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Our Goal:

Is to serve as a communicator for researching and tracing the families of the Eastern Townships of Quebec. Thank you for your interest in our newsletter.

The ETQC e-letter is published twice a year to inform our readers of sources that are available for research in the Eastern Townships.

It is hoped to help our readers to be more aware of the collections that are already published or will be published in the near future.

Your feedback is appreciated so we know if we can make a difference in the search for your Eastern Township Ancestors.

Different families will be featured from different counties and when possible a picture will be included in the ETQC e-letter.

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(Please change the “at” to @when sending e-mail)

THE EASTERN TOWNSHIPS COPPER INDUSTRY

Source: <http://www.etr.ca/archives-department/historical-articles-from-the-etr.html#c8253>

With the penny soon to be a thing of the past it seems like an appropriate time to highlight the copper mining industry that was at one time a major industrial boom for the Eastern Townships. A certain amount of exploration and mining had begun in the Townships prior to 1860, but it was the American Civil War that introduced a huge demand for copper. With advancing metallic weaponry, copper was a necessity and the United States did not have the resources to sustain these requirements. This need for copper led the Americans up north and upon further exploration the mass amounts of copper resources soon became apparent. Miners began to be in such high demand that many farmers worried that their labourers would soon abandon them. The Harvey Hill Mine in Leeds Township and the Acton Mine were two mines with particularly astounding amounts of copper.

Following the war, demand slowly declined and several mines in the area began to mine minerals such as asbestos in addition to copper while others eventually closed. Some of the better known mines in the area today are Capelton and Eustis mines. Capelton closed in 1924 but remains open to tourists and Eustis mines managed to remain open until 1939.

The photograph is from the Huntingdon Mining Company in Bolton in 1868 which was forced to close shortly after the Civil War.



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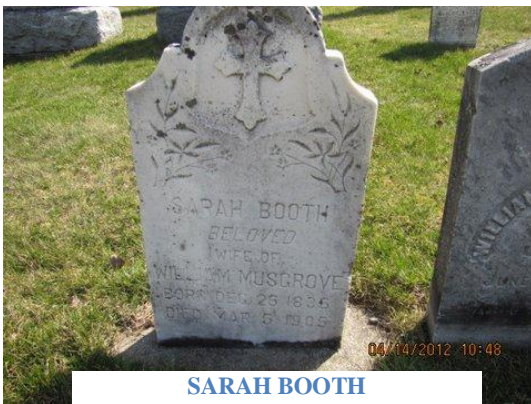
Mission

The mission of this project is to capture digital images and the complete transcription of headstones of our ancestors. As decades pass, it is becoming harder - if not impossible - to read the inscriptions these stones originally contained. By archiving the images and transcriptions, these important records are saved.

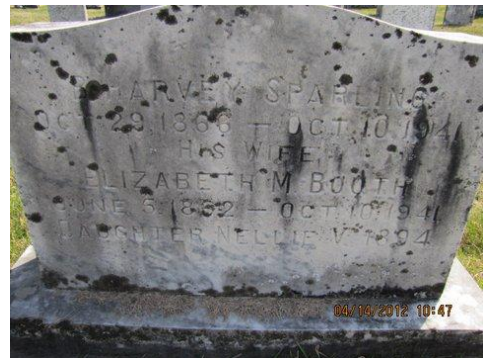
This Headstone Photo Project is a non-profit organization. Success of the Project depends completely upon the activities of many volunteers and other individuals who contribute photographs to the archive.
Help save history for future generations!

Photos submitted by Barbara Riddle 5671bj@videotron.ca

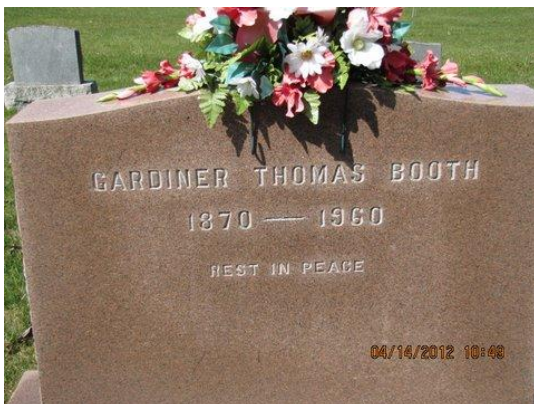
Thank you to Barbara Riddle of Granby, Quebec for capturing the pictures of the headstones in the St. John's Anglican Cemetery, Bromont, Quebec



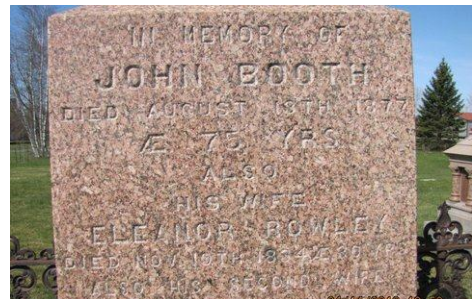
SARAH BOOTH
BELOVED
WIFE OF
WILLIAM MUSGROVE
BORN DEC 26, 1836
DIED MAR 5 1906



B. HARVEY SPARLING
OCT 29 1866 - OCT 10 1941
HIS WIFE
ELIZABETH M BOOTH
JUNE 5 1862 - OCT 10 1941
DAUGHTER NELLIE V. DIED 1894



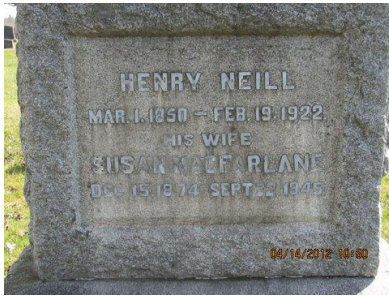
GARDINER THOMAS BOOTH
1870 — 1960
REST IN PEACE



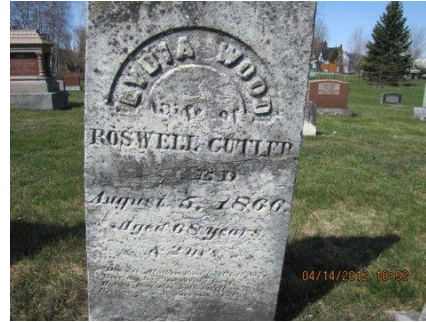
IN MEMORY OF
JOHN BOOTH
DIED AUGUST 13TH 1877
AE 75 YRS
ALSO
HIS WIFE
ELEANOR ROWLEY
DIED NOV 10TH 1834 AE 30 YRS
ALSO HIS SECOND WIFE
LYDIA BICKFORD
DIED DEC 16TH 1861 AE 53 YRS

St. John's Anglican Cemetery, Bromont, Quebec

Photos submitted by Barbara Riddle 5671bj@videotron.ca continued from page 2



HENRY NEILL
MAR 1 1850 – FEB 19 1922
HIS WIFE
SUSAN MACFARLANE
DEC 15 1874 – SEPT 22 1945



LYDIA WOOD
WIFE OF
ROSWELL CUTLER
AUGUST 5, 1866
AGED 68 YEARS 2 MOS.



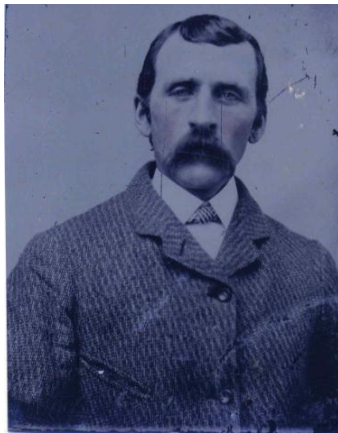
This headstone from the Pinewood Cemetery, Granby, Quebec

Brenda Wilson Birch, publisher of numerous cemetery publications (see ETQC #08, p.6 article) confirmed the cemetery and information on the headstones.

Thank you Brenda

Her **NEW** e-mail is:

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Submitted by Ethel Dessert paulethel.dessert@comcast.net

This is most likely Richard Henry Bell b. Sept 1851 d. Aug 1904 son of Horatio Bell and Jane Booth of Shefford, or it could be his brother George Wellington Bell b. April 1853 d. Feb 1932. Both were buried at St. John's Anglican Cemetery, Bromont, Quebec. There were no markers but Brenda Birch who does the books on cemeteries said they are likely there but with no headstone. Richard was said to be buried at the St. John's Anglican Churchyard in his death record.

Submitted by Ethel Dessert
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Two unknown ladies taken at the Waterloo Photo Room - Randall, owner.



Source: Eastern Townships Resource Centre

Ref #UL0002 Trinity United Church

July 17th 1887 Marriage – OATES and PRICE

John Robert Oates. A bachelor of the City of Sherbrooke – Machinist – and Louisa Price. A Spinster of the Same City – were united in Holy Matrimony by me on the Seventeenth day of July. In the Year of our Lord. One thousand eight hundred and eighty Seven – by Authority of License duly issued. In the Presence of the Subscribing Witnesses, Said parties being of full age and having complied with all legal formalities.

James Ruies – Minister

Parties- John Robert Oates

Louise Price

Witnesses: Francis Mather

William Price

24 Apr 1900

Hannah Jane (Jenny) Teece m 24 Apr 1900 Sherbrooke to Francis H. (Frank) Oates

Ref #UL029 Abbotsford #137

James Wolley Burial

James Wolley of Granby died in Holyoke, Massachusetts on the thirteenth and was interred in the Congregational burying ground, Granby on the sixteenth day of October Eighteen Hundred and Seventy Three in presence of his father and friend who have both signed

“Henery” Wolley

T.A. Tomkins

D.D. Nighswander, Minister

UL029 Abbotsford #107

This is to certify that Robert Blackwood McLennan Bachelor of South Granby Co. of Shefford P.Q. Farmer Son of _____ and of _____ his wife, and Sarah Jane Cook, Spinster, daughter of Peter Cook Farmer of South Granby and of Ellen Woolley, his wife, being both of the age of Majority, were united in the Holy Bands of Matrimony in the Cong. Church Granby, by License No 82 on the Twenty Second day of August in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy one in the presence of Subscribing witnesses by me James Howell

Robert B McLennan – Contracting Parties

Sarah Jane Cook –

Josiah C Kennedy – Witnesses

Anne C Cook

UL029 Abbotsford #126

William John Son of Robert B. McLennan Farmer of South Granby and of Sarah J Cooke his wife was Born on Seventeenth Day of May in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Two & was Baptized on the Twenty ninth day of October in the same year in the presence of the Subscribing Parents by me

James Howell

Robert B McLennan – Parents of the child

Sarah J McLennan

BORROWING BOOKS ONLINE FOR YOUR “eREADER”

Dick Eastman points out that most of the libraries which lend out eBooks use a service called Over Drive. You can search worldwide at <http://search.overdrive.com>

Note that it might take a few tries: searching for libraries in “Montreal” produced no results, but searching for “Quebec” produced McGill, the National Archives of Quebec, and the Cote St-Luc, Pointe Claire and Dollard libraries. If you don’t have one of the book reader gadgets, you can read a downloaded eBook simply on your PC. *Tip from Connections QFHS Winter/Spring 2012 Journal by Lorraine Gosselin

ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY LAUNCHES BOOK

On Sun, Jun 17, 2012 at 3:10 PM, MARILYN MALLETTE <lynrose@rogers.com> wrote:
Hi, received this from Gordon Irwin in Richmond, thought you might be interested or someone you might know.

BOOK LAUNCH!



The St. Patrick's Society of Richmond & Vicinity is celebrating its 135 anniversary with the release of a book on local Irish history. The book, *Irish Settlement and National Identity in the Lower St. Francis Valley* is written by Peter Southam, a retired history professor from *Université de Sherbrooke* and published by the Richmond St. Patrick's Society.

[Book information](#) - [Buy it now](#)

The book describes two hundred years of Irish presence in the Lower St-Francis Valley, a section of Quebec's Eastern Townships that surrounds the Town of Richmond. Much of the source of information for the book was provided by local families. Part I deals with Irish rural settlements and then part II focuses on the Richmond's St-Patrick's Society.

The book is available through the society's web site www.richmondstpats.org at *Townships Expressions* at 819-566-5717

and Papeterie 2000 in Richmond.

For those who would like the book by mail please send a cheque of 40\$ (25\$ for the Book and 15\$ shipping and handling)

Pay to the order of
St.Patrick's Society

Send your check to this address

220 Principale N.
Richmond, Qc
JOB 2H0

For more information contact:

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Shelley Prelusky June 18, 2012

**Great newsletter.
Thanks for sending it.**

I'm on the MILLS line in Knowlton, and HEWSON in Lacolle.

**Thanks again,
Shelley sprelusky@telus.net**

If you would like to contribute to the ETQC e-letter please contact the editor: laverne@treearcher.ca

An Index of
**English, Scottish, Irish and American
settlers**

In and around
Richmond, Quebec,
and area as well as their ancestors and descendants.

This disk contains approximately 102,000 names. I may have extensive data on some, or I may have very little on others. Please send corrections and additions to me. NO these people did not all live in the Richmond, Quebec area but someone related to them did or does. The information I have, has been compiled by hundreds of other people and I may create a list of these people and sources if this Index proves to be of interest. (Editor's note: The list is a little hard to maneuver within but a lot of good info) All the single names in the front of the list are tied to a file - Info on Fred Smith dob dod, etc and child, or wife Mary no last name or ?? As I find these I put them into the file so that when I find matching data I will have the first record. In an improved format this would be overcome. **Help in correcting and enlarging this index along with stories, family trees and other items of interest will be gratefully appreciated.** For additional info – corrections and additions please contact:

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WELCOME TO THE MISSISQUOI MUSEUM

<http://www.museemissisquoi.ca/a11.html>



"History Available - Inquire Within"

Housed in an 1830 three-story red brick grist mill, the Missisquoi Museum features exhibitions and education programmes which explore the many individuals and events that contributed to the historic development of Missisquoi County.

[Ethel Dessert](#) sent the following message

"Have you ever heard about the Bedford Times in 1889 or a book titled Rendez-Vous with the past in Missisquoi? Mr. Jean-Paul Sirois who use to run the Cowansville Historical Society mentioned the books while trying to help me out with an ancestor. He mentions Book #1. Sounds like it may be something interesting and maybe talks about people in that part of the township in 1889."

Editor's Note:

The "Rendez-Vous with the past in Missisquoi" is listed in the MISSISQUOI MUSEUM publication list but "The Bedford Times in 1889" is not listed.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

Source: <http://www.internet-genealogy.com/> (revised)

A lot of the information about genealogies that you come across is likely to be wrong. Sorry, but you may as well learn this now rather than later. This applies both to family trees that have been compiled traditionally and those that appear on the internet.

- Most people who get interested in genealogy are interested in the truth – they are not interested in guessing and “stitching” into unrelated family trees. Unfortunately this only applies to “most people”. There are enough people who guess and make invalid assumptions about who is related to whom. Because they don’t care about accuracy, their family trees tend to be much longer than carefully researched lines and can appear much more interesting (at first).
- Even genuine researchers who try to be correct make mistakes. I am responsible for a serious error that I have shared with numerous researchers. Although I have never published or submitted it to any genealogy websites the error is out there. There is no way to correct the errors – and so it gets perpetuated.
- The information that you are given may or may not be true. The hardest part is knowing which? Your best course is to try to confirm as much as you can for yourself.
- The most important habit by far, is noting down, next to your information, the source of that information. I guarantee that you will not be able to remember all the sources and, if you do not note them, that you will spend hours and hours looking up records that you have visited before, or searching through those records to see if this was the source.
- NETWORKING: One of the most effective ways to use the internet is to locate and connect with other genealogists all over the world who share your own research interests, whether for a particular surname, ancestral village, time period, etc.
- GOOGLING: Google is a great tool to help you search for surnames, places and historical topics.
- UTILIZING: I am a firm believer that as genealogists we should make use of all of the “reputable” online resources available – both free and pay-for-sites. As information is added to all of these sites oftener than you think, it is important to check these sites on a regular basis:
- Free Sites: www.rootsweb.com, www.familysearch.org, www.cyndislist.com,
- Subscription sites: www.ancestry.ca, www.ancestry.com, <http://www.ancestry.co.uk/>
- Irish Family History Foundation enquiries@rootsireland.ie
- See a list of Websites on page 10



Genealogy blogs

<http://www.cangenealogy.com/blogs.html>

Why Read a Genealogy Blog?

A blog, short for "web log" is basically an easy way to post new information online quickly, in an easy to read format. When a new article or tip is posted, it is sent automatically to anyone who has subscribed to the blog. By subscribing to one or more genealogy blogs you can easily keep up with the latest techniques, tips and databases from the leaders in the genealogy field with a very small time investment. Genealogy blogs are also a great source for locating genealogical data, enlightening discussions and much more.

- Keep up with what is new in genealogical research!
- These blogs are written by some of the most capable genealogists.

Quote from Brenda Merriman's Blog

http://brendadougallmerriman.blogspot.ca/2012_05_01_archive.html

- "The power of blogging: Originally dated 10 May 2012, this post has been extensively re-worked. A perceptive cousin pointed out an egregious error on my part about John Cameron's age, and then provided more information from what I think of as the Cameron Collaborative. See how writing a blog post can draw out unexpected rewards?"

Thanks to Marilyn Mallette <lynrose@rogers.com> for sharing the information above for the ETQC e-letter

The Quebec Family History Society launches new website



MONTREAL, January 15, 2012 — The Quebec Family History Society (QFHS) is proud to announce the launch of its new website at www.qfhs.ca. Located at the same address as the genealogical society's original site, the website features several new sections, such as Gary's Genealogical Picks, research tips, surname interests, and a bulletin board.

QFHS members researching their ancestors in Quebec will benefit from the new Jacques Gagné Church Compilations in the members' section. Long-time member Jacques Gagné has compiled historical information and the location of records for more than 1,000 English and French Protestant churches across the province, from 1759 to 1899.

ABOUT QFHS

The Quebec Family History Society is the largest English-language genealogical society in Quebec, Canada. Founded in 1977, it is a registered Canadian charity that helps people of all backgrounds research their family history. Its members, in addition to researching their Quebec roots, research historical records in all Canadian provinces and territories, the United States, the British Isles, and Western Europe. At the QFHS Heritage Centre and Library, members have free access to a collection of 6,000 books, manuscripts, and family histories, plus thousands of microfilms, microfiche, historical maps, and periodicals, and access to billions of online genealogical records, including the world deluxe edition of Ancestry.ca.

The Quebec Family History Society / La Société de l'histoire des familles du Québec

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Shipping costs on multiple items will be combined whenever possible

GRANBY LAND RECORDS

The land records, that were housed at the City Hall in Granby, Quebec have been moved to the National Archives of Quebec.

The cost of a copy per page is:

- Regular mail; 0.25\$ / page + shipping fees (minimum of 5.00\$)
- Email PDF; 0.50\$ / page (minimum of 5.00\$)

They are payable in advance by credit card (Visa, Mastercard). You can pay by credit card by e-mail or by phone if you prefer. The price will depend on the number of pages involved; Most of the land grants contain only 1 page but some old ones may have many pages.

Best regards,

Sylvie Bédard

Archiviste de référence

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LANARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Latin Translations

Submitted by Frances Eagleson

Abbreviations after your ancestors' names may provide useful information that you had not expected. The following list includes short forms you may come across when reading old wills or documents.

a.a.s.	died in the year of his/her age (anno aetatis suae) (86 years old and died > 86)	et al	and others (et alia)
d.s.p.	died without issue (decessit sine prole)	inst.	Present month (instans)
d.s.p.l.	died without legitimate issue (decessit sine prole legitima)	liber	book or volume
d.s.p.m.s.	died without surviving male issue (decessit sine prole mascula supersita)	nepos	grandson
d.s.p.s.	died without surviving issue (decessit sine prole supersita)	nunc	nuncupative will, an oral will, written by a witness
d. unm	died unmarried	ob	(he/she died (obit)
d.v.p.	died in the lifetime of his/her father (decessit vita patris)	relict	widow or widower (relicta/relictus)
d.v.m.	died in the lifetime of his/her mother (decessit vita matris)	sic	so, or thus, exact copy as written
		testes	witnesses
		ult	late (ultimo) may also mean last (sometimes used to denote in the previous month)
		ux or us	wife (uxor)
		viz	namely (videlicet)

PUBLICATIONS

We have included a listing of available books for sale. For ordering purposes, a contact has been provided next to the publisher's name. Please be sure to ask about shipping and handling. The editor of this newsletter is not responsible for orders.

NEIL BROADHURST - AUTHOR broadhurst@shaw.ca Protestant Marriages of the District of Bedford, QC 1804-1879

KATHLEEN BROCK – AUTHOR http://www.gfhs.ca/forsale.php Protestant Births & Baptisms, Shefford County, Quebec 1880-1899 \$35.00 Protestant Marriage Index, Shefford County, Quebec 1880-1899 \$40.00 Protestant Death & Burial Index, Shefford County, Quebec 1880-1899 \$40.00
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COLBY CURTIS MUSEUM/STANSTEAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY http://www.colbycurtis.ca/eng/archives.html 1825 Census, Stanstead County \$10.00 1861 Census for Stanstead Township and Stanstead Plain \$25.00 Marriage Contracts/Contrat de mariage from/de 1840-1950 at/a Stanstead - <i>Stanstead Historical Society</i> \$20.00 Sherbrooke Daily Record Vital Statistics, Vol. 1 & 2, 1897-1906 – <i>Elane Wilson</i> Price Stanstead County Vital Statistics, Vol. I-II, 1845-1963 – <i>Elizabeth Brock Tilton & Wilson</i> Varies Forest and Clearings – The History of Stanstead County, reprint – <i>H.B. Hubbard</i> \$38.00 Wills/Les Testaments – from/de 1840-1950 – at/a Stanstead \$20.00

MATTHEW FARFAN - AUTHOR mf@gahn.org On Lake and River - stunning bilingual book (208) pages on the history of the Eastern Townships \$36.70 Cemetery Heritage in Quebec \$12.00

SHARON OSGOOD NORTON - AUTHOR http://granbynewspaperextracts.googlepages.com/ Granby & Eastern Townships Newspaper Extract 1855 - 1910 \$40.00
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EASTERN TOWNSHIPS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

<http://www.genealogie.org/club/sgce/accueille.htm>

Our Society has a database of well over 2,000,000 marriages, mostly from the Province of Québec, from the beginning up to this day. This database includes most **non catholics** who got married in the Eastern Townships at some time. We can now supply you with family listings of all the marriages under a given surname.

For more info, quotations, orders, please get in touch with: [Pierre](#) and write subject as: Surname List

Missisquoi Historical Society:

- <http://museemissisquoi.ca>

The Missisquoi Museum Book Corner
<http://www.museemissisquoi.ca/a11.html>
contains publications on local history including
the 21 volumes of the Missisquoi Historical
Society reports and proceeding, historical
postcards, DVD's and note cards

Brome County Historical Society

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Quebec and the Eastern Townships of Quebec Genealogy Websites:



<http://townshipsheritage.com/> *Townships Heritage WebMagazine* is designed to provide a window on to Eastern Townships history, serve as a guide to our region's heritage, past and present.

THE EASTERN TOWNSHIPS RESOURCE CENTRE <http://www.etr.ca/home.html>

For further information on the Eastern Townships Resource Centre, Jody Robinson may be reached at (819) 822-9600, ext. 2261, or at etr2@ubishops.ca. Website www.etr.ca
The ETRC does not charge entry, membership, or research fees.

Marlene Simmons Website <http://simmons.b2b2c.ca/>

- My specialty is the English speaking Protestants of Quebec; I'm not as strong for French-Canadian records. Those French-Canadian records which I do have are largely concentrated in the counties of Brome, Missisquoi and Shefford.

Pam Waugh Website <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~qceastwn/>

- Genealogists researching the English speaking Protestant families in the Eastern Townships will find there is a wealth of information available. Church records, cemetery inscriptions, census records, etc. are available through a variety of sources. Counties Covered: Arthabaska, Brome, Compton, Drummond, Megantic, Missisquoi, Richmond, Shefford, Sherbrooke, Stanstead and Wolfe.

RESEARCHING YOUR "ANGLO" ROOTS IN MONTREAL

- <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~qcmtl-w/>

Canadian Genealogy and History Links

- <http://www.islandnet.com/~cghl/region.php?cat=Quebec>

Global Genealogy

- <http://globalgenealogy.com/countries/canada/quebec/searchable-pq.htm>
Searchable Online Data Quebec, Canada *Genealogy & History*

1851/52 Canadian Census The census planned for 1851 was not carried out until 1852, so it is variously referred to as the 1851 Census and the 1852 Census

- <http://automatedgenealogy.com/census52/>

1870 Quebec notary records.

Quebec National Archives have released some FREE, fully-indexed notarial records. Click on "Index des noms" on the left-side menu for an alphabetical listing.

- http://bibnum2.banq.qc.ca/bna/notaires/05S_CN502S2/index.html?region=05S&district=502

1891 Canadian Census. This new online database provides researchers access to digitized images of original 1891 Canadian census returns:

- <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/census-1891/index-e.html>

Links to the Eastern Townships of Quebec

- <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Hills/9917/lketgen.htm>
- <http://www.genealogie.org/club/sqce/accueille.htm>
- <http://www.interment.net/can/qc/index.htm>

Ancestry.com Finds a Buyer

Online genealogy company Ancestry.com, rumored for months to be seeking a buyer, has found one in European private equity firm. Learn more about the merger and how it'll affect the world's largest genealogy company on [the Genealogy Insider blog](#).