

An Inventory of Research and Researchers Concerned with Atlantic Canadian Material Culture

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Introduction

This inventory of research and researchers concerned with Atlantic Canadian material culture is meant as a preliminary list. No doubt there are research projects and researchers who are not represented in the inventory. Perhaps they did not hear about the project, in which case we invite them to contact their provincial editor for the *Bulletin* so that they can be integrated into the network. Others may not have submitted their projects for other reasons and we'd like to know those too.

The matter of subject headings and categories is always an interesting one. What surprises, inconsistencies, problems are you having with the subject headings selected for this project? Do tell!

And finally, what's to come after this initial effort? If it's useful, an attempt will be made to continue the project. What about the computer? Obviously, a number of questions remain unanswered. In any case, we hope the focus this inventory provides on material culture research will generate further interest in the subject.

Part I is an alphabetical list of contributing institutions and individuals with addresses, and broad subject headings only.

Part II is a list of projects organized alphabetically by subject heading.

Part III is a list of projects which are not directly materially-oriented but which produce information essential to material culture studies.

Part I

List of contributing institutions and/or individuals*

Province	Institutions	Subjects	Individuals
Newfoundland	Folklore Department Memorial University of Newfoundland (MUN) St. John's, Nfld. A1C 5S7 (709) 737-8402	Bells Interiors Carriage making Architecture – vernacular Ironwork Gravestones Boatbuilding Yard art	Sheila Brown Christine Cartwright Richard MacKinnon Gerald Pocius David Taylor Diane Tye
	Archaeology Unit Memorial University of Newfoundland (MUN) St. John's, Nfld. A1C 5S7	Fisheries– Basque whalers Beothuk Sites	Ralph Pastore Jim Tuck
	Art Gallery, Arts and Culture Centre Memorial University of Newfoundland (MUN) St. John's, Nfld. A1C 5S7	Folk painting and carving Textiles Yard art	Patricia Grattan Colleen Lynch

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	Newfoundland Museum Duckworth Street St. John's, Nfld.	Women's culture Furniture Marine Military Textiles Trade Woodworking	Linda Dale Victoria Dickenson Colleen Lynch Walter Peddle Andrew Wilson
Nova Scotia	Colchester Historical Museum Box 412 Truro, N.S. B2N 5C5 (902) 895-6284	Furniture Roads	Frances Langille <i>et al.</i>
	Firefighters' Museum of Nova Scotia 451 Main Street Yarmouth, N.S. B5A 1G9 (902) 742-5525	Fire Service	Helen Goodwin
	Maritime Museum of the Atlantic Lower Water Street Halifax, N.S.	Dory bailers Fisheries	Stephen Archibald David Flemming
	Nova Scotia Museum 1747 Summer Street Halifax, N.S. B3H 3A6 (902) 429-4610	Ironwork Fences Furniture Agriculture Gristmills Farming/Agriculture Textiles Gravestones Glass Micmac material culture	Stephen Archibald Marie Elwood Robert Frame Ken Gilmour Mary Herbert Barbara Robertson Scott Robson Sheila Stevenson Deborah Trask Ruth Whitehead
	Parks Canada Atlantic Regional Office Neil Munro A/Director Upper Water Street Halifax, N.S. B3J 1S9	Fisheries Interiors School architecture	Sandy Balcom Anita Campbell James Candow Robert Ferguson Anne Hale Jean MacLaren Howland Margot Magee Sackett Judith Tulloch
	Ross Farm Museum New Ross, N.S. B0J 2M0 (902) 389-2210	Costume	Allan Hiltz
	Underwater Archaeology Society of N.S. 1747 Summer Street Halifax, N.S. B3H 3A6	Shipwrecks	John Carter (president)
	Yarmouth County Museum 22 Collins Street Yarmouth, N.S. B5A 3C8 (902) 742-5539	Shipping	Ann Raymond Eric Ruff

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		Shipping (Annapolis County)	Mrs. Peggy Armstrong Granville, Anna. Co. (902) 552-2048
			Mrs. Marguerite Wagner Allens Creek Annapolis Co. (902) 532-5183
		Places (Bridgewater)	Herbert Bell 297 Aberdeen Road Bridgewater, N.S. B4V 2T3
		Acadian settlements	Roy Kennedy Tatamagouche, N.S. B0K 1V0
New Brunswick	Central New Brunswick Woodmen's Museum Inc. Boiestown, N.B. E0H 1A0 (506) 369-7214 off season: (506) 369-2296	Fire Towers	Josee Clowater
	Centre d'études acadiennes Université de Moncton Moncton, N.B. E1A 3E9	Places (Memramcook) Masonry Toys	Ronald Labelle Lucie Labouthillier
	Kings Landing Historical Settlement Box 522 Fredericton, N.B. E3B 5A6 (506) 363-3081	Christmas traditions Gristmills Lumbercamps Agriculture Trade Goods & Chattels	Darrell Butler
	Musée Acadien Université de Moncton Moncton, N.B. E1A 3E9	Habitation acadienne Technique de trans- formation du bois chez les Acadiens	Bernard LeBlanc Deborah Robichaud
	The New Brunswick Museum 277 Douglas Avenue Saint John, N.B. E2K 1E5 (506) 693-1196	Firearms N.B. 1600-1800 N.B. 1800-1900	Robert Elliott Gary Hughes Gerald Thomas H.E. Wright

List of individuals is arranged alphabetically and does not correspond exactly to subject listing.

Part II

This is an inventory of research projects currently underway in Atlantic Canada which are related to the material history of the region. A list of the institutions and/or individuals who contributed to this initial inventory is provided as Part I of this pilot effort.

Subject	Details	Status	Research/Contact
Acadian Settlements -Nova Scotia	the size, location, population & number of French families who settled the north shore of N.S.	article, 1982	Roy Kennedy Tatamagouche, N.S.
Architecture -Newfoundland	South Shore, vernacular - historical antecedents - renovations - cultural use of space	ongoing	Gerald Pocius MUN, Folklore Dept.
	Codroy Valley, vernacular - and its Cape Breton antecedents	planning stages	R. MacKinnon MUN, Folklore Dept.
	Bell Island, workers' housing	completed study	R. MacKinnon MUN, Folklore Dept.
- Nova Scotia	study of ten houses in the Nova Scotia Museum Collection: history of ownership and use, construction techniques, materials, styles and influences, etc.	material collected and analysis begun; draft manuscripts for two of ten	A. Penny, Research Associate, NS Museum Professor, TUNS School of Architecture Halifax, N.S.
	identifying buildings in photographs in existing photographic collections	ongoing	Scott Robson N.S. Museum
Architecture - Nova Scotia	barns & barnyards - relationship to topography - function - structure	ongoing photographing of examples, drawing floor plans, etc.	R. Frame N.S. Museum
- New Brunswick	les églises en Acadie et les ornements religieux	ongoing	Deborah Robichaud Musée Acadien U. de Moncton
- New Brunswick	Acadien, XVII ^e siècle-XX ^e siècle - étude du style, matériaux de construction, relevés de plans, inventaire photographique	ongoing	Bernard LeBlanc Musée Acadien U. de Moncton
- New Brunswick	Memramcook. see PLACES - Memramcook		
- Atlantic Region	study of pre-1930 school architecture	ongoing	Anne Hale, Parks Canada, ARO
Bells, Church - Newfoundland	origins of church bells in Nfld. with thorough documentation of the bells found on the island today, and their places of manufacture		Sheila Brown MUN, Folklore Dept.

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Beothuk Sites - Newfoundland		ongoing	Ralph Pastore MUN Archaeology Unit
Boatbuilding - Newfoundland	in Winterton, Trinity Bay Newfoundland building traditions	MA thesis to be published PhD thesis in progress	David Taylor MUN, Folklore Dept. David Taylor MUN, Folklore Dept.
Carriage making - Newfoundland	in St. John's	MA thesis	R. MacKinnon MUN, Folklore Dept.
Ceramics - 19 th and early 20 th century private	3 collections studied and reviewed - 18 th century cataloguing and research of artifacts researched at Grassy Island, Canso – part of larger project. See TRADE – Nova Scotia	may be basis for exhibition	Marie Elwood Nova Scotia Museum Robert Ferguson Parks Canada, ARO
Christmas traditions -	southern New Brunswick 1784-1885	a detailed written report of 8,000 words	Darrell Butler Kings Landing, N.B.
Clothing - Nova Scotia	types, styles, materials, etc. used in rural clothing worn in Nova Scotia, 1817-1917 with a particular emphasis on the New Ross Lunenburg Co., area	basis for costume production and interpretation at Ross Farm, N.S. Museum	Lori Ashton, researcher Contact: A. Hiltz, Curator, Ross Farm, New Ross Lunenburg Co.
Farming/Agriculture - Nova Scotia - New Brunswick	interpreting the material evidence, including the flora and fauna of abandoned farm sites; developing methods of interpretation	several articles published; lecture and workshop prepared	M. Herbert N.S. Museum
- Nova Scotia	comparative study of barns and barnyards in N.S.	ongoing	R. Frame N.S. Museum
- New Brunswick	the history of farming in the St. John River Valley from the Loyalists to the late Victorians	current	D. Butler Kings Landing
- New Brunswick	agricultural use of marshes. See PLACES: Memramcook		Ronald Labelle Centre d'études acadiennes U. de Moncton
- Nova Scotia Jeddore Oyster Pond	See PLACES: Jeddore Oyster Pond	material compiled but not studied	Nova Scotia Museum c/o D. Trask
Fences - Nova Scotia	patterns, materials, construction, occurrence	ongoing	Stephen Archibald N.S. Museum

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Fisheries	18 th century to early 20 th century techniques and equipment: boats, tools, etc. Includes Nfld. seal fishery	ongoing, results to be incorporated at Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic, Lunenburg	James Candow Sandy Balcom Parks Canada, ARO
- Atlantic Coastal			
- Banks	material history of the sealing industry	ongoing	David Flemming Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, Halifax
- 16 th century	Basque whaling station, Red Bay, Labrador	ongoing	Jim Tuck MUN - Archaeology
- Nova Scotia	comparative study of dory bailers in existing collections and as found randomly	ongoing	Stephen Archibald
- 18 th century	Grassy Island, Canso – 18 th century archaeological excavations centered around selected fishing rooms and residence of prominent merchant Edward How. Material received consists of ceramics, table and bottle glass and metal hardware	cataloguing and research on artifacts; summary reports to be published	Robert Ferguson, Project Archaeologist Anita Campbell, Material Culture Researcher
Firearms	study and research based on the NBM firearms collection	collections catalogue <i>Matchlock to Machine Gun</i> – to be published late 1981 or early 1982	Robert Elliott N.B. Museum
- duelling	the practice and social attitudes	ongoing	Robert Elliott N.B. Museum
Fire look-out tower	Todd Mountain, N.B.; its history	oral history project	Central N.B. Woodman's Museum, Boisestown, N.B. EOH 1A0
Furniture	outport furniture	ongoing – has already published articles and had exhibition	Walter Peddle Nfld. Museum
- Newfoundland			
	Keels, Bonavista Bay – Study of a fisherman/furniture maker	concluded	Walter Peddle Nfld. Museum
	factory-produced furniture in Harbour Grace and St. John's	initial work in progress	Walter Peddle Nfld. Museum
- Nova Scotia	apprenticeships in cabinet making	ongoing	Marie Elwood N.S. Museum
	Colchester County makers, technologies, styles, materials, trade patterns	ongoing/occasional publication and exhibition 1979	Colchester Historical Museum Frances Langille, Curator, also Sheila Stevenson N.S. Museum

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Glass - Nova Scotia	18 th century, table and bottle: Grassy Island, Canso, N.S. See FISHERIES: Nova Scotia		Parks Canada ARO
	patent medicine containers and drugstore bottles – compiling documentary references to manufacturers, druggists, druggists' practices	used in interpretation at Sherbrooke Village	Deborah Trask N.S. Museum
Gravestones - Newfoundland		ongoing	Gerald Pocius MUN, Folklore Dept.
- Nova Scotia	influences/trade/materials/carvers/ techniques	ongoing publication 1978	Deborah Trask N.S. Museum
Gristmills	index, by county, of references to grist mills as found in documentary and oral sources	ongoing	Ken Gilmour N.S. Museum
- New Brunswick 1784-1900	a study		D. Butler Kings Landing
Interiors - Newfoundland	a study of Sikh household interiors in St. John's and how artifacts are used in an immigrant context		Christine Cartwright MUN, Folklore Dept.
	Cape Spear Lighthouse use and furnishings, c. 1839 lighthouse technology and lifestyle of lighthouse keeper, availability of goods in St. John's		Margot Magee Sackett Parks Canada, ARO
- Prince Edward Island	Province House use of space and furnishings		Judith Tulloch Jean MacLaren-Howland Parks Canada, ARO
- New Brunswick	Carleton Martello Tower, Saint John use and furnishings c. 1845-1866		Sandy Balcom Parks Canada, ARO
- New Brunswick	See PLACES: Memramcook		
	wallpaper c. 1800-1880		J. MacLaren-Howland Parks Canada, ARO
- Nova Scotia	study of photographs in existing collections to identify and record content	ongoing	Scott Robson N.S. Museum
Ironwork - Newfoundland			G. Pocius MUN, Folklore Dept.
- Nova Scotia	N.S. iron foundries and their products	ongoing	Stephen Archibald N.S. Museum
	use of decorative cast iron in the province	ongoing	Stephen Archibald N.S. Museum

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- Nova Scotia	18 th century metal hardware as found. See Fisheries – Nova Scotia. Grassy Island, Canso		Parks Canada
Lighting	Victorian (gas) lighting technology		J. MacLaren-Howland Parks Canada, ARO
Lumber Camps - New Brunswick	1800-1910	3,500 word report	D. Butler Kings Landing
Lumbering - New Brunswick	See PLACES: Memramcook		
- Nova Scotia	See SAWMILLS		
Machinery - Nova Scotia	See SAWMILLS		
Masonry - Maritimes	les lieux des carrières de pierre à construction dans les Maritimes, les techniques employées dans l'extraction et la taille de la pierre, l'organisation du métier, les traditions et les tailleurs de pierre et les édifices construits avec la pierre des Maritimes	ongoing	Ronald Labelle Centre d'études acadiennes U. de Moncton
- New Brunswick	Memramcook. See PLACES: Memramcook		
Places - New Brunswick Memramcook	études folklorique et ethnohistorique. Tous les aspects de la vie traditionnelle ce qui comprend dans le domaine de la vie matérielle: l'agriculture, le travail du bois, l'habitation traditionnelle, l'alimentation et la vie domestique	to be completed the middle of 1982	Ronald Labelle Centre d'études acadiennes U. de Moncton
- Nova Scotia Jeddore Oyster Pond	collection of oral material about patterns of everyday life in the area, both family and community; about the Fisherman's Life Museum site, out buildings and house; general land use patterns in the community which is a fishing and farming community on the Eastern Shore of N.S.: domestic routine, clothing, family activities, livestock, gardens, seasonal work patterns, medicine and health, transportation, travel, communication, special events	to be used in interpretation of the Fisherman's Life Museum	Nova Scotia Museum c/o D. Trask
- Nova Scotia Bridgewater	various aspects of early history		H. A. Bell 297 Aberdeen Road Bridgewater, N.S. B4V 2T3

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Roads - Nova Scotia	Colchester Co. – the origin and development of roads in the county to 1900		Brad Yuill c/o The Colchester Historical Museum Truro, N.S.
Sawmills - Nova Scotia	sources of power – water, tidal, wind and steam	book in progress	Barbara Robertson N.S. Museum
	makers of machinery used to power them, particularly waterwheels and steam engines	published article: "Tide Mills: A Part for the Present" <i>The Occasional</i> , vol. 4, no. 2 winter/spring, 1976/77, pp.24-33	
	products of mills, particularly lumber, staves, house finishing		
	machinery used to produce the products, particularly saws, carriages, edgers, stave cutting machinery, shingle machines, etc. manufactured in Nova Scotia		
Shipping - Nova Scotia	Annapolis County, wooden ships built and sailed	book in progress	Peggy Armstrong Granville, Anna. Co.; Marguerite Wagner Allens Creek, Anna. Co.
Shipping	blockade running, West Indies Trade		Ann Raymond 1 Aberdeen Street Yarmouth, N.S.
Shipwrecks	Terence Bay, mid-18 th century conservation and analysis of crew's personal objects and ship itself		Underwater Archaeology Society of N.S. 1747 Summer Street Halifax, N.S.
Textiles - Nova Scotia	quilts	ongoing	Scott Robson N.S. Museum
	handweaving		Scott Robson N.S. Museum
	hooked rugs		Scott Robson N.S. Museum
	c. 1800-1880		J. Maclaren-Howland Parks Canada, ARO
Toys/Les jouets Acadiens -New Brunswick	tous les jouets utilisés dans les jeux et amusements des acadiens avant l'avènement du jouet manufacturé	enquête orale; éventuelle publication	Lucie Lebouthillier A/S Ronald Labelle Centre d'études acadiennes U. de Moncton
Trade -Nova Scotia	18 th century Grassy Island, Canso See FISHERIES: Nova Scotia		

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-New Brunswick	the commercial trade of the St. John River Valley 1784-1900		D. Butler Kings Landing, N.B.
Women -Newfoundland	lives and roles from mid-1800s to present day	artifacts, interviews documents to form basis for exhibition at Nfld. Museum in 1982	Linda Dale Nfld. Museum
- New Brunswick	Memramcook; Acadian domestic life See PLACES: Memramcook	one aspect of a larger project "étude folklorique et ethnohistorique de Memramcook"	Ronald Labelle
Woodworking/ Transformation du bois - Acadien	les techniques chez les Acadiens		Bernard LeBlanc Musée Acadien U. de Moncton
- Nova Scotia	band saw patterns – their application and occurrence in the New Denmark area		R. Frame N.S. Museum
Yard Art - Newfoundland			G. Pocius MUN, Folklore Dept.
- Newfoundland	a study of the work of a Bell Island man; also includes carvings, paintings and souvenir art	recently completed MA thesis	Diane Tye MUN, Folklore Dept.

Part III

This section of the inventory lists projects, the aim of which is to compile data for future reference.

Subject	Details	Status	Research/Contact
Artists -Nova Scotia	collecting information on artists who worked in N.S.	ongoing	Scott Robson N.S. Museum
Emigrants through Saint John -New Brunswick	will produce raw data in the form of names, family numbers, places of departures, religion, etc. Sources include the few passenger lists which have survived plus references to shipboard conditions, medical practices, conditions in Saint John, etc.		H.E. Wright N.B. Museum
Firefighting - Nova Scotia	documentary search for references to fire and firefighting in N.S., primarily occurrence of fires and acquisition of equipment by fire services in province	references from Council minutes, newspapers, etc. Organized by source	Augusta La Paix, for Firefighters' Museum Contact: H. Goodwin, Curator. Firefighters' Museum of N.S. 451 Main Street, Yarmouth, N.S. B5A 1G9

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Goods and Chattels - New Brunswick, York County	a study of the inventory of goods and chattels of the Probate Court Record of York County 1784-1890		Contact: Darrell Butler Kings Landing
Micmac material culture	to locate and analyze relevant prints, drawings and photographs	ongoing compilation of references	R. Whitehead N.S. Museum
Militia Officers	19 th century New Brunswick, . Saint John	a preliminary list of militia officers serving in Saint John city and county units between 1800-99, to be supplemented by data about civilian occupation, periods of service, and relationship of militia role to social and business life	H.E. Wright N.B. Museum
New Brunswick 1600-1800	material, documentary and pictorial research	for production of first phase of the New Brunswick Gallery, opening June 1983	Robert Elliott Gerald Thomas N.B. Museum
New Brunswick 1800-1900	material, documentary and pictorial research	for production of the second phase of the New Brunswick Gallery, opening June 1983	Gary Hughes Gerald Thomas N.B. Museum
Various	New Brunswick – Saint John 1850-1880	analysis and interpretation of photographs in social-economic terms, and in material sense; to be published in 1982	Gary Hughes N.B. Museum
Various	Nova Scotia	analysis of photographs in existing collections, primarily that of the N.S. Museum – identifying content	Scott Robson N.S. Museum 1747 Summer Street Halifax, N.S. B3H 3A6
Various	Nova Scotia	analysis of printed views of region	Scott Robson N.S. Museum
Vessels, - Yarmouth, Nova Scotia	to identify the whereabouts of paintings of these vessels	a catalogue	E. Ruff Yarmouth County Museum 22 Collins Street Yarmouth, N.S. B5A 3C8