

Tides of History: *Tracing Family History in Atlantic Canada*

Class 1: Introduction to Atlantic Canada

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OVERVIEW

- **Presentation (60 mins.)**
 - Introduction
 - Peopling of Atlantic Canada
 - Records and Repositories
- **Q&A (30 mins.)**



Voice of
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Session Roadmap

Introduction

Historical Overview

Timeline of events 16th to 20th century

Peopling of Atlantic Canada

First Nations

Major European groups

Early settlements of the region

Records and repositories

Research strategies

Online resources

Provincial Archives and other Repositories

Resources for Newfoundland and Labrador

Researching Atlantic Canada

Maritime Canada



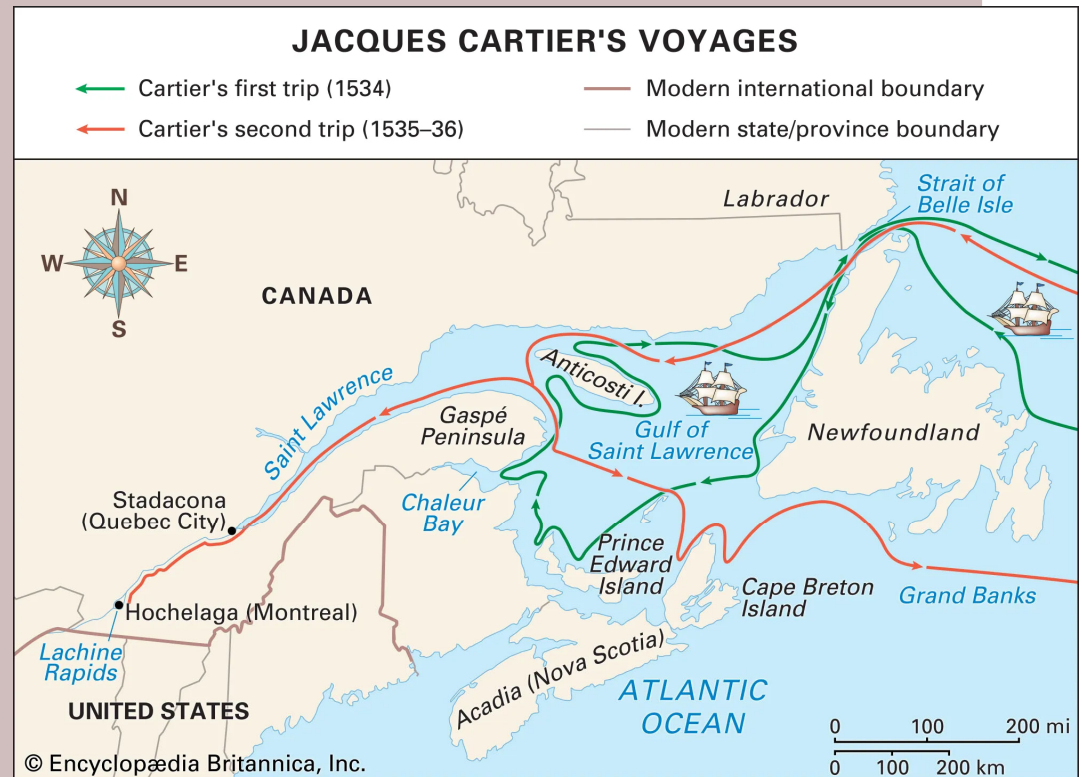
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16th and 17th Centuries: Voyages of Discovery, Cod, and Struggle for control

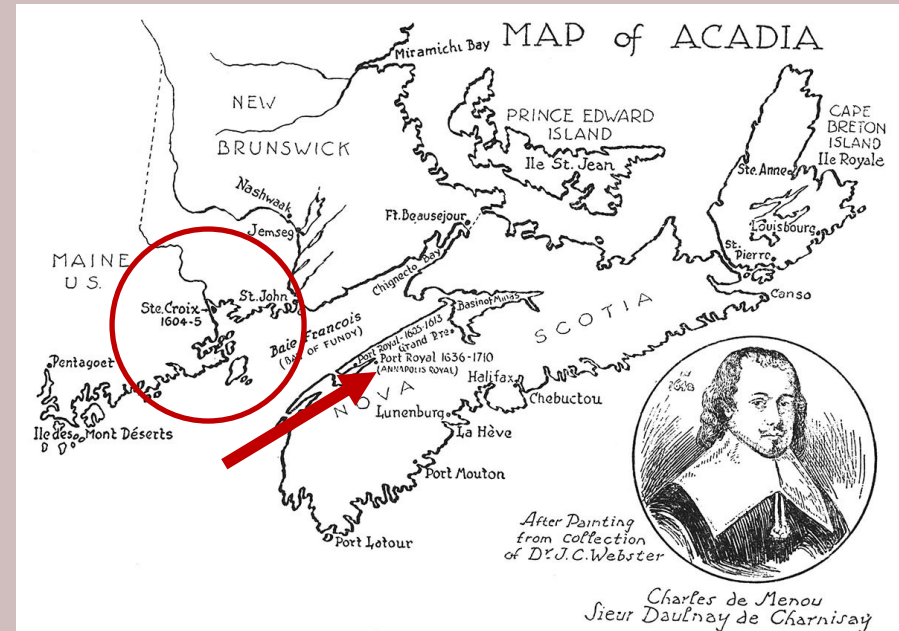
Voyages of Discovery

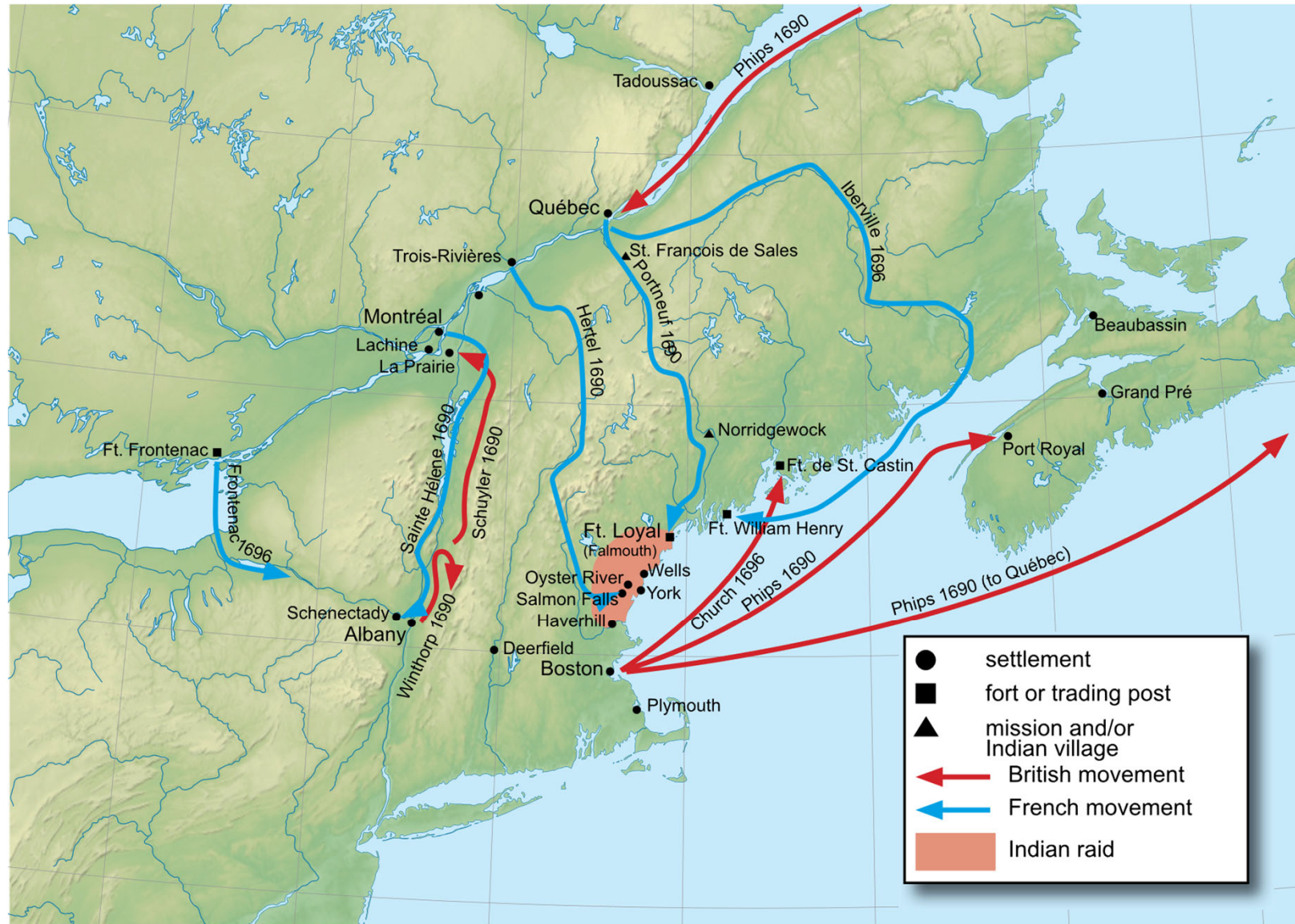
- Europeans:
 - Voyages of discovery
 - 10th century Norse (Viking) settlements in Newfoundland
 - 1497 John Cabot claims Newfoundland for England
 - 1534 Jacques Cartier colonization for France
 - 1604 Samuel de Champlain and Pierre Dugua de Mons, early settlements in Acadia
 - Fishing and Fur trade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



17th century

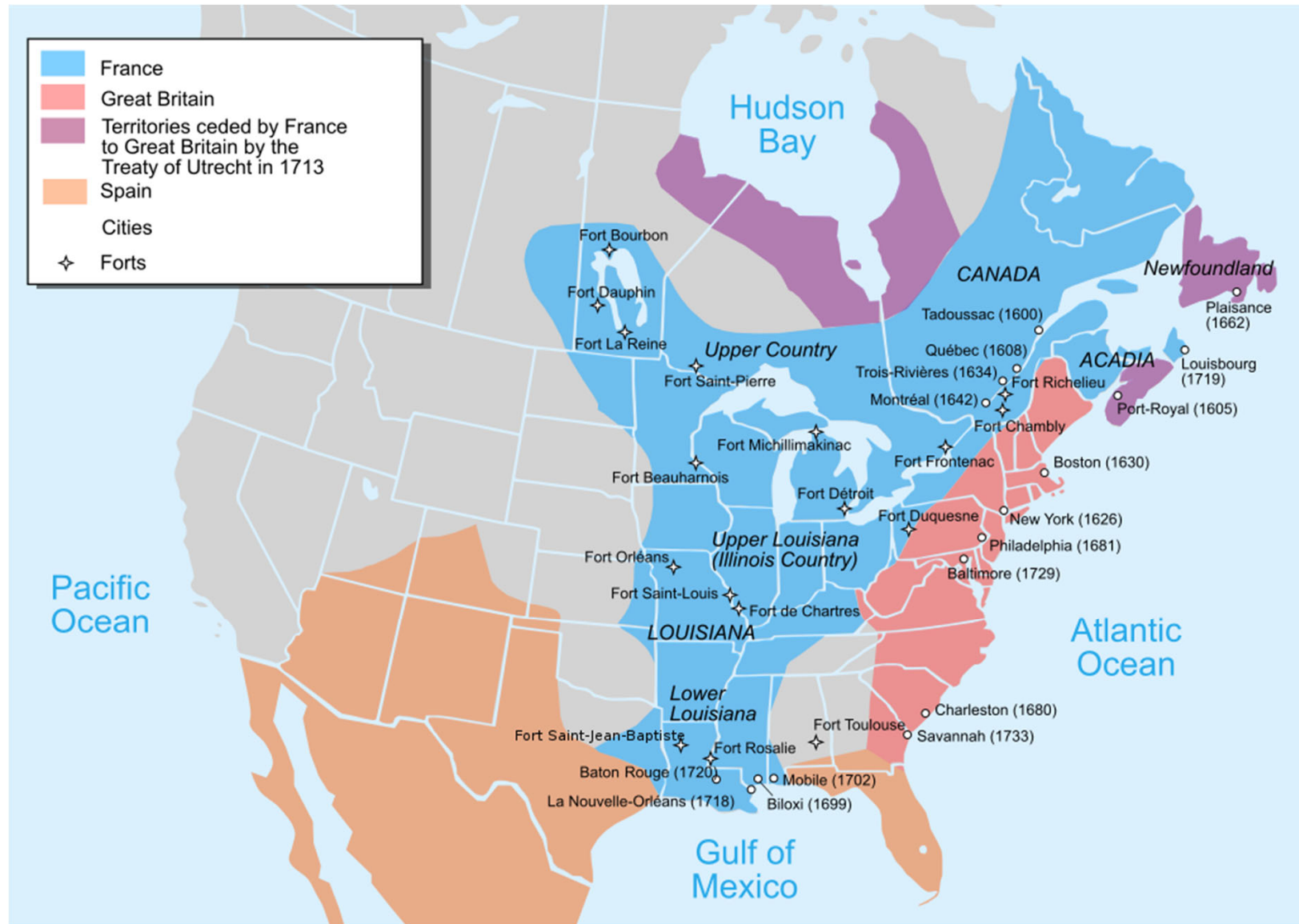
- Establishment of Acadia
 - 1604 at Ile St. Croix (Maine)
 - 1605 - Champlain moves to Port Royal (Annapolis)
 - 1632-1653 first core group of settlers





17th century Colonial Wars

18th Century: Deportation, British Dominance and Settlement



North America 1750

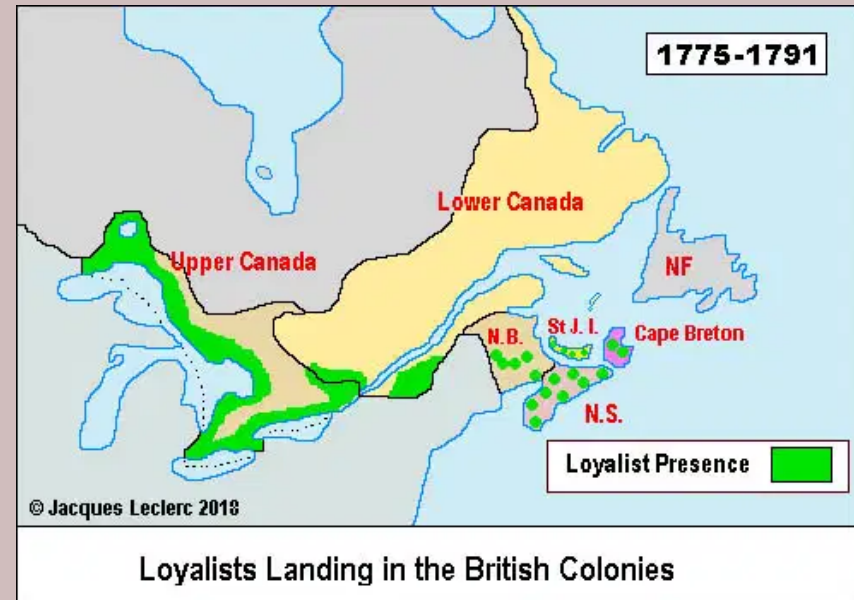
Acadian Deportation

- 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



Loyalist Migration

- 1775-1783
- Largest group to Nova Scotia
 - 34,000 to 35,000 loyalists
- New Brunswick
 - Created from Nova Scotia 1784
 - About 10,000 loyalists
- Prince Edward Island
- Quebec and Ontario



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

Joining the Dominion of Canada

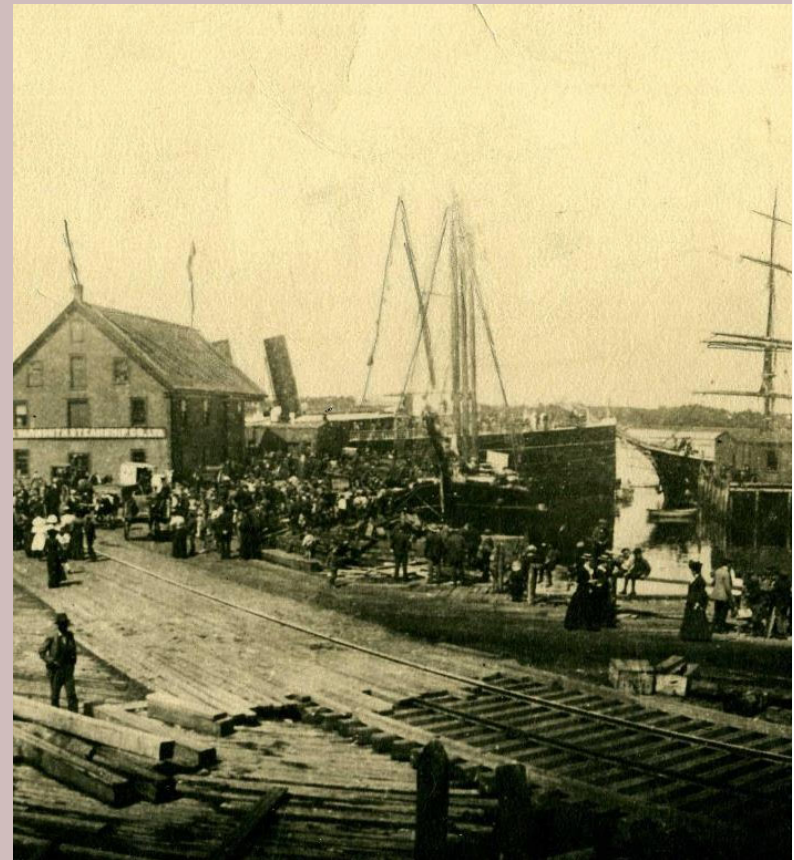
- Confederation
 - 1867 Nova Scotia and New Brunswick
 - 1873 Prince Edward Island
- Economic downturn 1860s to 1900
 - Leads to out migration



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)

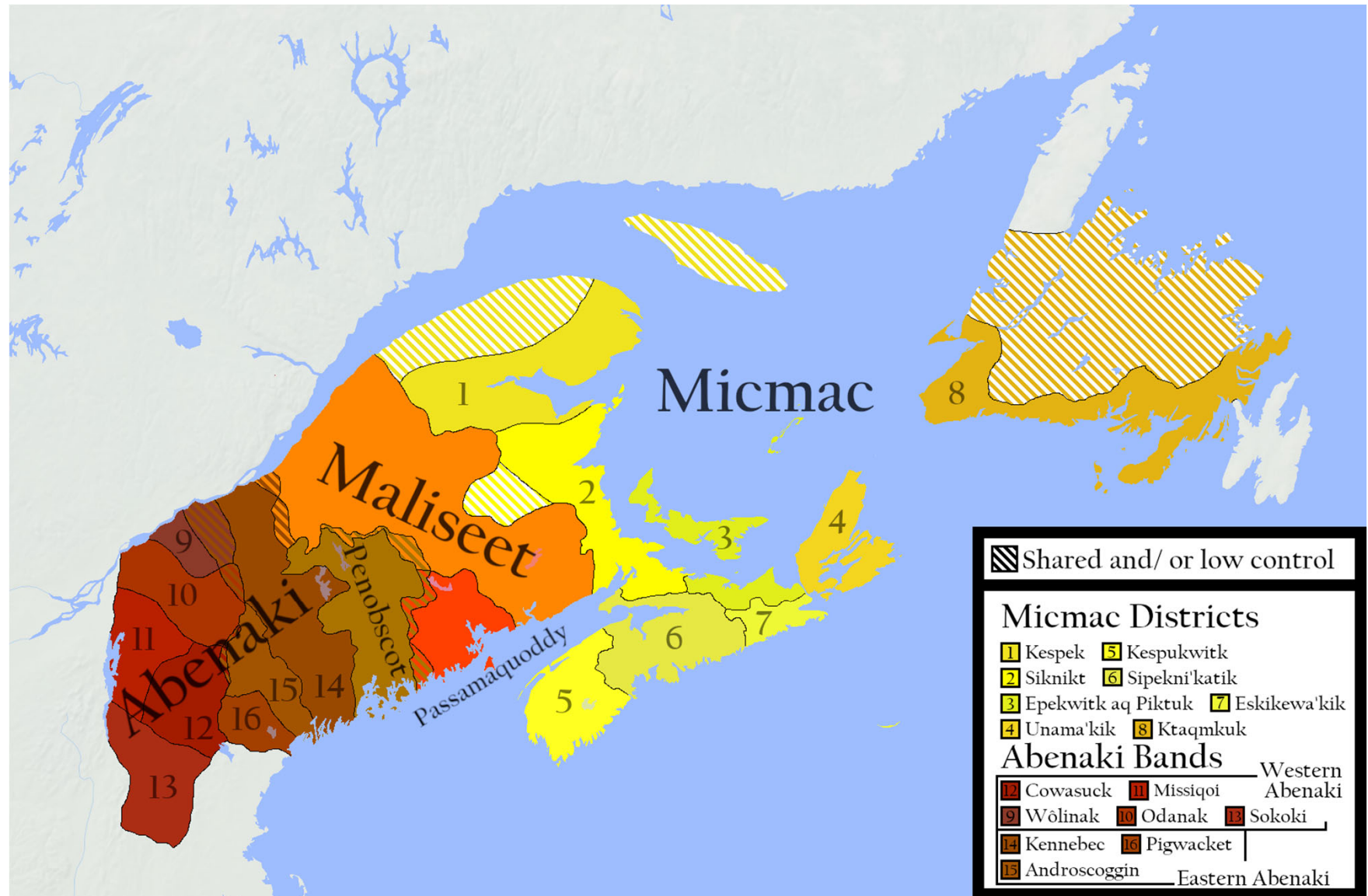


Peopling of Atlantic Canada

First Nations

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



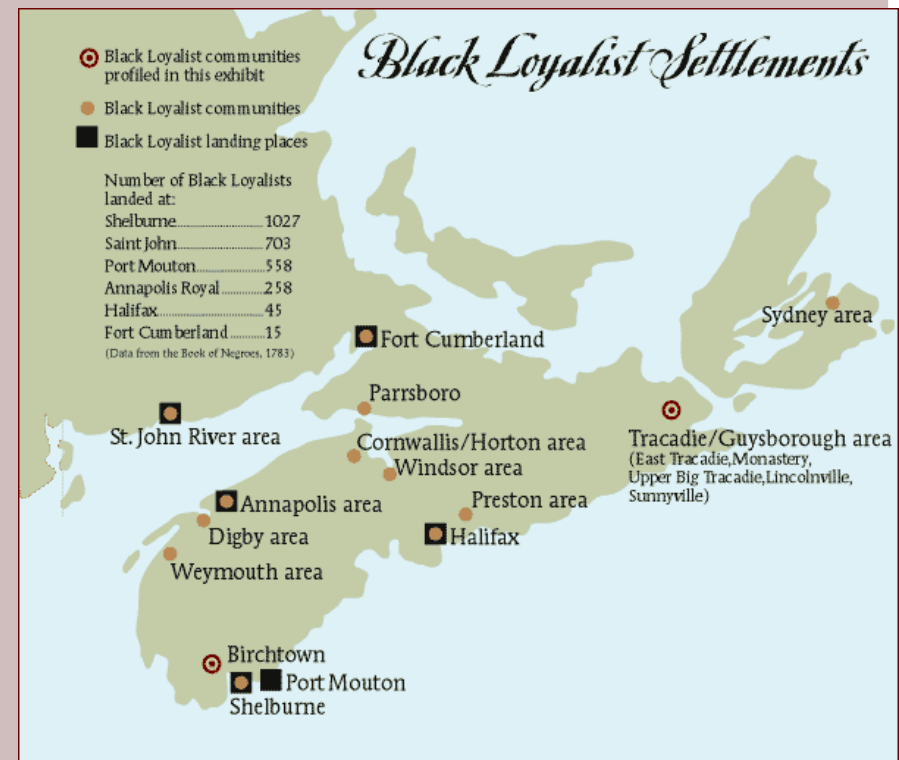


Wabanaki Confederacy

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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

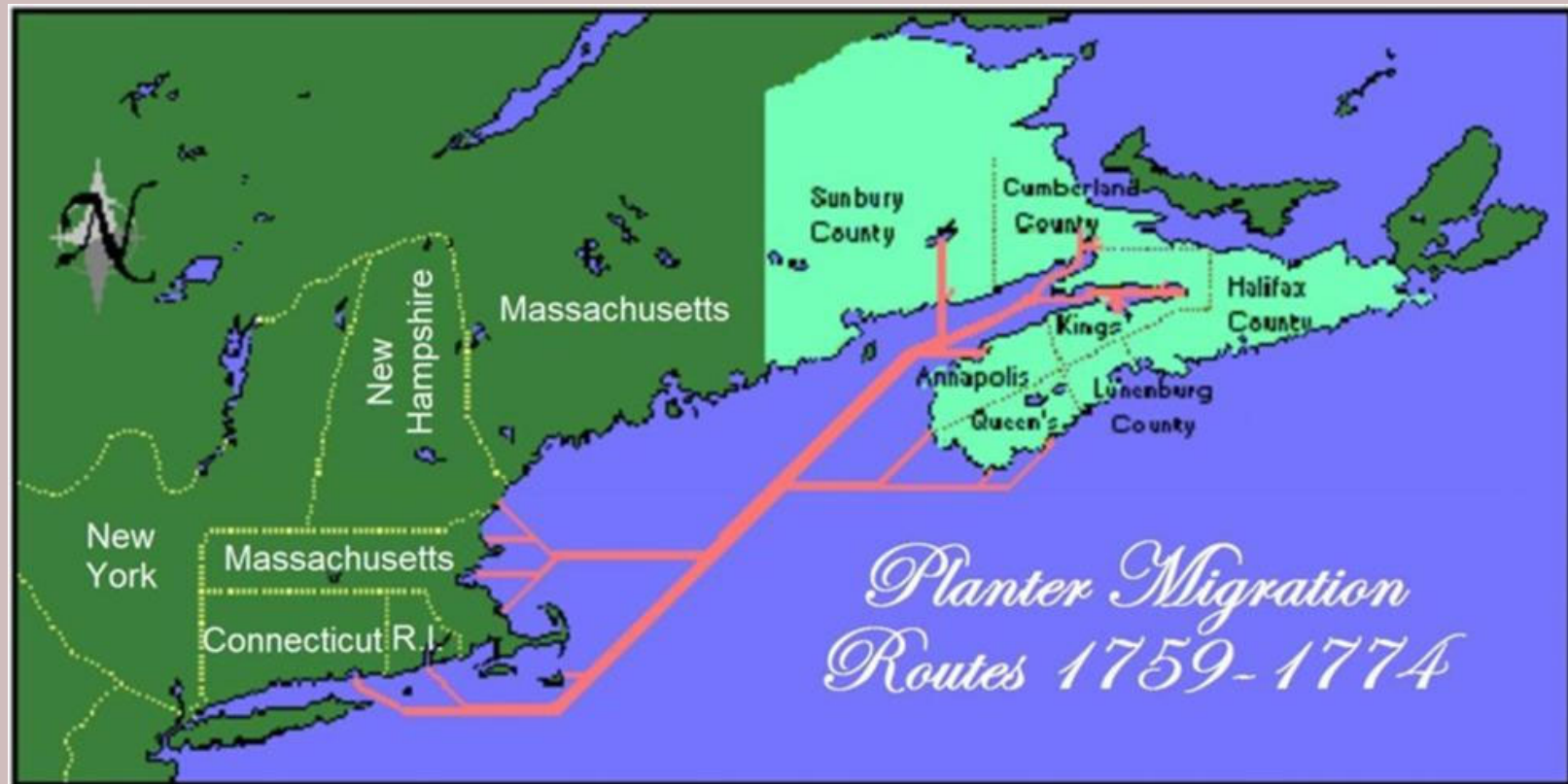
- John Guy and 1610 settlement of Cupid's Cove
- “West Country”
 - Devon
 - Dorset
 - Somerset
 - Hampshire
- Leaving from Bristol and Poole



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
 - 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.



QUESTIONS?

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Records and Repositories

Research Strategies

- Start with yourself and work backwards
- 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 of Newfoundland playing cards in the kitchen

Atlantic Canada research

- Place specific research
 - Identify county, township
- Start with church records
- Key denominations:
 - Catholic (Acadian, Irish, Scots)
 - Anglican (English)
 - Presbyterian (Scottish)
 - Methodist / United Church
 - Baptist (especially NB & NS)

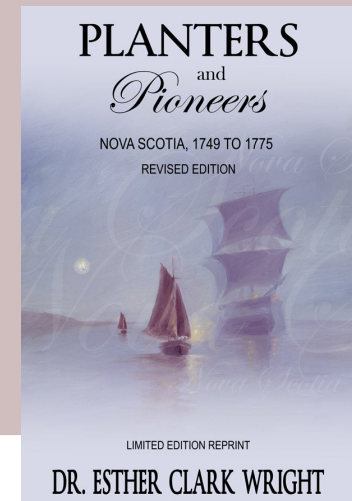
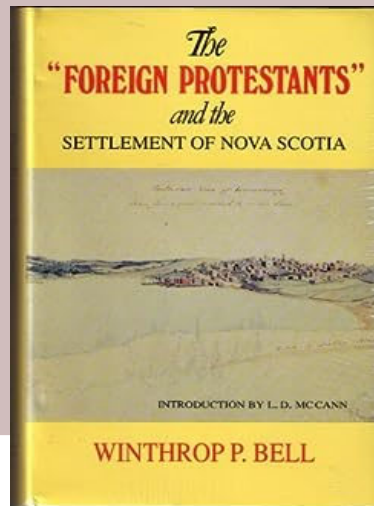
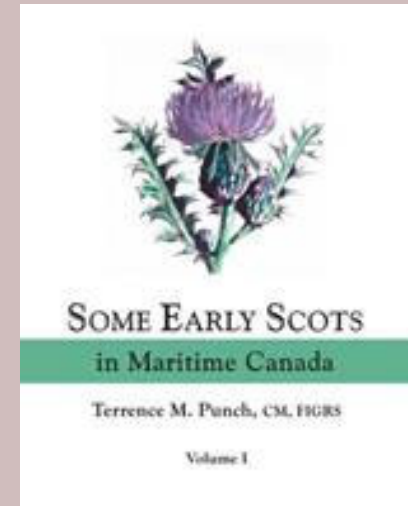
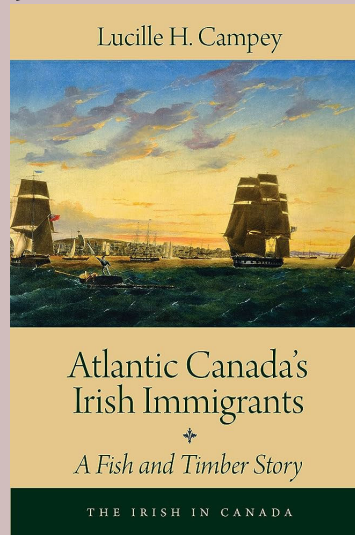


St. Luke's Anglican Church, Port de Grave,
Newfoundland

Tip:
Consult Secondary
Sources

Secondary sources

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



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Canada census & voter lists Count

 Canada, Voters Lists, 1935-1980	1,609,017
 1931 Census of Canada	359
 1921 Census of Canada	4,366,392
 1911 Census of Canada	1,244,715,520
 1901 Census of Canada	752,596

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Canada birth, marriage & death Count

 Canada, Newspapers.com™ Obituary Index, 1800s-current	1,545,127
 Canada, Newspapers.com™ Marriage Index, 1800s-current	53,408
 Canada, Find a Grave® Index, 1600s-Current FREE UPDATED	2,255,689
 Canada, Obituary Collection, 1898-Current UPDATED	12,314,132
 Canada, Newspapers.com™ Birth Index, 1800s-2005	330

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Canada military Count

 Canada, Nominal Rolls and Paylists for the Volunteer Militia, 1857-1922	4,366,392
 Canada, World War I CEF Attestation Papers, 1914-1918	7,223,678
 Canada, World War I CEF Personnel Files, 1914-1918	877
 Canada, British Army and Canadian Militia Muster Rolls and Pay Lists, 1795-1850	1,051,473
 UK, Regimental Registers of Service, 1756-1900	752,886

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Canada immigration & travel Count

 U.S., Border Crossings from Canada to U.S., 1895-1960	8,800,628
 Canada, Incoming Passenger Lists, 1865-1935	47,187,373
 U.S. and Canada, Passenger and Immigration Lists Index, 1500s-1900s	8,306,700
 Canada, Border Crossings from U.S. to Canada, 1908-1935	14,184,880

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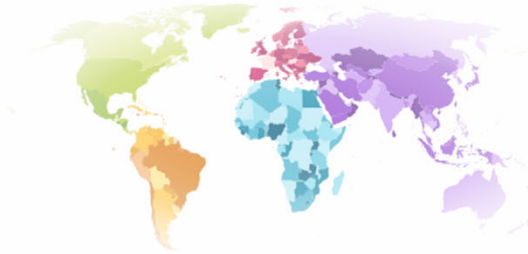
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Name	Records
Canada, New Brunswick County Register of Births, 1801-1920	175,485
Canada, New Brunswick County Registers of Births Index, ca. 1812-1919	101,981
Canada, New Brunswick County Registers of Births, ca. 1812-1919	41,746
Canada, New Brunswick Provincial Returns of Births and Late Registrations, 1810-1906	91,380
Canada, New Brunswick, Births and Baptisms, 1819-1899	22,525

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Canada, New Brunswick Provincial Returns of Deaths, 1815-1919	80,741
Canada, New Brunswick, Death Certificates, 1920-1934	76,812
Canada, New Brunswick, Death Certificates, 1935-1938	16,806
Canada, New Brunswick, Late Registration of Births, 1810-1899	24,015
Canada, New Brunswick, Marriage Registers, 1789-1889	7,459

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[Halifax, Nova Scotia. School Records 1817-1839](#)

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...More James Johnston Jacob Johnson Alexander Renfrew **John Lambert** PARENT PAYS . ALL . IN PART . TAUGHT GRAT ...

...with the conduct of the Teacher Alexander Renfrew **John Lambert** .

YEARS: 1840 Matches (3)

[Halifax, Nova Scotia. Deeds 1878-1882](#)

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...four dollars of lawful money of the Province of **Nova Scotia** to them in hand paid by the said William Bissett ...

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Authors [Nova Scotia Court of Probate \(Halifax County\)](#) (Author)

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Language English

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Publisher Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah

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Physical 60 rolls

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Wills, v. 5-6 1836-1858	Granite Mountain Record Vault	United States & Canada Film	466417	8130446	 
Wills, v. 7-8 1861-1877	Granite Mountain Record Vault	United States & Canada Film	466418	8130447	 
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Atlantic Canada Research at American Ancestors

- Published Genealogies & Family Histories
- Vital Records Indexes & Transcripts
 - Published census indexes
- Loyalist & Migration Records
- Genealogical Journals
- Various records on microfilm
 - Some Church records not at FamilySearch
 - Land records PEI
 - NB and NS vital records



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Acadian Genealogy

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 HistoryTimelineExisting RecordsHistorical ContextFinding Aids and Other GuidesFamily GenealogiesPeriodicals

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There are many records that can help you learn more about your ancestor's experiences, including the census, naturalization records, immigration records, and military records. Read on to find resources that can help you with your research.



[How to begin your genealogy research](#)
Start your family history research



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Search and access copies of censuses



[Birth, marriage and death records](#)
Find resources for researching vital statistics records.



[Immigration records](#)
Use these general instructions on using immigration records to do genealogical research



[Military history](#)
Explore the history of Canadians at war



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Resources for researching citizenship and naturalization records

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

Step #1

Use their online databases first

Step #2

Then explore in-person
or remote research

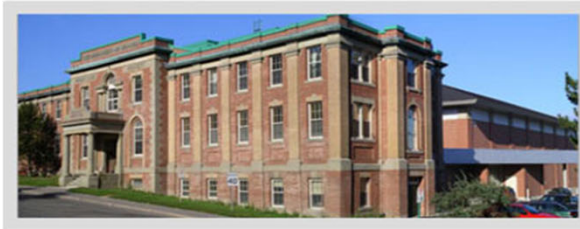
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The Provincial Archives of New Brunswick collects, preserves, and makes available for research, documents and records bearing upon the history of New Brunswick.

Planning a visit to the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick?

While we do not require appointments to visit the Archives, we highly encourage visitors to contact us prior to their visit to discuss their project and the availability of our records.

See our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) to get more information on what to expect during your visit to the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick.

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Search 3,784,608 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

The [Corporate Information Management Unit](#) of the Provincial Archives provides advice and

What's New

May 25, 2026

▶ [RS141 Vital Statistics](#)

6,533 digitized images of registrations of marriage for 1975 (RS141B7).

May 15, 2026

▶ [RS141 Vital Statistics](#)

7,000+ digitized images of registrations of birth are now available for the counties of Sunbury & Victoria from 1920 to 1929 (RS141A5).

May 12, 2026

▶ [RS141 Vital Statistics](#)

14,000+ digitized images of registrations of birth are now available for Saint John county from 1920 to 1929 (RS141A5).

December 18, 2025

▶ [Provincial Archives Collection Search](#)

The Provincial Archives Collection search has been updated with a new look and feel to allow for easier searching of our online archival collections.

December 07, 2025

▶ [Communities](#)

The Community Place Names database has a new look and new features including improved search functionality, links to Google Maps and County Guides. There is also a link from each community to the Land Grants Database.

October 15, 2025

▶ [RS141 Vital Stats](#)

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THE NEW BRUNSWICK IRISH PORTAL

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

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British troops marching down the street in New York City

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 browsing the catalogue. A listing of our published material in print is found by visiting our [Print Materials](#) page.

The Loyalist Collection is found in open stacks on the 5th floor ([Room 520 A](#)) of the Harriet Irving Library, UNB Fredericton campus, and is available for self-service use whenever the [Library is open](#). Research appointments are required for staff assistance.

American Revolution 250 in 2026

The 250th anniversary of the events of the American Revolution are well underway, with 2026 marking the semiquincentennial the Declaration of Independence. Many institutions have been making use of The Loyalist Collection's resources for projects and exhibits.

<https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/home>



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Société généalogique du Nouveau-Brunswick inc

Become a Member

Welcome to the New Brunswick Genealogical Society, Inc.

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

NBGS is managed entirely by volunteers. There is no office, no phone and no staff. Our volunteers will respond to your messages as soon as possible.

Generations

What's New?

6 Jun 2026: New batch of Anglican Registers has been added to the database. +

2 Jun 2026: New brick wall query added +

27 May 2026: Life Memberships awarded. Click for more. +

27 May 2026: The summer issue of Generations is now on the website. +

10 May 2026: New Registers added to the Anglican Registers Project. +

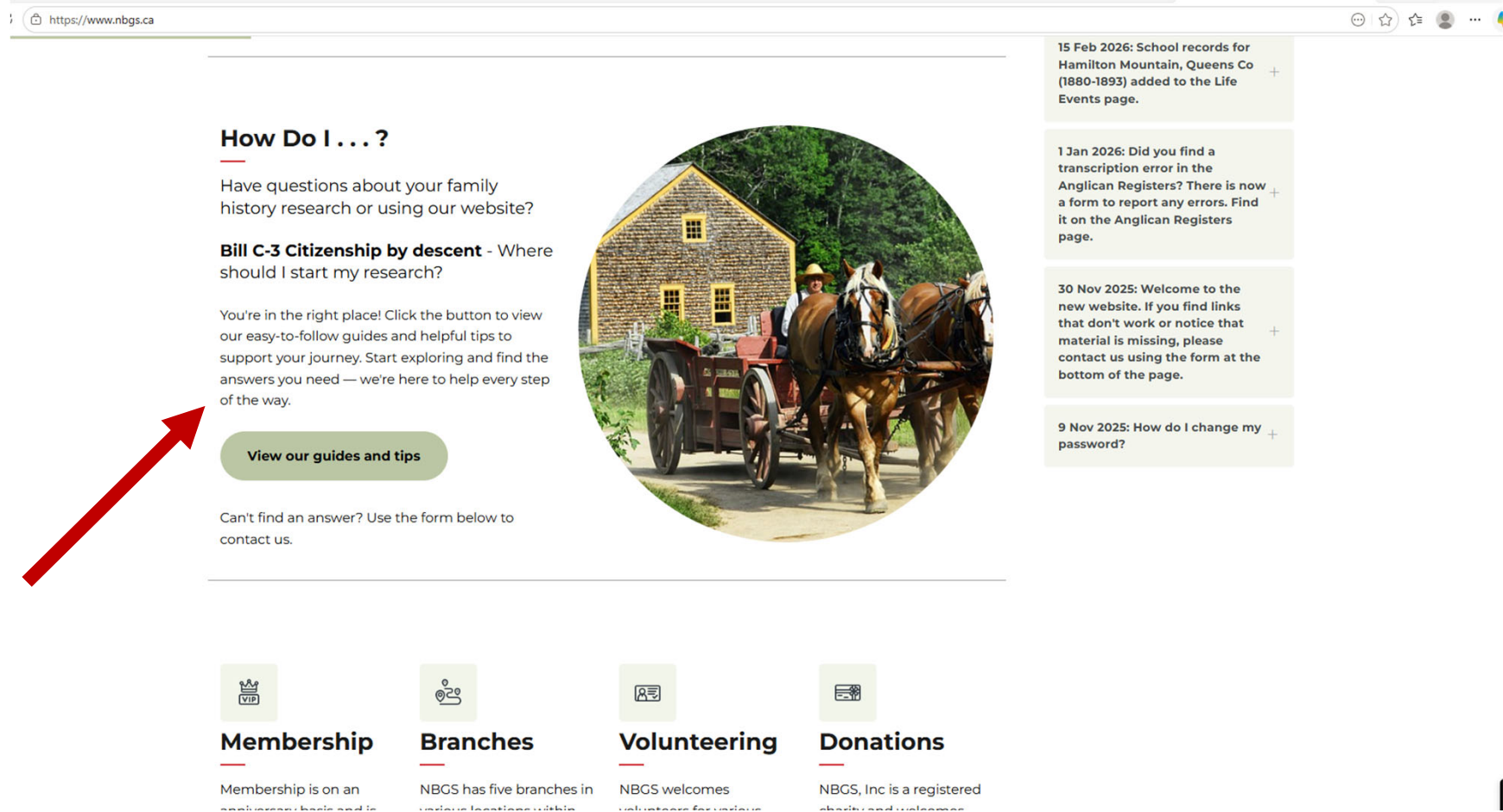
31 Mar 2026: IMPORTANT changes to ARP access (click for more information) +

25 Feb 2026: Transcription of the surviving portions of the 1851 census for Saint John Co was +

<https://www.nbgs.ca/>

Applying for Canadian Citizenship

Obtaining records for citizenship



The screenshot shows the homepage of the New Brunswick Genealogical Society (NBGS) website. The browser address bar displays 'https://www.nbgs.ca'. The main content area features a section titled 'How Do I...?' with the text: 'Have questions about your family history research or using our website? Bill C-3 Citizenship by descent - Where should I start my research? You're in the right place! Click the button to view our easy-to-follow guides and helpful tips to support your journey. Start exploring and find the answers you need — we're here to help every step of the way.' A red arrow points to a green button labeled 'View our guides and tips'. Below this button is a link: 'Can't find an answer? Use the form below to contact us.' To the right of the text is a circular image of a horse-drawn wagon in front of a stone building. On the far right, there is a sidebar with four news items, each with a date and a brief description of a new record or update.

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Membership is on an... basis and is...
- Branches**
NBGS has five branches in... locations within...
- Volunteering**
NBGS welcomes... volunteers for various...
- Donations**
NBGS, Inc is a registered... charity and welcomes...

15 Feb 2026: School records for Hamilton Mountain, Queens Co (1880-1893) added to the Life Events page.

1 Jan 2026: Did you find a transcription error in the Anglican Registers? There is now a form to report any errors. Find it on the Anglican Registers page.

30 Nov 2025: Welcome to the new website. If you find links that don't work or notice that material is missing, please contact us using the form at the bottom of the page.

9 Nov 2025: How do I change my password?

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Requesting records for Canadian citizenship by descent

Requesting records for Canadian citizenship by descent

If you're applying for Canadian citizenship by descent, New Brunswick provincial archives may have the vital records you need.

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Overview

If you need records for a citizenship by descent application, you can search our vital statistics records online. If the record isn't online, you can request a search of offline records by providing the required details.

Find records online

Start your search by checking our online collections.

Vital statistics

Search our vital statistics collection for:

- Births registered in New Brunswick before 1930
- Marriages or deaths registered in New Brunswick before 1976

Search vital statistics records

For births after 1930, or marriages and deaths after 1976, contact [Service New Brunswick's Vital Statistics](#)

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- Manuscript collections
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Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, 1926-2022



Margaret Perry: A Life in Film



Nova Scotia Archives Photographic Collection



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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 records online

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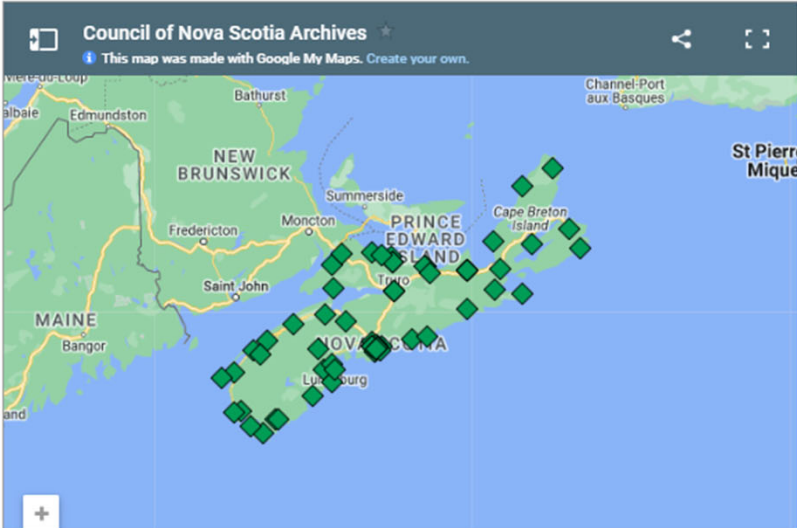
MemoryNS



MemoryNS provides access to archival records from institutions across Nova Scotia, and is an initiative of the [Council of Nova Scotia Archives](#). Search MemoryNS to find detailed information about the [records](#) and their [creators](#) as well as contact information for the contributing archives.




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Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia

 **Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia** June 26 at 1:56 PM

Join us for free, guided tours this summer at Government House!

Every Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday between 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM, guests are invited to view the ceremonial home of all Nova Scotians. The tour features art, architecture, and memorabilia that represents the history and culture of the province, along with our ties to the Crown.

Tours begin every 30 minutes. Advanced registration is not required to attend.

Government House is located at 1451 Barrington Street, Halifax. Street parking is available on Barrington Street and the surrounding areas.



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OUR MISSION

Preserving the Family History of Cape Breton Island

The mission of the CBGHA is to preserve the family history of Cape Breton through the records of individuals, churches, communities, and other agencies/organizations. CBGHA is actively engaged in acquiring, recording and making available local family records to its members.

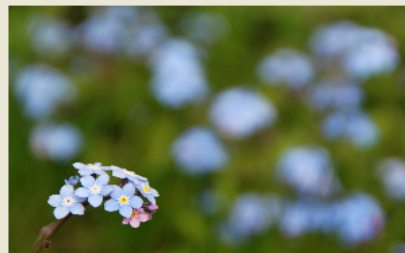
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Archival material can be searched online through our databases: the [PARO Collections Database](#) and [Memory PEI](#).

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.

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► Series s5 - Archibald John Macdonald fa...

► Series s6 - Augustine "Austin" Colin Ma...

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Title and statement of responsibility area	
Title proper	Macdonald family [Georgetown] fonds
General material designation	Textual record
Title notes	Source of title proper: Title based on provenance of the fonds
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)	1779-1994; Copied [ca. 1992-1993], 2012 (Creation)
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: 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. 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

Reports

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Finding aid for MacDonald Family Papers



The Prince Edward Island Genealogical Society is a volunteer society founded in 1976 to serve the genealogical community and to further genealogical research in PEI. The Society has published transcripts of PEI cemetery information and books on English, Irish and Scottish emigrants to the Island, as well as the 1881, 1891 and 1901 censuses are available to aid in your research.

General Queries: peigs_queries@outlook.com
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Master Name Index

Search Records by Family Name starting with:

A-D

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Here is what the Google Sheet search will look like.

Surname	Givenname	Title	Location	Year	Age	Religion	Source
ROBERT							
1016	JAMES		CHARLOTTETOWN	1780			GOVERNMENT GRANTS, C. P. & G.TOWN, PEIGS PUBLICATION
1017	WILLIAM		CHARLOTTETOWN	1780			GOVERNMENT GRANTS, C. P. & G.TOWN, PEIGS PUBLICATION
1018	GEORGE SIDNEY		CHARLOTTETOWN	1824			GOVERNMENT GRANTS, C. P. & G.TOWN, PEIGS PUBLICATION
1019	MARGARET		CHARLOTTETOWN	1822			GOVERNMENT GRANTS, C. P. & G.TOWN, PEIGS PUBLICATION
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QUESTIONS?

Newfoundland and Labrador

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)

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

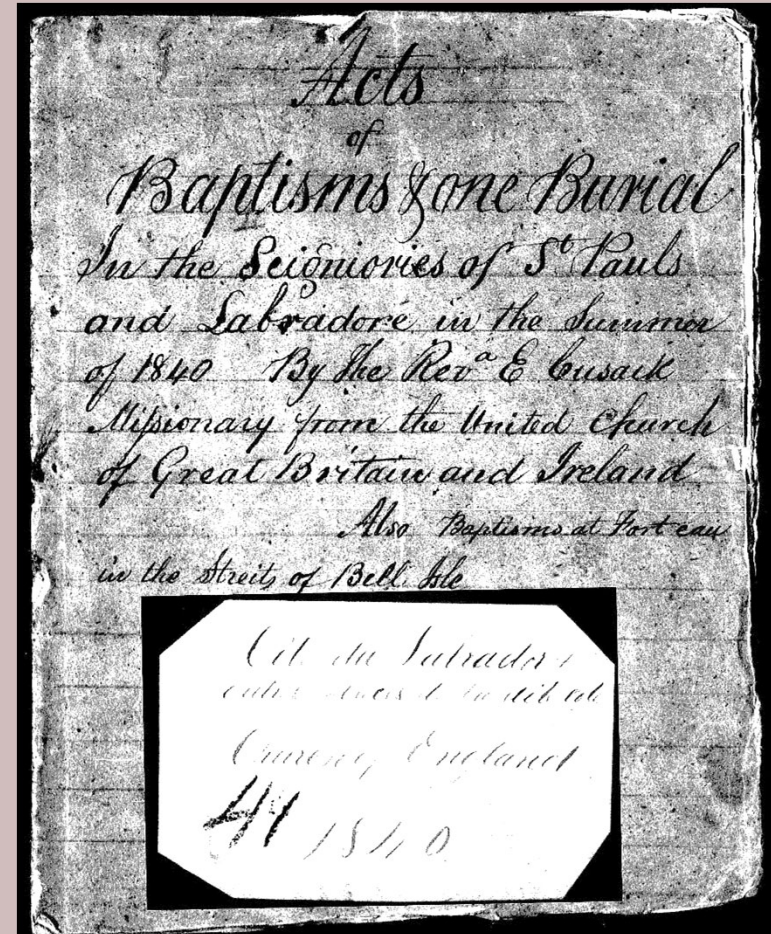


Reliance on family lore

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:

[there](#)

I would like any help regarding Nicholas and/or Henry Crannaford, (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.
Thank you,
Dee,

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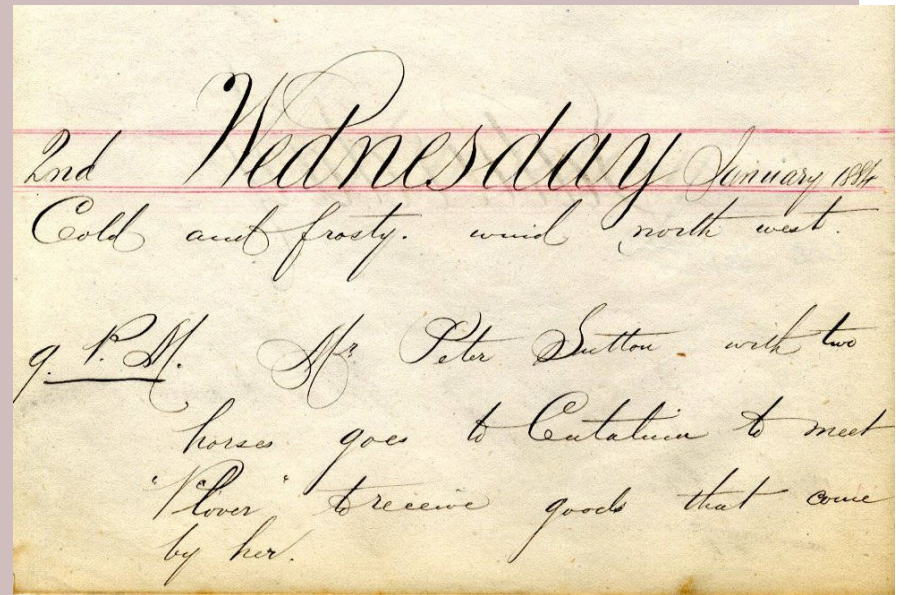


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the box!

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 Catatua to meet
'Peter' 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

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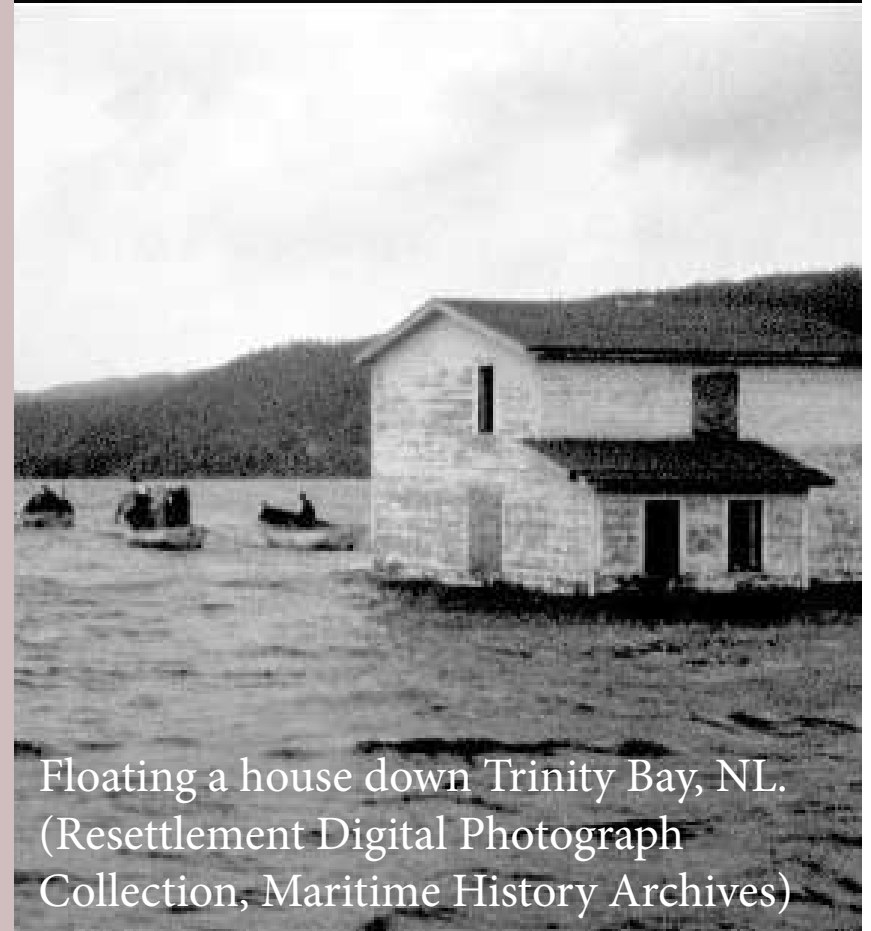
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Resettlement

- 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)

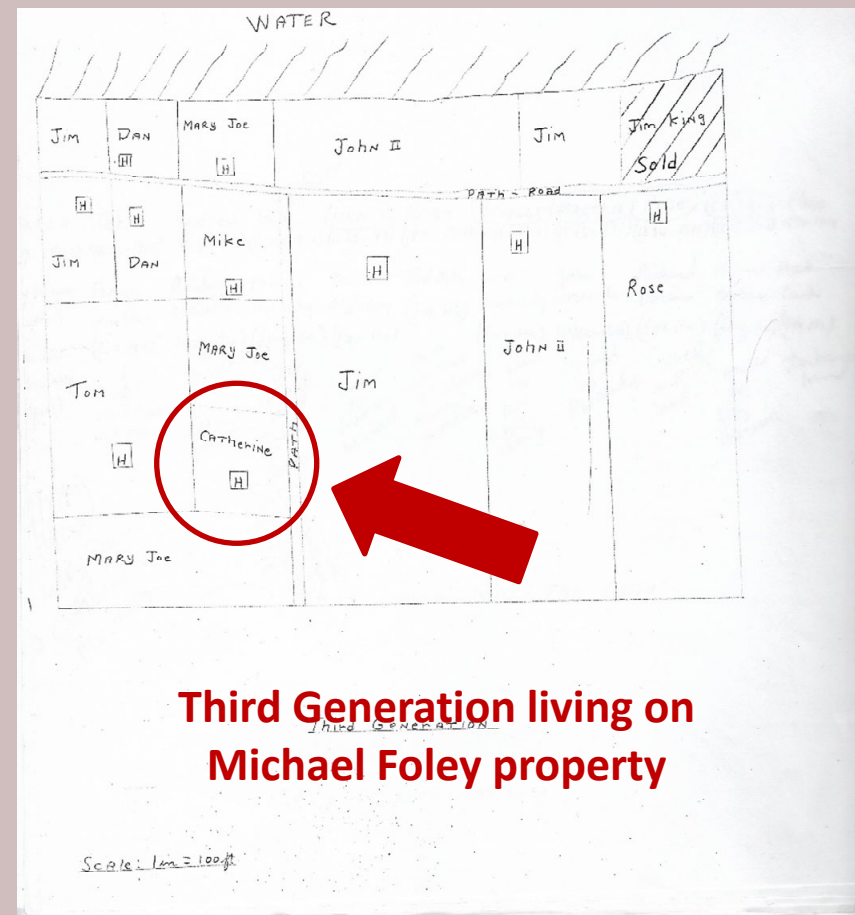
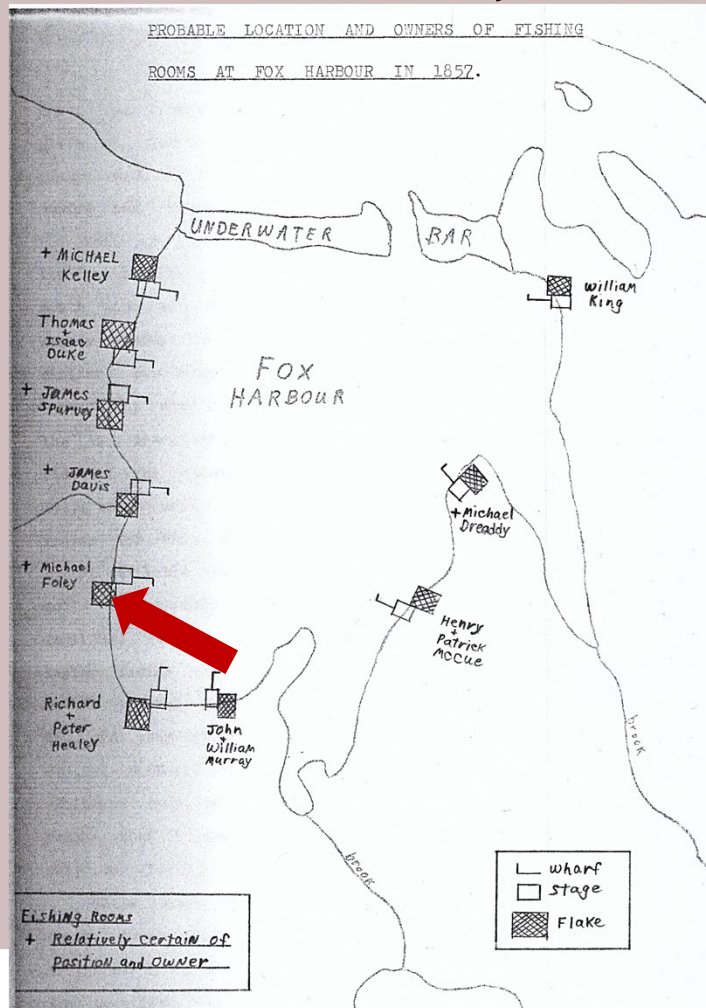
Maritime History Archives

- 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



Photo Courtesy of David Allen Lambert

Student Papers – Foley family of Fox Harbour



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