

A Guide to Researching Genealogy at the Cloverdale Library

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Nova Scotia



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Finding your roots. Telling your story.

This guide is intended to point you in the direction of our major resources for Nova Scotia Genealogy. Please feel free to ask staff for further assistance.

General Research Guides

Nova Scotia Archives website provides general information about family history research as well as detailed descriptions of its holdings: <https://archives.novascotia.ca/genealogy-guide>

Genealogical Research in Nova Scotia (4th ed.)

Punch, Terrence M. Halifax, NS: Nimbus Pub., 1998.
GEN 929.3716 PUN

The Atlantic Canadians, 1600-1900: an alphabetized directory of the people, places and vital dates.

Elliott, Noel Montgomery, ed. Toronto: Genealogical Research Library, 1994. (3 volumes)
GEN 929.3715 ATL 1994

Databases

Ancestry Library Edition is an international genealogy resource with the largest online Canadian family history collection, searchable by surname. Includes many digitized records. Ancestry is only available **in library** at the Cloverdale Branch.

A list of resources within Ancestry, relevant to Nova Scotia can be found by using the Card Catalog and typing in "Nova Scotia" for the title. Card Catalog is found under the black bar at the top, hover over SEARCH and click on Card Catalog.

Ancestry includes, for example:

Canadian Census records from 1881-1921.

Canadian soldiers of World War 1 1914-1918.

Border Crossings: Canada to U.S. 1895-1956 & U.S. to Canada 1908-1935.

Heritage Quest: Although Heritage Quest is best known for its US records, the online historical book collection is valuable for Nova Scotia residents as well.

Census Records

When searching for census records, remember that Nova Scotia joined Confederation in 1867. Various local census returns were taken starting in 1770 to 1838. The census of 1871 was the first to record all household members: prior to that date only heads of household were enumerated in Nova Scotia.

Online

Census returns contain a variety of very useful information such as place of birth, origin, level of education, religion, etc. Many census returns for Nova Scotia are available online and searchable by surname. Rather than beginning with microfilm, use one of the following online databases for faster and easier results.

- **1881:** LDS Family History website: www.familysearch.org
 - Index includes microfilm numbers, as well as household names, ages, district, sub-district and page numbers. Corresponding microfilms are available at Cloverdale.

- **1800-1921:** Ancestry Library Edition at Cloverdale
 - Links to full digitized records from 1851: indexes only prior to that date.
- **1901 and 1911:** Automated Genealogy: <http://www.automatedgenealogy.com/index.html>
 - Links to full digitized records.
- **1666-1911:** Library and Archives Canada: <http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/census/Pages/census.aspx>
 - Information centre for all Canadian censuses and links to searchable databases.
- **Steve Morse Searching the Canadian Census in One Step: 1851, 1891-1921:** <http://www.stevemorse.org/census/canada1911.html>

Microfilm

Cloverdale Library has all the Canadian census records that available on microfilm. See Section 2 of the [Canadian Family History Resources: A Guide to the Materials Held at Cloverdale Library](#) for more information about these films, and in particular section 2-12 for details of early Nova Scotia census returns.

Microfilms for early census returns for **Acadia** are listed in section 2-8 of the [Canadian Family History Resources: A Guide to the Materials Held at Cloverdale Library](#).

Finding Aids in print will help you identify the correct microfilm for your ancestor, *if* you know the geographic location. They are arranged by province, county, sub-district and township. Use the following Finding Aids for Nova Scotia:

- **1921 Census:**

This is the most recently released national Census. It is available online through **Ancestry** and **Library and Archives Canada**. This census includes all provinces and offers information such as paternal origins, trades, and education. The census can be browsed by province, district and sub-district.
- **1911 Census:**

Three binders marked “1911 Census,” located on the census book shelves near the print directories, summarize the census districts and sub-districts by name.

To find the corresponding microfilm number for a certain location, go to the Library & Archives Canada website and search the 1911 Census database by geographic location: <http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/census/Pages/census.aspx>. Ask staff if you need assistance using the database
- **1901 Census:**

There are several copies of **Catalogue of census returns on microfilm, 1901** which is organized by province and district with relevant microfilm numbers.
GEN CIN 304.60971 NAT 1993
- **1666-1891 Census:**

There are several copies of a Finding Aid called **Catalogue of Census Returns on Microfilm 1666-1891**, which includes Nova Scotia. The Aid is organized by province and district with relevant microfilm numbers noted for each location.
- **Nova Scotia Census – Microfilm Finding Aid:** <http://nsgna.ednet.ns.ca/ncensus.html>

Print

Census Indexes:

Cloverdale Library has a collection of census indexes filed on the shelves adjacent to the census finding aids for the Canadian censuses. You can find a list of these indexes at Cloverdale Library by doing a general keyword search of the library catalogue using the words "NOVA SCOTIA CENSUS."

Census of Nova Scotia-1827 & Census of District of Pictou 1818.

Halifax: Public Archives of Nova Scotia, 1979.

GEN 929.109716 CEN 1979

The 1838 Census Index of Annapolis County, Nova Scotia.

McKay, Karen E. Halifax, NS: Genealogical Association of Nova Scotia, 1999.

GEN 929.3716 MCK 1999

Index of Jews Resident in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island according to the 1861 to 1901 Censuses of Canada.

Eker, G. & Pekilis, D. Toronto: Ontario Genealogical Society, 2004.

GEN 929.30899 EKE 2004

Library and Archives Canada:

<http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/census/Pages/census.aspx>

Vital Records

Civil registration of vital statistics began in Nova Scotia in 1763 with the introduction of procedures for obtaining a marriage license. The procedure was optional and the records are incomplete. Formalized registration of births, deaths and marriages began in 1864 and continued to 1877 at which time record-keeping lapsed for births and deaths, but continued for marriages. Compliance was not universal during this period and there are gaps in surviving records. Since 1 October 1908, birth, death and marriage registrations have been collected and maintained continuously.

Where the records are held:

Nova Scotia Archives – companion website to Nova Scotia Government site.

<https://www.novascotiagenealogy.com/> Note that you may only *view* the digital images online. You can purchase e-files or paper copies of the records for a fee.

Births: 1864-1877, 1908-1916

Marriages: 1763-1864 – Bonds 1864-1941

Deaths: 1864-1877

For the City of Halifax: 1890-1908 (death records not compiled elsewhere in the province during this period) 1908-1966

The following records are held by Vital Statistics, Service Nova Scotia & Municipal Relations:

<http://novascotia.ca/sns/access/vitalstats/genealogy.asp>

Births: 1 January 1915 to present

Marriages: 1940 to present

Deaths: 1965 to present

Inquiries and requests for these documents must be made directly to Vital Statistics. Fees will apply

Microfilm:

Acadian Records: Genealogie des Familles Acadiennes

See section 5-56 of the [Canadian Family History Resources: A Guide to the Materials Held at Cloverdale Library](#) for a description of the microfilms of family histories in the late 17th and 18th centuries.

Lunenburg records – Bell’s Family papers

Winthrop Pickard Bell was a scholar who published papers on the “first families” of Lunenburg Nova Scotia. Also known as the publication “Foreign Protestants.” The microfilm has a listing of families and their descendants who first arrived in Lunenburg in the 18th century.

See donated film **Z-10012**

Print

Do a general keyword search of the library catalogue for: **Nova Scotia genealogy** to find books containing vital statistics extracted from newspapers and other sources.

For general information on researching vital statistics in Canada see:

International Vital Records Handbook.

Kemp, Thomas Jay. 7th ed. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing, 2017.

[This volume contains forms for requesting certificates].

GEN 929.1 KEM 2017

Church Records

Apart from national church archives, church records are generally found at the local level, in individual churches or parishes. As with vital statistics records, churches may limit access to their parish registers on the basis of an individual’s privacy. Check the following websites for information and links on church records in Nova Scotia:

- Canadian Genealogy:
http://www.canadiangenealogy.net/novascotia/nova_scotia_church_records.htm
- Family Search – Nova Scotia Church Records:
https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/Nova_Scotia_Church_Records

Microfilm

See section 5-47 of the [Canadian Family History Resources: A Guide to the Materials Held at Cloverdale Library](#) for a description of the microfilms containing parish Records for the Diocese of Halifax.

Lunenburg

Central United Church

BMD, church minutes 1815-1981 film **Z-10001**

Dutch Reformed

Baptisms 1835-1926 film **Z-10002**

Lunenburg Presbyterian

BMD 1826-1915 film **Z-10003**

St Andrew's Church Presbyterian (previously Baptist & Dutch Reformed)
BMD & Burials 1770-1850's film **Z-10004**

St John's Anglican

1. BM & Burial 1752-1890 (5)
Tombstone inscriptions 1789-1890 film **Z-10005**
2. Baptismal 1761-1869 (6)
Vestry records 1806-1872
Paul Bryzelius Missionary film **Z-10006**
3. History pt 1 (16)
BMD 1752-1904 film **Z-10007**
4. History pt 2 (17) film **Z-10008**

St Peter's Evangelical Zion Lutheran

BMD 1826-1915 film **Z-10009**

Zion Evangelical Lutheran

BMD, Baptisms 1772-1813 film **Z-10010**

Zion Lutheran

Baptismal records 1770-1883 film **Z-10011**

Print

Do a general keyword search of the library catalogue for: **Nova Scotia genealogy** for a list of all the resources including church and vital records.

The Old St. James Anglican Burial Ground, Brooklyn, Hants County, Nova Scotia.

Windsor, NS: West Hants Historical Society, 1990.

GEN 929.509716 OLD 1990

Checklist of parish registers, 1986 = Repertoire de registres paroissiaux, 1986.

National Archives of Canada. Manuscript Division.

GEN 016.929371 NAT 1987

[Lists parish registers held by the National Archives, which are available on interlibrary loan].

Guide to Family History Research in the Archival Repositories of the United Church of Canada.

Committee on Archives and History, United Church of Canada (ed.) Toronto: The Ontario Genealogical Society, 1996.

GEN 929.371 GUI 1996

Cemetery Records

Most cemetery records are maintained at the local level (church, town, municipal or city hall).

Online

Alberta Family Histories Society: Newspaper Announcements:

<http://afhs.ab.ca/data/announcements/>

Canada GenWeb: Cemetery Project – Nova Scotia: <http://cemetery.canadagenweb.org/NS/index.html>

Canadian Genealogy: Cemetery Records - Nova Scotia:

http://www.canadiangenealogy.net/novascotia/nova_scotia_cemeteries.htm

Directory of Cemeteries: Nova Scotia: <http://www.daddezio.com/cemetery/junction.ca/CJ-NS-NDX.html>

Known graves of holders of the Victoria Cross in Canada: www.stewart.prestel.co.uk/ggcanada.htm

Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness: Nova Scotia: <https://www.raogk.org/lookups/region/nova-scotia/>

The Nova Scotia Genealogy Network Association: Obituaries, Cemeteries & Funeral Homes:
<http://nsgna.ednet.ns.ca/obituaries.html>

Print

The library has books containing cemetery transcriptions which can be found by doing a general keyword search of the catalogue for: **Nova Scotia genealogy.**

For a general guide to cemetery research see:

Your Guide to Cemetery Research.

Carmack, Sharon DeBartolo. Cincinnati, Ohio: Betterway Books, 2002.
GEN 929.5072 CAR

Newspapers

Online

Canadian Genealogy: Newspapers – Nova Scotia:

http://www.canadiangenealogy.net/novascotia/nova_scotia_newspapers.htm

Library and Archives Canada: <https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/newspapers/newspaper-collection/Pages/microform-holdings-geographical-list.aspx>

List of newspapers available on microfilm.

Newspapers in Nova Scotia: <http://nsgna.ednet.ns.ca/nnewsp.html>

Nova Scotia Archives historical newspapers (some digitized)

<https://novascotia.ca/archives/newspapers/>

Wills and Estate Records

Wills and estate records are a provincial responsibility. Probate registration began in Halifax in 1749. Probate records for the province have been microfilmed for the period 1749-ca. 1960 for Wills; ca. 1930 for Estates; and are available for research at the Nova Scotia Archives. See here for more information <https://archives.novascotia.ca/genealogy/probate-records>

The records are usually found in the county courthouse of Nova Scotia. For Probate Court locations see: http://www.courts.ns.ca/Courthouse_Locations/Courthouse_Locations_Map.htm

Passenger & Immigration Lists

Online

Ancestry Databases at the library:

- Canadian Passenger Lists: 1865-1935 - searchable by name, port, ship, arrival/departure dates, with digital images of records
- Canadian Immigration Records: 1790 -1906 - searchable by name. Transcriptions of records.
- Border Crossings from Canada to US: 1895-1956 - searchable by name, location, with digital images of records.

Library and Archives Canada: <http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/immigration/immigration-records/passenger-lists/Pages/introduction.aspx>

- Home page for information on passenger lists and links to resources for ship's passenger lists (ocean arrivals) as well as border entries.
- Russian and East European Immigration database (LI-RA-MA) for 1898 to 1922: <http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/immigration/immigration-records/immigrants-russian-empire/Pages/introduction.aspx>

Microfilm

Microfilms for all Canadian incoming passenger lists are available at the library. The films are organized by port of arrival and date. If neither of these is known, you can search the Canadian passenger list records or Canadian census records on Ancestry. Census records often include the year a person arrived in Canada. For details on the microfilms, see section 3-10 of the library's guide: [Canadian Family History Resources: A Guide to the Materials Held at Cloverdale Library](#). For an online version of the Guide go to: <https://surreylibraries.ca> and follow the links to Services > Family History > Canadian Family History Resources

See section 3-2 of the **Guide** for a description of the Nova Scotia Colonial Office records on microfilm for 1745-1752.

See also microfilm number **Z-10012** in the "donated films" drawer for ship's lists for the port of Lunenburg.

Print

There are numerous books of passenger list arrivals and a variety of books on the topic of immigration to Canada and Nova Scotia. Browse the book shelves in the **929.3** area. General books about Immigration are in the **325** area or do a general keyword search of the library catalogue for: **Nova Scotia immigration**.

Ships and Seafarers

Ship Records

Database

The Maritime Provinces are historically renowned for the ship industry. This resource includes records as early as 1787 through to 1936. Records such as voyages, crew lists, vessel registry file (including vessels registered in Bermuda!), masters and owners of said vessels, as well as a ports file of over 33,000 ports visited by Canadian registered vessels. You can access this data from workstation WS7334, by clicking on the "ships and seafarers" icon.

Naturalization Records

Microfilm:

See Section 4 of the [Canadian Family History Resources: A Guide to the Materials Held at Cloverdale Library](#) for a description of naturalization records available on microfilm. Only immigrants who were born outside of Canada, Great Britain or the Commonwealth were required to become naturalized.

Online:

Library and Archives Canada:

- General information about citizenship records: <http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/immigration/citizenship-naturalization-records/Pages/introduction.aspx>
- Upper Canada & Canada West Naturalization Registers: 1828-1850: <http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/immigration/citizenship-naturalization-records/naturalization-upper-western-1828-1850/Pages/introduction.aspx>
- Canadian Naturalization: 1915-1932: <http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/immigration/citizenship-naturalization-records/naturalized-records-1915-1951/Pages/introduction.aspx>

Border Entry Records

Online

Ancestry Library Edition includes **Border Crossings: From U.S. to Canada, 1908-1935** that covers border entries into Nova Scotia at various locations along the US border. Ancestry also has **Border Crossings from Canada to the U.S., 1895-1956**.

The Ancestry database also includes **Form 30 records: from 1919 to 1924**. During this time, the federal government required that individual forms be completed and submitted when crossing the border into Canada.

Library and Archives Canada:

- General information about Border Entry records <http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/immigration/immigration-records/Pages/border-entries.aspx>
- Form 30 records <http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/immigration/immigration-records/Pages/form-30.aspx>

Microfilm

The library has microfilm records of border crossings from the U.S. to Canada between 1908-1919, organized by date and port. To view a list of ports of entry for Nova Scotia and the corresponding film numbers, check section 3-41 in the library's guide: **Canadian Family History Resources: A Guide to the Materials Held at the Cloverdale Library**.

Directories

Online

Library and Archives Canada: Canadian Directories:

<http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/directories-collection/Pages/directories-collection.aspx>

- Searchable database of pre-1901 Canadian directories, including many for Nova Scotia, as well as Ottawa with digital images of the directories

McAlpine's Nova Scotia Directory 1907-1908: <https://novascotia.ca/archives/directory/>

Searchable database of directory organized by town and county, with digital images

McAlpine's Maritime Provinces Directory: 1870-1871:

<http://ourroots.ca/toc.aspx?id=1278&qryID=635da0bf-7f4c-466e-824b-2d5766b4f3f8>

Print

The Atlantic Canadians, 1600-1900; an alphabetized directory of people, places and vital dates.

Elliott, Noel M., ed. Toronto: Genealogical Research Library. 1994.

[3 Volumes- please ask for assistance to interpret the codes following each entry]

GEN 929.3715 ATL

The Hessians of Nova Scotia.

Merz, Johannes Helmut (ed.) Hamilton, ON: German Canadian Historical Book Pub., 1994

GEN 929.3716 HES

Geographical Resources

Land Records

Before Confederation in 1867, Canada consisted of several British Colonies: Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario. The historical development of Nova Scotia was complex and anyone researching land records prior to Confederation should acquaint themselves with its early history. *The British North America Act* of 1867 established Crown lands as a provincial responsibility.

Nova Scotia Archives & Records Management holds microfilm copies of land grants and petitions, all of which are indexed.

Online

Nova Scotia Archives & Record Management: Land Petitions:

<https://archives.novascotia.ca/genealogy/nova-scotia-land-records>

- Nova Scotia Land Papers 1765-1800 <http://novascotia.ca/archives/landpapers/>
- Cape Breton Island Petitions 1787-1843 <http://novascotia.ca/archives/land/>

Nova Scotia Crown Land Information Management Centre:

<https://novascotia.ca/natr/land/>

- Land grants are in the custody of this government department

Nova Scotia Land Registration Offices:

<http://novascotia.ca/sns/access/locations/services.asp#Land%20Registration%20Offices>

Nova Scotia Registrars of Deeds: <http://nsgna.ednet.ns.ca/ndeed.html>

- List of records available on microfilm for each county

United Empire Loyalists arrived by the thousands in the late 1700s. Many settled along the coast of the peninsula at Lunenburg, Shelburne and Digby. If your people can be found in Nova Scotia this far back, there is a good chance they were Loyalists.

People researching Loyalists will benefit from studying land records, in particular land petitions. In return for being loyal to the Crown, UEL people **were** entitled to land grants. They applied for these grants with “**Land Petitions.**” Our guide book, [Canadian Family History Resources: A Guide to the Materials Held at the Cloverdale Library](#), lists the various films with these petitions and other related documents found in Land Books in section 6.

Online

Library and Archives Canada: Ward Chipman Papers: <http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/military-heritage/loyalists/loyalists-ward-chipman/Pages/loyalist-maritimes-ward-chipman.aspx>

Muster rolls of Loyalists searchable by name, with digital images

Print:

Loyalists and Land Settlement in Nova Scotia

Gilroy, Marion (ed.) Campbellville, ON: Global Heritage Press, 2006.
GEN 929.3716 GIL

Researching Canadian Land Records.

Murphy, Sharon L. Toronto: Heritage Productions, 2001.
GEN 929.1072 MUR

Place Names

Online:

Nova Scotia Archives & Records Management: <http://novascotia.ca/archives/places/>

Print:

Gazetteer of Canada: Nova Scotia

Published for the Canada Permanent Committee on Geographical Names by Surveys & Mapping Branch, Dept. of Energy, Mines & Resources, 1978
GEN 917.16 GAZ 1978

Atlases & Maps:

Cloverdale Library has a large collection of historical atlases and maps which are filed on the map stand in the Genealogy Department. Also check the non-fiction section on the main floor which has many maps and atlases.

Acadian Resources

In 1605, the colony of Port-Royal was founded on the Nova Scotian side of the Bay of Fundy by French immigrants who called the land **Acadie**. For approximately 150 years the colony was the focal point for a steadily growing French population. In 1713, mainland Nova Scotia was ceded to England and the name of the colony was changed to Nova Scotia. In 1755 the Acadian population was expelled from the colony and people migrated to various places around the world. Unfortunately, most of the early Acadian records were destroyed.

Online

Acadian GenWeb: <http://acadian-genweb.acadian-home.org/frames.html>

Library and Archives Canada: Acadians: <http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/immigration/history-ethnic-cultural/Pages/acadian.aspx>

Records of the British Government at Annapolis Royal, 1713-1749:

<https://novascotia.ca/archives/heartland/>

- Digital images of the earliest surviving records of British Government in Nova Scotia

Microfilm

See section 2-8 (Census 1671-1752) and section 5-56 (Genealogie des Familles Acadiennes) for descriptions of these Acadian records on microfilm.

Print

Acadian genealogy and notes concerning the Expulsion.

Gaudet, Placide. Pawtucket, RI: Quintin Publications, 1996.

GEN 929.209715 GAU

Biographical Resources

Online

Our Roots: <http://www.ourroots.ca/>

- Search digital library for Canadian biographies

CD-ROM

History of Nova Scotia – 1916 Vol. III – Biographical Sketches

Ask at the Information Desk for how to view the CD-ROM.

Print

Do a general keyword search of the library catalogue using the terms: **Nova Scotia Biography** for a list of books. Check the indexes for the surnames of people you are looking for. Some of the books in the collection are:

Dictionary of Canadian biography.

Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1966.

GEN 920 DIC

The Chignecto Isthmus and its first settlers.

Trueman, Howard. Campbellville, ON: Global Heritage Press, 2005.

GEN 971.523 TRU

Local Histories

Online

Google Books: <http://books.google.ca/bkshp?hl=en&tab=wp>

- Search by place name for access to digital books

Our Roots: <http://www.ourroots.ca/>

- Search digital copies of books for Canadian local histories

Print

The library has many local histories for towns in Nova Scotia. To see if the library has a history of a particular town or area, look in the library catalogue using “**Subject browse**” and terms: **Place Name History**. For example, to locate a history of Brandon, type **Louisbourg Nova Scotia**:

Louisbourg heritage: from ruins to reconstruction.

MacLean, Terrence D. Sydney, NS: University College of Cape Breton Press, 1995.
GEN 971.6955 MAC 1995

First Nations and Métis Nation

First Nations

Online

First Nations genealogy can be challenging, whether for interest about personal roots, or for the purpose of obtaining status. A good place to begin might be the research guides available at Library and Archives Canada and other governmental agencies, as well as First Nations websites for Nova Scotia.

Aboriginal Canada: First Nations Directory Atlantic

<http://www.johnco.com/firstnation/dirfnatl.htm>

Indian and Northern Affairs: Atlantic Region

<http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100016942/1100100016946>

Library and Archives Canada: Canadian Genealogy Centre – Aboriginal Research

<http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/aboriginal-heritage/Pages/introduction.aspx>

Mi’kmaq Ancestry & the Roots of Nova Scotia Genealogy

<http://www.novascotia.com/explore/culture/mikmaq-culture>

Mi’kmaq Resource Centre

<https://www.cbu.ca/indigenous-affairs/unamaki-college/mikmaq-resource-centre/>

Using census records to find aboriginal ancestry:

Census records may be a good starting point as “racial origins” are often noted on the census, as well as household members, place of birth and birthdates. Determining the geographical location could also lead you to a band name.

Indexes for the censuses of 1871 and 1881 allow you to search by “ethnic origin” which is one way to help establish First Nations ancestry:

- **1871** Index at the Library and Archives Canada site: <http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/census/1871/Pages/about-census.aspx> [use the term “Indian” beside “Ethnic Origin”]
- **1881** Index at the Latter Day Saints, Family Search site: <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1804541> [restrict your search to “Indigenous”]

- **1881 Index** at the Library and Archives Canada site: <http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/census/1881/Pages/about-census.aspx>
[use the term “Indian” beside “Ethnic Origin”]

Cloverdale Library owns microfilm number T-6554 covering the 1901 Native census returns for a number of provinces. See page 11-1 of [Canadian Family History Resources: A Guide to the Materials Held at Cloverdale Library](#) for more information on how to search census records for First Nations information.

Métis Nation

Online

Sou’West Nova Métis Council: <http://nswampanoag-nsmetis.org/>

Library and Archives Canada: <http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/aboriginal-heritage/metis/Pages/introduction.aspx>

- Detailed information about Métis people and the records, as well as access to an online database with over 15,000 digitized images.

Métis National Council Historic Online Database:
<http://metisnationdatabase.ualberta.ca/MNC/search.jsp>

Microfilm

The Cloverdale library has Métis Scrip (land grant) records on film, but not the related documents found in the online index at Library and Archives Canada. Please see section 7-1 in our guide book, [Canadian Family History Resources: A Guide to the Materials Held at Cloverdale Library](#) for descriptions and film listings.

Print

Listed below are a few of the books you can find by doing a general keyword search of the library’s catalogue using the terms: **Métis genealogy**.

Discover your Métis Ancestry: a beginner’s guide.
Roberts, John. Toronto: Ontario Genealogical Society, 2008.
GEN 929.108997071 ROB 2008

Northwest Half-Breed Script- 1885.
Morin, Gail. Pawtucket, R.I.: Quintin Publications, 1997.
GEN 929.37127 MOR 1997

Métis Families: A Genealogical Compendium.
Morin, Gail. Pawtucket, R.I.: Quinton Publications, 2001.
GEN 929.37127 MOR 2001

Military Records

Print

For an alphabetical listing of Canadian participants in the South African War or Boer War, check the library shelves for this book:

Index to Canadian Service Records of the South African War (1899-1902) held at the National Archives of Canada. Ottawa: British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa, 1999.
GEN 929.371 IND 1999

Microfilm

See Section 9 of the library's **Canadian Family History Resources: A Guide to the Materials Held at Cloverdale Library** which describes Canadian military records on microfilm available at the library.

Online

Veterans Affairs Canada: <http://www.vac-acc.gc.ca/general/sub.cfm?source=collections/books>

- Search the **Books of Remembrance** for names of Canadians who fought and died in the wars

Soldiers of the First World War: <http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/military-heritage/first-world-war/personnel-records/Pages/personnel-records.aspx>

- Digital images of war diaries of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, searchable by unit name and date, including Attestation Papers.

Library and Archives Canada: Military Records: <http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/military-heritage/Pages/military-heritage.aspx>

Commonwealth War Graves Commission: <http://www.cwgc.org/>

Canadian Virtual War Memorial: <http://www.virtualmemorial.gc.ca/>

Royal Canadian Armored Corps Battle Honors: <http://regimentalrogue.com/battlehonours/rcac.htm>

Canadian Military Heritage Project: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~canmil/>

Other Internet Resources for Nova Scotia

Check out Cloverdale Library's favorite Genealogy sites on the file names –Family History LIBRARY ANDResearch Online Resources at; <https://surreylibraries.ca/services/family-history>

Other useful sites:

Africville Genealogical Society Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/africville/>

Canadian Genealogy & History Links - Nova Scotia:
<http://www.islandnet.com/~cghl/region.php?cat=Nova+Scotia>

Canadian Genealogy: Nova Scotia: www.canadiangenealogy.net/novascotia/index.htm

Cyndi's List: Nova Scotia: <http://www.cyndislist.com/novascot.htm>

Genealogical Assoc. of Nova Scotia: <https://novascotiaancestors.ca/>

Genealogy Links: Nova Scotia: http://www.genealogylinks.net/canada/nova_scotia/index.html

GenWeb: Nova Scotia: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~canns/index.html>

Halifax Public Library: Roots to the Past: <http://www.halifaxpubliclibraries.ca/research/topics/local-history-genealogy.html>

Nova Scotia Archives & Records Management: <https://archives.novascotia.ca/>

Nova Scotia Genealogy Network Assoc: <http://nsgna.ednet.ns.ca/>

Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness – Nova Scotia: <https://www.raogk.org/lookups/region/canada-2/>

Southwest Nova Scotia Genealogy: <http://www.swnsroots.com/htmleng/index.html>