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Genealogy Notes from Emily August 2015

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Looking for Canadian ancestors? Why not try us at Maine State Library? We actually have a “Canadian Genealogy” section, almost all the way down our genealogy stacks. We concentrate on the Atlantic Provinces; New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, plus Quebec. Any reference librarian would be happy to show you where it is. Some highlights include Histoire et Genealogie des Acadiens by Bona Arsenault, a 6-volume set published in Quebec in 1978. Not surprisingly it is in French, but there is helpful supplementary material to guide the user. Another good resource is Noel Montgomery Elliot’s The Atlantic Canadians, 1600-1900, in 3 volumes. The subtitle tells it all: ...an Alphabetized Directory of the People, Places and Vital Dates; published by the Genealogical Research Library in Toronto, in 1994. A couple more: New Brunswick Vital Statistics from Newspapers, courtesy of the New Brunswick Genealogical Society; 30 volumes, going back to the 19th century. We also need to point out Youville Labonte’s 200 Family Trees, 1590-1979; from France to Canada to U.S.A., weighing in at 70 volumes. Shelf space is shared in the Canadian section with some provincial censuses, many published vital records compiled by Jean-Guy Poitras, a sizeable collection of parish marriage records, and some genealogical periodicals. Just look for the Canadian flag and you’ll know you are in the right spot!

The Maine State Library is happy to lend you any of the following handbooks: Finding Your Canadian Ancestors: a Beginner’s Guide, by Sherry Irvine; The Family Tree Guide Book: Everything You Need to Know to Trace Your Genealogy Across North America, published by Betterway Books; Angus Baxter’s In Search of Your Canadian Roots: Tracing Your Family Tree in Canada; and Tools of the Trade for Canadian Genealogy: a Guide for Family Historians Researching in Canada by Althea Douglas. Call numbers may be found in our online card catalog (URSUS) through our website: www.maine.gov/msl; you may also search for materials by subject, i.e. “Canada-genealogy”; “New Brunswick-genealogy”, or family name: “Smith family”. As always, let us know if we can help!

Canadian Genealogy at Maine State Library!

Websites to Remember

- MSL Classes- www.maine.gov/msl/services/classes.shtml
- Maine Genealogical Society- www.maineroots.org
- Maine State Archives- www.maine.gov/sos/arc

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64 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

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www.maine.gov/msl/

It’s Time to Register for Maine Genealogical Society’s 2015 Annual Family History Conference!

Featured speaker at this year’s conference will be Michael Strauss of Virginia, principal owner of Genealogy Research Network and an Accredited Genealogist. He will begin the day with his topic, “All In A Day’s Work: Occupational Genealogical Research”. His other talks during breakout sessions will include “Genealogical Research in the Customs House Records” and “Work Skills of Old: Justice of the Peace Records”. Attendees may also learn about records maintained by municipal clerks, DNA test results, secret societies and Maine vital records. Please join us!

Date: Saturday, September 19th
Time: 8AM to 5PM
Place: JEFF’S CATERING
15 Littlefield Way, Brewer, ME
Register: www.maineroots.org,
Or, see Emily Schroeder

Bienvenue!