

French-Canadian Research Resources at the New Hampshire Historical Society

The New Hampshire Historical Society's collections contains information on New Hampshire cities, towns, counties, vital records, etc., and the same for all the New England States. One area of specialized genealogical research is that of New Hampshire's French-Canadian ancestors. This research aid will provide a guide to our collection, and may assist you in your French-Canadian research. The first section includes the parish records organized by towns. Under each town name, the church is listed with what type of records and the dates covered. The guide also includes civil vital records of towns with large French-Canadian populations and towns as well as other helpful genealogical materials and general French-Canadian histories.

New Hampshire French-Canadian Catholic Parish Records by Town¹

Allenstown and Pembroke (aka Suncook)

St. John the Baptist: Marriages, 1873–1979	929.3778b P396g
St. John the Baptiste: Baptisms, 1873–1999 (2 vols.)	929.3778b P396b Pt.1 & Pt. 2
St. John the Baptist: Marriages, 1979–1999, Burials, 1873–1999	929.3778b P396b

Berlin

Ange Gardien: Marriages, 1917–1980	929.3778b B515a
Sainte Anne: Marriages, 1885–1977	929.3778b B515
St. Kieran: Marriages, 1894–1979	929.3778b B515k

Concord

St. John, St. Peter, Immaculate Conception, Sacred Heart: Marriages, 1855-1891	929.3778b C744c
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Dover

St. Charles [Borromeo]: Marriages, 1833–1893	929.3778b D743scm
Ste. Mary: Marriages, 1833–1991	929.3778b D743c

Franklin

St. Paul: Marriages, 1884–1937	929.3778b F832s
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¹ Not all French-Canadians were Roman Catholics, French-Canadian Protestant Church records are also included.

Gorham & Berlin

Gorham and Berlin: Marriages 929.3778b G668m
This book contains records for Holy Family, Gorham to 1876; St. Benedict, Cascade to 1946; and St. Joseph, Berlin to 1941.

Jaffrey

St. Patrick: Marriages, 1885–1998 929.3778b J23stp

St. Patrick: Baptisms and burials, 1885–1998 929.3778b J23stpb

Keene

St. Bernard: Marriages, 1861–1978 929.3778b K26c
This book also contains St. Mary Margaret marriages for 1955–1978.

Laconia

Sacred Heart: Baptisms, 1871–1993 (2 vols.) 929.3778b L142sj v.1, v.2

Sacred Heart: Baptisms, 1891–1996 929.3778b L142ba

Sacred Heart: Burials, 1901–1996 929.3778b L142sb

St. Joseph: Burials, 1900–1993 929.3778b L142sj v.3

Lakeport

Our Lady of the Lakes: Marriages, 1905–1996 929.3778b L1924m

Our Lady of the Lakes: Baptisms, 1928–1997 929.3778b L1924b

Lancaster

All Saints: Marriages, 1851–1981 929.3778b L245c

Littleton

Ste. Rose of Lima: Marriages, 1882–1988 929.3778b L781c

Manchester

Ste. Anne: Marriages, 1848–1974 929.3778b M268bmr

St. Anthony: Marriages, 1899–1976 929.3778b M268gr

St. Augustin: Marriages, 1871–1972 929.3778b M268bma

St. Augustin: Baptisms, 1871–193 (2 vols.) 929.3778b M268sa v.1, v.2

St. Augustin: Burials, 1887–1993 929.3778b M268bur

St. Georges: Marriages, 1890–1975 929.3778b M2686bmm

St. Georges: Baptisms 929.3778b M268stgba

Sacred Heart: Marriages, 1911–1977	929.3778b M268shm
Sacred Heart: Baptisms and burials, 1911–1977	929.3778b M268sh
St. Jean Baptiste: Marriages, 1914–1980	929.3778b M268jb
St. Jean Baptiste: Baptisms and burials, 1914–1980 (2 vols.)	929.3778b M268sj v.1, v.2
St. Joseph Cathedral: Marriages, 1869–1976	929.3778b M268bm
Ste. Marie: Marriages, 1880–1973	929.3778b M268bsm
Ste. Marie: Baptisms and burials, 1880–1975 (2 vols.)	929.3778b M268gbd v.1, v.2
<u>Nashua</u>	
Infant Jesus: Baptisms, 1909–1994	929.3778b N253i
St. François Xavier: Mariages, 1885–1977	929.3778b N253c
St. Louis Gonzague: Marriages, 1871–1977	929.3778b N253sl
St. Patrick: Marriages, 1855–1966 (2 vols.)	929.3778b N253sp v.1, v.2
<u>Newmarket</u>	
Ste. Mary: Marriages, 1878–1977	929.3778b N556g
<u>Pittsfield and Northwood</u>	
Our Lady of Lourdes: Marriages, 1926–1990	929.3778b P692L
Our Lady of Lourdes: Baptisms, 1886–1986	929.3778b P692Lb
<i>These books also contain records for St. Joseph's Mission Church in Northwood.</i>	
<u>Plaistow</u>	
Holy Angels: Marriages, 1893–1977	929.3778 H761
<i>This book covers Atkinson, Hampstead, Kingston, Newton, & Plaistow.</i>	
Holy Angels Cemetery: Burials to 2002	929.3778b P6985ha
<u>Portsmouth</u>	
Immaculate Conception: Marriages, 1851–1990	929.3778b P853ic
<u>Rochester</u>	
Ste. Mary: Marriages, 1872–1994	929.3778b R676sm
St. Rosaire: Marriages, 1883–1976	929.3778b R676c

	<u>Rollinsford</u>	
Ste. Mary: Marriages, 1856–1976		929.3778b R754c
	<u>Salem</u>	
St. Joseph: Marriages, 1910–1997		929.3778b S163ma
St. Joseph: Baptisms, 1911–1997		929.3778b S163ba
St. Joseph: Burials, 1914–1997		929.3778b S163bu

Vital Records by Town

	<u>Allenstown</u>	
Early Allenstown Vital Records		929.3778b A433
Allenstown Cemetery Inscriptions		929.3778b A433g
	<u>Colebrook</u>	
Colebrook Vital Records, 1873-74 - 1886		929.3778b C691d
	<u>Concord</u>	
Marriage Records of Concord, 1732–1739, 1869–1882		929.3778b C744hm
Concord Deaths, 1792–1859		929.3778b C744r
Concord Deaths, 1791–1828		929.3778b C744hd
<i>The Society has cemetery records for Millville Cemetery, Horse Hill Cemetery, Stickney Hill Cemetery, Suncook Cemetery, Old North Cemetery, and others listed under different call numbers.</i>		
	<u>Goffstown</u>	
Goffstown Franco Marriages, 1893–1992		929.3778b G612f
	<u>Hudson</u>	
Vital Records of Hudson, 1734–1985		929.3778b H886na
	<u>Manchester</u>	
Cemetery Inscriptions		929.3778b M268ci
<i>This book contains data for Amoskeag, Huse, Merrill, Piscataquog, & St. Augustin Cemeteries.</i>		
Miscellaneous funeral records, 1890-1952		929.3778b M268ph
	<u>Nashua</u>	
Vital Death Records of Nashua, 1887–1935		929.3778b N253de
Vital Birth Records of Nashua, 1887–1935		929.3778b N253na

	<u>Peterborough</u>	
Peterborough Births, 1887–1951		929.3778b P479b
	<u>Pittsburg</u>	
Vital Records of Pittsburg, 1904–2008		929.3778b P692R
	<u>Rochester</u>	
Rochester Death Records, 1887–1951		929.3778b R676ro
	<u>Rye</u>	
Marriage Records of Rye, 1726–1899		929.3778b R993ti

Vital Records by County

Cheshire County Marriages, 1875–1978		929.3778a C524c
Hillsborough County Probate Index, 1771–1884		929.3778a H655in
Hillsborough County Court Records, 1772–1799		929.3778a H655o
Grafton County South Marriages, 1875–1981		929.3778a G737c
Rockingham County Probate Records, 1771–1799 (2 vols.)		929.3778a R643e v.1, v.2
Stafford County Marriages, 1630–1860 (2 vols.)		929.3778a S896c v.1, v.2
Strafford County Probate Records, 1771–1799 (2 vols.)		929.3778a S896a v.1, v.2

Additional Genealogical Records

Vital records from various newspapers (all New Hampshire)		929.3778 B958hs
Genealogical abstracts from early New Hampshire newspapers		929.3778 C541g
Vital Records from Dover, New Hampshire's First Newspapers, 1700–1829		929.3778 D743
Notices from New Hampshire Gazette, 1765–1800		929.3778 H277
New England vital records from the Exeter News-letter, 1831–1846, 1859-1865 (2 vols.)		929.3778 C541n
New Hampshire Newspapers on microfilm (index available)		Reading Room

New England states vital records by town and county	Filed alphabetically by state, town/county
New Hampshire town histories	Filed alphabetically by state, town
New Hampshire county histories	Filed alphabetically by state, county
Revolutionary War Pension Records ²	Ask librarian
Civil War Pension Records ³	Ask librarian

Additional Resources

Ancestry.com – Library Edition

Ancestry has Québec, Canada Catholic (and some Protestant) Church Records that were collected by the Drouin Institute. These indexed records can be located using Ancestry’s search feature. Once you have connected your ancestors to Québec, this resource is an excellent way to extend your lineage all the way to France. Be cautious when using the public family trees as they contain many errors, they are best for providing hints. Look at the original records and cite your sources.

FamilySearch.com

This website is maintained by the Latter Day Saints Church. You can research this free site at the library or at home. It contains the same Drouin Institute Records.

New Hampshire Historical Society’s Collections Catalog

Use our online catalog at home or at the library to search our holdings. You may find some very interesting information that will serve to put “meat on the bones” of those elusive ancestors.

Family Genealogies

The New Hampshire Historical Society has a very large collection of various published family genealogies. Most are filed alphabetically and can be browsed in the reading room. You can also search the catalog for family names and request to view items.

The following is a list of the genealogies that we have available with French surnames:

Les Familles Allaire/D’Allaire (2 vols.)	929.2 A3179
The Ballous in America (2 vols.)	929.2 B1937
Descendants of Jean Bilodeau	929.2 B599

² Some French-Canadians fought in the American Revolution.

³ Some French-Canadians fought in the US Civil War.

Bouton, Boughton	929.2 B781
Boutell, Boutelle, Boutwell	929.2 B778e
Burbier family notes	929.2 B917
Généalogie des Caron d'Amérique	929.2 C293cg
Dubois family	929.2 D8154
Gadwahs in America of St. Malo, Quebec	929.2 G129
La Famille Gill de Québec	929.2 G475g

French-Canadian Reference and General Interest Books

Albert, Felix, <i>Immigration Odyssey: a French-Canadian habitant in New England</i>	920 A333fi
Baxter, Angus, <i>In Search of your Canadian Roots</i>	929.171 B355i
Blazon, Gerard, <i>A Social History of the French-Canadian Community of Suncook, NH, 1870-1920</i>	977.8b S9571b
Brault, Gerald, <i>The French-Canadian heritage in New England</i>	974.1 B825f
Dumas, Silvio, <i>Les Filles du Roi en Nouvelle France</i>	971.6 D886
Everest, Allen S., <i>Moses Hazen and the Canadian refugees in the American Revolution</i>	973.346 E93m
Jetté, René, <i>Dictionnaire Généalogique des Familles du Québec des Origines a 1730</i> This book is in French.	929.1716 J58d
Jonasson, Eric, <i>The Canadian Genealogical Handbook: A comprehensive guide to finding your ancestors in Canada</i>	929.171 J76c
Laforest, Thomas J., <i>Our French-Canadian ancestors</i>	929.171 L167
Lawrence, Roger W., <i>Captives and Prisoners Remaining in New France: their story of capture and survival in Quebec</i>	971.4 L419
Quintin, Robert J., <i>French-Canadian surnames: aliases, adulterations, and Anglicization</i>	929.1714 Q7f

- Quintin, Robert J., *Parish and town guide to the Province of Québec* 929.1714 Q7
- Ramirez, Burnes, *Crossing the 49th Parallel: Migration from Canada to the United States* 971.06 R173
- Richardson, Priscilla L., *A Documentary Booklet on the French-Canadian and Catholic Heritage of Marlborough, New Hampshire* 977.8b M347r
- Sawyer, Gordon M., *Les Sauvages Américain: representatives of Native Americans in French and English literature*
This book is in French and English 810.9 S275
- Tanguay, Cyprien, *Dictionnaire généalogie des familles Canadiens*
This series of books are in French. 929.171 T164
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Additional French-Canadian Research Resources in New Hampshire

The [American-Canadian Genealogical Society](#), located at 4 Elm Street in Manchester, maintains a library with hundreds of Parish Record books for all of New England, select states with pockets of French-Canadian populations, Québec, Eastern Ontario, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and other Canadian provinces with French-Canadian population concentrations. In addition, it has computer and Acadian resources that are difficult to find elsewhere. Admission is free for members of the American-Canadian Genealogical Society; nonmembers pay a \$5 daily use fee. Visit acgs.org for hours and a catalog of holdings.

The [New Hampshire Room at the Manchester City Library](#), located at 405 Pine Street in Manchester, focuses on local history and genealogy. Visit manchester.lib.nh.us for hours and catalog of holdings.

The [Manchester Historic Association](#), located at 129 Amherst Street in Manchester, holds the records of the Amoskeag Manufacturing Corporation, in addition to early photographs and items of genealogical interest. Admission is free for Manchester Historic Association members; nonmembers pay a daily use fee. Visit manchesterhistoric.org for hours and a catalog of holdings.