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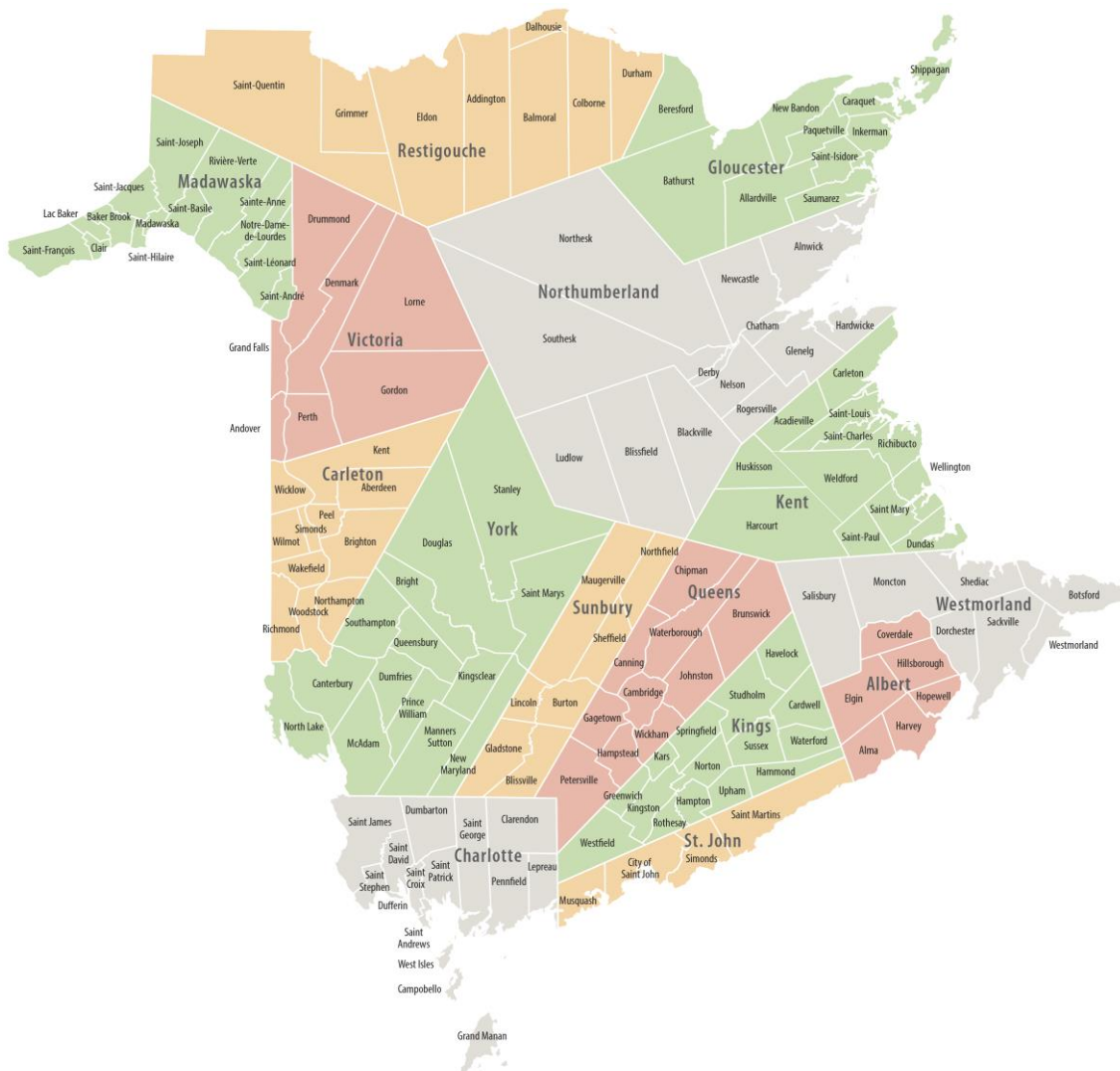
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WESTMORLAND COUNTY GENEALOGICAL GUIDE: 2025



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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@qnb.ca).

Development of Westmorland 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 Westmorland County, continued

Westmorland County was one of the original eight counties established in 1785 and included most of the Nova Scotian township of Cumberland. It is located in the southeastern part of the province. It is bounded by Kent County to the north, Albert County to the south, Queens County, and Kings County to the west, and the province of Nova Scotia to the east. Civil parishes were established as follows:

1786: Sackville, Moncton, Hopewell and Hillsborough were established

1787: Dorchester and Salisbury were established

1805: Botsford was set off from Sackville

1827: Shediac was set off from parts of Sackville, Dorchester and Westmorland

1828: Coverdale was set off from Hillsborough

1835: The boundaries of Moncton parish were expanded to include part of Dorchester

1838: Harvey was set off from Hopewell

1845: Albert County was created from the Westmorland County parishes of Hopewell, Hillsborough and Salisbury

1896: There was some realignment of the parish boundaries



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 census only) 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. 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 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.

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

3. Vital Statistics, continued

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 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.

Early County Marriage Records (RS159)

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 Registers (RS159 L4)

Dates	Film
1790-1835 (Indexed)	F15493
1836-1856 (Indexed)	F15494
1857-1875 (Indexed)	F15495
1875-1885 (Not indexed)	F15496
1885-1887 (Indexed)	F15497

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

Marriage Licenses and Certificates (RS159 L3)

Dates	Film
1834-1866	F11856
1866-1878	F11857
1878-1886	F11858
1886-1887	F11859

Marriage Bonds (RS551A) (available online)

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) (available online), 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 eleven marriage licenses for Westmorland County covering the years 1858, 1892, and 1941-1944.

Reverend J. S. Gregg fonds (MC542)

This fonds includes John Spicer Gregg's personal diaries, dating from 1888-1957. These diaries shed light on his personal activities, as well as church related activities, including services held (worships, weddings, baptisms, funerals). He served pastorates in Richibucto (1889), St. Martins (1894-1896), Jerusalem (1897), Stanley (1898-1899), Andover (1900-1902), Millerton, Young's Cove, Welsford, Petitcodiac, Boiestown, Oak Hill, and Keswick (1930s). This encompasses the following counties: Charlotte, Kent, Northumberland, Queens, Saint John, Victoria, York, and Westmorland. Of particular note to researchers is a record of baptisms and marriages performed by Gregg, 1935-1957.

Reverend Charles William Bryden fonds (MC1177)

This fonds includes Charles William Bryden's personal diary, dating from January 7 – December 26, 1881. This diary documents where he went (Albert, Kings, and Westmorland counties), as well as his professional activities, including baptisms and burials.

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.

3. Vital Statistics, continued

Index to Death Registration of Soldiers, 1941-1947 (available online), continued

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

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.

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 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) 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.

4. Land Records, continued

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 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 (RS97)

Westmorland County Registry Office Records cover the years 1785-1990 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.

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6. Court Records

Probate Court Records (RS74)

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. Westmorland County probate records after 1984 are included in the records of the Moncton Judicial District: Probate Court (RS746).

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. Westmorland County Probate Court files covering the years 1787-1904 are on microfilm, while post-1904 files are available at PANB only.

From	To	Film
Index	1787-1953	F10958
1787	1830 (Wr)	F12421
1831 (A)	1842 (Ea)	F11541
1842 (Jo)	1849 (Ga)	F11542
1849 (Jo)	1854 (Ca)	F11543
1854 (Co)	1860 (Bo)	F11544
1860 (Bo)	1864 (Mo)	F11545
1864 (Pr)	1868 (Si)	F11548
1868 (Si)	1872 (Vi)	F11549
1872 (Wr)	1875 (Ch)	F11550
1875 (Co)	1878 (Go)	F11551
1878 (Go)	1880 (Co)	F11552
1880 (Co)	1883 (C)	F11553
1883 (D)	1885 (Ay)	F11554
1885 (Ba)	1887 (Ke)	F11555
1887 (Ke)	1889 (Co)	F11556
1889 (Do)	1891 (A)	F11557
1891 (B)	1893 (Es)	F11558
1893 (Fr)	1895 (Bo)	F11559
1895 (Ch)	1897 (Ha)	F11560
1897 (Ha)	1899 (Ou)	F11561
1899 (Pa)	1902 (Bi)	F11562

6. Court Records, continued

Probate Court Records (RS74), continued

Probate Court Files, continued

From	To	Film
1902 (B)	1904	F11563

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-1886 books are available on microfilm, and the remainder up to 1984 are available at the Archives.

Volume	Dates	Film
Books A, B	1787-1842	F1396
Books C, D, E	1843-1869	F1397
Books F, G	1870-1885	F1398

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. 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

7. Education Records, continued

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

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. 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.

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

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7. Education Records, continued**Grammar, Parish, and Private School Returns (RS657), continued**

From	To	Film
1877 Botsford	1878 Sackville	F4756
1878 Salisbury	1880 Moncton	F4757
1880 Moncton	1882 Botsford	F4758
1882 Botsford	1884 Sackville	F4759
1884 Salisbury	1885 Shediac	F4760
1885 Westmorland	1887 Dorchester	F4761
1887 Moncton	1889 Sackville	F4762
1889 Sackville	1890 Shediac	F4763
1890 Shediac	1892 Shediac	F4764
1892 Shediac	1893 Salisbury	F4765
1893 Shediac	1895 Sackville	F4766
1895 Sackville	1896 Moncton	F4767
1896 Moncton	1898 Botsford	F4768
1898 Botsford	1899 Sackville	F4769
1899 Sackville	1900 Dorchester	F4770
1900 Moncton	1901 Shediac	F4771
1901 Shediac	1903 Moncton	F4772
1903 Moncton	1904 Westmorland	F4773
1904 Botsford	1905 Moncton	F4774
1905 Moncton	1907 Botsford	F4775
1907 Dorchester	1908 Sackville	F4776
1908 Sackville	1909 Botsford	F4777
1909 Botsford	1910 Moncton	F4778
1910 Moncton	1910 Salisbury	F4779
1911 Shediac	1913 Botsford	F4780
1913 Dorchester	1914 Moncton	F4781
1914 Moncton	1915 Upper Sackville	F4782
1915 Sackville	1916 Shediac	F4783
1916 Shediac	1917 Botsford	F4784
1917 Botsford	1918 Moncton	F4785
1918 Moncton	1919 Moncton	F4786
1919 Moncton	1920 Sackville	F4787
1920 Sackville	1921 Salisbury	F4788

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7. Education Records, continued**Grammar, Parish, and Private School Returns (RS657), continued**

From	To	Film
1921 Salisbury	1922 Sackville	F4789
1922 Sackville	1923 Moncton	F4790
1923 Moncton	1924 Moncton	F4791
1924 Moncton	1925 Moncton	F4792
1925 Moncton	1926 Botsford	F4793
1926 Botsford	1927 Salisbury	F4794
1927 Salisbury	1928 Moncton	F4795
1928 Moncton	1929 Dorchester	F4796
1929 Dorchester	1929 Sackville	F4797
1929 Salisbury	1930 Moncton	F4798
1930 Moncton	1931 Shediac	F4799
1931 Shediac	1932 Moncton	F4800
1932 Moncton	1932 Shediac	F4801
1932 Shediac	1933 Moncton	F4802
1933 Moncton	1934 Shediac	F4803
1934 Shediac	1935 Moncton	F4804
1935 Moncton	1935 Sackville	F4805
1935 Sackville	1936 Dorchester	F4806
1936 Moncton	1937 Sunny Brae	F4807
1937 Sunny Brae	1937 Westmorland	F4808
1938 Botsford	1938 Moncton	F4809
1938 Moncton	1939 Sackville	F4810
1939 Sackville	1940 Dorchester	F4811
1940 Dorchester	1940 Moncton	F4812
1940 Moncton	1941 Sackville	F4813
1941 Sackville	1942 Dorchester	F4814
1942 Dorchester	1942 Moncton	F4815
1942 Moncton	1943 Shediac	F4816
1943 Shediac	1944 Moncton	F4817
1944 Moncton	1944 Moncton	F4818
1944 Moncton	1945 Botsford	F4819
1945 Botsford	1946 Moncton	F4820
1946 Moncton	1946 Moncton	F4821
1946 Sackville	1947 Westmorland	F4822
1947 Botsford	1948 Moncton	F4823
1948 Moncton	1948 Moncton	F4824
1948 Moncton	1949 Sackville	F4825

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7. Education Records, continued

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

From	To	Film
1949 Sackville	1949 Shediac	F4826
1950 Shediac	1950 Botsford	F4827
1950 Dorchester	1951 Dorchester	F4828
1951 Moncton	1951 Moncton	F4829
1951 Moncton	1952 Moncton	F4830
1952 Moncton	1952 Moncton	F4831
1952 Moncton	1953 Moncton	F4832
1953 Moncton	1953 Moncton	F4833
1953 Moncton	1954 Dorchester	F4834
1954 Dorchester	1954 Sackville	F4835
1954 Sackville	1954 Moncton	F4836
1954 Moncton	1954 Moncton	F4837
1955 Barachois	1955 Cape Bald	F4911
1955 Cape Bald	1955 Sackville	F4912
1955 Sackville	1955 Aulac	F4913

Additional Education Records

Item	Dates	Film	Collection
Grammar School Returns	1825-1855	F7650	RS8
Parish School Returns	1828-1850	F7646	RS8
Moncton School Board: Accounts	1922-1968	Numbers on request	RS288
Moncton School Board: Assessments	1927-1940	Numbers on request	RS288
Moncton School Board: General Ledgers	1884-1970	Numbers on request	RS288
Moncton School Board: Grading returns	1926-1950	F14901	RS288
Moncton School Board: Records	1936-1966	Numbers on request	RS288
Moncton School Board: Teachers Payroll	1957-1968	Numbers on request	RS288
Sackville: School District #14: Payroll	1970-1984	Numbers on request	RS1064
Sackville: Wesleyan Academy Records	1843-1845	F1105	MC2890
Sunny Brae: School Board Accounts	1964-1968	F12375	RS288
Sunny Brae: School Board Records	1922-1968	F12345, F12346	RS288

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.

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8. Directories, continued

Title	Dates	Film
Hutchinson's New Brunswick Directory	1865-1866	Online
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
McAlpine's Moncton City, Westmorland & Albert County	1908	F8052

9. County Council Records (RS159)

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

Item	Dates	Film
Accounts	1965-1966	Numbers on request
Assessments	1944-1966	Numbers on request
Botsford Parish Assessments	1950-1959	Numbers on request
Dorchester Parish Assessments	1950-1959	Numbers on request
County Council: Minutes	1834-1929	Numbers on request
Road Tax Records	1936-1944	Numbers on request
Sheriff's Office Records	1900-1977	Numbers on request
Tax adjustments	1951-1966	Numbers on request
Taxation: Ledgers	1931-1965	Numbers on request
Taxation: Returns	1952-1966	Numbers on request

10. Newspapers

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

*For film numbers not listed, please consult Archives staff.

Newspaper	From	To	Film
<i>Moncton Times</i>	1877	1982	*
<i>Moncton Transcript</i>	1882	1982	*
<i>Moncton Weekly Transcript</i>	1882	1888	F3446
<i>L'Évangéline</i>	1887	1910, 1964 and 1973	*
<i>Le Moniteur Acadien</i>	1867	1926	*
<i>Times Transcript</i>	1983	2003	*
<i>Sackville Tribune</i>	1902	1958	*
<i>Tribune Post</i>	1959, 2008	1972, 2011 and 2015	*

10. Newspapers, continued

Newspaper	From	To	Film
<i>Eastern Labor News</i>	1909	1913	F12403
<i>Positive Impact</i>	1988	1991	F14001, F14002
<i>Royal Gazette</i>	1785	1999	*
<i>Royal Gazette, Index</i>	1785	1865	F983, F984

Note: Please request film numbers by title and date. Le Moniteur Acadien films and L'Évangéline films covering 1887-1910 and 1964 are not available for loan and can only be used at the Provincial Archives. 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 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)).

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

12. Church Records, continued

- 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 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

(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://nbgs.ca/cpage.php?pt=250>.

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12. Church Records, continued

Anglican Church Records, continued

Dorchester

Records	Dates	Film
Church Records	1878-1994	F19606 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Baptisms (RESTRICTED)	1878-1994	F19606 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Marriages (RESTRICTED)	1878-1994	F19606 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Burials	1878-1994	F19606 (RESTRICTED FILM)

Moncton - St. George's

Records	Dates	Film
Baptisms	1848-1879, 1882-1940	F18869
Marriages	1856-1879, 1882-1905, 1917-1919, 1939-1961	F18869
Burials	1856-1961	F18869

Pointe-du-Chêne

Records	Dates	Film
Baptisms	1866-1942	F22023
Marriages	1866-1926, 1943-1945	F22023
Burials	1894-1957	F22023

Sackville

Records	Dates	Film
Baptisms	1825-1957	F19600
Marriages	1820-1955	F19600
Burials	1833-1936	F19600

Salisbury and Petitcodiac

Records	Dates	Film
Baptisms	1869-1960	F22022
Marriages	1870-1963	F22022
Burials	1870-1971	F22022

12. Church Records, continued**Anglican Church Records, continued***Shediac*

Records	Dates	Film
Baptisms	1825-1944	F22023
Marriages	1822-1833, 1836-1956	F22023
Burials	1830-1833, 1836-1957	F22023

*Shediac/Shediac Cape
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Records	Dates	Film
St. Martin's-in-the-Woods and St. Andrews Church Records	1829-1956	F1104
Baptisms	1836-1944	F1104
Marriages	1838-1956	F1104
Burials	1836-1957	F1104

Westmorland Parish

Records	Dates	Film
Church Records	1793-1998	F22990
Baptisms	1823-1917	F22990
Marriages	1823-1917	F22990
Burials	1823-1917	F22990

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

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:

12. Church Records, continued

Baptist Church Records, continued

- **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.

Harewood

Records	Dates	Film
Church Records	1871-1899	F7833

Moncton - First United Baptist

Records	Dates	Film
Administration Records	1855-1968	F13351, F13352 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Annual Reports	1953-1964	F13358 to F13360
Calendars	1923-1986	F13353 to F13357
Committees	1907-1988	F13358
Meetings	1828-1906	F13350
Baptisms (RESTRICTED)	1927-1956	F13352 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Marriages	1951-1968	F13351
Marriages (RESTRICTED)	1968-1994	F19674 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Burials	1951-1968	F13351
Burials (RESTRICTED)	1968-1994	F19674 (RESTRICTED FILM)

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

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

12. Church Records, continued

Methodist Church Records, continued

For any inquiries regarding accessing restricted records, please contact:

Archivist – Sarah Wallace
swallace@united-church.ca
 1 (800) 268-3781 ext. 6159

Petitcodiac

Records	Dates	Film
Circuit records	1881-1956	F8226 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Baptisms (RESTRICTED)	1912-1948	F8226 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Marriages	1912-1948	F8226 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Burials	1915-1946	F8226 (RESTRICTED FILM)

Salisbury

Records	Dates	Film
Church Records	1861-1961	F13729
Church Records	1912-1925	F17125
Baptisms	1861-1867, 1874-1885	F13729
Marriages	1865-1875, 1907-1910	F13729

Presbyterian Church Records

About 70% of the Presbyterian churches joined with The United Church in 1925 so many Presbyterian records would therefore 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 Presbyterian 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.

For any inquiries regarding accessing restricted records, please contact:
 Archivist – Kim Arnold

12. Church Records, continued**Presbyterian Church Records, continued**

The Presbyterian Church in Canada, Toronto, Ontario
 1 (416) 441-1111 ext. 310 or 1 (800) 619-7301 ext. 310

Dorchester

Records	Dates	Film
Church Records	1925-1985	F11097
Church Records	1884-1983	F11096 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Baptisms (RESTRICTED)	1881-1987	F11096 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Marriages (RESTRICTED)	1881-1987	F11096 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Burials (RESTRICTED)	1881-1987	F11096 (RESTRICTED FILM)

Port Elgin

Records	Dates	Film
Church Records	1879-1985	F11097
Church Records	1854-1986	F11096 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Baptisms (RESTRICTED)	1925-1986	F11096 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Marriages (RESTRICTED)	1925-1986	F11096 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Burials (RESTRICTED)	1925-1986	F11096 (RESTRICTED FILM)

Sackville

Records	Dates	Film
Church Records	1940-1986	F11096 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Church Records	1937-1985	F11097
Baptisms (RESTRICTED)	1881-1987	F11096 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Marriages (RESTRICTED)	1881-1987	F11096 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Burials (RESTRICTED)	1881-1987	F11096 (RESTRICTED FILM)

12. Church Records, continued

Roman Catholic Records

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

For any inquiries regarding accessing restricted records, please contact:

Archdiocese of Moncton

Vice-Chancellor: Patricia Niles

Phone: (506) 857-9531 extension 1236

Email: chancellorie@diocesemoncton.ca

Aboujagane

Records	Dates	Film
Parish Registers	1878-1920	F15661

Note: These church records must be viewed in-person at the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick.

Barachois

Records	Dates	Film
Parish Registers	1812-1870	F1729
*Parish Registers	1812-1920	F15649

* Note: These church records must be viewed in-person at the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick.

Botsford

Records	Dates	Film
Parish Registers	1839-1853	F1729

Cap-Pelé

Records	Dates	Film
Parish Registers Index	1813-1916	F15653
Parish Registers	1813-1920	F15654

Note: These church records must be viewed in-person at the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick.

Dorchester

Records	Dates	Film
Parish Registers	1885-1920	F15655

Note: These church records must be viewed in-person at the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick.

12. Church Records, continued**Roman Catholic Records, continued***Melrose*

Records	Dates	Film
Parish Registers	1840-1920	F15662

Note: These church records must be viewed in-person at the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick.

Memramcook

Records	Dates	Film
Church Records	1806-1870	F1731*
*Parish Registers	1806-1859	F15663
*Parish Registers	1859-1882	F15664
*Parish Registers	1882-1906	F15665
Parish Registers	1906-1920	F15666

* Note: These church records must be viewed in-person at the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick.

Moncton

Records	Dates	Film
Assumption Parish Registers	1914-1920	F15657
St. Bernard Parish Registers	1873-1920	F15658

Note: These church records must be viewed in-person at the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick.

Port Elgin

Records	Dates	Film
Parish Registers	1917-1920	F15670* (RESTRICTED FILM)

Note: These church records must be viewed in-person at the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick.

Sackville

Records	Dates	Film
Parish Registers	1886-1920	F15679*

Note: These church records must be viewed in-person at the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick.

12. Church Records, continued**Roman Catholic Records, continued***Salisbury*

Records	Dates	Film
Church of Our Lady of Mercy Parish Registers	1895-1906	F15675*

Note: These church records must be viewed in-person at the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick.

Scoudouc

Records	Dates	Film
St. Jacques Parish Registers	1850-1870	F1674
Parish Registers	1850-1920	F15685

* Note: These church records must be viewed in-person at the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick.

Shediac

Records	Dates	Film
Parish Registers	1863-1920	F15668*

Note: These church records must be viewed in-person at the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick.

Shemogue

Records	Dates	Film
St. Timothée Parish Registers	1813-1899	F1674
Parish Registers	1916-1920	F15670 (RESTRICTED FILM)

* Note: These church records must be viewed in-person at the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick.

Saint-Anselme

Records	Dates	Film
Parish Registers	1832-1870	F1732
Parish Registers	1832-1920	F15680

* Note: These church records must be viewed in-person at the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick.

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.

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Sarah Wallace - Archivist

swallace@united-church.ca

1 (800) 268-3781 ext. 6159

Humphrey

Records	Dates	Film
Administration Records	1899-1977	F13680
Baptisms (RESTRICTED)	1956-1989	F13681 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Marriages (RESTRICTED)	1956-1989	F13681 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Burials (RESTRICTED)	1956-1989	F13681 (RESTRICTED FILM)

Little Shemogue

Records	Dates	Film
Church Records	1876-1957	F8087

Moncton – Central United Church

Records	Dates	Film
Church Records	1876-1903, 1983	F9863 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Church Records	1868-1928	F9864
Church Records	1911-1947	F9865

12. Church Records, continued**United Church Records, continued***Moncton – Central United Church, continued*

Records	Dates	Film
Baptisms (RESTRICTED)	1847-1983	F9862 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Marriages	1836-1885, 1900-1947	F9862 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Marriages	1947-1969	F9863 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Burials	1900-1944	F9862 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Burials (RESTRICTED)	1945-1959, 1965-1983	F9863 (RESTRICTED FILM)

Moncton – Humphrey Memorial Church

Records	Dates	Film
Church Records	1976-1991	F14009

Moncton – Mount Royal United Church

Records	Dates	Film
Church Records	1960-1990	F14893 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Marriages (RESTRICTED)	1976-1989	F14893 (RESTRICTED FILM)

Moncton – St. John's United Church

Records	Dates	Film
Baptisms (RESTRICTED)	1919-1969	F1124 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Marriages	1919-1970	F1124 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Burials	1919-1970	F1124 (RESTRICTED FILM)

Moncton – Wesley Memorial United Church

Records	Dates	Film
Church Records	1891-1982	F10815 (RESTRICTED FILM), F10816
Baptisms (RESTRICTED)	1891-1966	F10815 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Marriages (RESTRICTED)	1891-1979	F10815 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Burials	1910-1968	F10815 (RESTRICTED FILM)

12. Church Records, continued**United Church Records, continued***Petitcodiac*

Records	Dates	Film
Church Records	1895-1981	F8224 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Church Records	1908-1981	F8225
Baptisms	1876-1919	F1055
Baptisms (RESTRICTED)	1876-1971	F1122 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Baptisms (RESTRICTED)	1946-1974	F8224 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Marriages	1883-1912	F1055
Marriages (RESTRICTED)	1946-1974	F8224 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Burials	1899-1902	F1055
Burials (RESTRICTED)	1946-1974	F8224 (RESTRICTED FILM)

Sackville

Records	Dates	Film
Church Records	1838-1958	F1105 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Baptisms	1800-1812, 1816-1838	F8087
Baptisms (RESTRICTED)	1839-1958	F1105 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Marriages	1860-1895	F8087
Marriages	1841-1957	F1105 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Burials	1899-1961	F1105 (RESTRICTED FILM)

Salisbury Pastoral Charge

Records	Dates	Film
Church Records	1828-1989	F13728-F13731
Church Records	1925-1938	F17125
Baptisms	1861-1867, 1874-1885	F13729
Marriages	1865-1875, 1874-1885	F13729

Sunny Brae

Records	Dates	Film
Administration Records	1888-1947	F13680
Baptisms (RESTRICTED)	1895-1950	F13681 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Marriages	1895-1950	F13681 (RESTRICTED FILM)
Burials	1895-1950	F13681 (RESTRICTED FILM)

12. Church Records, continued**United Church Records, continued***Tantramar*

Records	Dates	Film
Church Records	1835-1887	F8087
Baptisms	1835-1887	F8087

Other Institutions to Contact or Visit

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

- Albert County Museum & RB Bennett Centre, Hopewell Cape, NB
<https://www.albertcountymuseum.com/>, (506) 734-2003,
albertcountymuseum@nb.aibn.com
- 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
- Lutz Mountain Heritage Museum & Genealogical Research Facility, Moncton, NB
<https://lutzmntnheritage.ca/>, (506) 384-7719, lutzmntnheritage@rogers.com
- New Brunswick Genealogical Society, Fredericton, NB
<https://nbgs.ca/>, webmanager@nbgs.ca
Southeastern Branch: <https://nbgs.ca/cpage.php?pt=464>, nbgsseb@gmail.com
- 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
- Ralph Pickard Bell Library, Mount Allison University, Sackville, NB
<https://libraryguides.mta.ca/main>, (506) 364-2564, infodesk@mta.ca
- Société d'histoire de Memramcook, Memramcook, NB
<http://histoirememramcook.ca/> (French only), (506) 758-0087 and (506) 758-2107, info@histoirememramcook.ca
- Tantramar Heritage Trust, Sackville, NB
<https://tantramarheritage.ca/>, (506) 536-2541
- United Church of Canada: Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council & Regional Council 15 Archives, Sackville, NB
<https://ucceast.ca/fsldw-region-15-archives/>, 1-800-268-3781 ext. 6159,
swallace@united-church.ca

Website References

- Associates of the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick:
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
- Library and Archives Canada (LAC):
www.bac-lac.gc.ca
- New Brunswick Historical Newspapers Project:
<https://newspapers.lib.unb.ca/>

Website References, continued

- Provincial Archives of New Brunswick:
www.archives.gnb.ca
- Service New Brunswick:
www.snb.ca