



## **St. Croix Public Library**

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### **A Genealogical Guide**

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This Library was established in November 1971 in the former Canadian Pacific train station (built in the Romanesque style in 1929) as a branch of the Fundy Library Region. On January 27, 1999 the library moved to its present location.

It should be emphasized that there are sources in both microfilm and print formats. The Library has two microfilm readers (one is a reader/printer).

Charlotte County is one of the original counties established in 1785. As population warranted, the original eight counties were partitioned with the final complement being fifteen. In turn each county was divided geographically into parishes similar to American townships. Charlotte County is located in the southwestern corner of New Brunswick. To the south lies the Bay of Fundy and to the west – the state of Maine. Charlotte County's northern and eastern boundaries meet those of York, Sunbury, Queens, King and Saint John counties. Seven parishes – Pennfield, St. Andrews, St. David, St. George, St. Patrick, St. Stephen, and West Isles – were established the following year. The parishes of Campobello and Grand Manan were set off from West Isles in 1803 and 1816 respectively. St. James parish was created in 1823 from unassigned lands and from a part of St. Stephen. A portion of St. Patrick became Dumbarton in 1856. The parish of Lepreau was erected from Pennfield in 1859. A decade later Clarendon was established and in 1873 Dufferin was set-off from St. Stephen. The parish of St. Croix was created the following year.

The following is a list of the different types of records available...

### **1. BIRTH REGISTERS**

*County Birth Registers, Index, 1801-1899* (R 929.37151 COU). This 22 volume set contains the name of the child, sex, date of birth, place of birth, father's name, mother's name, county of registration, registration date and number. However, not all registers were filled in with the same degree of accuracy or thoroughness.

### **2. CEMETERIES – 8 REELS**

St. Stephen Rural Cemetery registers of internments between October 14, 1856 and November 30, 1993, cemetery cards, perpetual care contracts (alphabetical listings of names of people who have purchased lots), rules and regulations, and financial reports as well as interment books for Calais Cemetery, 1838-1972 are available on microfilm. Records for cemeteries in Baillie, Pennfield, Rollingdam, Old Ridge, Scotch Ridge, Pomeroy Ridge, St. Stephen, Oak Bay, Moores Mills, St. George, St. Andrews, Upper Mills, and Back Bay, NB as well as Calais and Baring, ME are available in print format in the N.B.G.S.- Charlotte Branch collection, which is housed in this library.

### **3. CENSUS RETURNS – 133 REELS**

Census data for the years 1851, 1861, 1871, 1881, 1891, 1901 and 1911 is available for nearly all the parishes of Charlotte County. This data consists of names, ages, occupations, religion, family relationships, and various other information. The Library has in print format the *1851 Census for Charlotte County, Vol. I and Vol. II* and the *1861 Census for Charlotte County*. All other census data is available on microfilm only. Also available on microfilm are the census for the United States of America (1790-1910). The emphasis is on the New England area and in particular Washington County, ME but other states are represented as well.

### **4. CHURCH RECORDS – 24 REELS**

Included are records for Kirk McColl United (1794-1960) in St. Stephen; Anglican Churches in Campobello (1823-1970), St. George (1822-1922), Pennfield (1822-1922), McAdam (1902-1969), St. Andrews (1787-1961), and St. Stephen (1870-1958); and Roman Catholic, St. Andrews Parish (to 1900). The St. James Parish History Collection (1833-1985) reels are mostly church related, however, there is also material on the St. James Agricultural Society in DeWolfe and some school records from Oak Hill School.

### **5. DIRECTORIES – 2 REELS**

Local Directories of Charlotte County, NB and Washington County, ME, 1870/71, 1890/91, 1896/97, 1901/02, 1934/35 (microfilm); *St. Stephen and Charlotte County Directory, 1908/09* (RA 917.1533 SAI); *New Brunswick Directory, 1865/66* (RA 917.15 NEW).

## **6. FAMILY HISTORIES**

There are a number of family histories available in the reference collection such as Baldwin, Christie, McFarlane, Seeley, Leavitt, Tingley, Hannah, Haste, etc. *Histoire et Genealogie des Acadiens* (FR 292.209715 ARS) is a six-volume set by Bona Arseneault providing "un résumé de l'histoire de peuple acadien."

## **7. LAND GRANTS**

The present provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick were known as Nova Scotia until 1784 when New Brunswick became a separate province. N.S. grants for land in what became N.B. were issued as early as 1765. The *Crown Land Grant Index* (R 333.16097151 CRO) lists the name of the grantee, location, acres, date, and volume and page number where this material can be located in the original land grant books. Printout copies of the original grants are available from the New Brunswick Public Archives, Box 6000, Fredericton, NB E3B 5H1.

## **8. CHARLOTTE COUNTY PROBATE RECORDS (1685-1888) – 5 REELS**

Any number of these original documents may be found in a probate court file – wills, inventories, petitions for guardianship, invoices, vouchers, receipts, affidavits, and correspondence.

## **9. CHARLOTTE COUNTY REGISTRY OFFICE RECORDS – 413 REELS**

These reels include deeds, leases, mortgages, liens, and other land transfers; 1784-approximately 1993. Included area grantor-grantee index, and Charlotte County Subdivision Plans.

## **10. CHARLOTTE COUNTY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE RECORDS**

Records for School Districts 22 & 24

## **11. LOYALISTS – 2 REELS**

Includes some family records such as Blakeney and Barker as well as biographical data related to New Brunswick families, especially of Loyalist descent, collected by D. W. Jack. Also contains letter books of Lt. Gov. Sir Thomas Carleton, Vols. I – IX, 1784-1808; the Charlotte County, NB Court of General Sessions, 1834; and the Charlotte County, NB Docket Book of the County Court, containing names of defendants and charges against them, 1785-1786.

## **12. MARRIAGE RECORDS – 9 REELS**

*The Marriage Registers* (1789-1889) contain copies of marriage certificates held by the registry office. The certificates list the names of the bride and groom, their respective parishes, the names of the witnesses, and the presiding official or clergy. The certificates do not list the names of the parents.

*Charlotte County Marriage Certificates* (1789-1888) are numbered marriage certificates that are recorded in the Charlotte County Marriage Registers.

*St. Stephen Marriage Licenses and Bonds* (1851-1921). Marriage bonds were required when banns were not read or the clergyman did not know both of the parties. Information in the bond includes names of bride and groom-to-be as well as the name of the groom's co-signing bondsman.

The Library also has in print format 8 volumes of the *Cumulative Index of Marriages extracted from the N.B. Vital Statistics Branch Records*, 1882 – 1925. (R 929.37151 CUM).

### **13. NEWSPAPERS ON MICROFILM**

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u># OF REELS</u></b>
<i>Bay Pilot</i>	May 9, 1878 – March 21, 1889	4 (weekly)
<i>Calais Advertiser</i> (incomplete)	April 14, 1841 – Dec 1990	28 (weekly)
<i>Calais Gazette &amp; Advertiser</i>	Aug 16, 1836 – Nov 14, 1838	1
<i>Calais Times/Weekly Times</i>	July 27, 1877 – Dec 25, 1914	12 (weekly)
<i>City Gazette</i>	July 6, 1811 – Jan 7, 1841	3 (weekly)
<i>Courier Weekend</i>	March 4, 1978 – Dec , 2004	53 (weekly)
<i>Daily Sun</i>	Aug 3, 1878 – March 12, 1910	112 (daily)
<i>Daily Telegraph</i>	Sept 27, 1862 – July 14, 1923	136 (daily)
<i>Eastern Democrat</i> (Wash. Co. ME)	May 25, 1832 – April 6, 1861	1
<i>Eastern Star</i> (Machias ME)	Dec 2, 1824 – July 14, 1825	1
<i>Evening Times Globe</i>	April 1927 – December 1985	579 (daily)
<i>Frontier Journal</i>	Jan 16, 1938 – Dec 1953	2 (weekly)
<i>Granite Town Greetings</i>	Aug 14, 1907 – Aug 30, 1912	6 (weekly)
<i>Halifax Gazette</i>	March 1752 – December 1800	10 (weekly)
<i>Headquarters</i>	April 10, 1844 – Nov 18, 1868	6 (weekly)
<i>Kings County News</i>	Nov 15, 1894 – Dec 29, 1898	2 (weekly)
<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u># OF REELS</u></b>
<i>Loyalist</i>	Oct 13, 1842 – Aug 7, 1852	2 (weekly)
<i>Lubec Herald</i>	July 5, 1910 – July 10, 1958	26 (weekly)
<i>Morning Freeman</i>	Sept 20, 1858 – Aug 2, 1884	24 (alternate days)

<i>Narraguagus Times</i>	November 1899 – December 1906	4 (weekly)
<i>New Brunswick Courier</i>	May 2, 1811 – Feb 11, 1865	14 (weekly)
<i>New Dominion &amp; True Humorist</i>	October 13, 1864 – Feb 2, 1878	4 (weekly)
<i>Northern Light</i> (Eastport, ME)	Nov 19, 1828 – Apr 25, 1832	1
<i>Royal Gazette</i>	Oct 1785 – Dec 29, 1841	16 (weekly)
<i>Saint Andrews Beacon</i>	May 9, 1889 – Aug 9, 1919	11 (weekly)
<i>Saint Andrews Standard</i>	Sept 10, 1833 – July 21, 1880	8 (weekly)
<i>Saint Croix Courier</i>	Oct 14, 1865 – Dec , 2004	111 (weekly)
<i>Saint John Daily News</i>	Jan 2, 1874 – Apr 8, 1884	19
<i>Saint John Gazette</i>	Jan 29, 1784 – Dec 1807	4 (weekly)
<i>Saint John Globe</i>	Jan 9, 1862 – Jan 1927	137 (daily)
<i>Saint John Morning News</i>	Sept 16, 1839 – Apr 8, 1884	56 (daily)
<i>Saint John Standard</i> (daily)	Mar 25, 1909 – June 24, 1922	41
<i>Saint John Star</i>	Sept 1818, 1820-28 (most issues missing) Feb 1, 1901 – Dec 3, 1901	1 (weekly)
<i>Telegraph Journal</i>	July 1923 – Dec 1985	305 (daily)
<i>Watchman</i>	1875 – 1877	1 (weekly)
<i>Weekly Chronicle</i>	Sept 9, 1836 – Apr 1, 1859	5 (weekly)

#### **14. PASSENGER LISTS – 2 REELS**

Passenger lists for immigrants are not comprehensive. Each entry contains the passenger number, family name and given name, year of arrival, and sometimes a list of those accompanying the main passenger. Passenger lists for Passamaquoddy, Maine from 1820-1859, are on microfilm. Also available is **Passenger and Immigration Lists Index** edited by P. William Filby (R 927.373 PAS) and **A Chronicle of Irish Emigration to Saint John, N.B. 1847** (971.532 CUS).

#### **15. PHILLIP CHRISTIE COLLECTION – 6 REELS**

The largest volume of material in this collection is related to Charlotte County schools with a small portion of this originating from Brockway School in York County. Other records include a list of World War I recruits from Charlotte County as well as some from the State of Maine.

## **16. PROJECT PRESERVATION – 172 REELS**

A collection of assorted materials relating to the history of Charlotte County, NB and Washington County, ME filmed over a two-year period by the St. Croix Public Library including items such as town records, business records, family histories, church records, James Vroom papers, scrapbooks, and the Charlotte County Historical Society collection. There is also a two volume *Table of Contents* and a partial subject index.

## **17. ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION RECORDS, ST. CROIX BRANCH #9 – 3 REELS**

Includes minutes and financial records of the Great War Veterans Association (1917-1948), the St. Croix Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion (1945-1990). Some of the minutes are missing.

## **18. ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, ST. CROIX BRANCH #9, LADIES AUXILIARY RECORDS – 2 REELS**

Includes minutes (1975-1988) and financial records of the Senior Ladies Auxiliary (1946-1989) and Junior Ladies Auxiliary (1945-1983).

## **19. RYDER'S HARNESS SHOP – 1 REEL**

## **20. TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES – 15 REELS**

Southern Region, 1889-1982.

## **21. VITAL STATISTICS – 31 REELS (NBGS-CB)**

### *I. Maine Vital Records:*

<u>Title</u>	<u>Reel #</u>
1. Addison Vital records, marriages & intentions, 1853 - 1892	0010467
2. Baileyville Births, 1861 – 1939	0010576
3. a) Calais Vital records, 1824 – 1826	0010624
b) Calais Vital records, 1881 – 1891	
c) Calais Vital records, 1840 – 1905	
4. a) Cherryfield Vital records, 1854 – 1891	0010798
b) Cherryfield Marriages & intentions, 1890 – 1891	
c) Cherryfield	

Births, 1872 – 1939

	<u>Title</u>	<u>Reel #</u>
5.	<b>a) Cutler</b> Vital records, 1844 – 1877	0010799
	<b>b) Cutler</b> Vital records, 1878 – 1896	
6.	<b>a) Crawford</b> Vital records, 1827 – 1900	0010800
	<b>b) Crawford</b> Vital records, 1891	
7.	<b>a) Columbia Falls</b> Vital records – marriages, 1863 – 1891	0010805
	<b>b) Columbia Falls</b> Vital records – births, 1884 – 1888	
	<b>c) Columbia Falls</b> Vital records – deaths, 1884 – 1889	
8.	<b>a) Columbia</b> Births, deaths, marriages, 1752 – 1860	0010807
	<b>b) Columbia</b> Militia enrolment, 1880 – 1917	
9.	<b>a) Danforth</b> Marriages & intentions, 1888-1891	0010827
	<b>b) Danforth</b> Marriages & intentions, 1860 – 1882	
	<b>c) Danforth</b> Births, deaths, marriages, 1888 – 1891	
	<b>d) Jackson Brook</b> Marriages & miscellaneous, 1857 – 1889	
10.	<b>a) Eastport</b> Vital records, 1784 – 1886	0010838
	<b>b) Eastport</b> Vital records, 1784 – 1886 (continued)	
	<b>c) Eastport</b> Vital records, 1790 – 1875	
	<b>d) Eastport</b> Vital records, 1778 – 1884	

	<b>e) Eastport</b> Vital records, 1784 – 1904	
<b>11.</b>	<b>Eastport</b> Vital records, 1811 – 1856	<b>0010840</b>
<b>12.</b>	<b>Eastport</b> Vital records, 1857 – 1886	<b>0010841</b>
	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Reel #</u></b>
<b>13.</b>	<b>Eastport</b> Vital records, 1887 – 1908	<b>0010842</b>
<b>14.</b>	<b>a) Eastport</b> Births, marriages, deaths, 1909 – 1912 <b>b) Eastport</b> Births, deaths, marriages, 1913 – 1917	<b>0010843</b>
<b>15.</b>	<b>Eastport</b> Vital records, 1918 – 1945	<b>0010844</b>
<b>16.</b>	<b>a) East Machias</b> Births, deaths, 1709 – 1900 <b>b) Whitneyville</b> Births, 1861 – 1891	<b>0010849</b>
<b>17.</b>	<b>a) Jonesboro</b> Births, deaths, marriages, 1786 – 1890 <b>b) Jonesboro</b> Births, deaths, marriages, 1786 – 1890 (continued) <b>c) Jonesboro</b> Marriages, 1786 – 1890 <b>d) Jonesboro</b> Vital records, 1833 – 1890	<b>0011038</b>
<b>18.</b>	<b>a) Lubec</b> Births, deaths, marriages, 1819 – 1892 <b>b) Lubec</b> Marriages & intentions, 1859 – 1891	<b>0011527</b>
<b>19.</b>	<b>a) Machias</b> Vital records, 1776 – 1814	<b>0011562</b>



- b) Machias**  
Vital records, 1773 – 1827
  - c) Machias**  
Vital records, 1825 – 1890
  - d) Machias**  
Vital records, 1825 – 1890 (continued)
  - e) Machias**  
Vital records, 1864 – 1891
  - f) Machias**  
Vital records & town records, 1773 – 1799
- 20. Machiasport** **0011563**  
Copy of births, 1859 – 1891
- 21. a) Millbridge** **0011566**  
Miscellaneous, April 20, 1858 – 1871
- Title** **Reel #**
- b) Millbridge** **0011566**  
2<sup>nd</sup> book of records of marriage, 1871 – 1880
- c) Millbridge**  
Town records to January 1864
- 22. a) Perry** **0011735**  
Vital records, 1780 – 1860
- b) Perry**  
Vital records, 1819 – 1891
- c) Perry**  
Vital records, 1819 – 1891 (continued)
- 23. Charlotte** **0011736**  
Vital records, 1816 – 1892
- 24. Princeton** **0011750**  
Vital records, 1861 – 1889
- 25. a) Robbinston** **0012051**  
Marriages, 1858 – 1911
- b) Robbinston**  
Births, 1857 – 1944
- 26. a) Steuben** **0012214**

- Vital records, 1796 – 1900
- b) Steuben**  
Vital records, 1858 – 1891
- c) Steuben**  
Vital records, 1813 – 1875
27. **Topsfield** **0012251**  
Vital records, 1858 – 1892
28. **a) Trescott** **0012252**  
Vital records, 1858 – 1891
- b) Trescott**  
Vital records, 1799 – 1869
- c) Trescott**  
Vital records, 1862 – 1892
- d) Trescott**  
Vital records, 1806 – 1862
29. **a) Wesley** **0012611**  
Vital records, 1887 – 1891
- b) Wesley**  
Vital records & town records, 1840 – 1846
30. **a) Beddington, Deblois** **0855271**  
Vital records
- b) Biddeford**  
Births, 1838 – 1855
- c) Bluehill**  
Vital statistics
- Title Reel #
30. **d) Brooklin**  
Vital statistics prior to 1860
- e) Brooksville**  
Vital statistics, 1827 – 1837
- f) Brooksville**  
Vital records prior to 1817
- g) Brunswick**  
Marriages & deaths
- h) Columbia**  
Births, marriages & intentions, 1752 – 1878
- i) Deer Isle**  
Vital records, 1784 – 1865
- j) Deer Isle**

1848 – 1891

**31. Washington County Records**

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*II. Vital Records from the Eastport Sentinel* of Eastport, Maine, 1818-1900.  
Editor: Kenneth Wiley. (R 929.374142 WIL).

*III. Vital Records from N.B. Newspapers, 1784-1875.* A 36-volume set by D.F. Johnson. (R 929.37151 VIT).

**21. VROOM PAPERS – 2 REELS**