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 Town

Allenstown and Pembroke (aka Suncook)

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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: Baptisms and burials, 1885–1998 929.3778b J23stpb

Keene

St. Bernard: Marriages, 1861–1978 929.3778b K26c

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


Manchester

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. François Xavier: Marriages, 1885–1977 929.3778b N253c
St. Louis Gonzague: Marriages, 1871–1977 929.3778b N253sl

Ste. Mary: Marriages, 1878–1977 929.3778b N556g

Pittsfield and Northwood
Our Lady of Lourdes: Marriages, 1926–1990 929.3778b P692L
Our Lady of Lourdes: Baptisms, 1886–1986 929.3778b P692Lb
These books also contain records for St. Joseph’s Mission Church in Northwood.

Plaistow
Holy Angels: Marriages, 1893–1977 929.3778 H761
Holy Angels Cemetery: Burials to 2002 929.3778b P6985ha

Portsmouth
Immaculate Conception: Marriages, 1851–1990 929.3778b P853ic

Rochester
Ste. Mary: Marriages, 1872–1994 929.3778b R676sm
St. Rosaire: Marriages, 1883–1976 929.3778b R676c
Vital Records by Town

**Rollinsford**
Ste. Mary: Marriages, 1856–1976 929.3778b R754c

**Salem**
St. Joseph: Baptisms, 1911–1997 929.3778b S163ba

**Vital Records by Town**

**Allenstown**
Early Allenstown Vital Records 929.3778b A433
Allenstown Cemetery Inscriptions 929.3778b A433g

**Colebrook**
Colebrook Vital Records, 1873-74 - 1886 929.3778b C691d

**Concord**
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
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.

**Goffstown**
Goffstown Franco Marriages, 1893–1992 929.3778b G612f

**Hudson**
Vital Records of Hudson, 1734–1985 929.3778b H886na

**Manchester**
Cemetery Inscriptions 929.3778b M268ci
This book contains data for Amoskeag, Huse, Merrill, Piscataquog, & St. Augustin Cemeteries.
Miscellaneous funeral records, 1890-1952 929.3778b M268ph

**Nashua**
Vital Death Records of Nashua, 1887–1935 929.3778b N253de
Vital Birth Records of Nashua, 1887–1935 929.3778b N253na
Peterborough Births, 1887–1951  
Rochester Death Records, 1887–1951  
Marriage Records of Rye, 1726–1899

Vital Records by County

Cheshire County Marriages, 1875–1978  
Hillsborough County Probate Index, 1771–1884  
Hillsborough County Court Records, 1772–1799  
Grafton County South Marriages, 1875–1981  
Rockingham County Probate Records, 1771–1799 (2 vols.)  
Stafford County Marriages, 1630–1860 (2 vols.)  
Stafford County Probate Records, 1771–1799 (2 vols.)

Additional Genealogical Records

Vital records from various newspapers (all New Hampshire)  
Genealogical abstracts from early New Hampshire newspapers  
Vital Records from Dover, New Hampshire’s First Newspapers, 1700–1829  
Notices from New Hampshire Gazette, 1765–1800  
New Hampshire Newspapers on microfilm (index available)
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

Civil War Pension Records

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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

Some French-Canadians fought in the American Revolution.

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