

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

Class 3: Church and Vital Records

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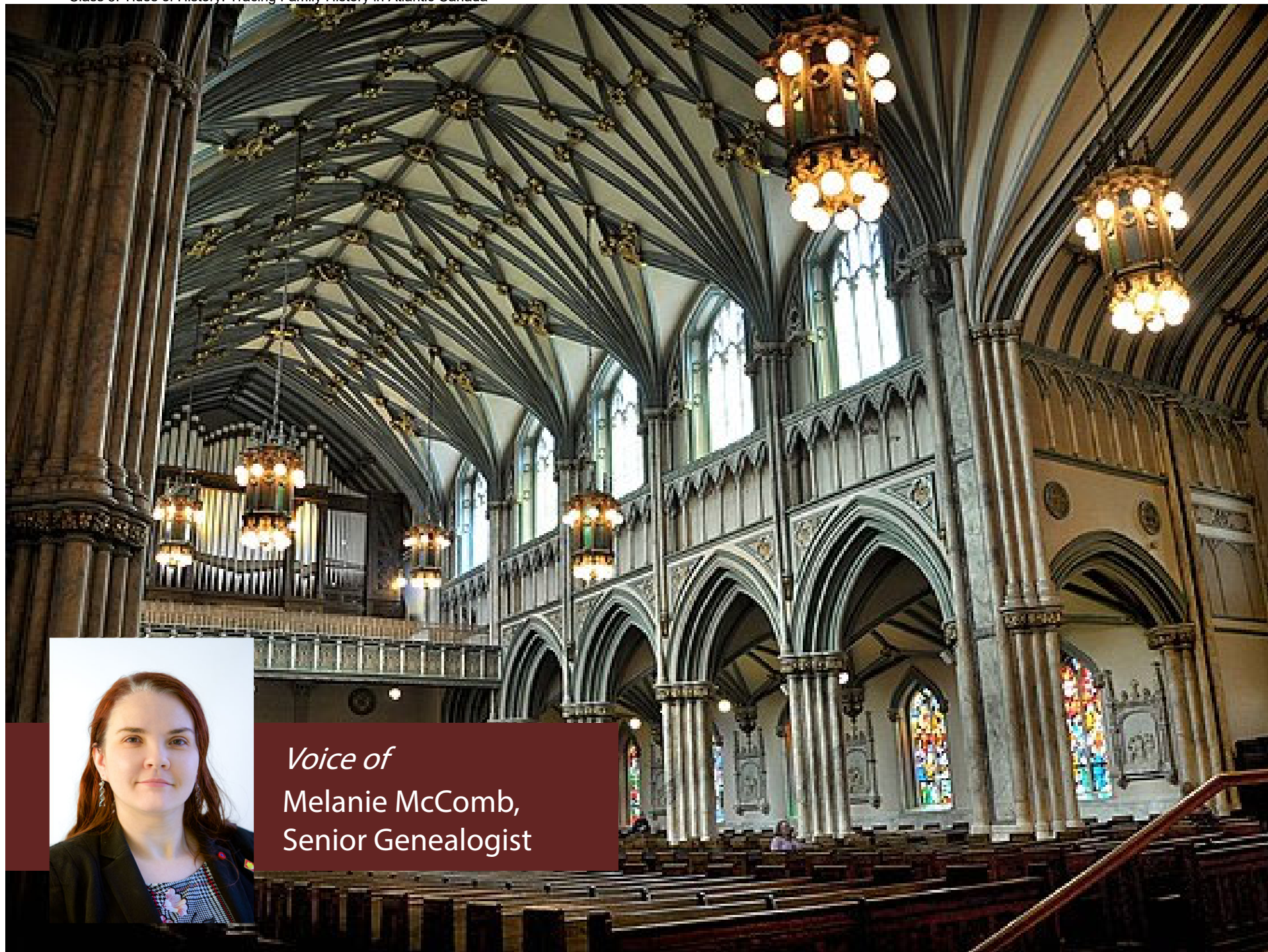
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OVERVIEW

- **Presentation (60 mins.)**
 - New Brunswick
 - Nova Scotia
 - Prince Edward Island
 - Newfoundland and Labrador
 - Divorce Records
 - Other Vital Record Substitutes
- **Q&A (30 mins.)**



Voice of
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New Brunswick

Marriage Act (1791)

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

Anglican Church

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



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History of the Diocesan Archives

Key documents of interest

The Diocesan Archives reside in the **NB Provincial Archives** building, 23 Dineen Drive on the Fredericton Campus of the University of New Brunswick.

Because of its large and varied collection, the Diocesan Archives can be of service to the occasional researcher as well as the specialist. The Provincial Archives are open 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Saturday.

Diocesan Archives Liaison: Monica Smart | 506.453.8431

Some of the common, pre-determined headings under which Anglican Church records are organized at the Provincial Archives:

- **Synod journals**
- **Vestry Records**
- Financial Records
- Legal Documents (including deeds of land, deeds of consecration and deconsecration)
- Correspondence (described item by item)
- Service Registers (a record of Sunday services often including comments on weather conditions and local events)
- **Parish Registers** (containing records of baptisms, confirmations, marriages and deaths)
 - If you need proof of birth, marriage or death, you should contact **NB Vital Statistics**.
- Organizations and Committees (including some organizations no longer in existence)
- Books and Magazines (several parishes have printed their own magazines over the years)
- Sunday School Records (these are very rare records at the Diocesan Archives)
- Architectural Plans (for churches, halls and rectories)
- Histories (mostly of parishes, but there are a few of deaneries and the Diocese)
- Photographs
- Programs of Special Services (records of church consecrations, anniversaries and celebrations)
- Clippings and Scrapbooks
- Camps

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Anglican Registers Project

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



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Type parish name

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MC223-B1-6A	Baptism	Gloucester	Bathurst & New Bandon	1835-05-15	1947-10-12	
MC223-B1-6A	Burial	Gloucester	Bathurst	1855-06-13	1966-02-08	
MC223-B1-6A	Burial	Gloucester	Bathurst & New Bandon	1855-06-13	1966-02-08	
MC223-B1-6A	Marriage	Gloucester	Bathurst	1834-01-29	1952-06-12	
MC223-B1-6A	Marriage	Gloucester	Bathurst & New Bandon	1834-01-29	1952-06-12	
MC223-B1-6B	Burial	Gloucester	Bathurst	1952-04-08	1957-12-09	
MC223-B1-6B	Marriage	Gloucester	Bathurst	1952-08-16	1957-10-26	
MC223-B1-6C	Baptism	Gloucester	Bathurst	1947-05-28	1957-11-17	
MC223-B1-6C	Confirmation	Gloucester	Bathurst	1949-07-17	1957-07-29	
MC223-B1-6D1	Marriage	Gloucester	Bathurst	1958-03-01	1990-11-24	
MC223-B1-6D2	Marriage	Gloucester	Bathurst	1991-10-05	2005-10-08	
MC223-B1-6E1	Baptism	Gloucester	Bathurst	1958-01-12	1959-11-08	
MC223-B1-6E2	Baptism	Gloucester	Bathurst	1960-01-22	1969-09-14	
MC223-B1-6E3	Baptism	Gloucester	Bathurst	1970-02-22	1979-12-30	
MC223-B1-6E5	Baptism	Gloucester	Bathurst	1980-03-30	1989-11-26	

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Register MC223-B1-6A

Parish(es)	Bathurst Bathurst & New Bandon
County	Gloucester
Event Types	Baptism Burial Marriage
Number of Images	261
Date Range	1834-01-29 to 1966-02-08
Privacy	Images flagged with an ✖ will not be visible to the public because of privacy constraints. Date ranges with an * are estimates and they may not be accurate.

Register Images



MC223-B1-6A-0002



MC223-B1-6A-0003

Baptism
1864 - 1864



MC223-B1-6A-0004

Baptism
1864 - 1865



MC223-B1-6A-0005

Baptism
1865 - 1865



MC223-B1-6A-0006

Baptism
1865 - 1866



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Baptisms solemnized in the Parish of Bathurst &c. &c.
in the County of Gloucester N. B. in the Year 1864

When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	PARENTS' NAME		Abode	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian	Surname			
12th Nov. 1864	Thomas	John	Hillock	New Bandon	Farmer	Fuller
13th Nov. 1864	Albert	John	Hillock	New Bandon	Farmer	Fuller
14th Nov. 1864	Elizabeth	Robert	Ramsey	Bathurst	Small wren	McNeil
15th Nov. 1864	Mary	James	Shambs	New Bandon	Shoe maker	Fuller
16th Nov. 1864	William	William	Good	New Bandon	Farmer	Fuller
17th Nov. 1864	Charles	William	Good	New Bandon	Farmer	Fuller
18th Nov. 1864	Edwin	Arthur	Jago	New Bandon	Farmer	Fuller
19th Nov. 1864	George	John	Procter	Bathurst	Blacksmith	Fuller
20th Nov. 1864	George	James	Sargent	New Bandon	Farmer	Fuller
21st Nov. 1864	Albert	Robert	Horton	Bathurst	Farmer	Fuller
22nd Nov. 1864	James	James	Payne	New Bandon	Farmer	Fuller

Gloucester County, New Brunswick Baptism Book 1864

Marianne Grey Otty Database

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



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The Marianne Grey Otty Database

[In this database](#) you will find transcribed Anglican Church records from the  [Gagetown, New Brunswick](#) area. The original nine record books were kept by a series of travelling ministers and covered the years 1786 to 1841, containing lists of marriages, baptisms, and deaths.

Introduction

The records centre geographically on Gagetown, Queens County and particularly focus on the New Brunswick communities of Fredericton, Saint Mary's, Lincoln, Grand Lake, Waterborough, Long Island, Wickham, Hampstead, Maugerville, Petersville, Sheffield, Kingston, Springfield, Greenwich, and Saint John. The communities are mainly located in Kings, Sunbury, and York Counties of New Brunswick, but entries as far flung as Nova Scotia, Ontario, Maine, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and New York are included.



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Record Search

Search Enter 1 or more filter terms, eg. <i>mary mcdermott 1830</i>	Location - All locations - Choose 1 or more <i>location</i> terms to filter results	Display results
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Found **4139** titles: showing page **1** of **83**.

Transcribed Anglican Church records from the Gagetown, New Brunswick area.

Event Date†	Last Name ⇅	First Name ⇅	Sex ⇅	Event Type ⇅	Location ⇅	Event Details	Other Notes
	Cole	Louisa	Dau	Baptism	Waterborough	Jeremiah & Amia	Feb. 19, farmer, Black
	Cole	Eisa? Debbois		Baptism	Waterborough	Jeremiah & Amia	Feb. 19, farmer, Black
1783-12-01	Nickerson	(Mrs.)		Death	Gagetown	Buried	Wife to Thomas Nickerson
1783-12-01		Samuel		Death	Gagetown	Buried	Black man who was drowned
1786-05-22	Stevens	Sally	Dau	Baptism	Beaver Harbour/ Gagetown	Shadrach & Lyddia	

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Roman Catholic Church

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

St. Pius Catholic
Church in Saint John,
New Brunswick



Baptist

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



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

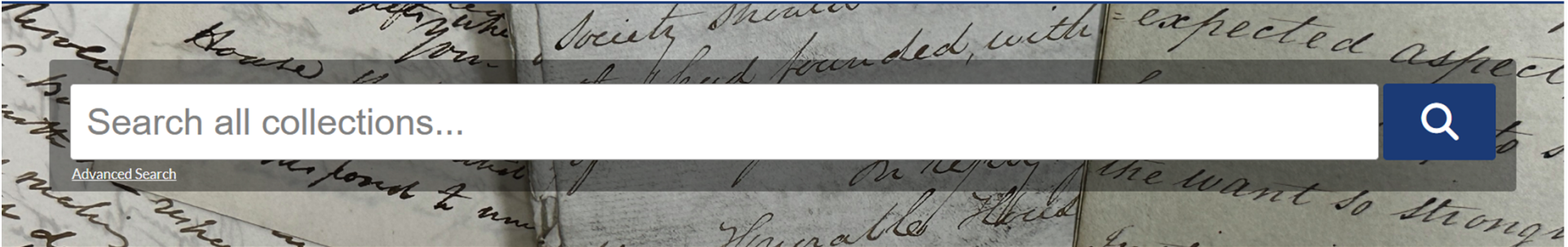
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Baptist Records

Description

The Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada's (CBAC) Atlantic Baptist Archives is housed at Acadia. This collection contains the records of over 800 Baptist Churches in Atlantic Canada. Church records are not available digitally.

Visit <https://libguides.acadiau.ca/baptist-church-map> to view a map of Baptist church records.

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Zion (Yarmouth County, N.S.) United Baptist Church



Dates Covered: 1767 to 2015

Collection: Baptist Records

Type: finding aid

Wolfville Baptist Church



Dates Covered: 1778 to 2014

Collection: Baptist Records

Type: finding aid

- ☐ Aberdeen Parish, Carleton County, N.B. (1)
- ☐ Acaciaville, Digby County, N.S. (1)
- ☐ Advocate Harbour, Cumberland County, N.S. (1)
- ☐ Albany, Prince County, P.E. (1)
- ☐ Albert County, N.B. (21)

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Affiliation

- ☐ African United Baptist Association (21)
- ☐ Albert Association (24)
- ☐ Annapolis-Digby Association (40)
- ☐ Cape Breton Association (4)
- ☐ Closed (123)

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Affiliated Organizations

- ☐ Acaciaville United Baptist Church (Acaciaville, Digby Co., N.S.) (1)
- ☐ Acadia Mines United Baptist Church (I ondonderry, Colchester Co., N.S.) (1)

digital-archives.acadiau.ca/baptist-records

Methodist

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

United Church

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

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



Online Church Records

Databases on FamilySearch.org

- *Canada, New Brunswick Births and Baptisms, 1819-1899*
 - Index and images of typed extracts of late registrations

Same Database on Ancestry.com

- *Acadia, Canada, Vital and Church Records (Drouin Collection), 1757-1946*
 - Index and images of Catholic church records (in French)
- *New Brunswick, Select Births and Baptisms, 1819-1899*
 - Index only, images on FamilySearch

Civil Registration

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

Online Vital Records

Databases on FamilySearch.org Same Database on Ancestry.com

- *Canada, New Brunswick Provincial Returns of Births, and Late Registrations, 1810-1906*
 - Index and images
 - *Canada, New Brunswick Provincial Returns of Marriages and Late Registrations, 1920-1950*
 - Index and images
 - *Marriage Bonds, 1810-1932 (Index, 1810-1932)*
 - index and images
 - *New Brunswick Marriage Registers, 1792-1889*
 - index and images
 - *New Brunswick Provincial Returns of Marriage, 1887-1919*
 - index and images
- *Acadia, Canada, Vital and Church Records (Drouin Collection), 1757-1946*
 - index and images of Catholic church records (in French)
 - *New Brunswick, Select Births and Baptisms, 1819-1899*
 - index only, images on FamilySearch

Online Vital Records Cont'd

Databases on FamilySearch.org

- *New Brunswick Provincial Returns of Deaths, 1815-1919*
-Images only (index on the Provincial Archives web site)

Same Databases on Ancestry.com

- *New Brunswick, Canada, Deaths, 1888-1938*
-Index and images

Later New Brunswick VR's

Recent New Brunswick records must be obtained from Vital Statistics Office

- Births 1930 to present
- Marriages 1976 to present
- Deaths 1976 to present

Vital Record Substitutes

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

Nova Scotia

Roman Catholic

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

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



Anglican

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

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



Baptist

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



First Baptist Church of
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Presbyterian

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



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

United Church

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

Central United Church
– Lunenburg, Nova
Scotia



Lutheran

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



Zion Evangelical Lutheran
Church – Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

Quakers

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

Quaker House – Dartmouth,
Nova Scotia



Online Church Records

Databases on FamilySearch.org

- *Nova Scotia Church Records, 1720-2001*
 - Mostly Catholic and Church of England
 - Images only (partially searchable)
- *Nova Scotia, Antigonish Catholic Diocese 1823-1905*
 - covers parishes in the counties of Antigonish, Inverness, Richmond, Cape Breton, Pictou, Victoria, and Guysborough
 - Images only (and searchable)

Same databases on Ancestry.com

- *Acadia, Canada, Vital and Church Records (Drouin Collection), 1757-1946*
 - Index and images of Catholic church records (in French)
- *Nova Scotia, Canada, Antigonish Catholic Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1823-1905*
 - Index only

Civil Registration

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

Online Vital Records

Databases on FamilySearch.org

- *Nova Scotia Births, 1864-1877*
-Index and images
- *Nova Scotia Delayed Births, 1837-1904*
-Index and images
- *Canada, Nova Scotia Marriages, 1711-1909*
-Index and images
- *Nova Scotia Marriage Bonds, 1763-1871*
-Index and images

Same databases on Ancestry.com

- *Nova Scotia, Canada, Births, 1840-1921*
-Index with images
accessed at Nova Scotia archives web site
- *Nova Scotia, Canada, Marriages, 1763-1945*
-Index with
images accessed at Nova Scotia archives web site

Online Vital Records Cont'd

Databases on FamilySearch.org

- *Nova Scotia Deaths, 1864-1877*
- Index and images
- *Nova Scotia Deaths, 1890-1955*
- Index and images
- *Nova Scotia Deaths, 1956-1957*
- Index and images

Same Databases on Ancestry.com

- *Nova Scotia, Canada, Deaths, 1864-1877, 1890-1970*
- Index
with images accessed at
Nova Scotia archives web
site

Township Books

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

the Birth of
John Knox family

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Catherine Ackley was Born in Sackville the 6 Day of Feburary ----- 1788
 John Knox and Catherine Ackley was joined in marriage the day of
 Oliver Ackley Knox was Born the 11 Day of March ----- 1807
 John Knox Junior was Born the 23 Day of December ----- 1809
 Mary Sutton Knox was Born the 22 Day of June ----- 1811
 Lucy Ackley Knox was Born the 20 Day of January ----- 1813
 James Cook Knox was Born the 26 Day of March ----- 1815
 Charles Kirk Knox was Born the 31 Day of July ----- 1818
 Robert Satter Knox was Born the 10 Day of October ----- 1820

the Birth of
James Ward
family

James Ward and Dorcas Snowden was joined in marriage the first Day
 of November 1804 ----- 1804
 Annay Ward was Born the 15 Day of March ----- 1805
 Pickering Ward was Born the 24 Day of November ----- 1806
 Dances Ward was Born the 14 Day of September ----- 1808
 Dorcas Ward was Born the 16 Day of November ----- 1810
 James Ward was Born the 18 Day of November ----- 1812
 Rebecca Ward was Born the 25 Day of January ----- 1814
 Sarah Ward was Born the 22 Day of January ----- 1816
 Susanna Ward was Born the 21 Day of March ----- 1819

Published Township Records at American Ancestors Research Center

Argyle

Aylesford

Barrington

Cornwallis

Douglas

Falmouth

Horton

Newport

Yarmouth

Book of records for the township of Annapolis 1822 [dates cover 1747, 1774-1874, 1884]

ADD TO PRINT LIST

Title Also Known As	Nova Scotia, Annapolis, town register of births, marriages and deaths, 1747, 1774-1874, 1884.
Authors	Annapolis Township (Nova Scotia) (Author)
Format	Microfilm 35mm
Language	English
Publication Date	1983
Publisher	Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah
Place of Publication	Salt Lake City, Utah
Physical	1 microfilm reel ; 35 mm.



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Notes

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

Includes index.

Contains births, marriages and deaths, 1747, 1774-1874, 1884 organized primarily by families.

[View this catalog record in WorldCat for other possible copy locations.](#)

Subjects

Locality Subjects

[Canada, Nova Scotia, Annapolis, Annapolis Township - Public records](#)

[Canada, Nova Scotia, Annapolis, Annapolis Township - Vital records](#)

Film/Digital Notes

Film Number or Image Group Number (DGS)

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Book of records for the township of Annapolis 1822 [dates cover 1747, 1774-1874, 1884]	Granite Mountain Record Vault	United States & Canada Film	1376192 Item 1	5190404	 
Another filming (2 copies of the same vol. in the PAC). Ottawa, Ontario: Public Archives of Canada, 1967, on 1	FamilySearch Library	United States & Canada B1 Film	1012328 Items 12	7951175	

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Township Records at the Nova Scotia Archives



Results 1 to 35 from your search:

Annapolis Township, Annapolis County

3 reels of microfilm: 15026, 15027, 12146.

Births: 1783-1856

Marriages: 1783-1856

Deaths: 1783-1856

Minutes of Meetings: 1790-1853 Church Records: No Animal Marks: Yes [more details...](#)

Reference: MG 4 vol. 5

Granville Township, Annapolis County

4 reels of microfilm: 15060, 12323, 13546, 15035.

Births: 1720-1881

Marriages: 1720-1881

Deaths: 1720-1881

Minutes of Meetings: 1769,1771,1781 Church Records: Yes Animal Marks: Yes [more details...](#)

Reference: MG 4 vol. 185 and 185a-i, MG 4 vol. 34

Township Records at the Nova Scotia Archives

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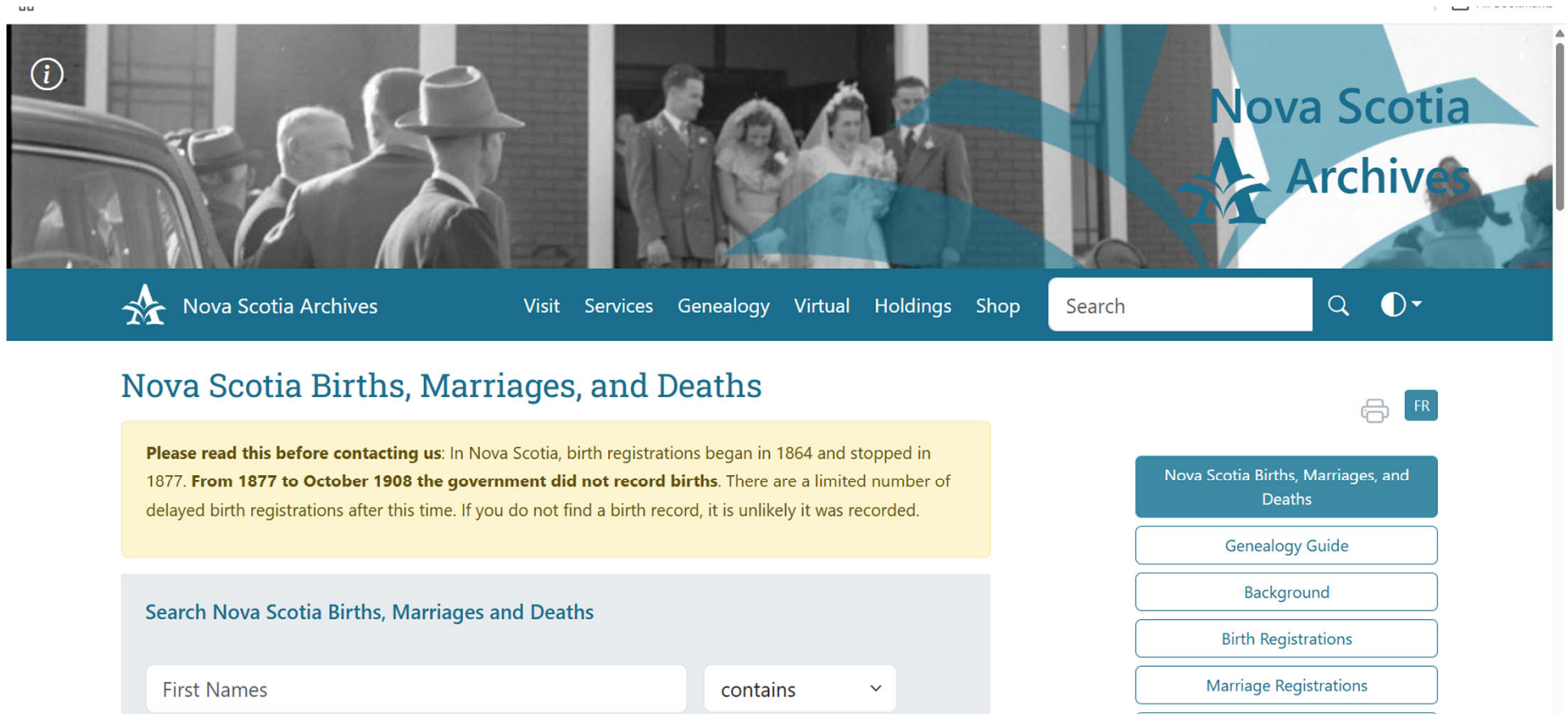
[New England Planters at the Public Archives of Nova Scotia](#)

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VR's at the Nova Scotia Archives

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



The screenshot shows the Nova Scotia Archives website. The header features a blue banner with historical photos and the 'Nova Scotia Archives' logo. Below the banner is a navigation bar with links: Visit, Services, Genealogy, Virtual, Holdings, Shop, and a search bar. The main content area is titled 'Nova Scotia Births, Marriages, and Deaths'. A yellow box contains a warning: 'Please read this before contacting us: In Nova Scotia, birth registrations began in 1864 and stopped in 1877. From 1877 to October 1908 the government did not record births. There are a limited number of delayed birth registrations after this time. If you do not find a birth record, it is unlikely it was recorded.' Below this is a search bar with the text 'Search Nova Scotia Births, Marriages and Deaths'. The search bar has a text input field with 'First Names' and a dropdown menu with 'contains'. To the right of the search bar is a sidebar with a 'FR' language selector and a list of links: 'Nova Scotia Births, Marriages, and Deaths', 'Genealogy Guide', 'Background', 'Birth Registrations', and 'Marriage Registrations'.

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Nova Scotia Births, Marriages, and Deaths

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First Names contains

Nova Scotia Births, Marriages, and Deaths

Genealogy Guide

Background

Birth Registrations

Marriage Registrations

archives.novascotia.ca/vital-statistics

Later Nova Scotia VR's

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

- Births 1926 to present
- Marriages 1951 to present
- Deaths 1976 to present

Vital Record Substitutes

- Nova Scotia Coroners Inquisitions 1755-1928 (FamilySearch)
- Divorces and Matrimonial cause case files 1759-1951 (FamilySearch)
- Newspapers at the Nova Scotia Archives
- Cemetery transcriptions, Nova Scotia, 1700's-1900's

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Coroners' inquisitions, Nova Scotia : 1755-1928

ADD TO PRINT LIST

Authors	Halifax County (Nova Scotia). Coroner (Author) Nova Scotia. Supreme Court (Added Author)
Format	Microfilm 35mm
Language	English
Publication Date	1983
Publisher	Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah
Place of Publication	Salt Lake City, Utah
Physical	29 microfilm reels ; 35 mm.

Notes

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

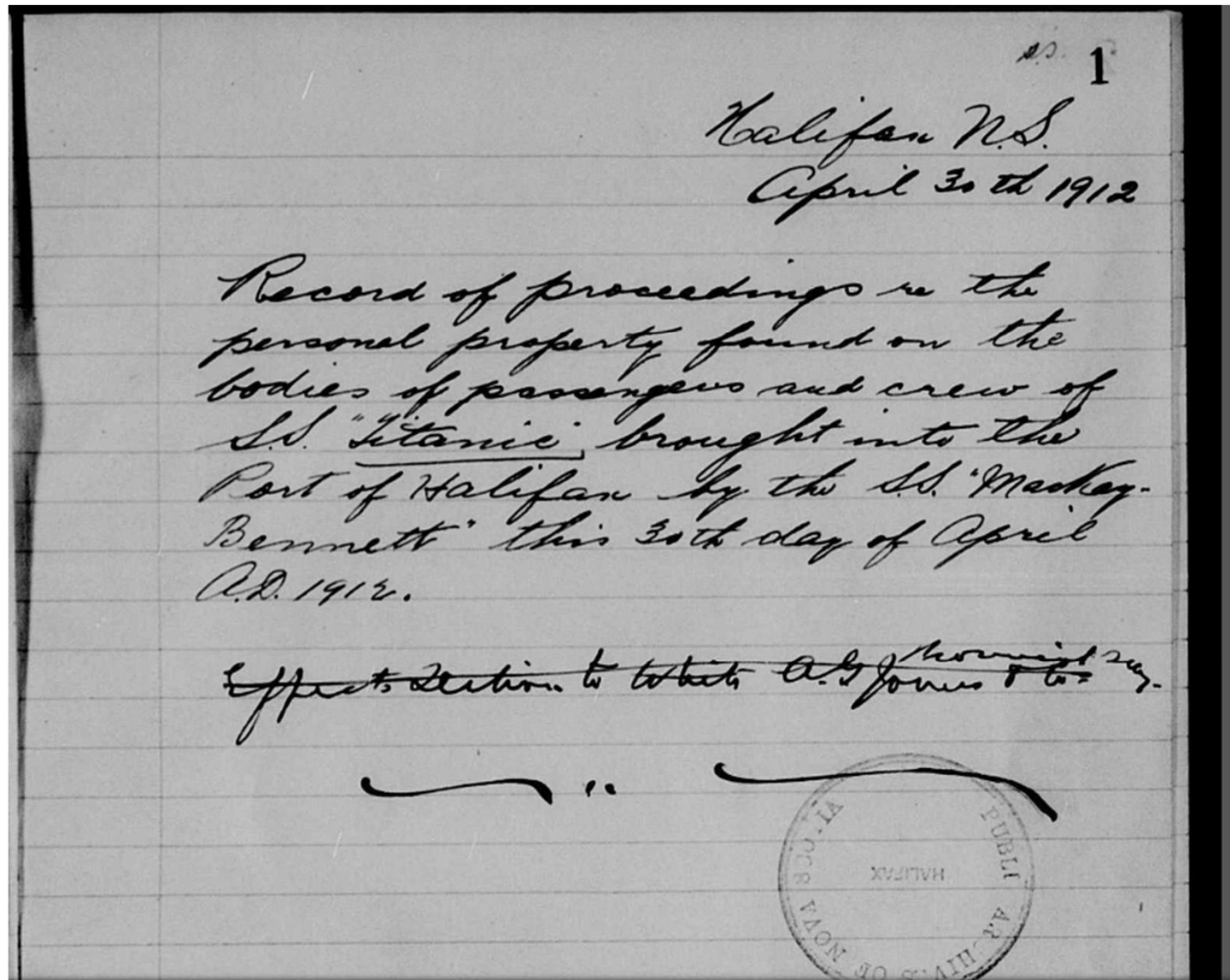
The coroners' inquisitions for Nova Scotia were created by various county coroners. The bulk of

Feedback

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Note	Location	Collection/Shelf	Film	Image Group Number (DGS)	Format
Inquests, v. 1-2 (#1-17), 1755-1852 (contains only 4 documents for 1755-1799)	Granite Mountain Record Vault	United States & Canada Film	1378024 Items 2 - 3	8191895	
Public Archives of Nova Scotia contents list, 1755-1928 (includes list of names for v. 8-74, Halifax Co.)	Granite Mountain Record Vault	United States & Canada Film	1378024 Item 1	8191895	
Inquests, v. 2 (#18-20)-v. 3, 1852-1855	Granite Mountain Record Vault	United States & Canada Film	1378025	8296441	
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Coroner's Inquest, 30 Apr. 1912

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Rosenshine, George, Ansonia Hotel,
73rd St. Broadway, New York, U.S.A.
Body identified by Albert A.
Rosenhine, brother of deceased.
(same address.)

Body delivered to said Albert A.
Rosenhine by order of the Medical
Examiner.

Clothing bundle No. 16 and effects
found on body (bag No. 16) delivered
to said Albert A. Rosenhine.

April 30th 1912

Coroners Inquisition, George Rosenshine, 30
Apr. 1912

Divorces and Matrimonial Cause Case Files 1759-1951

The screenshot shows the FamilySearch website interface. At the top, the FamilySearch logo is on the left, and navigation links for Family Tree, Search, Memories, Get Involved, and Activities are in the center. On the right, there are icons for location, globe, help, share, notifications, and a user profile for Melanie McComb. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with links for Records, Full Text, Images, Family Tree, Genealogies, Catalog (highlighted), Books, and Wiki. The main content area features a title 'Nova Scotia Court for Divorce and Matrimonial Causes case files, 1759-Jan. 1951' and an 'ADD TO PRINT LIST' button. Below the title is a table with metadata. To the right of the main content area, there are links for 'TIPS AND RESOURCES', 'PRINT', and 'CATALOG PRINT LIST (0)'. A vertical 'Feedback' button is on the far right.

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Format	Microfilm 35mm	
Language	English	
Publication Date	2001	
Publisher	Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah	
Place of Publication	Salt Lake City, Utah	
Physical	125 microfilm reels : ; 35 mm.	

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Files B-1 to B-4, 1901	Granite Mountain Record Vault	United States & Canada Film	2224313 Item 2	8288179	

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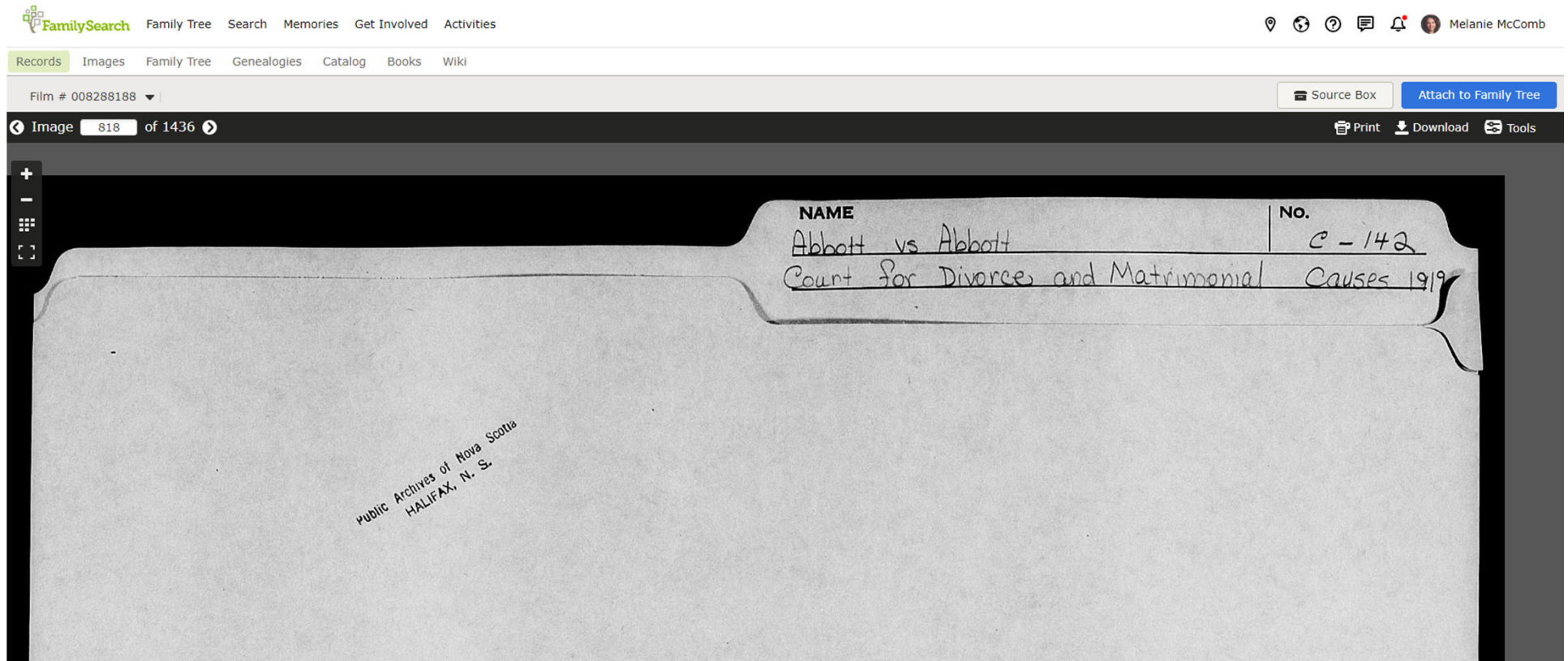
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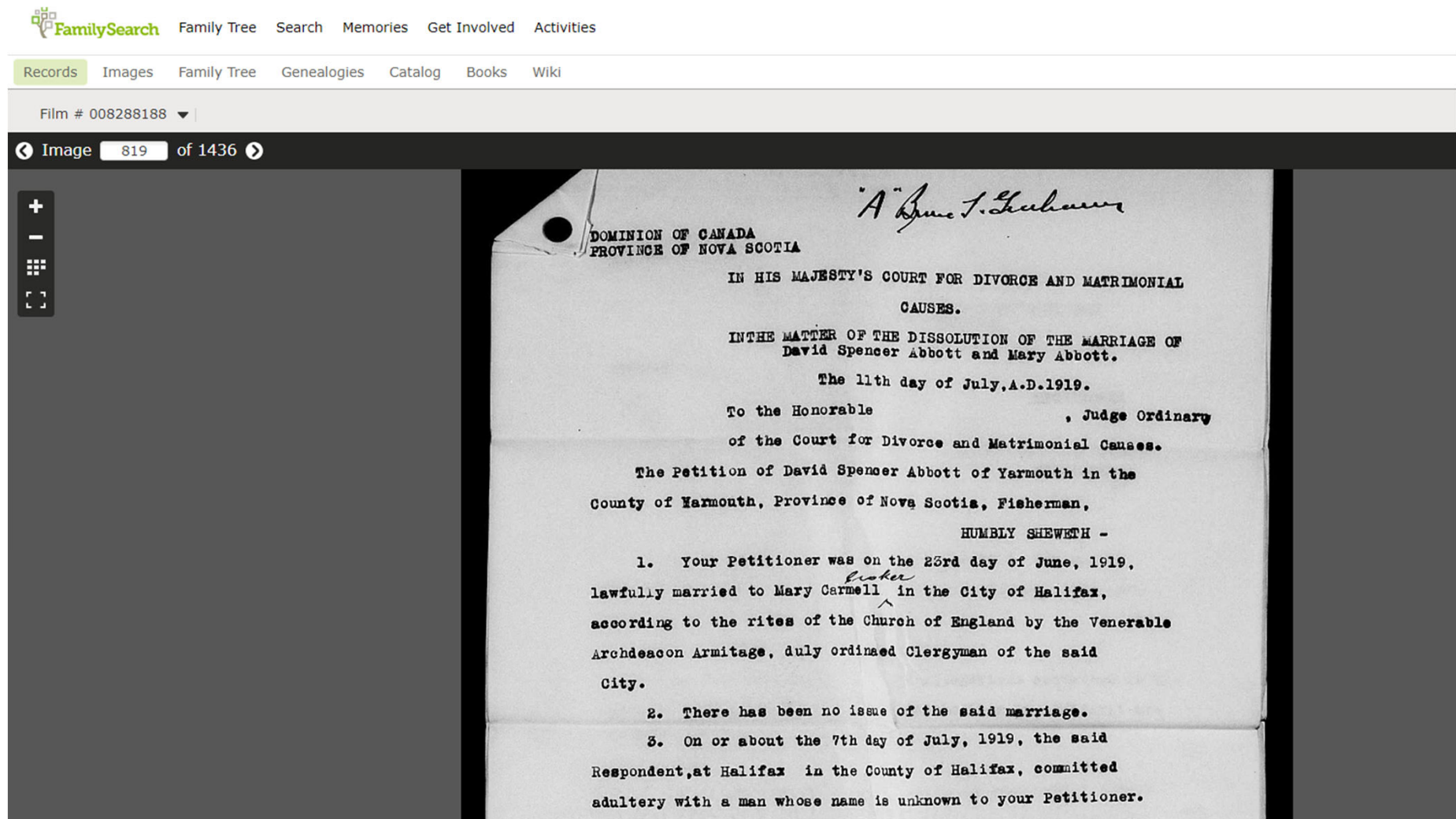
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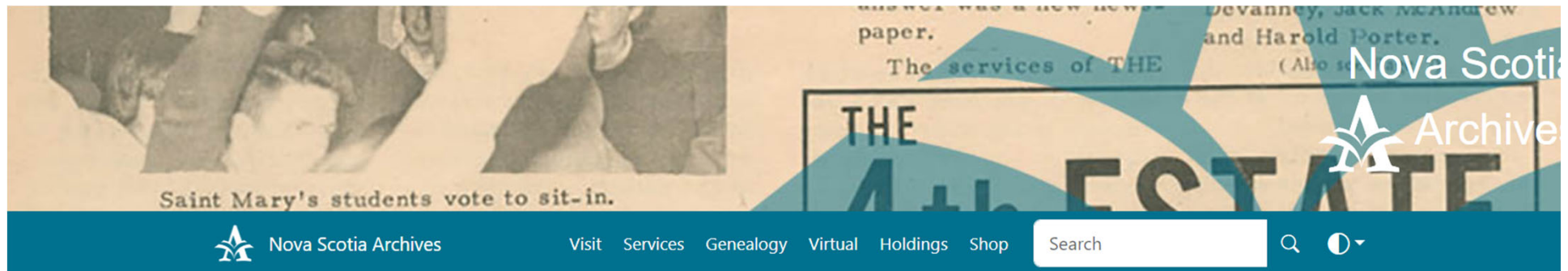
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Presented below, in chronological order, are images for twenty different newspapers published in eight different Nova Scotia communities over a span of 230 years — from *The Nova Scotia Chronicle and Weekly Advertiser* in 1769, to *Le Courrier de la Nouvelle-Écosse* in 2002. Click on each image to begin exploring the surviving issues for that newspaper, for the years indicated — 175,000 digitized pages in all, accessible right now and from wherever you are in the world!



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[Cemetery transcriptions, Nova Scotia, 1700's-1900's]

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Format	Microfilm 16mm, Microfilm 35mm
Language	English
Publication Date	1983-2002
Publisher	Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah
Place of Publication	Salt Lake City, Utah
Physical	9 microfilm reels ; 35 mm. and 16 mm.

Notes

Microfilm of original records (v. : ill., plans) in possession of the Public Archives of Nova Scotia, Halifax.

Contains cemetery transcriptions arranged primarily by county and with earliest cemeteries beginning in the early 1700's.

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Note	Location	Collection/Shelf	Film	Image Group Number (DGS)	Format
Finding aid (organized by vol. and file number; lists localities, cemeteries, number of pages in a transcript, and whether it is indexed; covers all vols. except for vols. 20 and 21)	Granite Mountain Record Vault	United States & Canada Film	2293735 Item 1	8288285	
Vol. 1: Annapolis County	Granite Mountain Record Vault	United States & Canada Film	1319917 Item 1	7768919	
Vol. 2: Colchester County (nos. 1-11), Cumberland County (no. 12, Amherst), Digby County (no. 13, Digby), Guysborough County (nos. 14-20)	Granite Mountain Record Vault	United States & Canada Film	1319917 Item 2	7768919	
Vols. 3-4: Halifax County	Granite Mountain Record Vault	United States & Canada Film	1319917 Items 3 - 4	7768919	
Vols. 5-6: Halifax County	Granite Mountain Record Vault	United States & Canada Film	1319918 Items 1 - 2	8191881	
Vol. 7, nos. 1-9: Hants County	Granite Mountain Record Vault	United States & Canada Film	1319918 Item 3	8191881	
Vol. 7, nos. 10-29: Hants County	Granite Mountain Record Vault	United States & Canada Film	1319832 Item 1	7768917	
Vol. 8: Kings County (nos. 1-11), Lunenburg County (nos. 12-16), Kent County, New Brunswick (no. 17, Rexton and Richibucto)	Granite Mountain Record Vault	United States & Canada Film	1319832 Item 2	7768917	

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Prince Edward Island

Anglican

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

St. Paul's Anglican Church –
Charlottetown, PEI



Roman Catholic

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



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

Baptist

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

St. John the Baptist Church
in Miscouche, PEI



Methodist

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

United Church

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

Online Church Records

Databases on FamilySearch.org

- *Prince Edward Island Baptism Card Index, 1721-1885*
 - Prepared by the Division of Vital Statistics from church records
 - Index and images
- *Prince Edward Island Church Records, 1777-1985*
 - Mostly from Protestant churches
 - Images only

Same Databases on Ancestry.com

- *Prince Edward Island, Baptism Index, 1788-1943*
 - Index only
- *Prince Edward Island, Canada, Baptisms, Marriages, Burials, 1780-1982*
 - Index and images

Civil Registration

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

Online Vital Records

Databases on FamilySearch.org

- *Marriage Registers, 1832-1888*
-Index and images
- *Canada, Prince Edward Island
Card Death Card Index, 1721-
1905*
-Index and images

Same Databases on Ancestry.com

- *Prince Edward Island,
Canada, Marriage Registers,
1832-1888*
-Index and images
- *Prince Edward Island,
Canada, Death Card Index,
1810-1913*
-Index and images

Vital Record Substitutes

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

Cemetery transcript collection

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Format	Microfilm 16mm
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Place of Publication	[Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island]
Physical	4 microfilm reels ; 16 mm.



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Some cemetery transcriptions include histories of churches and cemeteries.

Contents: Miscellaneous (Milburn family plot, Milburn West United Church Cemetery, Gillespie Family Plot) -- lot 1-1 Anglo R. Catholic Cemetery -- lot 1-2 St. Simon & St. Jude R.C. Church Cemetery, Tignish -- lot 1-3 Tignish United Church Cemetery -- lot 2-1 Immaculate Conception R.C. Cemetery, Palmers Road -- lot 2-2 Greenmount Church of Christ Cemetery -- lot 3-1 Miminegash United Cemetery, St. Lawrence District (Presbyterian) -- lot 3-2 Alma United Baptist Church Cemetery -- lot 3-3 Holy Trinity Anglican Church Cemetery (Alma) -- lot 3-4 Montrose United (Presbyterian) -- lot 3-5 Christ Church Anglican Cemetery (Kildare Capes) -- lot 3-6 Montrose Gordon Plot -- lot 4-1 Nazarene United (Elmsdale) -- lot 4-2 St. Peter's Anglican (Alberton) -- lot 4-3 Old Dock Cemetery Presbyterian (Alberton) -- lot 4-4 Hillcrest United (Presbyterian) (Alberton) -- lot 4-5 Woodlawn Cemetery (Alberton) -- lot 4-6 Campbellton United (Presbyterian) -- lot 5-1 -- Alberton Baptist -- lot 5-1 Baptist Cemetery Union (Alberton) -- lot 5-2 Cascumpeque United Methodist -- lot 5-3 St. Anthony's R.C.C. Cemetery, Bloomfield -- lot 5-4 Sacred Heart R.C. Church Cemetery (near Alberton) -- lot 5-5 Old Roman Catholic Cascumpeque -- lot 5-6 Meggison Family plot, Cascumpeque -- lot 6-1 Bloomfield United Cemetery --

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Cemeteries, lots 34-8-lots 58-1	Granite Mountain Record Vault	United States & Canada Film	1487748	7769470	
Cemeteries, lots 58-1-lots 67-6, 28-2	Granite Mountain Record Vault	United States & Canada Film	1487749	7769469	

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6	QUEEN	CARNIGIE?		LOT 30	1881	20	ROMAN CATHOLIC	1881 CENSUS LOT 30
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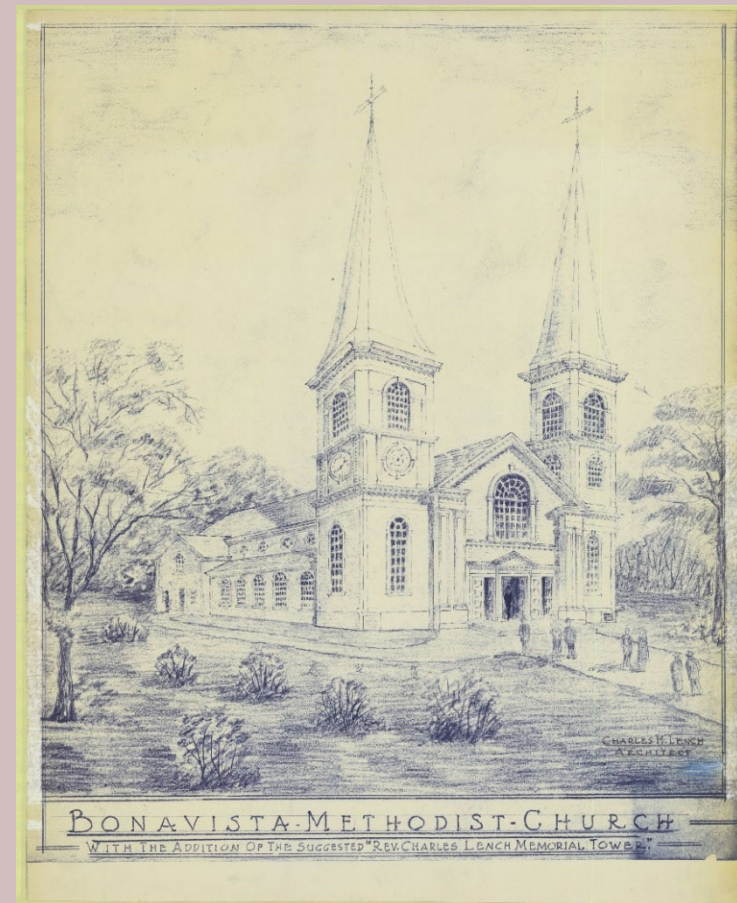
- Earliest records
 - Trinity, 1753 for baptisms only
 - Harbour Grace, 1775 for baptisms, marriages, burials
 - Bonavista, 1786 for baptisms and marriages
 - St. John's 1752 for marriages, 1790 for baptisms

St. Luke's Anglican Church,
Port de Grave



Methodist Church

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

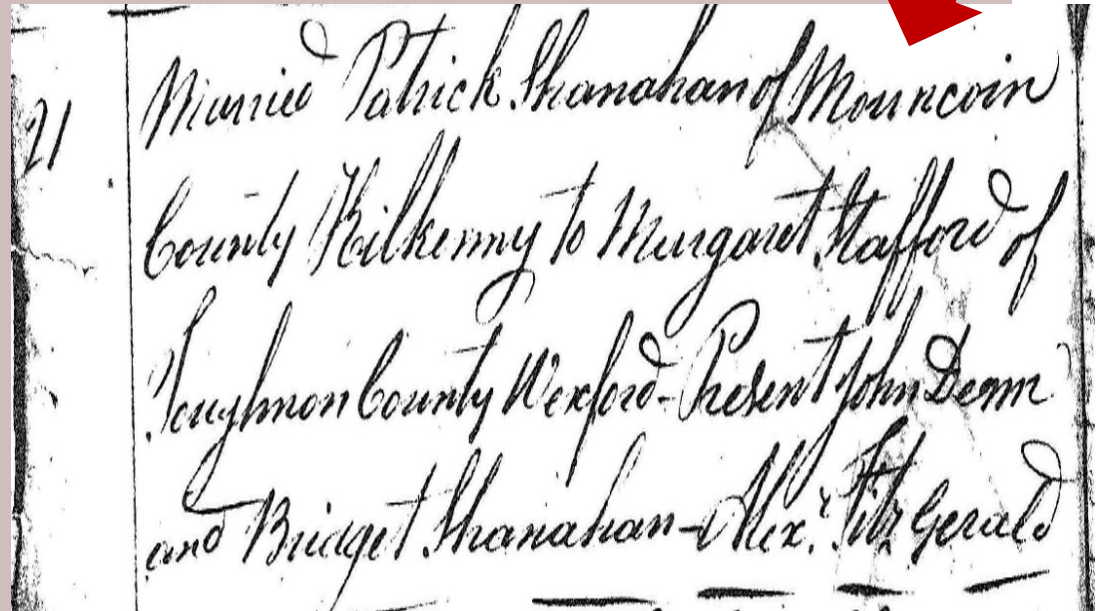


United Church

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

Roman Catholic Church

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



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

Baptist Church

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

Online Church Records

Databases on FamilySearch.org

- *Newfoundland Church Records, 1793-1945*
 - Mostly Roman Catholic records for ten communities
- *Canada, Newfoundland Vital Statistics, 1753-1893*
 - Dept of Public Health and Welfare program
 - Church transcripts mostly from Protestant churches

Same Database on Ancestry.com

- *Newfoundland Church Records, 1793-1899*
 - Index and images
- *Newfoundland Births, Marriages, and Deaths, 1757-1901*
 - Index and images

Civil Registration

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

Late Registration of Birth for Catherine Frances Keefe

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

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

Sponsors: John Chant; Catherine Keefe.

Wm. J. Flaherty
PP.

Placentia,
Newfoundland.
8/8/24.

Online Vital Records

Databases on FamilySearch.org

- *Canada, Newfoundland Vital Records, 1840–1949*
 - Original vital records from the Provincial Archives
 - Index and images

Same databases on Ancestry.com

- *Newfoundland, Canada, Births, Marriages, and Deaths, 1850-1949*
 - Index and images
- *Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada Death Certificates, 1950-1968*
 - Searchable with images

Later Newfoundland and Labrador VR's

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

- Births 1920 to present
- Marriages 1923 to present
- Deaths 1969 to present

Vital Record Substitutes

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

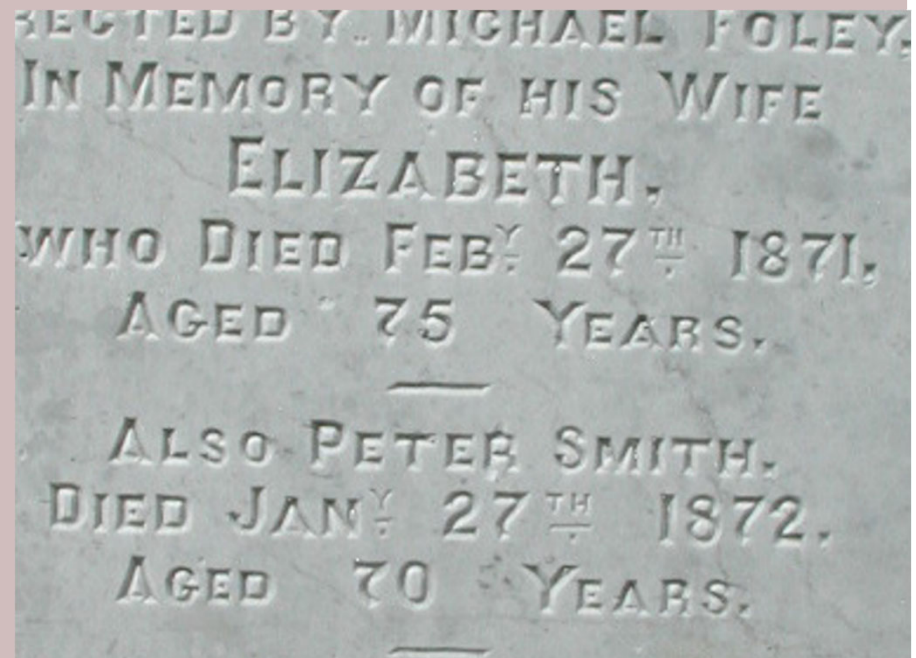
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- Family History Society of NL
 - Transcription Project
 - Cemetery Database
- Stonepics.com
 - Name Index
 - CD-ROM
- Websites
 - Grand Banks
 - Has Stonepics index
 - GenWeb



Fox Harbour Cemetery, Fox Harbour, NL

Cemeteries



Newspapers

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

Name:	Michael Foley
Gender:	Male
Event Type:	Death
Birth Date:	Abt 1790
Death Date:	8 Apr 1879
Death Place:	Fox Harbour, Newfoundland
Age at Death:	89
Reference Date 1:	8 Apr 1879
Source:	Gazette (Royal Newfoundland Gazette) 1807-; Harbor Grace Standard (also known as Standard and Conception Bay Advertiser) 1859-1936; Newfoundlander 1827-1884; Morning Chronicle 1865-1881
Notes:	Deceased left 12 children, 102 grandchildren and 35 great great grandchildren.
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Divorce Records

Divorce Law

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

Acts of divorce, 1841–1968

Search Acts of divorce, 1841-1968

This index contains about 15,000 entries for Parliamentary divorces documented in government sources held at LAC. The entries include acts passed from 1841 to 1963, and Senate resolutions approved from 1964 to 1968. Each entry includes:

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Name of petitioner: Monteith, John
Name of spouse: Wright, Mary-Ann
Date: 1887
Reference: Statutes of Canada, Citation 129

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CHAP. 129.

An Act for the relief of John Monteith.

[Assented to 23rd June, 1887.]

WHEREAS John Monteith, of lake Rosseau, in the district of Parry Sound in the Province of Ontario and Dominion of Canada, hotel-keeper, has, by petition, humbly set forth that he and Mary Ann Monteith, formerly Mary Ann Wright, are both British subjects, and that the said John Monteith is resident and domiciled in this Dominion, and that the said Mary Ann Monteith, until her elopement as hereinafter mentioned, was resident and domiciled in this Dominion, but is now supposed to be a resident of the United States of America; and that a marriage in due form of law was had and solemnized between them, in the Province of Ontario, on the thirty-first day of December in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy; and that on the eleventh day of May in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, the said Mary Ann Monteith deserted her said husband and their four children, issue of their said marriage, and eloped with one William G. Norton, with whom she committed adultery; that since the date last aforesaid she has remained separate and apart from her said husband; and whereas the said John Monteith has made proof of the facts above recited, and it is expedient that the prayer of the said petitioner should be granted: Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

1. The said marriage between John Monteith and Mary Ann Monteith, his wife, is hereby dissolved and shall henceforth be null and void to all intents and purposes whatsoever. Marriage dissolved.

2. It shall be lawful for the said John Monteith hereafter to marry any other woman whom he might lawfully marry in case the said marriage had not been solemnized. J. Monteith may marry again.

OTTAWA: Printed by BROWN CHAMBERLIN, Law Printer to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

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Act of Divorce, John Monteith, 1887

New Brunswick Divorce Records

- 1847-1990 – Records are at the Provincial Archives (indexed 1847-1984)
- Note: post-1940 records are the Archives are housed offsite. Order them at least 24 hours ahead of time.
- For the 1984-present records, contact the Central Registry Office Court House in Fredericton

Nova Scotia Divorce Records

- Pre-1960, records are at the Archives for Nova Scotia in two series:
 - Court for Divorce and Matrimonial Causes case files
 - Divorce Cause files
- 1960-present – Divorces kept in area where divorce occurred.

PEI Divorce Records

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

Newfound and Labrador Divorce Records

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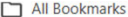
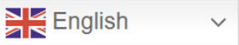
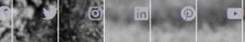
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