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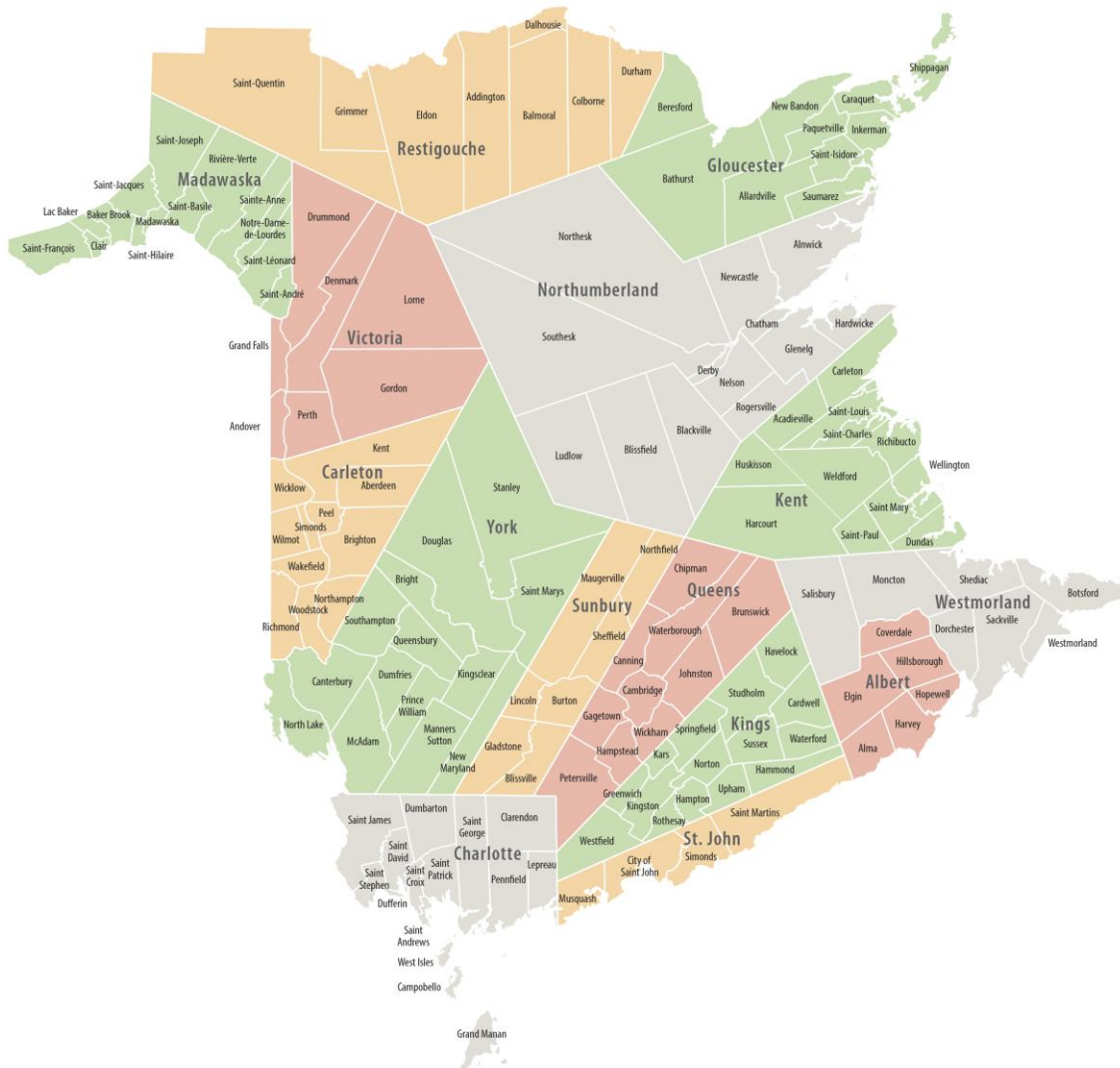
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## SUNBURY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL GUIDE: 2025



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## **Introduction to the Archives**

The Provincial Archives of New Brunswick (PANB) was established in 1967 to provide for the care, custody and control of the documentary heritage of the Province. The collection encompasses government records and private collections including textual records, photographs, maps, architectural plans, audio-visual material, digital files, microfilms, and published volumes.

This guide is designed as a starting point for those who wish to use PANB resources, either in person or by distance, for family history research. We strongly encourage researchers to come to the Archives to conduct their search in person. Visitors to PANB can access additional finding aids and indexes in our reference room, many of which are not noted in this guide, including genealogical research collections that can only be accessed on site.

## **Research, Interlibrary Loan & Copy Services**

If unable to come to the Archives, researchers may submit a written or telephone request for specific documents and the staff at PANB will conduct a brief search. Precise questions have the best chance of being answered fully. The volume of inquiries and the intricacies of family history research preclude extensive research or photocopying by staff.

Many of the records of particular value to the family historian have been microfilmed and are available through an interlibrary loan program. You may order up to three films at a time through your local library.

It should be emphasized that many government documents as well as most of our over 4000 private manuscript collections have not been microfilmed or digitized and must be used at PANB. For a fee, Archives staff may make copies of records. For a list of our reproduction fees, contact us via telephone (506-453-2122) or e-mail ([ArchivesNB@gnb.ca](mailto:ArchivesNB@gnb.ca)).

## **Development of Sunbury County**

When New Brunswick was established in 1784 it was divided into eight counties. As the population grew additional counties were created by dividing the original counties, the final complement being 15. These counties are subdivided into civil parishes. Parishes have minimal administrative weight today but were used in the past to manage services, thus making them important in identifying some records.

## Development of Sunbury County, continued

Sunbury County was one of the original eight counties established in 1785. Sunbury County is located in central New Brunswick along the Saint John River. It is bounded on the north by Northumberland County, on the south by Charlotte County, on the west by York County and on the east by Queens County. Parishes were established as follows:

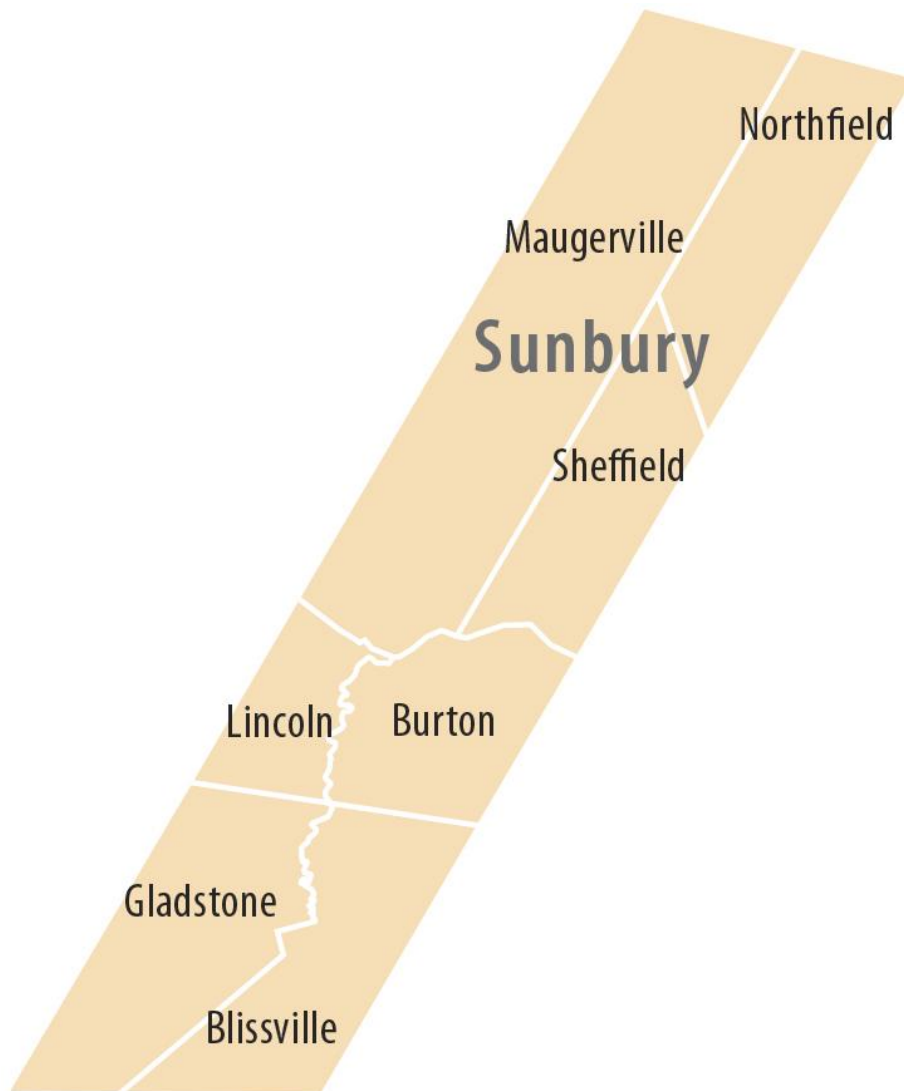
1786: Burton and Lincoln were established in 1786 and included part of Blissville until 1834

1786: Sheffield and Maugerville were established

1874: Blissville was set off from Burton and Lincoln

1857: Northfield was established

1874: Gladstone was set off from Blissville



## **1. Guide to Family Histories and the Provincial Archives (available online)**

The *Guide to Family Histories at the Provincial Archives* was created to enhance access to family histories found in a multitude of sources at PANB. Items referenced vary in volume from a few lines in a book to entire genealogical collections.

The index can be found online at:

<http://archives.gnb.ca/ResearchTools/GuideToFamilyHistories>

## **2. Census Returns (available online)**

Parts of the 1851 and 1861 census are incomplete. Those for 1871, 1881, 1891 and 1901 are more comprehensive. The records contain the names, ages, relationships, occupations, and religion of New Brunswick residents. They may also include ethnicity, nationality, entry date into the colony (1851) and other data.

Many census records have been digitized and searchable databases are available through the Library and Archives Canada (LAC) website: [www.bac-lac.gc.ca](http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca). The 1911, 1921, and 1931 census records have also been released and are available and searchable on various websites in addition to LAC. PANB does not hold microfilm copies of these records.

Census records on microfilm cannot be borrowed from PANB; however, the Associates of the Provincial Archives have various transcripts of records available for purchase.

Please visit [www.archives.gnb.ca/Associates](http://www.archives.gnb.ca/Associates) for a complete list of publications for sale or call (506) 453-2122.

## **3. Vital Statistics**

Although some pre-1888 records of births and deaths exist, they were not required to be kept by law until 1888. Prior to 1888, each county council kept records of marriages. Please note that pre-1920 vital statistics are not comprehensive because even though it was law to keep records, recordkeeping was not enforced until that time. Post 1930 the province added a process of late birth registration. These are births that were not recorded contemporary to the birth but later using witness verification. They are recorded for the year in which the birth occurred.

In New Brunswick, official records of birth are restricted for 95 years and official records of marriages and deaths are restricted for 50 years. The Archives updates the vital statistics database on the website as soon as possible after new records are released.

### 3. Vital Statistics, continued

If you require records which are still restricted, please contact Vital Statistics by visiting [www.snb.ca](http://www.snb.ca) or phoning (506) 453-2385, 1-888-762-8600 (within North America) or 1 (506) 684-7901 (outside North America).

The Associates of the Provincial Archives have various transcripts of vital statistics available for purchase, but these are mainly pre-1888 marriage indices. Please visit [www.archives.gnb.ca/Associates](http://www.archives.gnb.ca/Associates) or call (506) 453-2122 for a complete list of publications for sale.

#### New Brunswick Vital Statistics Records (RS141) (available online)

Search the database of many of our vital statistics indices free of charge at [www.archives.gnb.ca](http://www.archives.gnb.ca).

#### Early County Marriage Records (RS157)

Marriage registers contain information from marriage certificates filed with the registrar. They list the names of the bride and groom, their respective residences, and the names of officiating clergy and witnesses. Entries do not give the parents' names.

#### Marriage Certificates (RS157 J2d)

Date	Certificate Number	Film
1799-1800	N/A	Original only
1812-1843	1 to 699	F11855
1843-1887	700 to 1313	F14924

A transcription of the marriage certificates is available for consultation at the Provincial Archives.

#### Marriage returns (list of marriages) (RS157 J3)

Years	Film
1852-1853	Original only

#### Marriage Bonds (RS551A)

Marriage bonds, known administratively as performance bonds, were required when banns were not read, or the clergyman did not know both parties. They include the names of the bride and groom and the name of the groom's bondsman. Rarely are the names of parents given. This series of documents cover the entire province for the period 1810 to 1932, but is

### **3. Vital Statistics, continued**

#### **Marriage Bonds (RS551A), continued**

not complete. County marriage registers should be consulted first and then consult the marriage bonds.

#### **Provincial Secretary Marriage Licenses (RS14E)**

The Provincial Secretary was responsible for the administration of the distribution and authority to issue marriage licenses for New Brunswick. The Provincial Secretary marriage licenses cover the years 1843-1906 and 1932-1944. In addition to the licenses themselves, some marriage license files include signed affidavits from third parties, partially completed official notices of marriage, or related correspondence. There are four marriage licenses for Sunbury County covering the years 1856-1906.

#### **Index to Death Registration of Soldiers, 1941-1947 (RS141C6) (available online)**

Although it is not the responsibility of Vital Statistics in New Brunswick to register births, marriages, or deaths which occur outside of the province, these "Certificates of Registration of Death" were placed on file to record the deaths of New Brunswick-born World War II soldiers.

This index is not all-inclusive, but includes a handful of non-Brunswickers (Americans and soldiers from other provinces). The certificates include date of birth, father's name and birthplace, mother's maiden name and birthplace, and cause of death.

The microfilm (F20079) includes both the Index compiled by PANB and the certificates in alphabetical order by year.

#### **Records of the Town of Sheffield (MC2278)**

This fonds includes a record book for the town of Sheffield, covering 1766-1835. It contains birth, marriage, and death records, as well as cattle and sheep marks, and some information on hurricanes, earthquakes, and spring freshets.

#### **New Brunswick Cemeteries (available online)**

This database is the result of a project put together by volunteer members of the New Brunswick Genealogical Society. The goal was to create a searchable database and provide online access. PANB was a partner in the project.

### **3. Vital Statistics, continued**

#### **New Brunswick Cemeteries (available online), continued**

The information provided in this database was transcribed from existing gravestones. Transcriptions may exist for grave markers which no longer stand. Keep in mind that the data presented is a transcription – no extrapolations, conjectures or guesses have been made regarding relationships between names on the stones unless the relationship was stated. There are other cemetery transcriptions available at the Archives that are not part of this database.

Please visit [www.archives.gnb.ca](http://www.archives.gnb.ca) to search the online database.

### **4. Land Records**

#### **Land Petitions (RS108) (index available online)**

These are requests submitted to government by those seeking land grants. The records cover the years from 1783 to 1918 and sometimes provide the name, age, origin, marital status, number of children, location and amount of land requested by the petitioner and at times additional biographical data. The likelihood of finding petitions with such detailed personal information tends to be higher for records pre-dating 1840. An index of some 67,000 names can be searched on our website ([www.archives.gnb.ca](http://www.archives.gnb.ca)) or can be viewed on microfilm F13763. Please note that at times people petitioned as a group. In such cases the land petition is filed under the name of the first petitioner, but the online index includes all names.

#### **Land Petitions: Current Series (RS272)**

These petitions cover the years from 1832 to 1987. The series is "current" in that the Department of Natural Resources continues to add to it. The documents contain very little biographical data. The index is available on microfilm (F16741) and can be borrowed through inter library loan.

#### **Land Grants (RS686) (index available online)**

The land grant books form the official land records kept by the New Brunswick government. Beginning in 1784, those who had been granted land under the Nova Scotia government

## 4. Land Records, continued

### Land Grants (RS686) (index available online), continued

between 1765 and 1784 were required to re-register their grants in New Brunswick. These documents describe the metes and bounds (boundaries) of granted lands. The name of the grantee is provided but no other biographical information is given.

### Registry Office Records (RS95)

Sunbury County Registry Office Records cover the years 1786-1981 and include copies of deeds, leases, mortgages, liens, and other land transactions. Some wills (those which transfer title of land) can be found in this series. Microfilm numbers can be requested from PANB. These records can occasionally contain information that provides at least an estimate of when people left the county or province as they sold their land during that process. In rare instances the transfer of land contains leads to the seller's destination.

### Service New Brunswick (SNB) Land Registry Office Records

It is also possible to search land registry office records using the SNB Registry Office Records database.

For more information on these services and associated fees, visit <https://www2.snb.ca/content/snb/en/sites/land-registry.html>.

## 5. Immigration Records

### Passenger Lists (RS23) (available online)

A small number of passenger lists for immigrant ships coming to the province in 1816, 1833, 1834, 1837 and 1838 have survived. The records are available on microfilms F9798 and F9799. The index of passengers and crews (F17834) contains about 10,000 names. The ship crews are included because some immigrants worked their passage. Each entry gives a passenger's surname and given name, passenger number, name of the ship and an archival reference number.

*Note: Passengers to New Brunswick: The Customs House Records; 1833, 1834, 1837, 1838, Johnson, Daniel F., 1887 (MC80/1263) is available for reference at the Provincial Archives.*

## 6. Court Records

### Probate Court Records (RS72)

Probate is the legal validating of a will or settling of an estate if no will exists. It empowers the executor to act on behalf of the deceased to disburse the assets of the estate. Prior to 1984, each county in the province had a court of probate. Following legislation passed in 1983, the province was divided into nine (9) judicial districts for the purpose of probate. Sunbury County probate records after 1984 are included in the records of the Fredericton Judicial District: Probate Court (RS743).

### Probate Court Files

These may include some of the following documents: wills, petitions, affidavits letters testamentary, letters of administration, inventories, bonds, renunciations, correspondence, and other items. Researchers should first consult the indexes to the probate files and the probate books and then order from the films listed below. Sunbury County Probate Court files covering the years 1786-1932 are on microfilm, while post-1932 files are available at PANB only.

From	To	Film
Index	1786-1979	F10958
1786	1840 (Ci)	F9117
1840 (Mi)	1850 (Ti)	F9118
1851 (Ba)	1854 (Ta)	F9119
1855 (Ba)	1870 (Sm)	F11746
1870 (Sm)	1880 (Wi)	F11747
1881 (Br)	1901 (Mc)	F11748
1901 (Se)	1916 (We)	F11749
1917 (Ca)	1927 (Wh)	F11750
1928 (Al)	1932 (St)	F11751

### Probate Court Books

Probate Court Books contain transcripts of the basic legal documents found in the files but there have been instances of something being in the books and not in the files. Pre-1937 books are available on microfilm, and the remainder up to 1984 are available at the Archives. Indexes for 1918-1984 are available at the Archives.

Volume	Dates	Film
Volumes 1, A, B	1786-1863	F11787

## 6. Court Records, continued

### Probate Court Records (RS72), continued

#### Probate Court Books, continued

From	To	Film
Volume C	1863-1896	F11787, F11788
Volumes D, E	1896-1936	F11788

### Wallace Hale's Early New Brunswick Probate, 1785-1835 (available online)

The database contains abstracts for 2,371 Probates files from every County Probate Court in existence in that period (1785-1835). Records for the period covered are missing or incomplete for some areas of the Province.

The database can be found online at:

<https://archives.gnb.ca/Search/MC3706/Default.aspx?culture=en-CA>

### Court of Equity Records: Original Jurisdiction (RS55)

These records cover the years 1785 to 1912 and deal with a variety of legal matters including the settling of estates and the guardianship of infants. Neither case files nor an index is available on microfilm therefore these records must be used on site at PANB.

## 7. Education Records

### Teachers' Petitions and Licenses (RS655) (index available online)

This series covers the whole province and contains requests by teachers for licenses from 1812 to 1882. Documents give data such as name, birthplace, education, teaching experience, church affiliation, and samples of handwriting. Also attached may be certificates and letters from local school trustees and clergymen testifying to the teaching ability of the petitioner and his or her moral and religious character. The documents are arranged chronologically and then alphabetically by the name of the petitioner. The index should be consulted first. Petitions of those identifying as "Irish" are available on the Irish Portal website: [http://archives.gnb.ca/Irish/databases\\_en.html](http://archives.gnb.ca/Irish/databases_en.html).

From	To	Film
Index	1812-1882 Inclusive	F10318
1812 Hayward, John	1823 Gough, Maurice	F10318
1823 Gray, William	1828 Arseneau, Charles	F10319
1828 Babbit, Samue	1830 Gray, Benjamin G.	F10320

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**7. Education Records, continued**

**Teachers' Petitions and Licenses (RS655) (index available online), continued**

<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Film</b>
1830 Hackett, Patrick	1832 Doran, Michael	F10321
1832 Eagles, William	1833 McEldowney, James	F10322
1833 McEwen, Jane	1834 Wood, Rebecca	F10323
1834 Wood, Thomas W.	1836 Morton, John O.	F10324
1836 Mount, Hugh A.	1837 McEwen, Jane	F10325
1837 McGravey, John K.	1839 Wood, Thomas	F10326
1840 Atkinson, Thomas	1841 McNamara, Michael	F10327
1841 Nesbit, Sophia M.	1842 Eney, Paul	F10328
1842 Eppes, Henry	1842 Murphy, Dennis	F10329
1842 Murray, Edward	1842 Stark, James	F10330
1842 Stevenson, Alex	1843 King, William	F10331
1843 Laird, James	1844 Borthwick, Eliza	F10332
1844 Boyd, Michael	1844 Summers, William E.	F10333
1844 Terrice, William	1845 Newcomb, James	F10334
1845 O'Corcoran, John	1846 Leary, Dennis	F10335
1846 LeBlanc, Dominique	1847 Cassidy, Hugh	F10336
1847 Caulfield, William	1847 Peters, Catharine J.	F10337
1847 Phinney, John S.	1851 Fillmore, King D.	F10338
1851 Harvey, Mary	1859 Roberts, JC Edward	F10339
1860 Barclay, Ann	1882 Harley, Timothy F.	F10340

**Grammar, Parish, and Private School Returns (RS657)**

These contain the name of the school, name of the teacher and a list of the students and their ages. There are two returns per year and the records are arranged by the half year and alphabetically by parish. Within each parish, schools are listed alphabetically by place or school name.

For film numbers for post-1955 records, please contact the Archives.

<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Film</b>
1877 Blissville	1878 Blissville	F4717
1878 Burton	1884 Maugerville	F4718
1884 Northfield	1890 Sheffield	F4719
1890 Blissville	1896 Lincoln	F4720
1896 Maugerville	1902 Sheffield	F4721

## 7. Education Records, continued

### Grammar, Parish, and Private School Returns (RS657), continued

From	To	Film
1903 Blissville	1909 Northfield	F4722
1909 Sheffield	1915 Gladstone	F4723
1915 Lincoln	1921 Sheffield	F4724
1922 Blissville	1927 Burton	F4725
1927 Gladstone	1929 Sheffield	F4726
1930 Blissville	1934 Gladstone	F4727
1934 Lincoln	1938 Northfield	F4728
1938 Sheffield	1943 Gladstone	F4729
1943 Lincoln	1948 Gladstone	F4730
1948 Lincoln	1953 Sunbury West Regional	F4731
1954 Burton	1954 Sunbury West Regional	F4732
1955 Burton	1955 Sunbury West Regional	F4911

### Additional Education Records

Item	Dates	Film	Collection
Grammar School Returns	1825-1868	F7650	RS8
Parish School Returns	1825-1840	F7645	RS8
County Parish School Returns	1841-1857	F7646	RS8
School Licenses	1818 (one only)	F946	RS422

## 8. Directories

Directories are listings of individuals and/or businesses. They may include information such as the name of the head of the household, the name of a business, and the name of the street the family or business was located on. There are name indexes to the Hutchinson's Directories and the Lovell Directory on our website at [www.archives.gnb.ca](http://www.archives.gnb.ca).

Title	Dates	Film
Hutchinson's New Brunswick Directory	1865-1866	Online

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**8. Directories, continued**

Title	Dates	Film
Hutchinson's New Brunswick Directory	1867-1868	Online
McAlpine's Maritime Directory	1870-1871	F963
Lovell Directory	1871	Online
McAlpine's New Brunswick Directory	1889-1896	F1409
McAlpine's New Brunswick Directory	1896	F11072
McAlpine's New Brunswick Directory	1903	F449

**9. County Council Records (RS157)**

The following sub-series of county council records may be of interest to family historians.

Item	Dates	Film
Accounts:	1939-1966	F12636
Assessments: Payments	1938-1959	Numbers on request
Assessments: Taxation	1960-1966	Numbers on request
County Magistrate cases	1944-1962	Numbers on request
County Magistrate records	1944-1966	Numbers on request
County jail records, A-H	1937-1941	F12351
County jail records, I-Z	1937-1941	F12352
County Civil Court	1944-1966	Numbers on request

**10. Newspapers**

Many newspapers have been microfilmed and are available through interlibrary loan.

\*For film numbers please consult Archives staff.

Newspaper	From	To	Film
Daily Gleaner	1889	1994	*
Royal Gazette	1785	1987	*
Royal Gazette, Index	1785	1865	F983, F984

*Note: Please request film numbers by title and date. For a complete list of provincial newspapers, consult New Brunswick Newspaper Directory: 1783-1996 at your local library or New Brunswick Historical Newspapers Project available online on the University of New*

## 10. Newspapers, continued

Brunswick's website: <https://newspapers.lib.unb.ca/>. (This is also available for purchase from the Associates of the Provincial Archives ([www.archives.gnb.ca/Associates](http://www.archives.gnb.ca/Associates))).

Researchers should consult the multi-volume publication *New Brunswick Vital Statistics from Newspapers for birth, marriage and death notices for the years from 1784 to the late 1890s*, which is also available online at: <http://archives.gnb.ca/Search/NewspaperVitalStats>.

## 11. New Brunswick Museum Vertical Files (RS184B)

The New Brunswick Museum Vertical Files contain genealogical, biographical and historical research information for all of New Brunswick. These records have been microfilmed and are arranged alphabetically. An index is on film F11077.

## 12. Church Records

The Archives has acquired the records of various New Brunswick churches, many of which have been microfilmed, some of which have been digitized. The Archives may also have church records in their holdings which can only be used on site.

In the following section, you may find records that are simply labeled "church records." "Church records" can include almost any type of record created by the church that is not a vital record. These records may include:

- Meeting minutes for various groups
- Preaching registers
- Registers of communicants
- Registers of confirmations
- Land deeds for church/cemetery land
- Newspaper clippings
- Financial records
- Annual reports
- Church histories
- Correspondence
- Legal records
- These records may include some small notes about baptisms, marriages, or burials.

*Please note the following:*

*An asterisk (\*) after a film number indicates that the film has been digitized.*

*Some microfilm contain both open and restricted records. If a film includes any restricted records, the entire film is then considered restricted. If you are looking for a record that is*

## 12. Church Records, continued

*open on one of these films, please contact the Provincial Archives with detailed information regarding what you're looking for.*

To consult church records that are restricted, the researcher must have the church in question email permission directly to the Provincial Archives (ArchivesNB@gnb.ca). More detail is provided under each denomination regarding exactly what materials are restricted and who should be contacted to request access to those records.

### Anglican Church Records

Restrictions on access are "rolling;" dates move one year forward each calendar year. Therefore, as of January 1, 2025:

- **Marriages** will be restricted after 1975.
- **Baptisms** will be restricted after 1975.
- **Burials** will be restricted after 2005.
- **Confirmations** will be restricted after 2005.

For any inquiries regarding accessing restricted records, please contact:  
 Cathy Laskey, Synod Office  
[claskey@diofton.ca](mailto:claskey@diofton.ca)  
 (506) 459-1801 ext. 1007

Individuals can also access the New Brunswick Genealogical Society (NBGS) Anglican Registers Project to view images of Anglican Church baptisms, marriages, and deaths online for the open period. Non-members of the NBGS can view the registers by location and date by registering for a guest account: <https://nbgsg.ca/cpage.php?pt=250>.

#### *Gladstone and Blissville*

Records	Dates	Film
Baptisms	1900-1958	F23655
Marriages	1910-1957	F23655
Burials	1910-1982	F23655

#### *Maugerville*

Records	Dates	Film
Baptisms	1787-1805, 1845-1878	F22771
Baptisms	1912-1957	F7824
Marriages	1787-1803, 1847-1877	F22771
Marriages	1920-1957	F7824
Burials	1788-1802, 1847-1849, 1851-1878	F22771
Burials	1920-1957	F7824

## 12. Church Records, continued

### Anglican Church Records, continued

#### *Oromocto*

Records	Dates	Film
Baptisms	1912-1957	F7824
Marriages	1920-1957	F7824
Burials	1920-1957	F7824

### Baptist Church Records

Most Atlantic Baptist records are housed at Acadia University's Atlantic Baptist Archives. They can be contacted at the following:

Atlantic Baptist Archives and the Esther Clark Wright Archives  
 Acadia University, Wolfville, NS  
 (902) 585-1011, [archives@acadiu.ca](mailto:archives@acadiu.ca)

Canadian Baptist records are housed at McMaster University.

PANB does hold a minimal amount of recent Baptist records containing baptism, marriage, or burial information. PANB does house multiple fonds relating to specific Baptist churches, contact staff for further information.

Records housed at PANB are restricted in accordance with provincial vital statistics legislation:

- **Baptisms** will be restricted for 95 years from the year of baptism.
- **Marriages** will be restricted for 50 years from the year of marriage.
- **Burials** will be restricted for 50 years from the year of burial/death.

#### *Fredericton Junction*

Records	Dates	Film
Church Records	1929-1974	F857, F858
Church Records	1973-1979	F7823, F7824
Minutes	1875-1973	F856

#### *French Lake*

Records	Dates	Film
Church Records	1894-1980	F8153

## 12. Church Records, continued

### Baptist Church Records, continued

#### *Geary*

Records	Dates	Film
Sunday School Records	1871-1981	F8154

#### *Lincoln*

Records	Dates	Film
Church Records	1833-1980	F7822

#### *Minto – Minto United*

Records	Dates	Film
Church Records	1926-1979	F10277
Church Records	1980	F11097

#### *Patterson*

Records	Dates	Film
Church Records	1835-1975	F8114 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Baptisms (RESTRICTED)	1973-1980	F8114 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Marriages (RESTRICTED)	1934-1981	F8114 (RESTRICTED FILM)

#### *Rusagonis*

Records	Dates	Film
Church Records	1833-1974	F10613, F10351

#### *Waterville*

Records	Dates	Film
Church Records	1885-1979	F8152

### Methodist Church Records

In 1925, the Methodist churches joined with the Wesleyan Methodists and about 70% of the Presbyterian churches to create The United Church. Many Methodist records will therefore fall under the purview of The United Church.

The United Church of Canada follows the privacy guidelines set out by each province. Therefore, United Church records held at PANB are restricted as follows:

- **Baptisms** are restricted for 95 years. Restriction is based on the date of the baptism.
- **Marriages** are restricted for 50 years.

## 12. Church Records, continued

### Methodist Church Records, continued

- **Burials** are restricted for 50 years.

The United Church's national policy is that patrons cannot copy records from registers.

For any inquiries regarding accessing restricted records, please contact:

Archivist – Sarah Wallace

[swallace@united-church.ca](mailto:swallace@united-church.ca)

1 (800) 268-3781 ext. 6159

#### *Courtney Bay*

Records	Dates	Film
Circuit Records	1899-1955	F1207 (RESTRICTED FILM)

#### *Sheffield*

Records	Dates	Film
Church Records	1773-1930	F8985
Church Records	1930-1986	F13166
Baptisms	1874-1905	F1159
Marriages	1835-1906	F1159

### Presbyterian Church Records

About 70% of the Presbyterian churches joined with The United Church in 1925 so many Presbyterian records would fall under the purview of The United Church. For a list of the continuing Presbyterian churches in New Brunswick, visit the Presbyterian Church in Canada website and use their Church Finder function: <https://presbyterian.ca/church-finder/>.

The following records are restricted:

- **Session minutes** – closed for the most recent 50 years.
- **Baptisms** – closed for the most recent 100 years.
- **Marriages** and **deaths/burials** – closed for the most recent 75 years

This is found as a church policy in the Presbyterian *Book of Forms*, Appendix G. Regarding baptisms, marriages, and death/burial records – they can be opened for the more recent years upon a request from the actual subject of the entry, the next of kin, or the assigned legal guardian.

## 12. Church Records, continued

### Presbyterian Church Records, continued

For any inquiries regarding accessing restricted records, please contact:  
 Archivist – Kim Arnold  
 The Presbyterian Church in Canada, Toronto, Ontario  
 1 (416) 441-1111 ext. 310 or 1 (800) 619-7301 ext. 310

#### *Golden Grove*

Records	Dates	Film
Church Records	1902-1923	F1207 (RESTRICTED FILM)

### Roman Catholic Records

All Roman Catholic diocese sacramental (baptism, marriage, confirmation, death) records are open up to and including 1920.

For any inquiries regarding accessing restricted records, please contact:

#### **Diocese of Saint John**

Archivist: Mary McDevitt

Phone: (506) 653-6807

Email: [archives@dioceseofsaintjohn.org](mailto:archives@dioceseofsaintjohn.org)

#### *Lakeville*

Records	Dates	Film
St. Bonaventure (RESTRICTED)	1948-1971	F1223* (RESTRICTED FILM)

#### *Lincoln*

Records	Dates	Film
St. Bridget (RESTRICTED)	1928-1974	F1230* (RESTRICTED FILM)

#### *Minto*

Records	Dates	Film
Our Lady of Holy Rosary (RESTRICTED)	1928-1974	F1223* (RESTRICTED FILM), F1230* (RESTRICTED FILM)

#### *Oromocto*

Records	Dates	Film
St. Vincent de Paul (RESTRICTED)	1866-1974	F1225 (RESTRICTED FILM), F1223* (RESTRICTED FILM)

## 12. Church Records, continued

### United Church Records

*Note: The United Church was inaugurated on June 10, 1925 when the Methodist Church of Canada, the Congregational Union of Canada, and select members of the Presbyterian Church of Canada entered into a union. Researchers may wish to consult records from multiple churches.*

The United Church of Canada follows the privacy guidelines set out by each province. Therefore, United Church records held at PANB are restricted as follows:

- **Baptisms** are restricted for 95 years. Restriction is based on the date of the baptism.
- **Marriages** are restricted for 50 years.
- **Burials** are restricted for 50 years.

The United Church's national policy is that patrons cannot copy records from registers.

For any inquiries regarding accessing restricted records, please contact:

Sarah Wallace - Archivist  
[swallace@united-church.ca](mailto:swallace@united-church.ca)  
 1 (800) 268-3781 ext. 6159

#### *Burton*

Records	Dates	Film
Baptisms (RESTRICTED)	1910-1955, 1957-1960	F8133 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Marriages	1910-1955, 1957-1974	F8133 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Burials	1910-1961	F8133 (RESTRICTED FILM)

#### *Lincoln*

Records	Dates	Film
Baptisms (RESTRICTED)	1910-1955, 1957-1960	F8133 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Marriages	1910-1955, 1957-1974	F8133 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Burials	1910-1961	F8133 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Wesley United Church – Baptisms (RESTRICTED)	1967-1981	F8214 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Wesley United Church – Marriages (RESTRICTED)	1967-1981	F8214 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Wesley United Church – Burials (RESTRICTED)	1968-1980	F8214 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Wesley United Church Records	1957-1981	F8214 (RESTRICTED FILM)

## 12. Church Records, continued

### United Church Records, continued

#### *Minto – Trinity*

<b>Records</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Film</b>
Baptisms (RESTRICTED)	1917-1980	F7834 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Marriages (RESTRICTED)	1927-1944, 1946-1980	F7834 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Marriages	1924-1936	F7837
Burials (RESTRICTED)	1927-1980	F7834 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Burials	1924-1936	F7837
Church Records	1927-1980	F7834 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Church Records	1929, 1949-1980	F7835
Church Records	1919-1980	F7837
Church Records	1920-1971	F7836

#### *Oromocto*

<b>Records</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Film</b>
Baptisms (RESTRICTED)	1910-1955, 1957-1960	F8133 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Marriages	1910-1955, 1957-1974	F8133 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Burials	1910-1961	F8133 (RESTRICTED FILM)

#### *Sheffield*

<b>Records</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Film</b>
Baptisms (RESTRICTED)	1954-1997	F18505 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Marriages (RESTRICTED)	1954-1997	F18505 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Burials (RESTRICTED)	1954-1997	F18505 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Church Records	1773-1930	F8985
Church Records	1925-1964	F1159
Church Records	1930-1986	F13166

#### *Shirley Settlement*

<b>Records</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Film</b>
Baptisms (RESTRICTED)	1910-1955, 1957-1960	F8133 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Marriages	1910-1955, 1957-1974	F8133 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Burials	1910-1961	F8133 (RESTRICTED FILM)

## Other Institutions to Contact or Visit

The following institutions may also have genealogical and historical records for Sunbury County:

- Atlantic Baptist Archives and the Esther Clark Wright Archives, Acadia University, <https://library.acadiau.ca/archives.html>, (902) 585-1011 or (902) 599-0268 [archives@acadiau.ca](mailto:archives@acadiau.ca)
- Centre d'études acadiennes Anselme-Chiasson, Université de Moncton, Moncton, NB <https://www.umoncton.ca/umcm-ceaac/> (French only), (506) 858-4085, [cea-um@umoncton.ca](mailto:cea-um@umoncton.ca)
- New Brunswick Genealogical Society, Fredericton, NB <https://nbgs.ca/>, [webmanager@nbgs.ca](mailto:webmanager@nbgs.ca)  
Capital Branch: <https://www.nbgs.ca/cpage.php?pt=470>, [capital@nbgs.ca](mailto:capital@nbgs.ca)
- New Brunswick Museum Archives, Market Square, Saint John, NB <https://www.nbm-mnb.ca/archives-and-research-library/>, (506) 643-2322, Toll free: 1-888-268-9595, (506) 643-2300, [archives@nbm-mnb.ca](mailto:archives@nbm-mnb.ca)
- United Church of Canada: Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council & Regional Council 15 Archives, Sackville, NB <https://ucceast.ca/fslwdw-region-15-archives/>, 1-800-268-3781 ext. 6159, [swallace@united-church.ca](mailto:swallace@united-church.ca)
- York Sunbury Historical Society and The Fredericton Region Museum, <https://www.frederictonregionmuseum.com/>, (506) 458-8741, [frederictonregionmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:frederictonregionmuseum@gmail.com)

## Website References

- Associates of the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick: [www.archives.gnb.ca/Associates](http://www.archives.gnb.ca/Associates)
- Centre d'études acadiennes Anselme-Chiasson Resource Guide (French only): [https://www.umoncton.ca/umcm-ceaac/sites/umcm-ceaac.prod.umoncton.ca/files/wf/guide\\_des\\_ressources\\_ceaac\\_-\\_juillet\\_2022.pdf](https://www.umoncton.ca/umcm-ceaac/sites/umcm-ceaac.prod.umoncton.ca/files/wf/guide_des_ressources_ceaac_-_juillet_2022.pdf)
- Library and Archives Canada (LAC): [www.bac-lac.gc.ca](http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca)
- New Brunswick Historical Newspapers Project: <https://newspapers.lib.unb.ca/>
- Provincial Archives of New Brunswick: [www.archives.gnb.ca](http://www.archives.gnb.ca)
- Service New Brunswick: [www.snb.ca](http://www.snb.ca)