



Guide to Genealogy for Beginners

How to get started with your family history.

A starter guide from the
New Brunswick Genealogical Society.

Start with what you know

Start with yourself.

Then add your parents and grandparents,
your children and grandchildren.

Write it all down for the next generations!

Keep it in a notebook, a diary, a family Bible,
or a computer program

Then start your research

Find records at the public library, or the
Provincial Archives of New Brunswick,
conduct personal interviews with family,
visit local history archives,
do online research,
consult letters, diaries, and other family records.

Examples of Computer Programs

Family Tree Maker 2019 available at <https://www.mackiev.com/ftm>

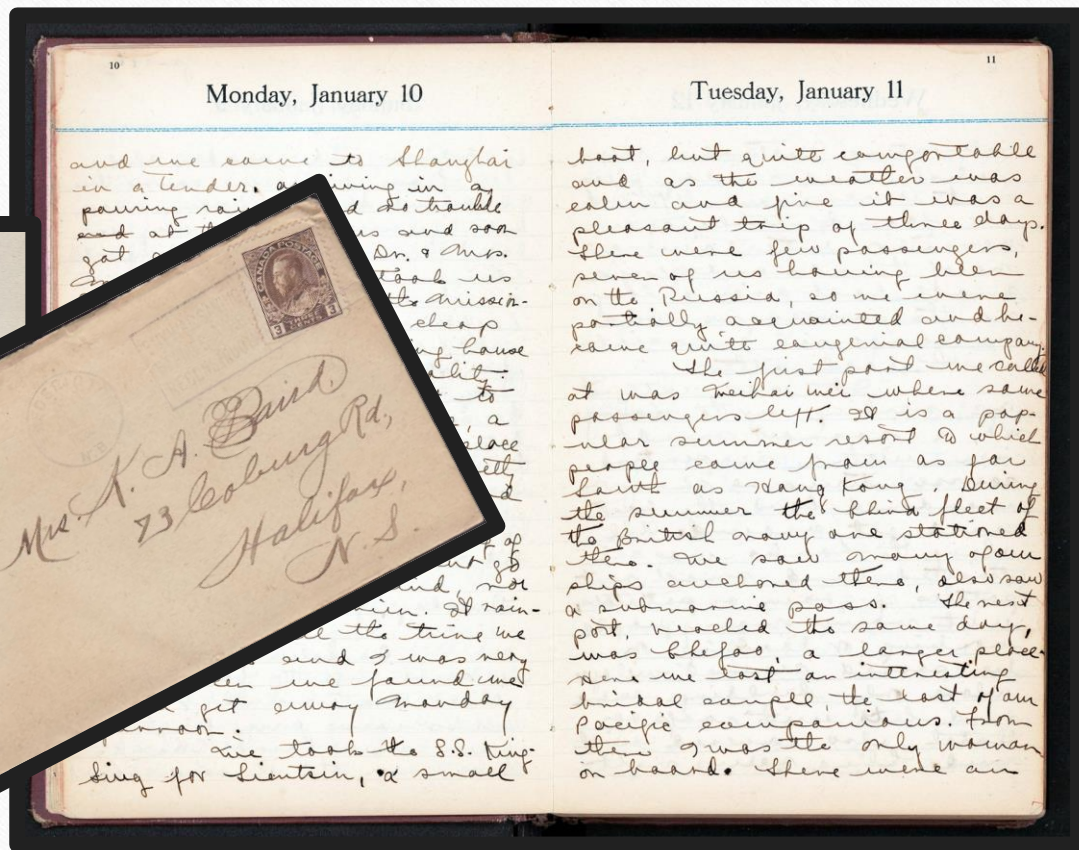
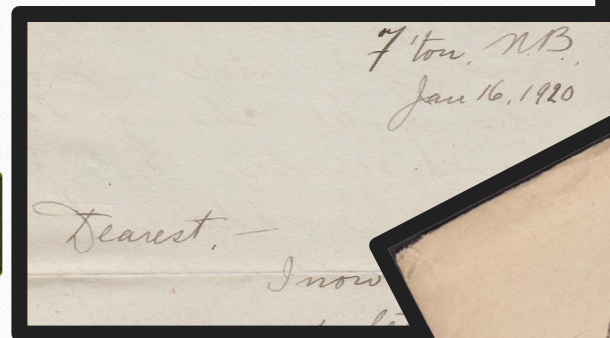
Legacy Family Tree available in standard (free) and deluxe versions

RootsMagic available in free or purchased versions <https://www.rootsmagic.com>

Ancestry.ca - by subscription only, monthly or yearly rates are available


Try before you buy. Try a variety of free software options to find the one you like best.

Letters and diaries



Vital statistics records

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Births, Marriages, Deaths

- [Brenan's Funeral Home Records, Saint John](#)
- [County Council Marriage Records, 1798-1887](#)
- [Death Registration of Soldiers, 1941-1947](#)
- [Fredericton Burial Permit Listing 1902-1903; 1908-1911; 1915-1919](#)
- [Marriage Bonds, 1810-1932](#)
- [Saint John Burial Permits, 1889-1919](#)
- [Vital Statistics from Government Records](#)

Cemeteries

- [CFB Gagetown Cemeteries](#)
- [New Brunswick Cemeteries](#)

Directories

- [Hutchinson 1865-1868](#)
- [Lovell 1871](#)

Immigration

- [Port Returns \[including passenger lists\], 1816-1838](#)

Land Records

- [Land Petitions: Original Series, 1783-1918](#)
- [New Brunswick Land Grants, 1784-1997](#)

Other

- [Dictionary of Miramichi Biography](#)
- [Early New Brunswick Probate, 1785-1835 \(Wallace Hale\)](#)
- [House of Assembly Sessional Records 1786-1833](#)
- [Justice of the Peace Appointment Register, 1863-1963](#)
- [Kings County Record Newspaper: Death Index, 1897-1936](#)
- [Mgr Donat Robichaud Genealogical and Historical Research Collection](#)
- [New Brunswick Great War Project](#)
- [New Brunswick Irish Web Portal Databases](#)
- [Newspaper Vital Statistics \(Daniel Johnson\)](#)
- [Records of Old Revolutionary Soldiers and their Widows](#)
- [Registers of Letters Patent and Supplementary Letters Patent Issued, 1885-1976](#)
- [Teachers' Licences and Payment, 1812-1882](#)

Census records

The Canadian census has been recorded every 10 years starting 1851. Privacy rules protect Canadian census records for 92 years.

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Census of 1871.

Province of *New Brunswick*

District No. 57 *County of Gloucester*

Sub-District No. 1 *Parish of Chipman*

Schedule No. 1.—Nominal Return of the Living.

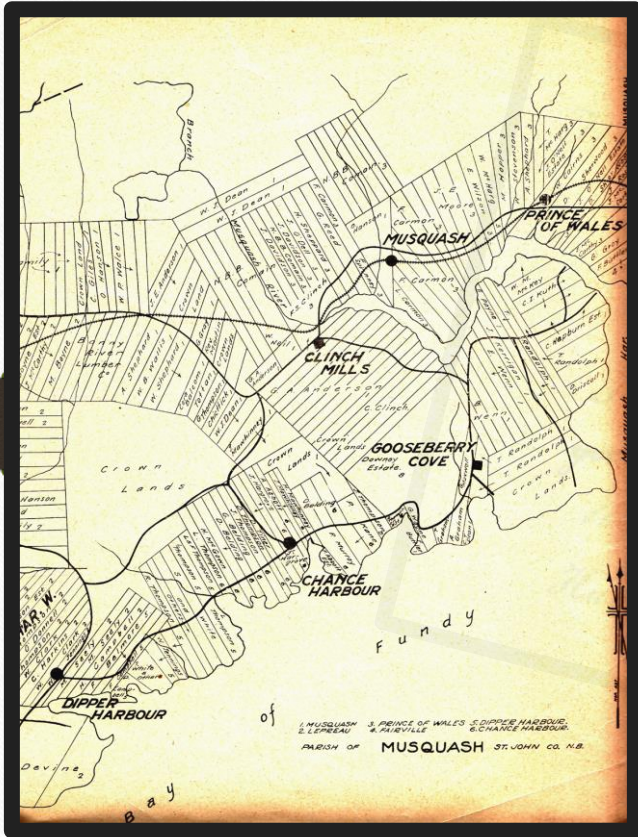
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Census of 1871.

Particulars of the Enumeration.														Date of Enumeration and Remarks.
Family	Place of Birth	Sex	Age	Age last birthday	Color or Province of Birth	Religion	Origin	Profession, Occupation or Trade	Married with wife	Married with wife under 15 years	Education	Information	Information	
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Maps and land records

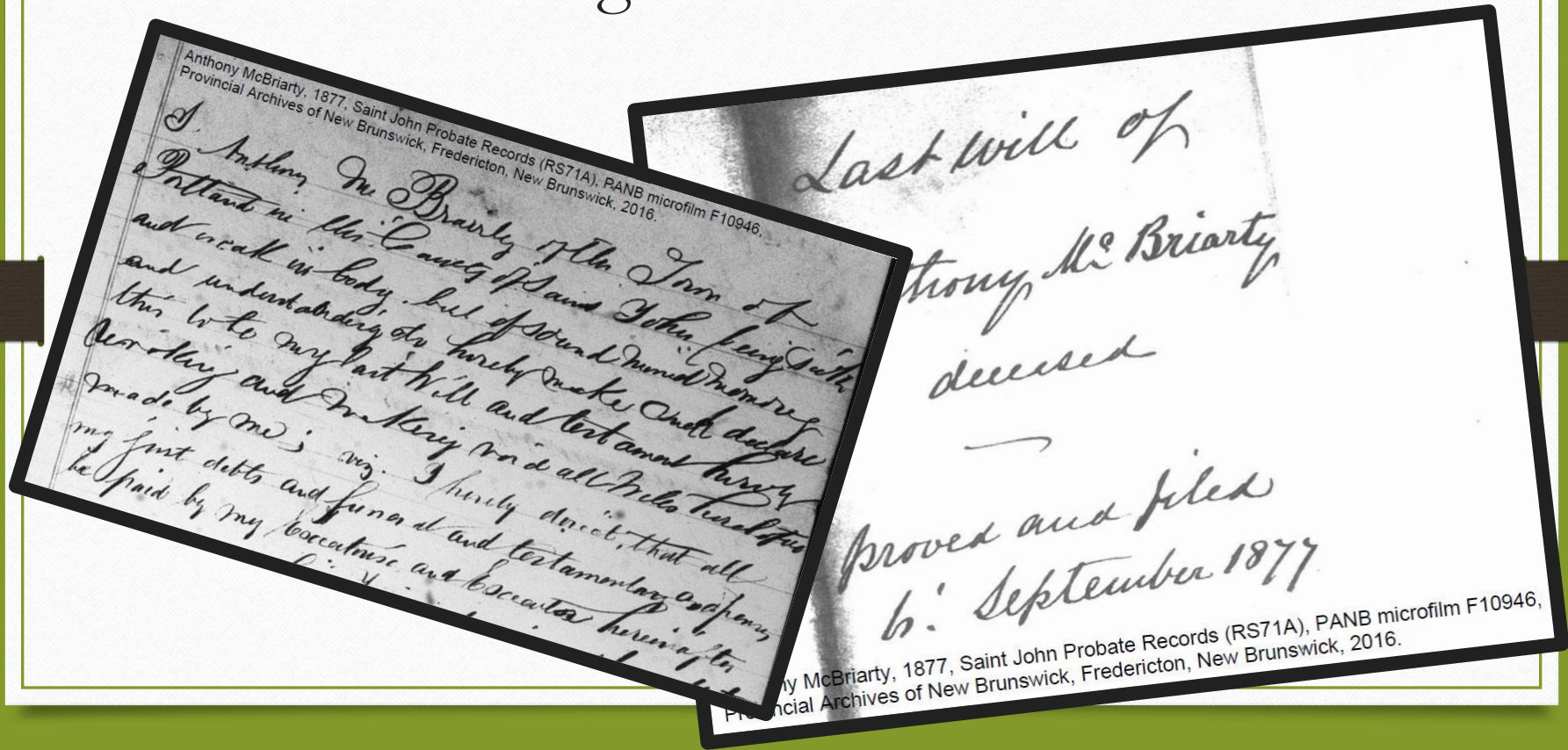


His Excellency Major-General Sir Howard Douglas,
Baronet, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander-in-
Chief of the Province of New-Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

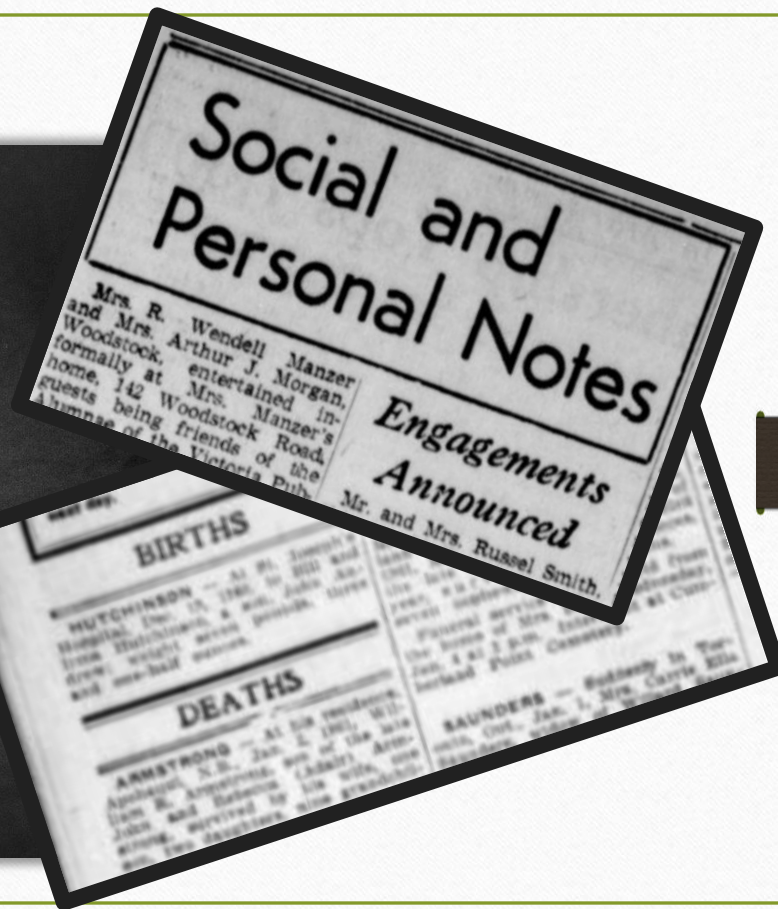
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a Widow, native of Ireland
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Wills and other legal documents



Newspapers



Church and Cemetery records



DIOCESE OF				FREDERICTON,	
REGISTER OF BAPTISMS Solemnized in the Parish of <i>St. Basil</i>				in the County of <i>Gloucester</i>	
DATE	CHILD'S CHRISTIAN NAME	PARENTS' NAME		DATE OF CHILD'S BIRTH	AGE
		CHRISTIAN	SURNAME		
1904	10 th Bernice Edgworth Gattisole	John & Annie	Chamberlain	Feb	1 st
	10 th Robert Henry	Edwin & Janie	Good		
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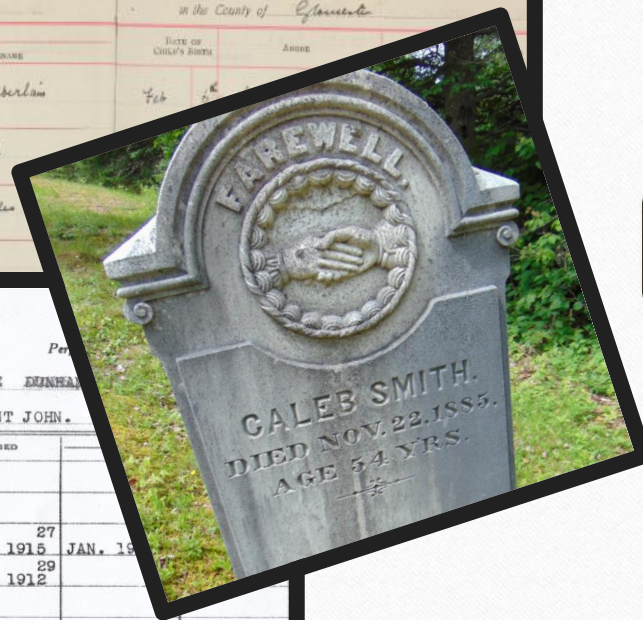
FERNHILL CEMETERY COMPANY

Purchase. JUNE 12th, 1892.

Lot Owner. ANNIE DUNHAM

Address. SAINT JOHN.

	GRAVE NO.	INTERMENTS	AGE	DIED	
	1	no grave number shown.			
8451	2	DAVID E. DUNHAM 6 1840	43		
16771	3	ANNIE T. McDOUGALL 1840	100	JAN. 1915	JAN. 1915
15929	4	JESSIE McDELL HALL 1840	63	AUG. 1912	
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Immigration and Travel records

SHEET NO. 1
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S. S. EMPRESS OF ASIA

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT RETURN
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FAMILY NAME, GIVEN NAME	AGE	SEX	COUNTRY AND PLACE OF BIRTH	EDUCATION	RACE OR PEOPLE	IF IN CANADA BEFORE		REMARKS	BY WHOM			
						ENTERED FIRST PERMANENT	AT WHAT PORT					
1. AHEARN THOMAS FRANKLIN	40	M	CANADA OTTAWA	8	8	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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3. RUCKENFELD ROBERT BRUCE	37	M	CANADA HARROWER	CANADA	ENGLISH	BORN THERE	NO	NO	YES	NO	MISSION	
4. YEHU JENNIE S	37	M	CANADA MONTREAL	CANADA	ENGLISH	BORN THERE	NO	NO	YES	NO	BASE OF COMMERCE	
5. EVANS ALICE MOLANLAN DAUGHTER	2	F	CHINA HONGKONG	CHINA	SCOTCH	BORN THERE	NO	NO	YES	NO	MISSION	
6. HOLT GRACE V	13	M	ENGLAND LONDON	ENGLAND	ENGLISH	1905/1907	YACOWER	NO	YES	YES	DO	MOTHER
7. MCDONALD CLARENCE	40	M	ENGLAND HARRISBURG	ENGLAND	ENGLISH	1865/1911	ERQUISMULT BC	NO	YES	YES	DO	SELF
8. MCNULTY EDITH PIPER	35	M	CANADA MONTREAL QUE	CANADA	SCOTCH	BORN THERE	NO	YES	YES	DO	SELF	
9. MCNULTY JOHN PARD	30	M	CHINA MONTREAL QUE	CANADA	ENGLISH	BORN THERE	NO	NO	YES	DO	SELF	
10. MCNULTY FREDERICK C	1	M	CHINA MONTREAL QUE	CANADA	ENGLISH	1920	THOMAS	NO	NO	YES	DO	MOTHER
11. MCNULTY KNEELAND	30	M	CHINA MONTREAL QUE	CANADA	ENGLISH	1920	DO	NO	NO	YES	DO	DO
12. PETERSON EUNICE LOUISA	28	M	CANADA MONTREAL QUE	CANADA	ENGLISH	1920	DO	NO	NO	YES	DO	DO
13. BILEY WILLIAM E	50	M	CANADA MONTREAL QUE	CANADA	ENGLISH	BORN THERE	NO	NO	YES	DO	MISSION	
14. JOSEPHSON STEPHEN	40	M	CANADA MONTREAL QUE	CANADA	ENGLISH	BORN THERE	NO	NO	YES	DO	MISSION	

RECEIVED
IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS
CANADA



Military Service Records



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Military history

Library and Archives Canada (LAC) holds an extensive collection of records of the Canadian men and women who have served their country in military and in the early years of the North West Mounted Police.



[Military abbreviations](#)

Service files use many different acronyms. Use this index to better understand them.



[First World War](#)

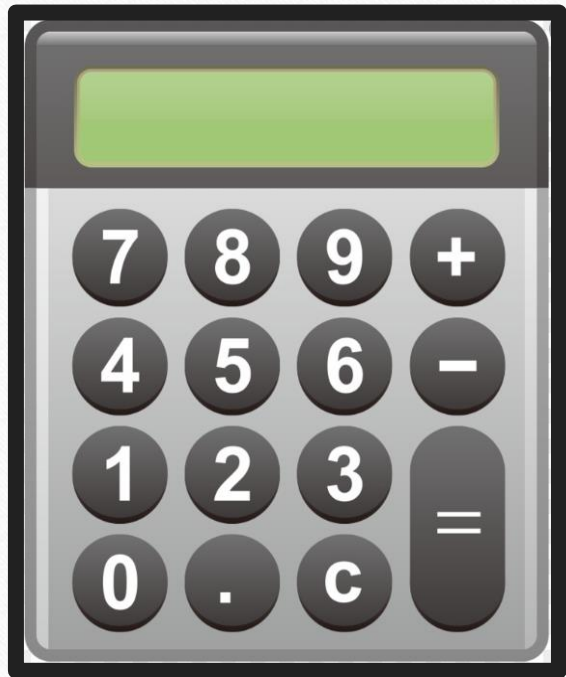
Discover the many collections of documents that we hold relating to the First World War.



[How to ATIP a military record](#)

Learn how to file an ATIP request for military service files

Check the math and think through the details



Does it make sense?

Was the mother within her childbearing years?

Did the family live at that location?

Were there others with the same name?

Was Grandad really 110 years old?

Was Grandma old enough to be married?

Cite your source - Keep track of where your information came from

- What website, microfilm, book or person did it come from?
- When did you get the information?
- How can you, or someone else, find the document again?



Citation examples:

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Limitations to research in New Brunswick

- Some early census records no longer exist
- Fire and other disasters destroyed many records
 - The Great fire of Saint John 1877
 - The fire at the Customs House in Saint John in the 1920s
- Vital statistics records were not required until 1888
- The Provincial Archives was not established until 1967

How can I contribute to the history of New Brunswick?

Consider donating older family documents and
photographs to the
Provincial Archives of New Brunswick.

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