar General
- In 1886, land patents were handled by Department of Indian Affairs
- In 1951, the responsibility of issuing land patents transferred back to Registrar general's Office
- Last Indian patent issued in 1990

The Records

- Held at Library and Archives Canada in Ottawa, Ontario in several record groups:
 - Department of Indigenous and Northern Affairs (RG10)
 - Nova Scotia Vols. 459-461 and 1718
 - Registrar General (RG68)
- Some are digitized and found in LAC's Collection Search or Canadiana



Land Patent, Alexander McDonald, Nova Scotia, 1895

Review

1. Early Canadian land was awarded as crown land.
2. Location and historical context is key for locating all relevant land records.
3. Use maps and other records to learn about an ancestor's FAN Club.

Canadian Research Tour

- May 5 – 11, 2024
- Repositories:
 - BAC-LAC (Library and Archives Canada)
 - Military History Research Centre in the Canadian War Museum
 - Ontario Genealogical Society – Ottawa Branch
- Travel with American Ancestors webinar tomorrow, August 31st, at 3:00 p.m.



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