

# Introduction to Atlantic Canada

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**American Ancestors**  
*by* NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

# Meet today's presenter



Judy Lucey  
Archivist

# OVERVIEW

- **Presentation (60 mins.)**
  - Historical Overview
  - Peopling of Atlantic Canada
  - Records and repositories
- **Q&A (30 mins.)**



# Session Roadmap

## Introduction

Historical Overview

Timeline of events 16<sup>th</sup>  
to 20<sup>th</sup> century

## Peopling of Atlantic Canada

First Nations

Major European groups

Early settlements of the  
region

## Records and repositories

Online resources

Provincial Archives and  
Repositories

Resources for  
Newfoundland and  
Labrador

# Researching Atlantic Canada

## Maritime Canada

## Atlantic Canada



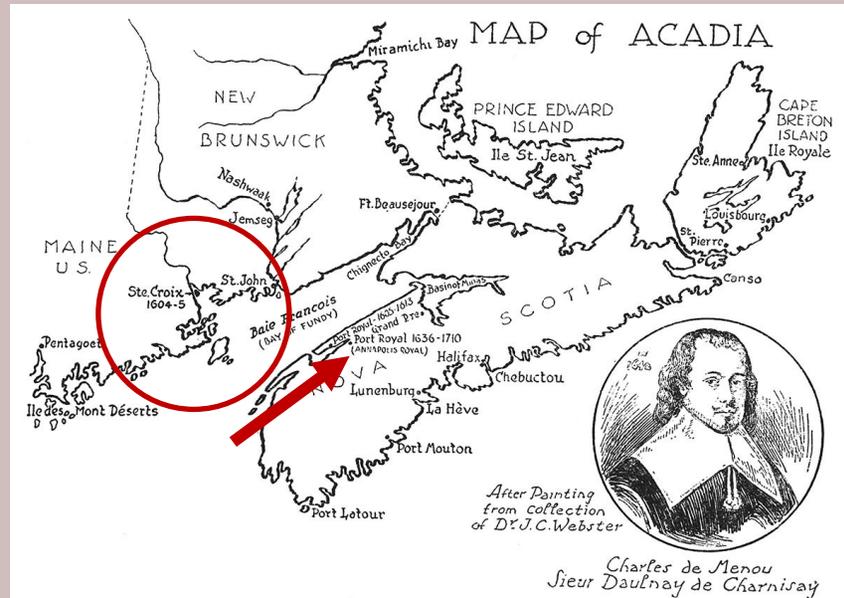
# **16th and 17th Centuries: Voyages of Discovery, Cod, and Struggle for Control**

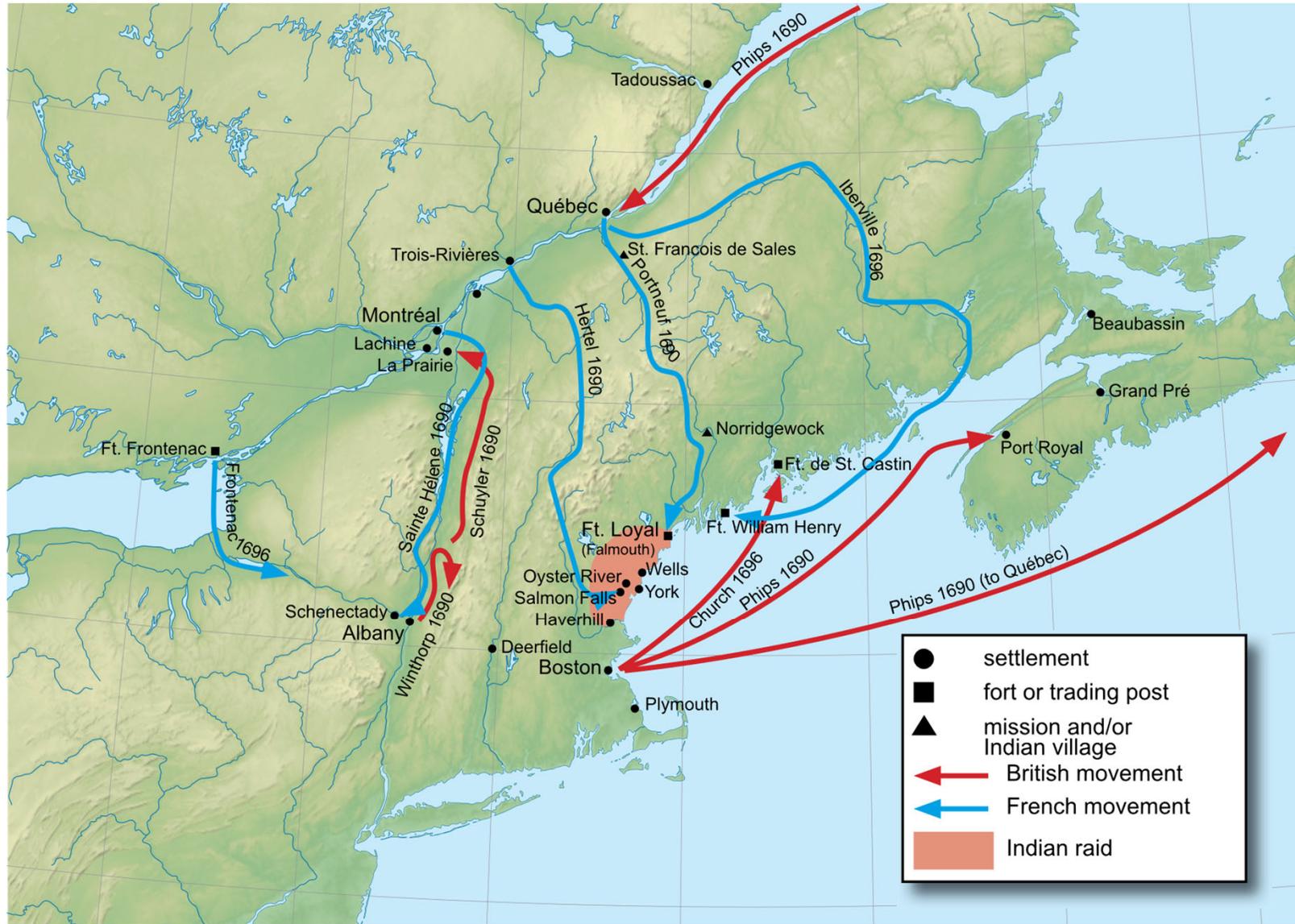
# Voyages of discovery

- Europeans:
  - Voyages of discovery
    - 10<sup>th</sup> century Norse (Viking) settlements in Newfoundland
    - 1497 John Cabot claims Newfoundland for England
    - 1534 Jacques Cartier colonization for France
    - 1604 Samuel de Champlain and Pierre Dugua de Mons, early settlements in Acadia
- Fishing and Fur trade
  - Europeans drawn to cod fishery
  - Basque whalers
  - French and fur trade in Nova Scotia

# 17th century

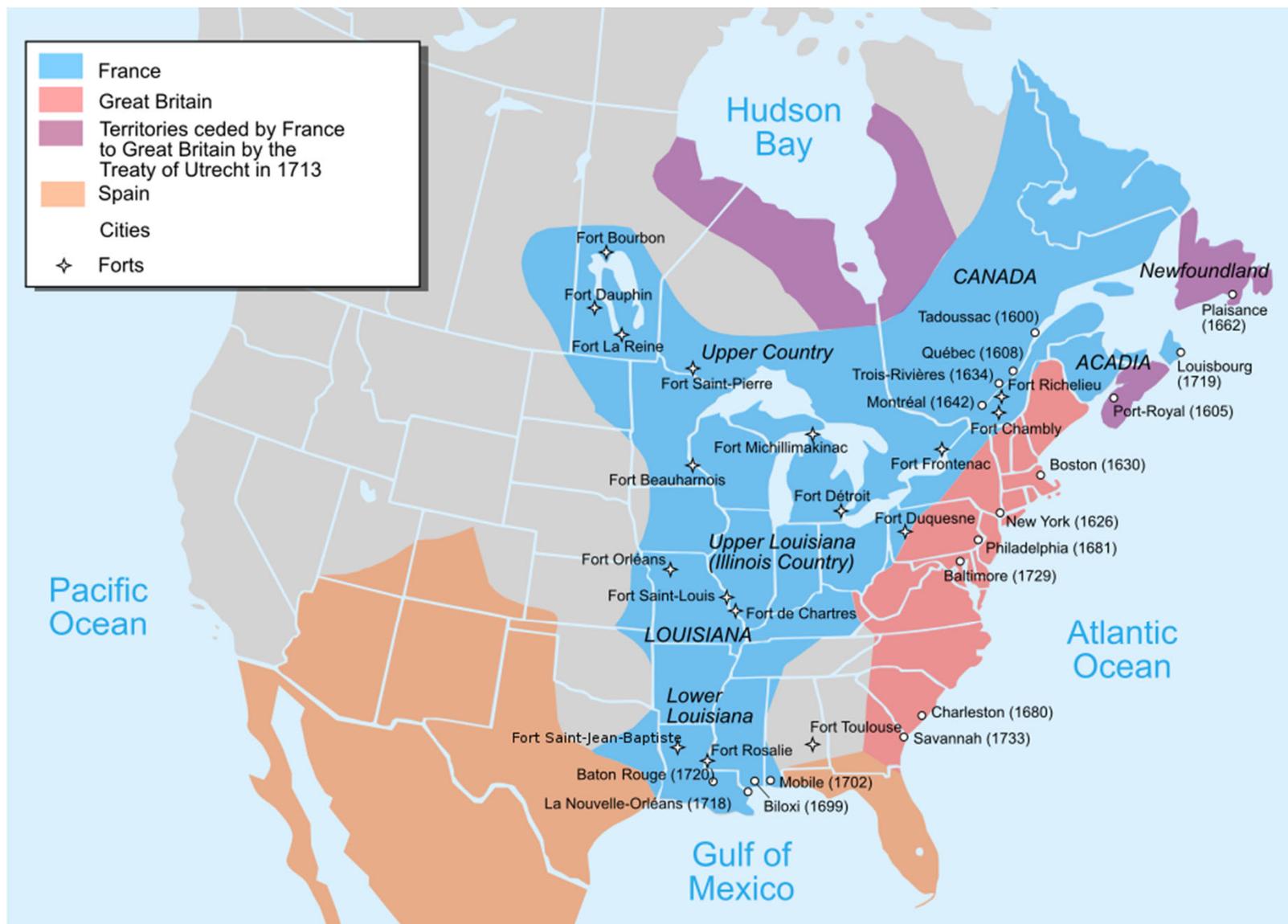
- Establishment of Acadia
  - 1604 at Ile St. Croix (Maine)
  - 1605 - Champlain moves to Port Royal (Annapolis)
  - 1632-1653 first core group of settlers





## 17th Century Colonial Wars

# 18th Century: Deportation, British Dominance and Settlement



# North America 1750

# Acadian Deportation

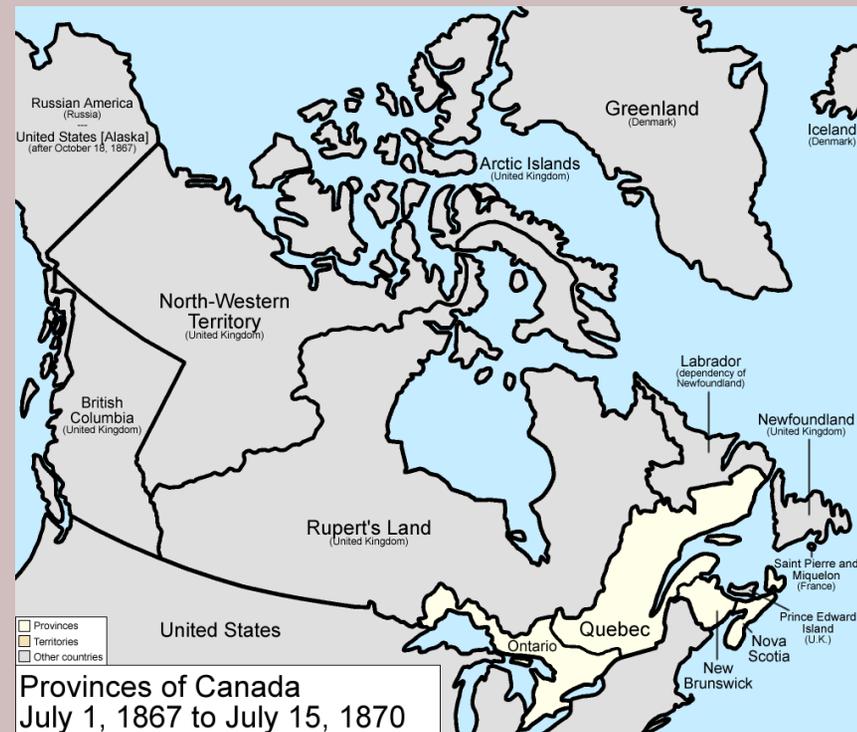
- Begins 1755
  - Bay of Fundy area
  - 7000 people
- Deported to American colonies
- Some escaped to Ile St.-Jean and New France
- 1758-1762
  - 3000 from Ile St.-Jean to France
  - 1500 from Halifax to Boston but refused entrance



# 19th and 20th Centuries: Confederation, Economic Woes, and Out Migration

# Joining the Dominion of Canada

- Confederation
  - 1867 Nova Scotia and New Brunswick
  - 1873 Prince Edward Island
- Economic downturn 1860s to 1900
  - Leads to out migration



# Out Migration

- Emigration to the “Boston States” and Canada
- Peak migration 1860s to early 1900s

Boston-bound steamers in Yarmouth Harbor, Nova Scotia, 1900 (Global Boston, Boston College)

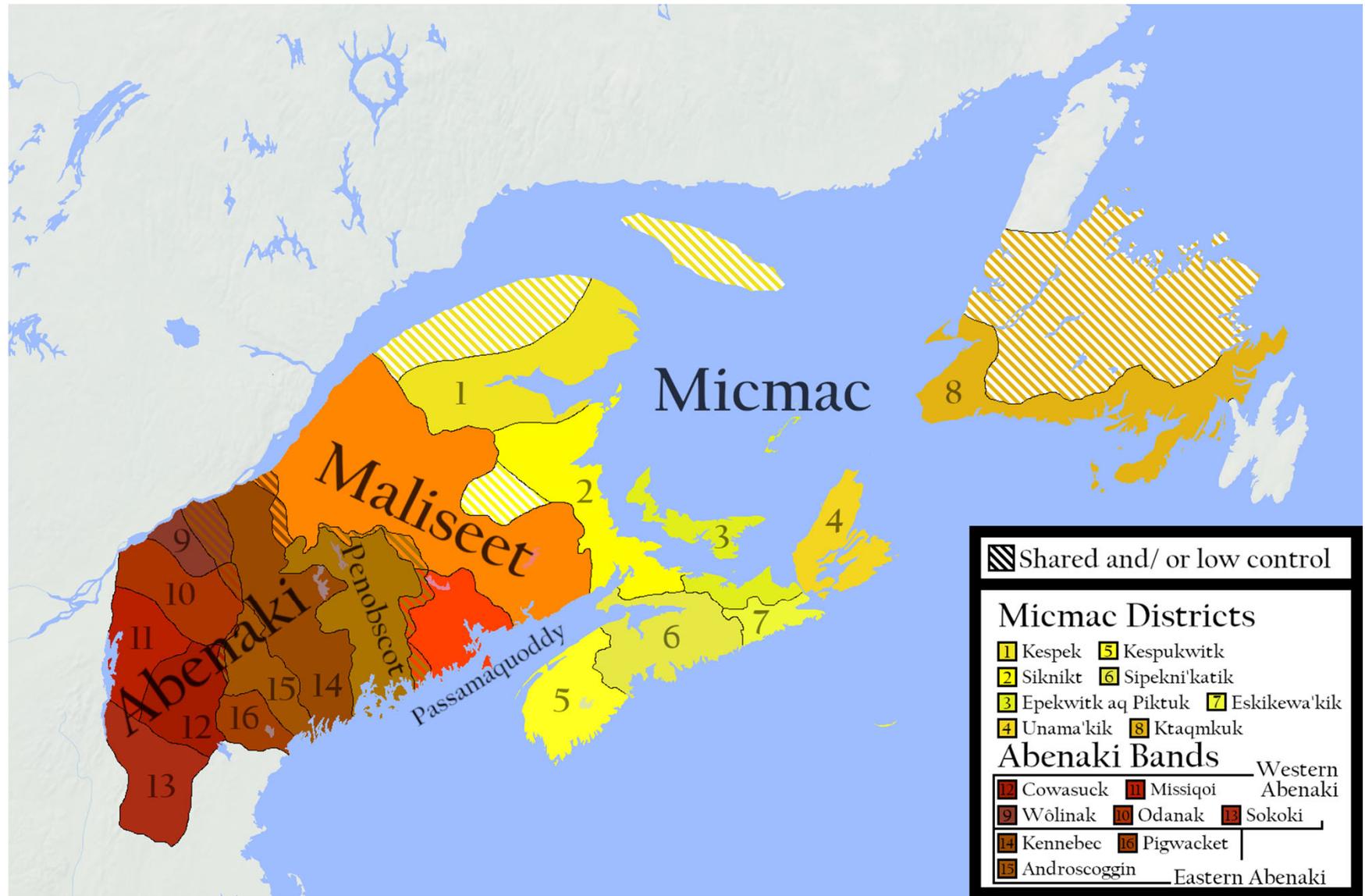


# Peopling of Atlantic Canada

# First Nations

- Maritime Archaic Indians
  - Roughly 7,500 years ago
  - Hunting and fishing culture
  - Newfoundland and Labrador
- Algonquin and Abenaki
  - Mi'kmaq, Maliseet, others
  - Nomadic life living off resources in and around the sea





# Wabanaki Confederacy

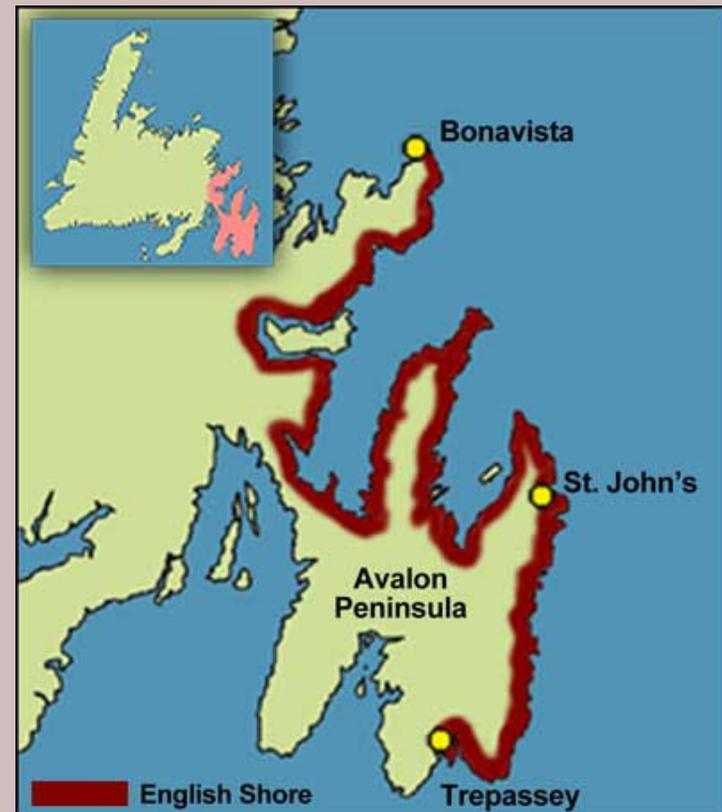
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# Major Groups

- English
  - West County settlers to Newfoundland
  - Yorkshire settlers to Nova Scotia 1772-1775
  - Loyalists and Black Loyalists
- New England Planters
- Foreign Protestants
  - Lunenburg, Nova Scotia
- Scots and Scots-Irish
- Irish

# West Country Settlers to Newfoundland

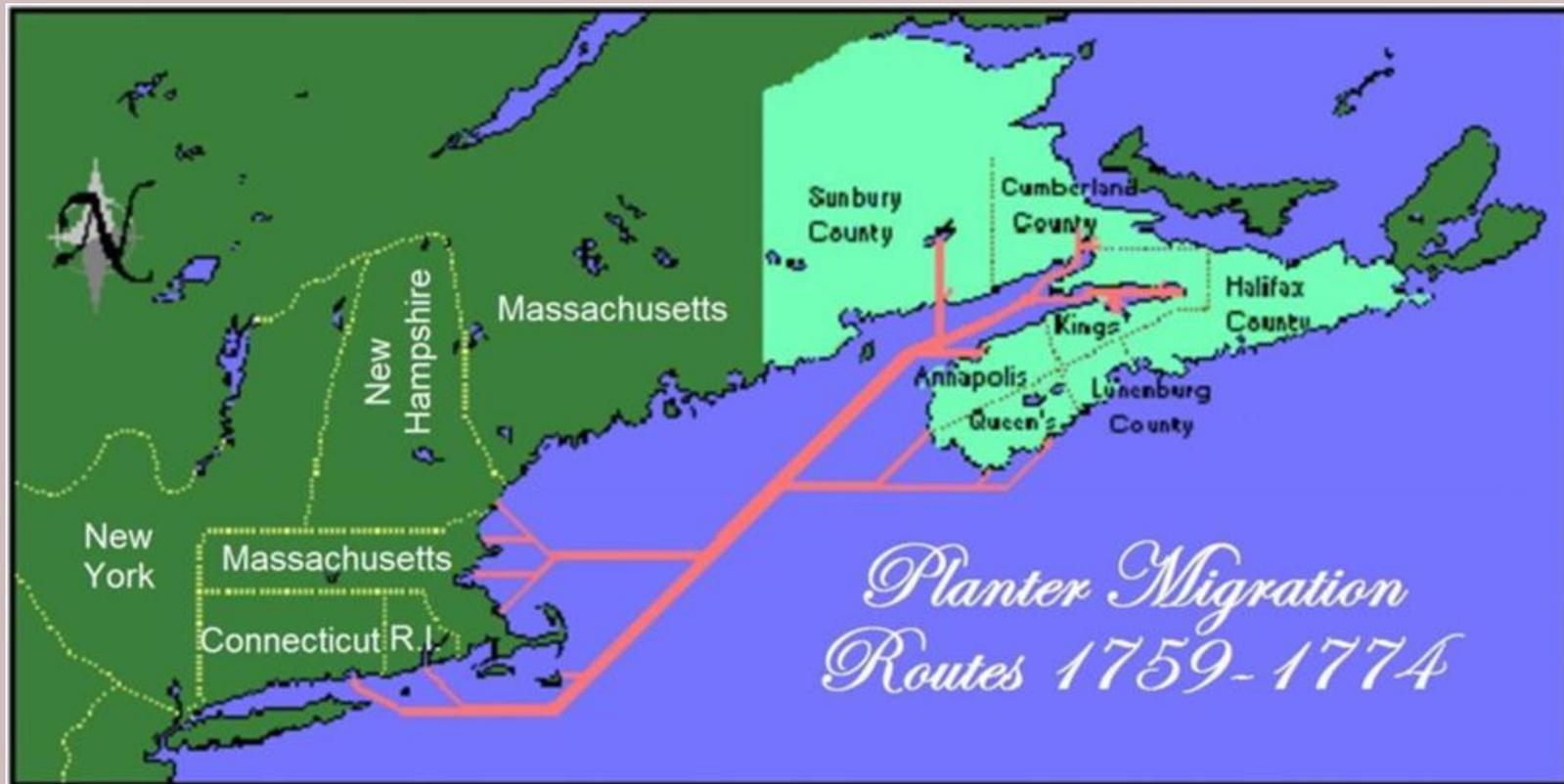
- John Guy and 1610 settlement of Cupid's Cove
- “West Country”
  - Devon
  - Dorset
  - Somerset
  - Hampshire
- Leaving from Bristol and Poole



English Shore in 1670s, Newfoundland and Labrador Heritage Web Site

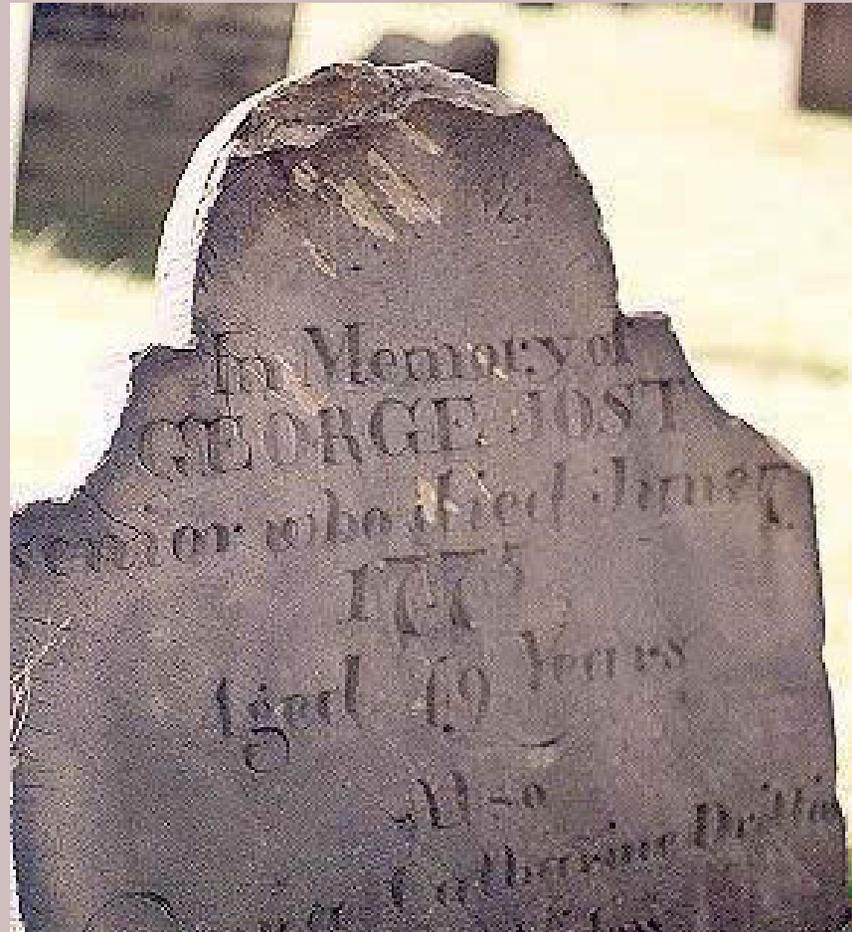
# Pre-1775 to Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and PEI

# New Englanders to Nova Scotia and New Brunswick



# Foreign Protestants

- Peak period 1750-1752
- German states, Switzerland, Montbeliard
- Eleven ships in 1751-1752
- Range of occupations – bakers, blacksmiths, tanners, surgeons and shoemakers



# Early Scottish settlers

- Earliest settlement 1620s Cape Breton and Bay of Fundy
  - Settlements failed and surrendered to France in 1632
- Highland Scots
  - Peak period 1770 to 1815
  - Arrival of the Hector in 1773 to Pictou, NS
- Scottish Catholics to PEI 1772
  - Families of MacDonald, Campbell, Beaton, and MacIntyre



# Irish and Scots Irish

- Newfoundland
  - 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> c. seasonal cod fishery
  - “Two boaters”
- Irish Catholics
  - 1815-1830s
  - Southeast counties of Ireland
- Scots-Irish
  - Alexander McNutt, Land Agent
    - Settlers from Londonderry, NH and Ulster to Shelburne, New Dublin (Lunenburg and Pictou, Co.



# QUESTIONS?

# Records and Repositories

# Research Strategies

- Focus first on research in country they settled, i.e. U.S. records
- Research will be back and forth process
- Look at a wide variety of records both primary and secondary



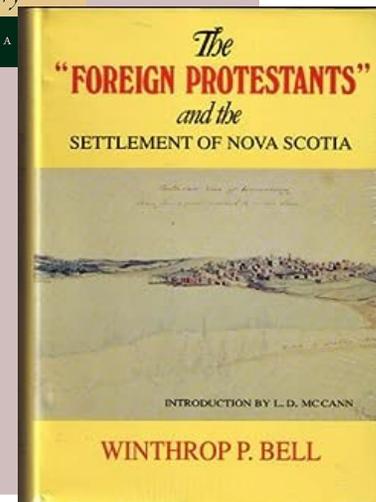
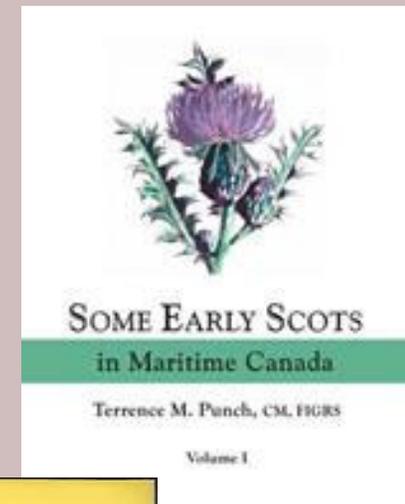
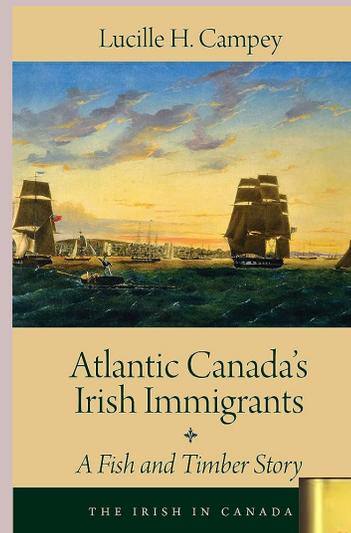
O'Brien family playing cards in the kitchen

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Consult secondary  
sources

# Secondary sources

- Learn the history of the province
  - Study local community history
  - Identify surrounding communities and their records
- Seek out research by others
  - Compilations by historians and genealogists



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Identify online records  
first

# Search Historical Records

Records create a paper trail for your ancestors and can lead you to important details about their life. Enter a name, and we'll look for it in birth certificates, marriage registrations, census records, and other official documents.

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First Names	Last Names
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Place	Year
<input type="text" value="City, County, State, Province, or Cour"/>	<input type="text" value="Birth or Death Year"/>
<a href="#">SEARCH</a>	<a href="#">MORE OPTIONS</a>



### Find a Collection

Your ancestor's record belongs to a collection of similar documents—Argentina Baptisms, for example, or United States Census, 1940. Searching a specific collection is one way to narrow your search. If you don't know the collection's exact title, start typing, and we'll try to help you.

Collection Title

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Different regions of the world call for different research strategies. Enter a place, and we'll show you the tools and resources we have to help you discover your ancestors who lived there.

Find a Country, Province, or State

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<https://www.familysearch.org/search/>

# FamilySearch catalog results

The screenshot shows the FamilySearch Catalog search results for 'Canada, New Brunswick, Kings'. The search results are listed as follows:

- Part of [Canada, New Brunswick](#)
- [Places within Canada, New Brunswick, Kings](#)
- Canada, New Brunswick, Kings - Cemeteries ( 3 )
- Canada, New Brunswick, Kings - Census - 1851 ( 1 )
- Canada, New Brunswick, Kings - Census - 1851 - Indexes ( 1 )
- Canada, New Brunswick, Kings - Census - 1861 ( 1 )
- Canada, New Brunswick, Kings - Census - 1861 - Indexes ( 1 )
- Canada, New Brunswick, Kings - Census - 1871 - Indexes ( 1 )
- Canada, New Brunswick, Kings - Census - 1881 - Indexes ( 1 )
- Canada, New Brunswick, Kings - Census - 1891 - Indexes ( 2 )
- Canada, New Brunswick, Kings - Census - 1901 ( 1 )
- Canada, New Brunswick, Kings - Census - 1901 - Indexes ( 1 )
- Canada, New Brunswick, Kings - Church records ( 4 )
- Canada, New Brunswick, Kings - Genealogy ( 3 )
- Canada, New Brunswick, Kings - History ( 8 )
- Canada, New Brunswick, Kings - History - Periodicals ( 1 )
- Canada, New Brunswick, Kings - History - Sources ( 1 )
- Canada, New Brunswick, Kings - Land and property ( 3 )
- Canada, New Brunswick, Kings - Maps ( 2 )
- Canada, New Brunswick, Kings - Obituaries - Indexes ( 1 )
- Canada, New Brunswick, Kings - Probate records ( 3 )
- Canada, New Brunswick, Kings - Probate records - Indexes ( 1 )
- Canada, New Brunswick, Kings - Vital records ( 6 )
- Canada, New Brunswick, Kings - Vital records - Indexes ( 1 )

Annotations on the screenshot include a red box with the text 'Search results by place' pointing to the 'Places within Canada, New Brunswick, Kings' link, and a red arrow pointing to the 'Canada, New Brunswick, Kings - Church records ( 4 )' entry. A 'Print List' button is visible to the right of the search results.

Navigation links at the top include: records, Images, Family Tree, Genealogies, **Catalog**, Books, Wiki. Utility links include: SIGN IN, CREATE ACCOUNT.

Footer links include: About, Volunteer, Blog, Site Map, Solutions Gallery, Mobile Apps, Contact Us. COOKIE PREFERENCES, ENGLISH. THE CHURCH OF

# NEHGS Canadian Databases

The screenshot shows the AmericanAncestors.org website interface. At the top, the logo for AmericanAncestors by the New England Historic Genealogical Society is visible, along with navigation links for Search, Events, Membership, Give, Publications, Expert Help, Tools, Signature Projects, and Centers & Initiatives. A search bar is present with the text "Search by database name...".

On the left side, there are filter options for "7 databases". The filters include:

- SORT BY:** Most recent, A to Z Sort
- DATABASE:** all databases, only databases with images, only my favorite databases, only free databases
- LOCATION:** Canada (7)
- DATE:** Pre 1700 (2), 1700 - 1750 (2), 1750 - 1800 (2), 1800 - 1850 (0), 1850 - 1900 (0), 1900 - 1950 (0)

The search results are displayed in a table with 7 entries. A red arrow points to the first entry:

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At the bottom of the results, there is a pagination control showing "1" of 1 pages.



by Tricia Labbe

## Introduction

Due to the forcible removal of the Acadians to many different locations, and the related destruction of so many original Acadian communities, it can be difficult to trace Acadian heritage. As genealogists, we must ask ourselves what types of records and resources have survived from this group? In truth, many record groups that are helpful for genealogists were lost or destroyed. Yet, some have stood the test of time and with the Acadian population's resilience in reclaiming their heritage and community, there is now a wealth of genealogical information related to the Acadians. In this guide, we will look at record groups and repositories for Acadian research, published resources to aid in your research, and other online resources that may help you uncover your connection to the Acadian people.



A Brief History

Timeline

Existing Records

Historical Context

Finding Aids and Other  
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<https://www.americanancestors.org/tools/research-guides>

## Catalog Search

Search for books, e-books, manuscripts, and microform

Keyword **Title** Author Subject Call Number Advanced

### Keyword Search

Keywords:

Search for online resources only

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Example: irish new york

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# Provincial Archives

- Each province has an established archive
- Collect records related to its history
  - Government records
  - Business records
  - Personal and family papers
  - Other records



The Acadie in Market Slip,  
St. John, New Brunswick

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genealogical societies,  
libraries, and archives

# New Brunswick



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Search 3,679,559 names from 39 databases in one place!

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At the [Archives Associates](#) web site you will find membership information, and a wealth of helpful publications and merchandise for sale including census records, marriage records, maps, post cards, videos and more!

### Corporate Information Management

### What's New

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▶ [RS141 Vital Statistics](#)

6, 964 digitized images have been added for 1972 registrations of marriage (RS141B7).

June 01, 2023

▶ [Spanish Flu Exhibit](#)

Spanish Flu in New Brunswick: The great Influenza Epidemic of 1918-1920. An online history curated by the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick.

April 24, 2023

▶ [RS141 Vital Statistics](#)

5, 100 digitized images have been added for 1972 registrations of death (RS141C5).

March 06, 2023

▶ [Births - RS141A5](#)

1,462 digitized images have been added for Albert County birth registrations from 1926 to 1927 (RS141A5).

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▶ [Births - RS141A5](#)

3,904 digitized images have been added for

<https://archives.gnb.ca/>

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- Saint John Almshouse Records
- Brenan Funeral Home Records: Traces of Ireland
- Fitzwilliam Estate Emigration Books 1847-1856
- RS555 Provincial Secretary: Immigration Administration Records
- Immigrant Letters
- Newspapers
- Passenger Lists
- Teachers Petition Database
- Irish Immigrants in the New Brunswick Census of 1851 and 1861

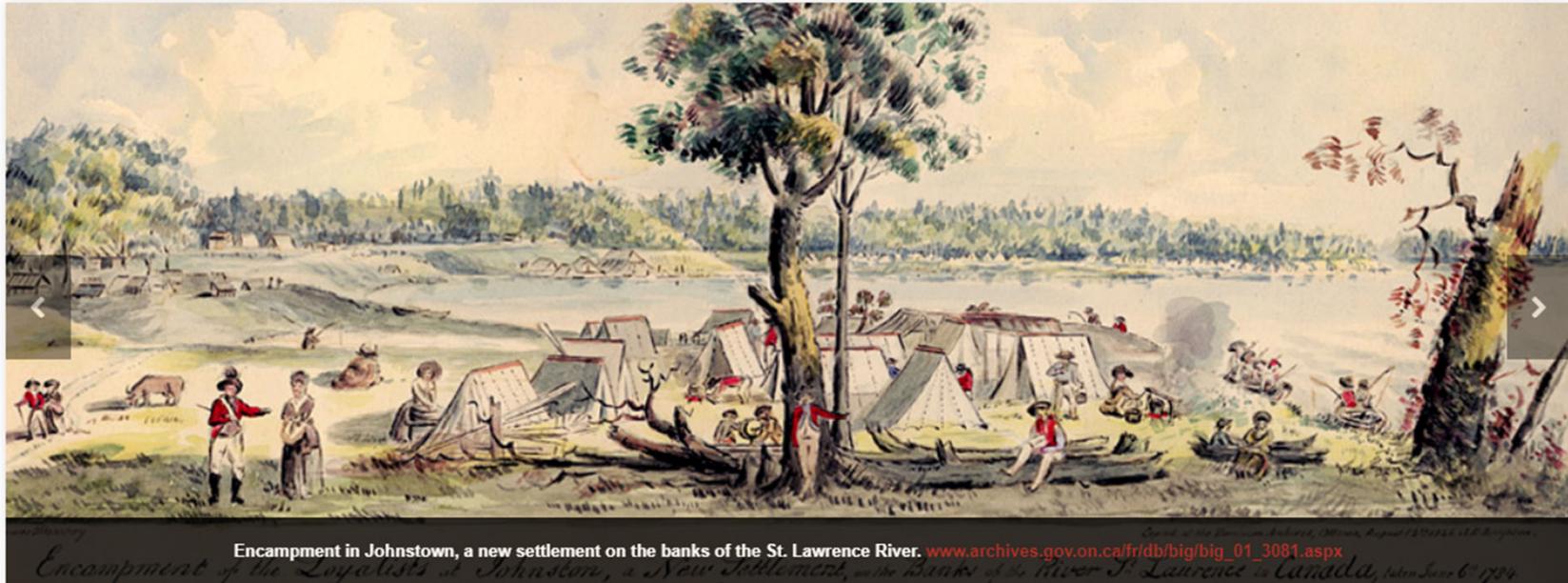
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Encampment in Johnstown, a new settlement on the banks of the St. Lawrence River. [www.archives.gov.on.ca/fr/db/big/big\\_01\\_3081.aspx](http://www.archives.gov.on.ca/fr/db/big/big_01_3081.aspx)

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This is a special collection of British and Colonial North American sources, including the British West Indies, predominantly from 1750-1850, published mainly in microformat and limited digital format. Though the study of American Revolutionary War loyalists is the primary focus, the materials transcend beyond this to provide a range of sources for colonial studies in the British Atlantic World for the 18th and 19th centuries. Descriptions of these titles are found by searching or

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NBGS is a non-profit organization founded in 1978 to encourage and facilitate family historical research in New Brunswick, Canada.



**WHAT'S NEW**

**19 Jul 2023:** The SJ Branch's collection of **Genealogy Folders** at the Saint John Free Public Library were scanned and added to the Saint John Branch section of the website.

**3 Jul 2023:** How do I check my account expiry date? Find the answer to that and other membership questions in our Knowledge Base **membership** category.

**26 Jun 2023:** Riverbank Fishing Lodge ran from 1909-1916 in the home of Mr & Mrs W O Snider in Portage Vale, NB. View the **guest book**.

**6 Jun 2023:** On this 79th anniversary of D-Day, see info on the **North Shore (NB) Regiment's** involvement, including video footage.

**4 Jun 2023:** The Summer

**LOGIN**

Membership is open to anyone with an interest in the history of New Brunswick and its people. Membership plans range from \$40 to \$65 per year.

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# Nova Scotia

# Provincial Archives

- Manuscript collections
- Microfilms of Nova Scotia church records
- Growing collection of online material
  - Vital records
  - Land records



Nova Scotia Provincial Archives  
2014 NEHGS research tour

## Virtual Archives and Databases

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**Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, 1926-2022**



**Margaret Perry: A Life in Film**



**Nova Scotia Archives Photographic Collection**

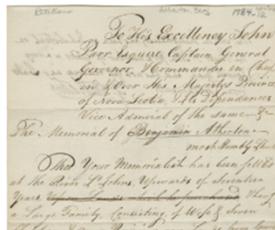


<https://archives.novascotia.ca/virtual/>

## Land Records

For many early settlers in Nova Scotia, land was often the only possession of real value. As a result, land records have been carefully documented and maintained since the first days of colonial government. A large, complex system quickly evolved, serving various purposes: documenting the land-granting process, whereby free land was offered by government to intending settlers; providing a continuous record of property transactions (sellers to buyers, and the reverse) over time; and protecting landholders' ownership and occupation of property.

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**Nova Scotia Land Papers, 1765-1800**



**Cape Breton Island Petitions 1787-1843**

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# Nova Scotia land records online

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  - James Dinwiddie fonds **62 visits**
  - Jotham Blanchard McCully fonds **54 visits**
  - Halifax Municipal Archives **50 visits**
  - Grace Maternity Hospital fonds **44 visits**
  - Nova Scotia Registry of Deeds fonds **43 visits**
  - Queen Elizabeth High School collection **43 visits**
  - RMS Olympic at Pier 2 carrying troops **37 visits**
  - Clairtone Sound Corporation **37 visits**

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Archival material can be searched online through our databases: the [PARO Collections Database](#) and [Memory PEI](#).

### What is the PARO Collections Database?

The PARO Collections Database can be searched for item-level access to vital statistics records, census material, and some of our most popular archival content, including maps, architectural plans, photographs, and other material. Where available, a digital scan of the original can also be accessed through the online database. Some of the major collections currently available online include:

#### Vital Statistics Records

- Baptisms (including the former PEI Baptismal Index, 1777-1923)
- Marriage licences, 1827-1919 (includes digitized originals, 1827-1888)
- Marriage registrations, 1920-1936
- Deaths, pre-1906
- Death registrations, 1906-1968

#### Census Records

Census records for 1841, 1881, 1891, and 1901 (formerly the Census Documents Data Search)

#### Archival Collections

- Photographs
- Architectural plans
- Maps
- Petitions (formerly the PEI Petition Index, 1780-1915; includes digitized originals)
- Supreme Court case files, 1770-1959

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- Extract from statement of general and particular average by the barquentine "Erema"...from Liverpool to Charlottetown Prince Edward Island with a cargo of general goods / Thomas Richards, master **120 visits**
- Public Archives and Records Office of Prince Edward Island **109 visits**
- P.E.I. School of Nursing fonds **82 visits**
- J.-Henri Blanchard fonds **80 visits**
- Macdonald family [Georgetown] fonds **67 visits**
- Prince Edward Island (Steamship) **59 visits**
- Prince Edward Island Genealogical Society, Inc. **56 visits**



Welcome to Memory PEI

Memory PEI is the archival description database for the Public Archives and Records Office of Prince Edward Island. The database contains close to 1200 archival descriptions, including government records and private sector material, held by the Public Archives and Records Office. More descriptions will become available online as entries are added to the database.

Memory PEI does not include digitized copies of records but provides a summary of the archival contents. [Contact us](#) to learn more about accessing archival collections and obtaining copies of material.

You may also want to explore the [PARO Collections Database](#) for item-level access to vital statistics records, census material, and some of our most popular archival content, including maps, architectural plans, photographs, and other material.

To begin searching Memory PEI, enter a keyword in the **search box** in the banner, or use the **browse** options to begin exploring PEI's documentary heritage. More information and search tips can be found on the [About Memory PEI](#) page.

# Memory PEI homepage

## Fonds Acc4225 - Macdonald family [Georgetown] fonds



Holdings Quick search

- ▼ Fonds Acc4225 - Macdonald family [Ge...]
- Series s1 - Andrew Macdonald
- Series s2 - Hugh Macdonald
- ▶ Series s3 - Colin Macdonald
- ▶ Series s4 - Andrew Archibald Macdonal...
- ▶ Series s5 - Archibald John Macdonald fa...
- Series s6 - Augustine "Austin" Colin Ma...
- 8 more...

Title and statement of responsibility area	
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Title notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Source of title proper: Title based on provenance of the fonds</li> </ul>
Level of description	Fonds
Repository	Public Archives and Records Office of Prince Edward Island
Reference code	CA PCA Acc4225

Dates of creation area	
Date(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1779-1994; Copied [ca. 1992-1993], 2012 (Creation)</li> </ul>
Creator	Macdonald (Family), Georgetown (P.E.I.)

Physical description area	
Physical description	4.36 m of textual records and other material

Archival description area	
Name of creator	Macdonald (Family), Georgetown (P.E.I.)
Biographical history:	<p>Andrew Macdonald (ca. 1752-1833) of Eilean Shona, Inverness, Scotland, appears to have emigrated to Prince Edward Island with his wife Isabella Macdonald (ca. 1760 - 21 July 1840) and several of their children between May and November 1806. The family originally settled at Panmure Island which Andrew had purchased from Sir James Montgomery in 1804. Andrew also appears to have acquired through either purchase, lease, or government grant a total of approximately 10,000 acres in Lot 8, Lot 51, Lot 52, Georgetown, and Georgetown Royalty. Andrew would later encounter difficulty proving his title to the Panmure Island property and all his land holdings would become the center of a Chancery Court case after his death.</p> <p>Shortly after arriving in Prince Edward Island, Andrew established mercantile, shipping, fisheries, and shipbuilding business interests in partnership with his sons Hugh (27 July 1788 - 10 November 1857), Angus (24 June 1786 - 13 April 1863), and Colin (10 December 1781 - 11 May 1860). These business ventures would be carried on by a number of Macdonald family members over the years, among the most notable being Hugh</p>

Reports

Export

- Dublin Core 1.1 XML
- EAD 2002 XML

Related subjects

- Diaries (1800-1850)
- Diaries (1850-1900)
- Shipbuilding
- General stores - Georgetown (P.E.I.)

Related people and organizations

- Macdonald (Family), Georgetown (P.E.I.) (Creator)
- Macdonald, Archibald John (Family) (Subject)

Related places

- Georgetown (P.E.I.)
- Panmure Island (P.E.I.)

# Finding aid for MacDonald Family Papers

The screenshot shows the website for the Prince Edward Island Genealogical Society. At the top, there is a logo and a green button labeled "Search for Records". Below the logo is a dark green navigation bar with links for HOME, MEMBERSHIP, NEWSLETTERS, STORE CDN FUNDS, STORE US FUNDS, NEWS & EVENTS, CONTACT, and DONATE. The main content area features a "Master Name Index" section with search filters for "First Name" and "Last Name", a "Clear filter" link, and a green "SEARCH" button. Below the filters is a table with columns for Surname, Given name, Title, Location, Year, Age, Religion, and Source. The table lists 20 entries, each with a green underlined surname and a source of "DAYBOOKS O...".

Surname	Given name	Title	Location	Year	Age	Religion	Source
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<a href="#">ADAMS</a>	JOHN			1816			DAYBOOKS O...
<a href="#">AIR</a>	--	MR		1800			DAYBOOKS O...
<a href="#">AITKEN</a>	--	MR	FORTUNE	1805			DAYBOOKS O...
<a href="#">ALLAN</a>	E.	MR		1803			DAYBOOKS O...
<a href="#">ALLEN</a>	E.	MR		1798			DAYBOOKS O...
<a href="#">ANDERSON</a>	--	MRS		1808			DAYBOOKS O...
<a href="#">ANDERSON</a>	--	YOUNG		1805			DAYBOOKS O...
<a href="#">APLEN</a>	--	MR		1798			DAYBOOKS O...
<a href="#">ATKASON</a>	--	MR	CUMBERLAND	1805			DAYBOOKS O...
<a href="#">AULD</a>	DAVID	MR	COVEHEAD	1814			DAYBOOKS O...
<a href="#">AULD</a>	ROBERT			1799			DAYBOOKS O...
<a href="#">AULD</a>	--	YOUNG		1807			DAYBOOKS O...
<a href="#">AUQUARD</a>	--	REV. MR		1798			DAYBOOKS O...
<a href="#">AVARD</a>	--	MR		1814			DAYBOOKS O...
<a href="#">BAGNAL</a>	GEORGE			1800			DAYBOOKS O...
<a href="#">BAGNAL</a>	JAMES	MR		1805			DAYBOOKS O...
<a href="#">BAGNAL</a>	--	MRS		1803			DAYBOOKS O...

<https://peigs.ca/search-master-name-index/>

# QUESTIONS?

# Newfoundland and Labrador

# What makes Newfoundland and Labrador different?

- British colony
  - Cod fishery
  - Settlement discouraged
  - Seasonal, temporary settlers until mid to late 18<sup>th</sup> c.
- Geography and climate
  - Majority of communities situated along the coast
- No self-government until 19<sup>th</sup> century
- Joined dominion of Canada in 1949



Catherine Frances (O'Keefe) O'Brien  
(1890-1966)

# Impact on research



Slow development of legal, social, and political institutions

No early organization of records



Lacks counties or townships

Records arranged by district



Fires, poor record keeping

Creates gaps in records

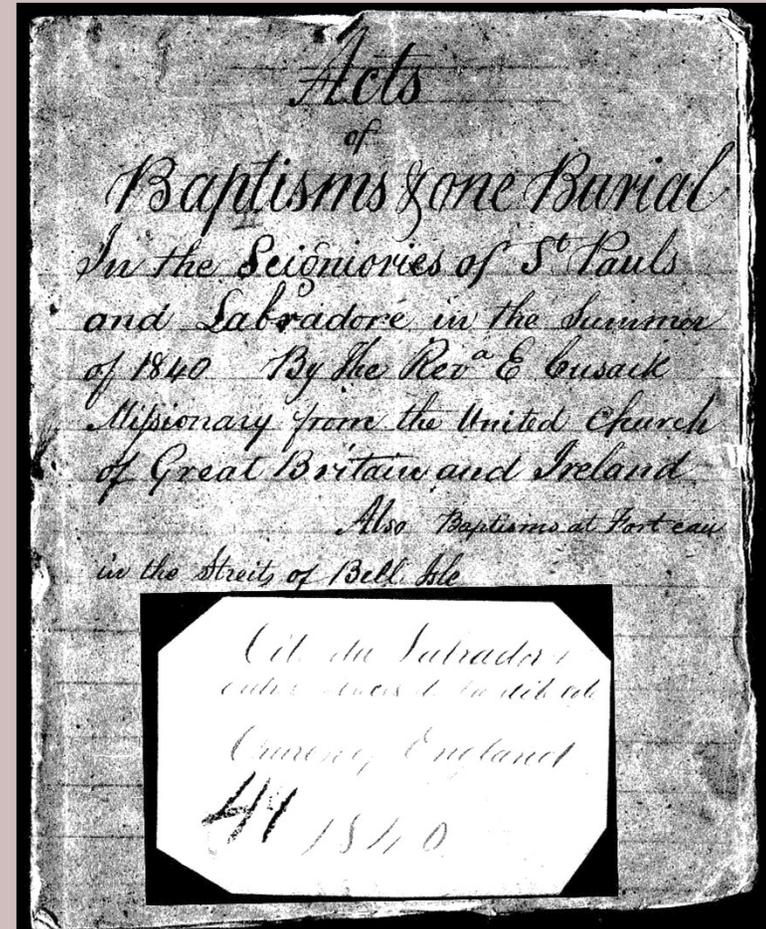


Reliance on family lore

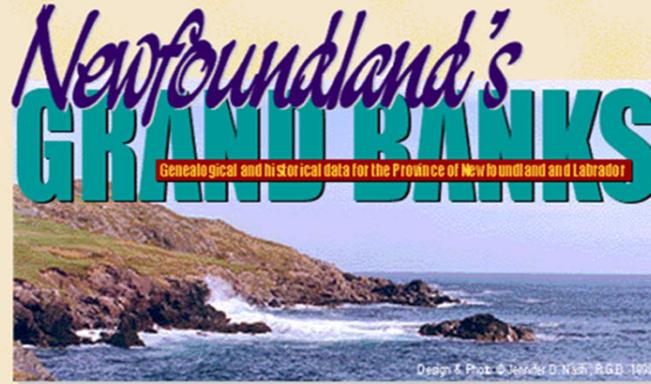
Oral history plays important role

# Labrador

- Aboriginal peoples
- Boundary disputes between Quebec and Newfoundland
  - Not settled until 1927
- Early European settlements
  - Moravian missions est. 1771
  - Hudson Bay Company c. 1834



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We have added a message board where users can post messages, and respond to messages posted by other users. With the participation of our users we are hoping that the message board grows into a community wealth of knowledge in all areas relating to genealogy.

Recent posts from the message board:

### [thers](#)

iate any help regarding Nicholas and/or Henry Crannaforde, (Cranaford, Craniford), who left Devon, England and settled in St John's in the mid-1800's. We are particularly interested in how and when they arrived in St John's. This would have been circa 1851/2 because Susanna Harris in St John's on the 3rd November 1853.

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Digitized by James G. ... editor of the St. John's ... until death in 1976

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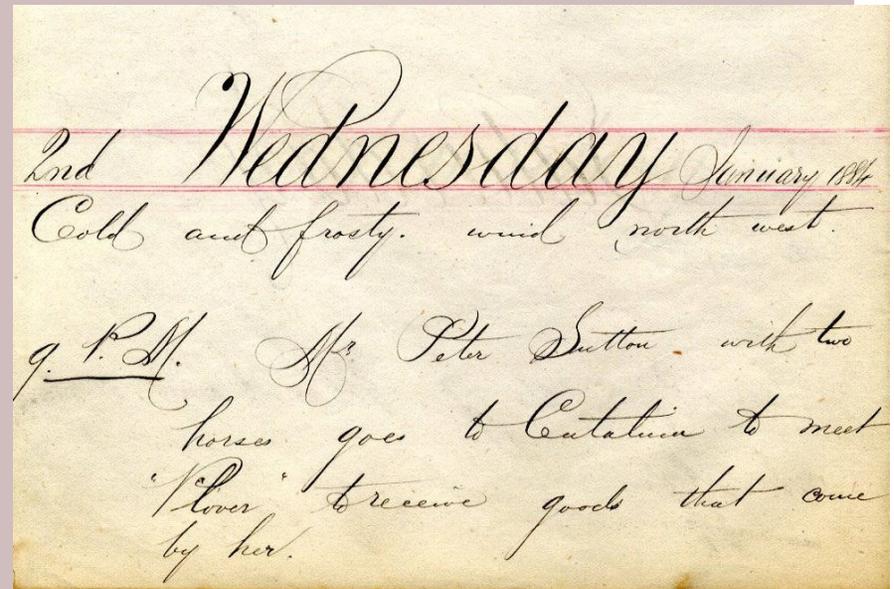
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Think outside  
the box!

# Records related to the fishery

- Mercantile records
  - Saunders and Sweetman (Placentia)
  - Lester (Trinity)
  - Slade (Twillingate, Trinity)
- Keith Matthews Name Files, 1500-1850
  - Data on individuals and families who worked in the fishery



2nd Wednesday January 1884  
Cold and frosty. wind north west.  
9 P.M. Mr Peter Sutton with two  
horses goes to Cuttwin to meet  
"Haver" to receive goods that come  
by her.

Entry from James Ryan diary, January 1884  
(James Ryan Ltd., Bonavista)

# The Rooms

- Government records
  - Voter Lists
- Church records
  - Photocopies only
  - Consult online parish guide
- Community Collections
  - Nimshi Crewe Collection
  - Peyton family papers
  - Don Morris Correspondence
- Business records
  - Saunders and Sweetman Firm (Placentia Bay area)



# Records from The Rooms on Family History Society (FHSNL) site



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## Records from The Rooms

The Provincial Archives Division of [The Rooms](#) has numerous documents in its collection that are of interest to genealogists and family historians. Copies of some of these records are available to FHSNL members via the links below. Church records are excluded from this digitisation initiative (largely because the Provincial Archives does not own the church records, and therefore cannot grant consent for them to be copied). However, there are many government-owned records that are of genealogical value, such as the collection of Newfoundland passports, various court records, census records, etc., which we will be able to make available via the FHSNL website. Look for this online collection to grow over time.

The most recent additions to this online collection are as follows:

- 29 March 2020 ... GN 5/3/B/19 - Box 62 (Files 1 to 5)
- 23 November 2019 ... GN 5/3/B/19 - Box 61
- 31 August 2019 ... GN 5/2/A/3/B - Box 76
- 21 July 2019 ... GN 5/3/B/19 - Box 13

**Some of the files are large and may take several minutes to download. Trying to view them within a web browser is not recommended. Instead, it may be better to download and save them for viewing with software such as**

### PANDEMIC MITIGATION EFFORTS

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the public lectures that had been scheduled in April and May are cancelled; our AGM will be rescheduled. Moreover, the FHSNL office is closed until further notice. You can still contact us by mail and email but please expect delays. Publication of the next Newfoundland Ancestor is also delayed.

### Wanted: Church Records

At present the FHSNL website does not have copies of any church records, but we would very much like to make such records available. If any church wardens or other custodians of original

# Memorial University

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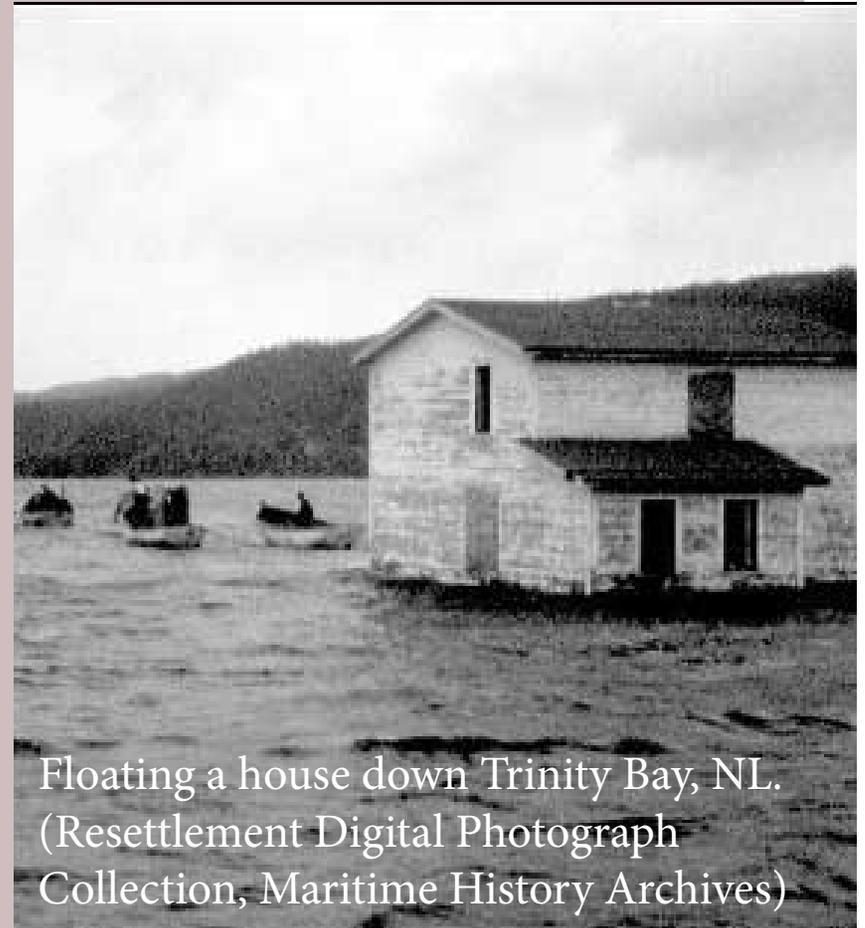
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# Resettlement

- The removal of families from isolated communities
  - Lack of work
  - Lack of access to medical and public services
- Program from 1960s to 1970s
- Online photos, documents, list of communities abandoned



Floating a house down Trinity Bay, NL.  
(Resettlement Digital Photograph  
Collection, Maritime History Archives)

# Maritime History Archives

- Keith Matthews' Name Files
  - Online digitization project complete
- Student Papers
  - Research papers on communities and families
  - Can contain genealogical research and family trees
- Crew Lists and Agreements
  - Online at Ancestry.com and Maritime History Archives
- Resettlement program of 1960s and 1970s

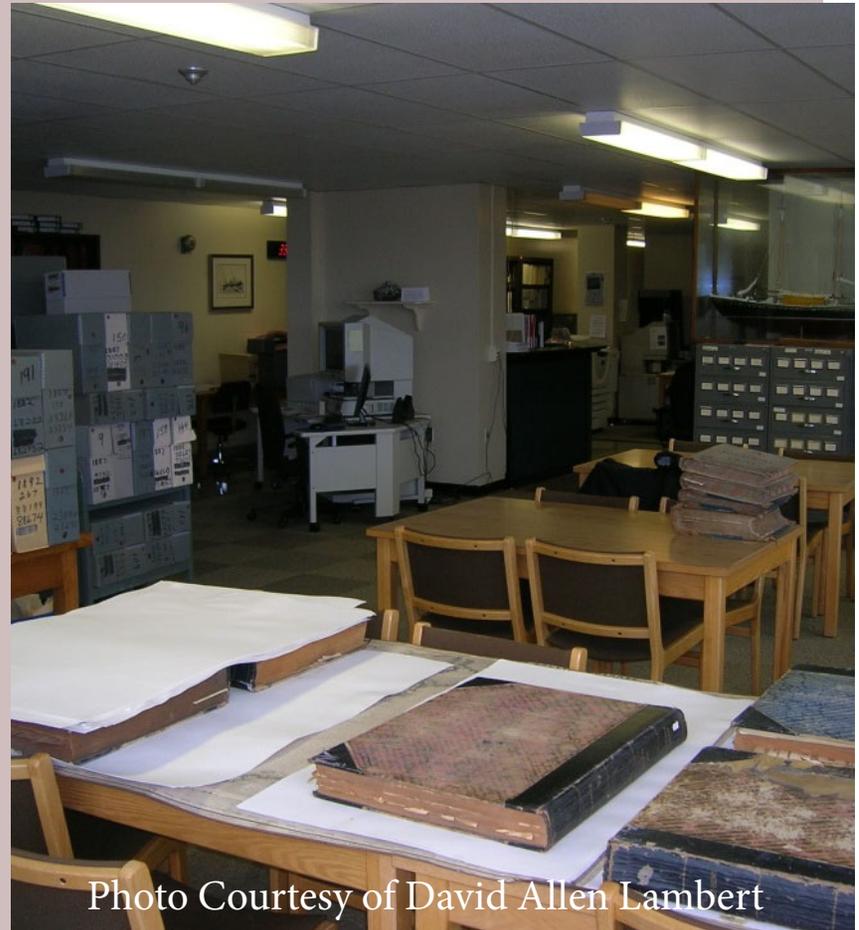
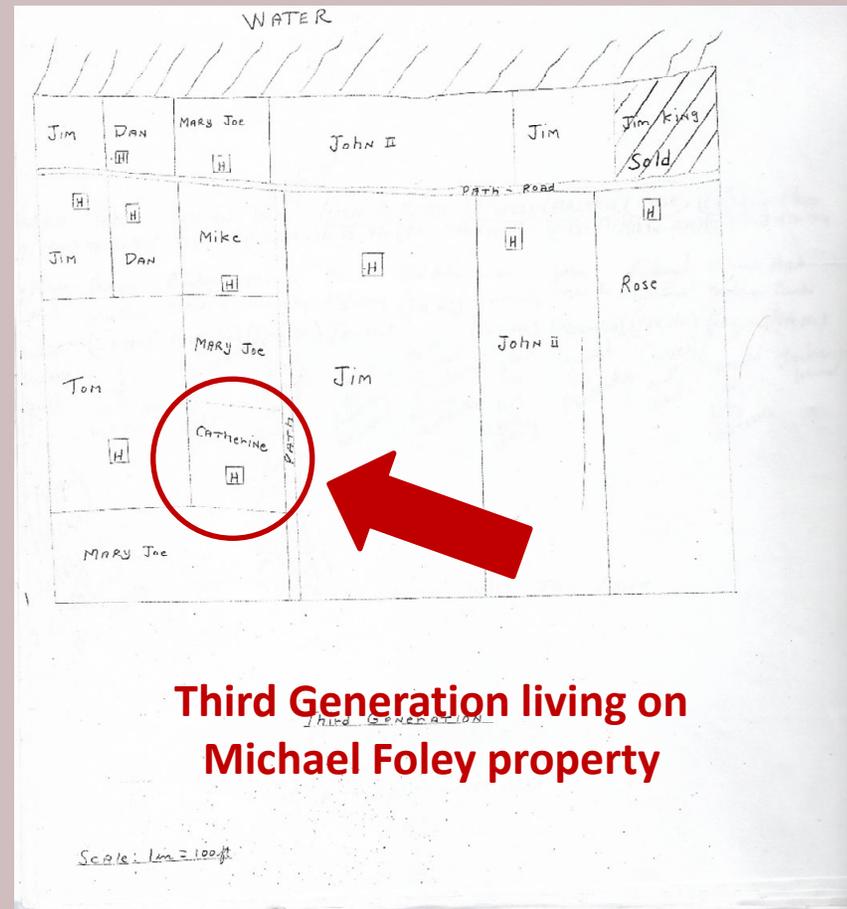
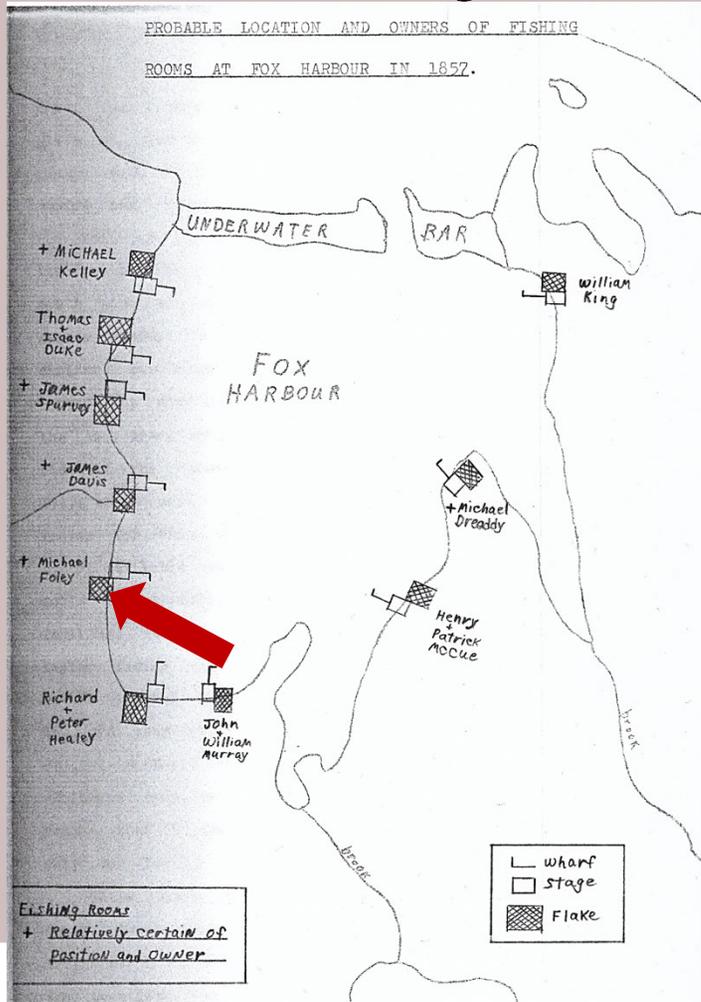


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# Student Papers – Foley family of Fox Harbour



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