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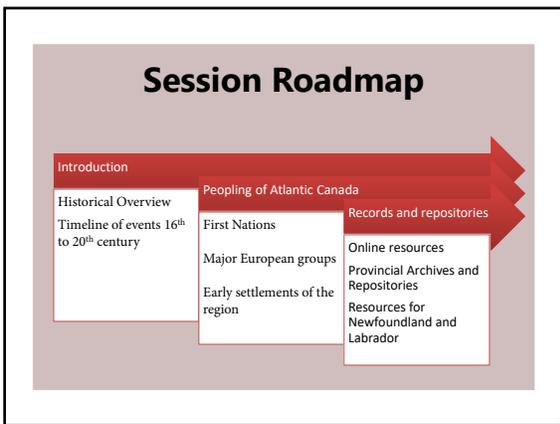
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16th and 17th Centuries: Voyages of Discovery, Cod, and Struggle for Control

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Voyages of discovery

- Europeans:
 - Voyages of discovery
 - 10th 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

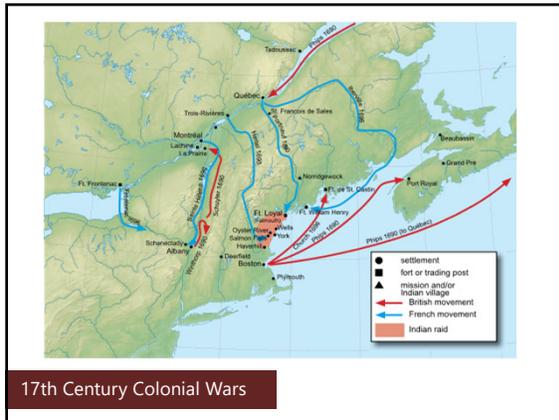
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17th century

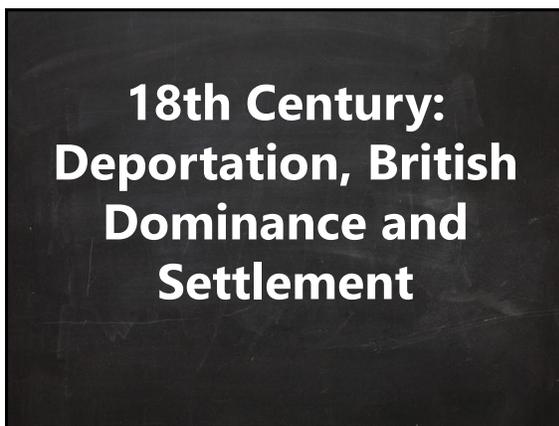
- Establishment of Acadia
 - 1604 at Ile St. Croix (Maine)
 - 1605 - Champlain moves to Port Royal (Annapolis)
 - 1632-1653 first core group of settlers



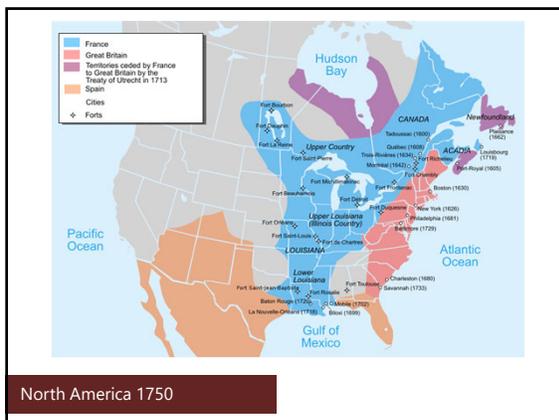
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Acadian Deportation

- 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



The Deportation Cross is a monument in Grand-Pré, Nova Scotia, erected in 1924. It is a large white cross with a plaque at its base that reads: "The Deportation Cross Erected near Grand-Pré, Nova Scotia in 1924". The cross is set against a blue sky with some birds flying in the background.

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

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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



A map of the Provinces of Canada from July 1, 1867 to July 15, 1870. The map shows the provinces of Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and the North-Western Territory. It also shows the United States to the south and Rupert's Land to the west. The map is titled "Provinces of Canada July 1, 1867 to July 15, 1870".

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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)

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Peopling of Atlantic Canada

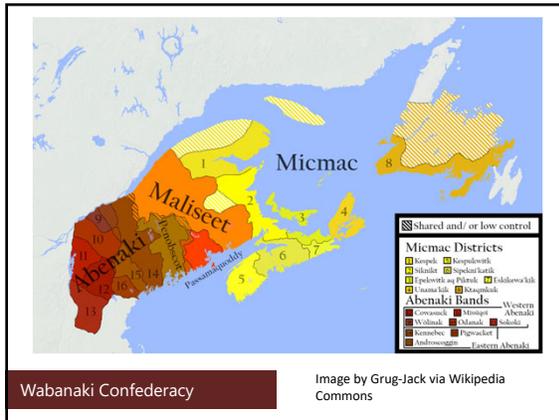
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First Nations

- 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



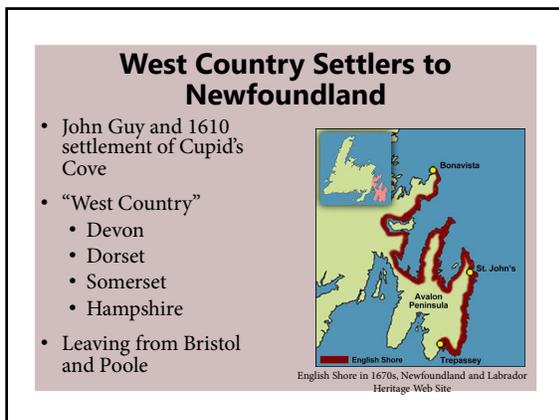
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Pre-1775 to Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and PEI

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Foreign Protestants

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

The gravestone is for George Jost, a foreign Protestant settler. The inscription reads: 'In Memory of GEORGE JOST settler who died June 1773 Aged 49 Years Also Catherine Duff'. The stone is weathered and has a simple, rounded top.

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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



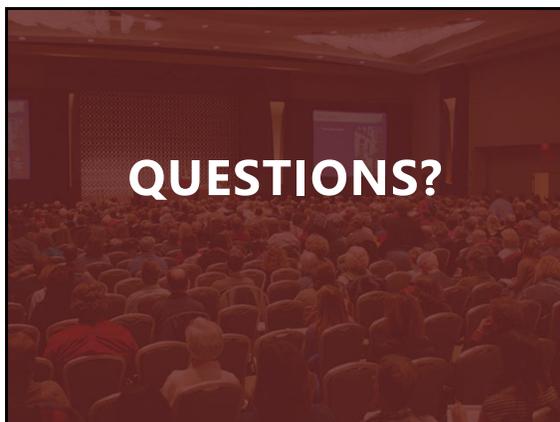
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Irish and Scots Irish

- Newfoundland
 - 17th & 18th 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.



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QUESTIONS?

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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

A slide with a light brown background. It features a title "Research Strategies" in bold black font. Below the title is a bulleted list of three points. To the right of the list is a black and white photograph of a group of people sitting around a table in a kitchen, playing cards. Below the photograph is a caption: "O'Brien family playing cards in the kitchen".

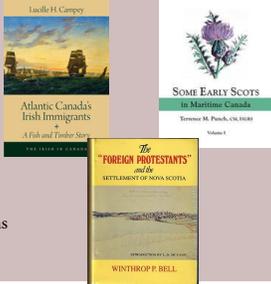
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Secondary sources

- 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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[e] Identify online records first

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The screenshot shows the FamilySearch search interface. At the top, there are navigation links for Home, Search, Memories, Get Booked, and Actions. Below that, there are tabs for Images, Family Tree, Genealogies, Catalog, Books, and Wiki. The main heading is "Search Historical Records" with a sub-heading "Records create a paper trail for your ancestors and can lead you to important details about their life." There is a search form with fields for "First Name" and "Last Name", and a "Search" button. Below the search form, there are two sections: "Find a Collection" and "Search by Place". The "Find a Collection" section includes a "Collection Title" input field and a "Browse All Collections" link. The "Search by Place" section includes a "Find a Country, Province, or State" input field and a "Browse Places" link. At the bottom of the page, the URL <https://www.familysearch.org/search/> is displayed.

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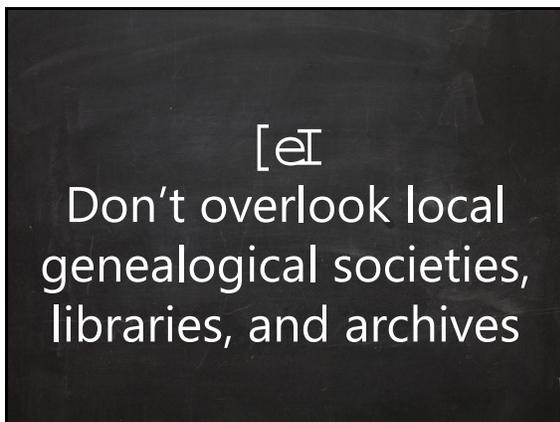
Provincial Archives

- 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

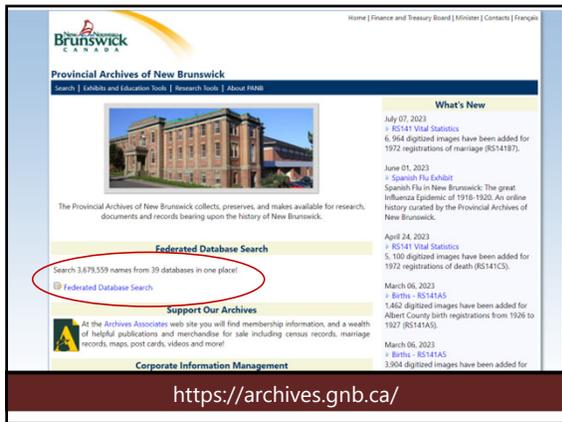
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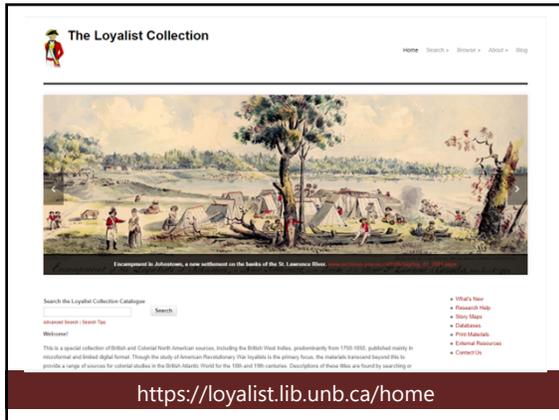
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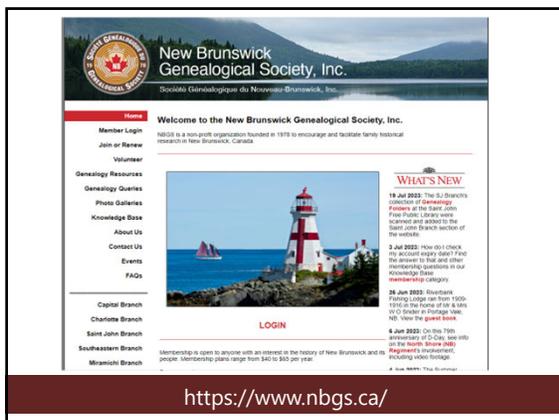
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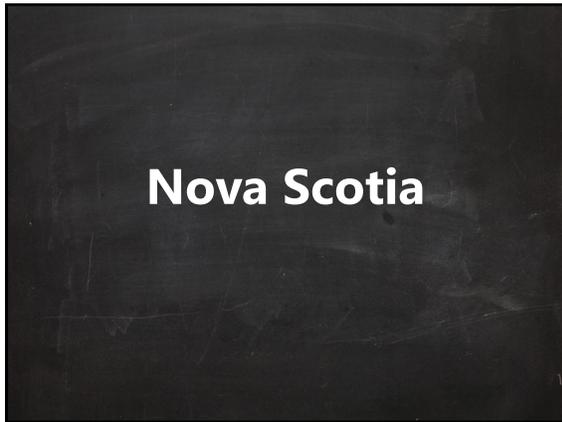
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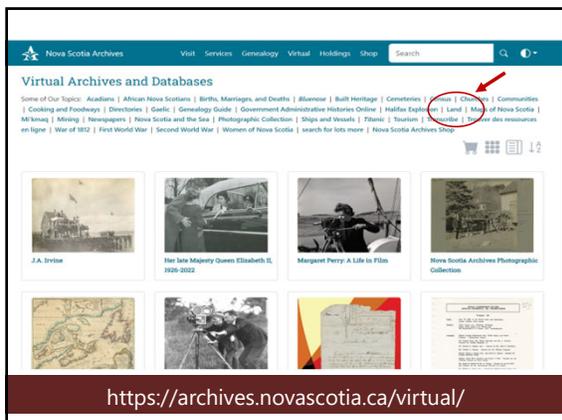
Provincial Archives

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



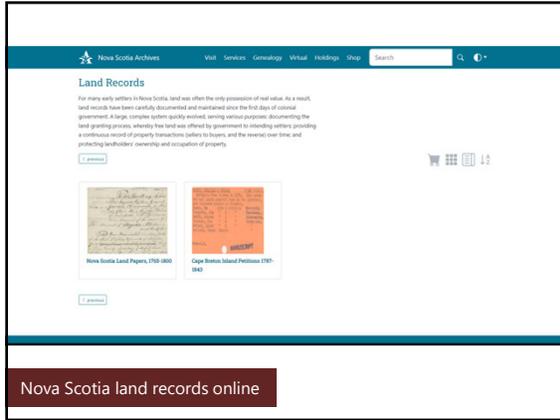
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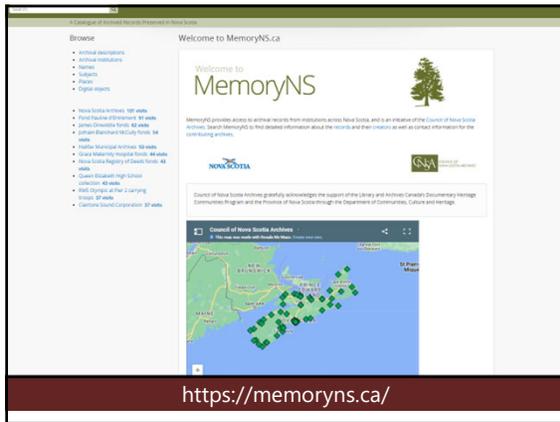


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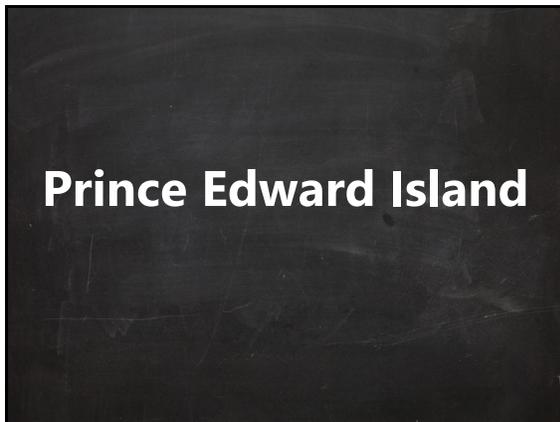
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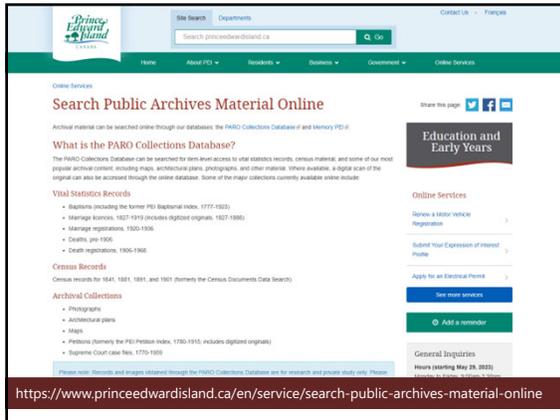
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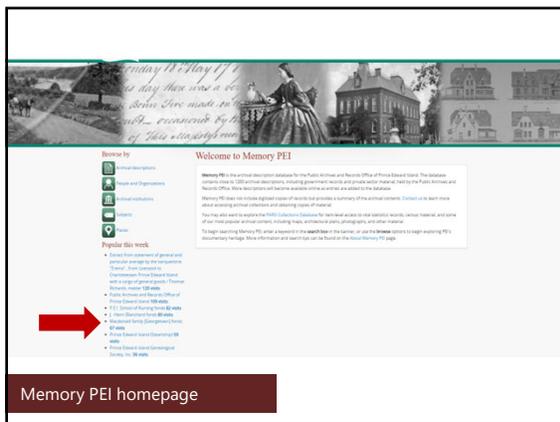
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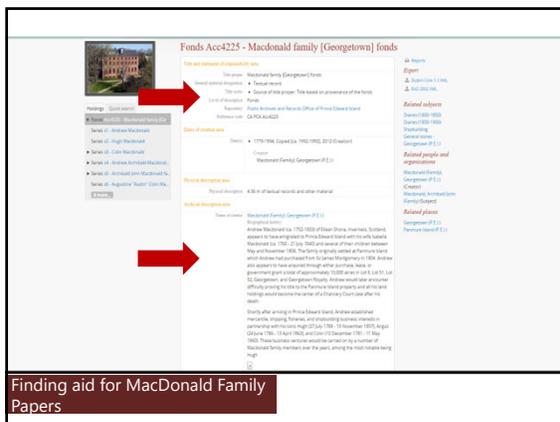


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Memory PEI homepage

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Finding aid for MacDonald Family Papers

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What makes Newfoundland and Labrador different?

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



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

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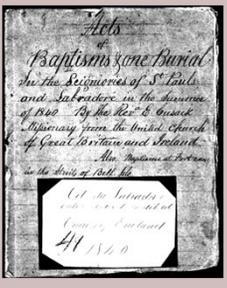
Impact on research

	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

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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



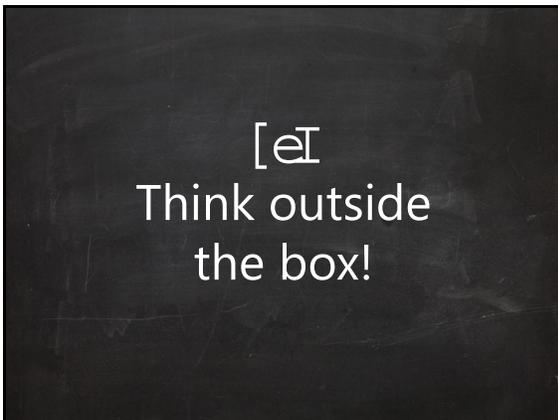
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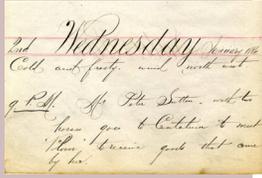
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Records related to the fishery

- 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



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

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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)



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



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 digitization 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 5/3/19 - Box 62 (pages 1 to 5)
- 23 November 2019 - GN 5/3/19 - Box 61
- 11 August 2019 - GN 5/3/19 - Box 19
- 21 July 2019 - GN 5/3/19 - 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 Archives will be restricted. 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 new Newfoundland Ancestors is also delayed.

Wanted: Church Records

All 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

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Memorial University

Maritime History Archive

Centre for Newfoundland Studies

Folklore and Language Archive

Digital Archive Initiative

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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)

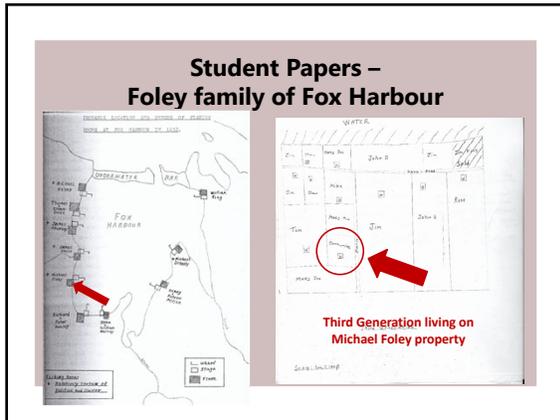
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Maritime History Archives

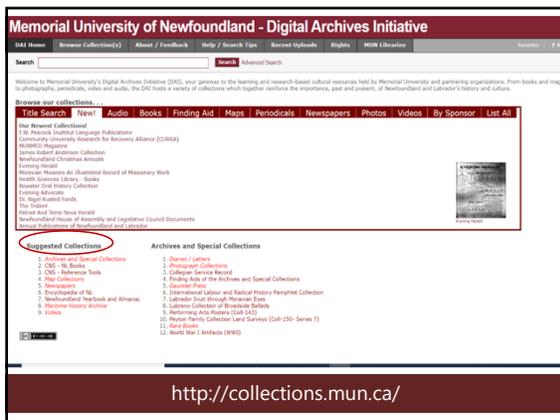
- Keith Matthews' Name Files
 - Online digitization project complete
- Student Papers
 - Research papers on communities and families
 - Can contain genealogical research and family trees
- Crew Lists and Agreements
 - Online at Ancestry.com and Maritime History Archives
- Resettlement program of 1960s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

Photo Courtesy of David Allen Lambert

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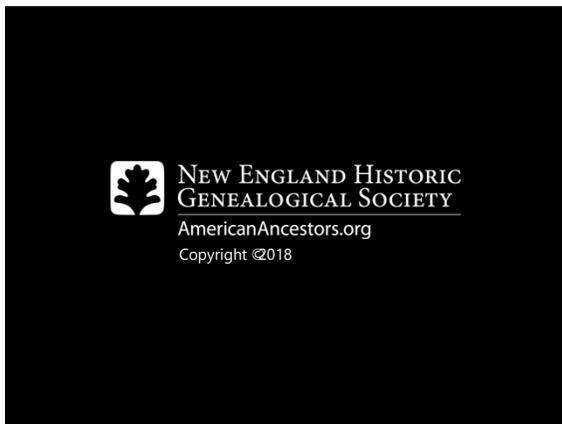
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