



## Heritage NL

# Online Resources for Researching Historic Places in Newfoundland and Labrador

The following are useful online resources for researching houses and other properties in Newfoundland and Labrador. If you know of other resources please [send us a message](#).

See [general resources](#), [resources by type](#), [resources by community](#).

### General resources

- [Memorial University's Digital Archives Initiative](#)
  - [Encyclopedia of Newfoundland and Labrador](#)
- [Newfoundland's Grand Banks](#)
- [The Rooms Archives](#)
- [Family History Society of Newfoundland and Labrador](#)
- [FamilySearch](#) (free) or your genealogy website of choice

### Resources by type

#### Insurance plans

- [Bishop's Falls \(1956\)](#)
- [Carbonear \(1914\)](#)
- [Deer Lake \(1954\)](#)
- [Fortune \(1956\)](#) (note: link broken at time of access)
- [Gander \(1969\)](#)
- [Grand Bank \(1956\)](#)
- [Grand Falls \(1956\)](#) (note: link broken at time of access)

- [Grand Falls \(1964\)](#)
- [Harbour Grace \(1914\)](#)
- [Lewisporte \(1962\)](#)
- [Stephenville \(1964\)](#)
- [St. John's \(1914\)](#)
- [Winsor \(1956\)](#)

Note: If maps display as “restricted,” try visiting the “high resolution” or “PDF file” links near the bottom of the page.

### Other maps/plans

- [Plan of the northern valley, St. John's](#)
- [Map of St. John's, Nfld., showing extent of fire of 1846](#)
- [Georgetown of St. John's City 1879-1880](#)

### Directories

- [1864-65 Hutchinsons](#) (Newfoundland)
- [1870-71 McAlpine's](#) (Newfoundland)
- [1871 Lovell's](#) (Newfoundland) / [Alternate link](#)
- [1877 Rochfort's](#) (Newfoundland, businesses)
- [1885-86 Sharpe's](#) (St. John's, Harbour Grace, Carbonear)
- [1890 Might's](#) (St. John's, Harbour Grace, Carbonear)
- [1892 Kent's](#) (St. John's, businesses burnt-out by Great Fire)
- [1894-97 McAlpine's](#) (Newfoundland)
- [1897 Devine and O'Mara](#) (St. John's)
- [1898 McAlpine's](#) (Newfoundland)
- [1904 McAlpine's](#) (Newfoundland)
- [1908-09 McAlpine's](#) (St. John's, Harbour Grace, Carbonear)
- [1913 Newfoundland Directory Co.](#) (St. John's, Bell Island, Harbour Grace, Carbonear)
- [1915 McAlpine's](#) (St. John's, Bell Island, Carbonear, Harbour Grace)
- [1924 St. John's \(Nfld.\) Directory Co.](#) (St. John's)
- [1928 Newfoundland Directories](#) (St. John's, Bay Roberts, Harbour Grace, Carbonear, Burin West)

- [1932 St. John's Publicity Co.](#) (St. John's)

Note: Many directories are transcribed on [Newfoundland's Grand Banks](#) under Official Lists > Business Directories. They are searchable using the search box at the bottom of any page.

- [Telephone directories](#) (too many to list individually, however going through year-by-year can reveal when people moved into or out of an address)

## Censuses

- See census data compiled by [Newfoundland's Grand Banks](#) under the Official Lists > Newfoundland Census Records menu item.

## Inventories and local studies

- [Heritage Inventory of the Bonavista Peninsula - Volume 1 of 2 \(1997\)](#)
- [Heritage Inventory of the Bonavista Peninsula - Volume 2 of 2 \(1997\)](#)
- [Carbonear Heritage Structure Inventory \(2015\)](#)
- [Conception Bay South Buildings and Structures Inventory \(2005\)](#)
- [Architecture and Planning of the Townsite Development: Corner Brook 1923-5 \(2001\)](#)
- [Built Heritage of Grand Bank \(1996\)](#)
- [Harbour Grace Heritage District Report \(1992\)](#)
- [Architectural Inventory: The Heart's Content Heritage District \(2017\)](#)
- [Living Spaces: The Architecture of the Family Fishery in Keels, Newfoundland \(2013\)](#)
- [City of Mount Pearl Historic Places Initiative \(2005\)](#)
- [Architectural Survey of Port Union \(2006\)](#)
- [Heritage Inventory of the Twillingate Islands \(1998\)](#)
- [Heritage Inventory of Witless Bay \(2011\)](#)

## Photos

- [Maritime History Archive Public Photo Catalogue](#)
- [City of St. John's Archives Photo Search](#)
- [The Rooms Archives](#)

- [Streetscapes 1983-87](#) (street-by-street house photos, incomplete, St. John's)
- [Library and Archives Canada Collections Search](#)

## Facebook groups

Note: Heritage NL is not responsible for any material or views posted to Facebook groups by members of the public. Links are provided for information only.

- General
  - [Photographic Historical Society of Newfoundland and Labrador](#)
  - [Abandoned & Historic Newfoundland & Labrador](#)
  - [Newfoundland History Buffs](#)
  - [Labrador Heritage Museum](#)
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- By community/area
  - [Social History of the Bonavista Peninsula](#)
  - [Botwood Heritage Society](#)
  - [Brimstone Cultural and Historical Society](#)
  - [Clareville Heritage Society](#)
  - [Grand Falls-Windsor Heritage Society](#)
  - [Greenspond Historical Society](#)
  - [Heritage Heart's Content](#)
  - [Heart's Delight-Islington Heritage Committee](#)
  - [Jackson's Arm Heritage Society](#)
  - [Milltown-Head Of Bay d'Espoir Heritage Society](#)
  - [Heritage New Perlican](#)
  - [Port Blandford Heritage Society](#)
  - [Port Rexton and Area Heritage Society](#)
  - [Pouch Cove Heritage Society](#)
  - [Southwest Arm Historical Society](#)
  - [St. Alban's Heritage Society](#)
  - [old st. john's](#)
  - [Victoria Heritage/Tourism Society](#)
  - [Historic Wabana Nfld](#)
  - [Windsor Historical Society](#)
  - [Scilly Cove Heritage \(Winterton\)](#)

## Other resources

- [St. John's Map Centre](#) (modern map useful for checking addresses, property boundaries, and building footprints)

## Resources by community

Note: If your community is not listed below be sure to check the colony-wide directories of [1864-65](#), [1870-71](#), [1877](#) (businesses), [1894-97](#), [1898](#), and [1904](#), which cover too many communities to name individually.

- Back Harbour
  - [Heritage Inventory of the Twillingate Islands \(1998\)](#)
- Bay Roberts
  - [1928 Newfoundland Directories](#)
- Bell Island
  - [1913 Newfoundland Directory Co.](#)
  - [1915 McAlpine's](#)
- Birchy Cove
  - [Heritage Inventory of the Bonavista Peninsula - Volume 1 of 2 \(1997\)](#)
- Bishop's Falls
  - [Insurance plan \(1956\)](#)
- Bloomfield
  - [Heritage Inventory of the Bonavista Peninsula - Volume 1 of 2 \(1997\)](#)
- Bonavista
  - [Heritage Inventory of the Bonavista Peninsula - Volume 2 of 2 \(1997\)](#)
- Britannia
  - [Heritage Inventory of the Bonavista Peninsula - Volume 1 of 2 \(1997\)](#)
- Brooklyn
  - [Heritage Inventory of the Bonavista Peninsula - Volume 1 of 2 \(1997\)](#)
- Burin West
  - [1928 Newfoundland Directories](#)
- Carbonear
  - [Insurance plan \(1914\)](#)
  - [Carbonear Heritage Structure Inventory \(2015\)](#)
  - [1885-86 Sharpe's](#)

- [1890 Might's](#)
  - [1908-09 McAlpine's](#)
  - [1913 Newfoundland Directory Co.](#)
  - [1915 McAlpine's](#)
  - [1928 Newfoundland Directories](#)
- Catalina
  - [Heritage Inventory of the Bonavista Peninsula - Volume 1 of 2 \(1997\)](#)
- Champney's Arm/East/West
  - [Heritage Inventory of the Bonavista Peninsula - Volume 1 of 2 \(1997\)](#)
- Clarenville
  - [Clarenville Heritage Society \(Facebook\)](#)
- Conception Bay South
  - [Conception Bay South Buildings and Structures Inventory \(2005\)](#)
- Corner Brook
  - [Architecture and Planning of the Townsite Development: Corner Brook 1923-5 \(2001\)](#)
- Crow Head
  - [Heritage Inventory of the Twillingate Islands \(1998\)](#)
- Deer Lake
  - [Insurance plan \(1954\)](#)
- Dunfield
  - [Heritage Inventory of the Bonavista Peninsula - Volume 1 of 2 \(1997\)](#)
- Duntara
  - [Heritage Inventory of the Bonavista Peninsula - Volume 1 of 2 \(1997\)](#)
- Durrell
  - [Heritage Inventory of the Twillingate Islands \(1998\)](#)
- Elliston
  - [Subsistence of Early Outport Newfoundlanders \(virtualmuseum.ca\)](#)
  - [Heritage Inventory of the Bonavista Peninsula - Volume 1 of 2 \(1997\)](#)
- English Harbour
  - [Heritage Inventory of the Bonavista Peninsula - Volume 1 of 2 \(1997\)](#)
- Fortune
  - [Insurance plan \(1956\)](#) (note: link broken at time of access)
- Gander
  - [Insurance plan \(1969\)](#)

- Gillard's Cove
  - [Heritage Inventory of the Twillingate Islands \(1998\)](#)
- Goose Cove
  - [Heritage Inventory of the Bonavista Peninsula - Volume 1 of 2 \(1997\)](#)
- Grand Bank
  - [Insurance plan\(1956\)](#)
  - [Built Heritage of Grand Bank \(1996\)](#)
- Grand Falls-Windsor
  - [Insurance plan, Grand Falls \(1956\)](#) (note: link broken at time of access)
  - [Insurance plan, Grand Falls \(1964\)](#)
  - [Insurance plan, Winsor \(1956\)](#)
  - [Grand Falls-Windsor Heritage Society \(Facebook\)](#)
  - [Windsor Historical Society \(Facebook\)](#)
  - [Remembering the Merchants of Main Street, Windsor \(communitystories.ca\)](#)
- Greenspond
  - [Greenspond Historical Society \(Facebook\)](#)
- Harbour Grace
  - [Insurance plan \(1914\)](#)
  - [Harbour Grace Heritage District Report \(1992\)](#)
  - [1885-86 Sharpe's](#)
  - [1890 Might's](#)
  - [1908-09 McAlpine's](#)
  - [1913 Newfoundland Directory Co.](#)
  - [1915 McAlpine's](#)
  - [1928 Newfoundland Directories](#)
- Heart's Content
  - [Architectural Inventory: The Heart's Content Heritage District \(2017\)](#)
  - [Heritage Heart's Content Facebook group](#)
- Heart's Delight Islington
  - [Heart's Delight-Islington Heritage Committee \(Facebook\)](#)
- Hickman's Harbour
  - [Heritage Inventory of the Bonavista Peninsula - Volume 1 of 2 \(1997\)](#)
- Jackson's Arm
  - [Jackson's Arm Heritage Society \(Facebook\)](#)

- Jamestown
  - [Heritage Inventory of the Bonavista Peninsula – Volume 1 of 2 \(1997\)](#)
- Keels
  - [Living Spaces: The Architecture of the Family Fishery in Keels, Newfoundland \(2013\)](#)
  - [Heritage Inventory of the Bonavista Peninsula – Volume 1 of 2 \(1997\)](#)
- Kettle Cove
  - [Heritage Inventory of the Twillingate Islands \(1998\)](#)
- King's Cove
  - [Heritage Inventory of the Bonavista Peninsula – Volume 1 of 2 \(1997\)](#)
- Knight's Cove
  - [Heritage Inventory of the Bonavista Peninsula – Volume 1 of 2 \(1997\)](#)
- Lady's Cove
  - [Heritage Inventory of the Bonavista Peninsula – Volume 1 of 2 \(1997\)](#)
- Lethbridge
  - [Heritage Inventory of the Bonavista Peninsula – Volume 1 of 2 \(1997\)](#)
- Lewisporte
  - [Insurance plan \(1962\)](#)
- Little Catalina
  - [Heritage Inventory of the Bonavista Peninsula – Volume 1 of 2 \(1997\)](#)
- Lockston
  - [Heritage Inventory of the Bonavista Peninsula – Volume 1 of 2 \(1997\)](#)
- Long Point
  - [Heritage Inventory of the Twillingate Islands \(1998\)](#)
- Lower Lance Cove
  - [Heritage Inventory of the Bonavista Peninsula – Volume 1 of 2 \(1997\)](#)
- Maberly
  - [Heritage Inventory of the Bonavista Peninsula – Volume 1 of 2 \(1997\)](#)
- Milltown-Head Of Bay d'Espoir
  - [Milltown-Head Of Bay d'Espoir Heritage Society \(Facebook\)](#)
- Mount Pearl
  - [City of Mount Pearl Historic Places Initiative \(2005\)](#)
- Musgravetown
  - [Heritage Inventory of the Bonavista Peninsula – Volume 1 of 2 \(1997\)](#)
- New Bonaventure



- [Heritage Inventory of the Bonavista Peninsula – Volume 1 of 2 \(1997\)](#)
- New Perlican
  - [Heritage New Perlican \(Facebook\)](#)
- Newman’s Cove
  - [Heritage Inventory of the Bonavista Peninsula – Volume 1 of 2 \(1997\)](#)
- Old Bonaventure
  - [Heritage Inventory of the Bonavista Peninsula – Volume 1 of 2 \(1997\)](#)
- Open Hall
  - [Heritage Inventory of the Bonavista Peninsula – Volume 1 of 2 \(1997\)](#)
- Petley
  - [Heritage Inventory of the Bonavista Peninsula – Volume 1 of 2 \(1997\)](#)
- Plate Cove East/West
  - [Heritage Inventory of the Bonavista Peninsula – Volume 1 of 2 \(1997\)](#)
- Portland
  - [Heritage Inventory of the Bonavista Peninsula – Volume 1 of 2 \(1997\)](#)
- Port Blandford
  - [Port Blandford Heritage Society \(Facebook\)](#)
- Port Rexton
  - [Heritage Inventory of the Bonavista Peninsula – Volume 1 of 2 \(1997\)](#)
  - [Port Rexton and Area Heritage Society \(Facebook\)](#)
- Port Union
  - [Architectural Survey of Port Union \(2006\)](#)
  - [Heritage Inventory of the Bonavista Peninsula – Volume 1 of 2 \(1997\)](#)
- Pouch Cove
  - [Pouch Cove Heritage Society \(Facebook\)](#)
- Princeton
  - [Heritage Inventory of the Bonavista Peninsula – Volume 1 of 2 \(1997\)](#)
- Purcell’s Harbour
  - [Heritage Inventory of the Twillingate Islands \(1998\)](#)
- Red Cliffe
  - [Heritage Inventory of the Bonavista Peninsula – Volume 1 of 2 \(1997\)](#)
- Sandy Cove
  - [Heritage Inventory of the Bonavista Peninsula – Volume 1 of 2 \(1997\)](#)
- Stephenville
  - [Insurance plan \(1964\)](#)

- St. Alban's
  - [St. Alban's Heritage Society \(Facebook\)](#)
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  - [1897 Devine and O'Mara](#)
  - [1908-09 McAlpine's](#)
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  - [1924 St. John's \(Nfld.\) Directory Co.](#)
  - [1928 Newfoundland Directories](#)
  - [1932 St. John's Publicity Co.](#)
  - [old st. john's \(Facebook\)](#)
  - [Map Centre](#) (modern mapping)
- Summerville
  - [Heritage Inventory of the Bonavista Peninsula - Volume 1 of 2 \(1997\)](#)
- Tickle Cove
  - [Heritage Inventory of the Bonavista Peninsula - Volume 1 of 2 \(1997\)](#)
- Trinity, TB
  - [Heritage Inventory of the Bonavista Peninsula - Volume 2 of 2 \(1997\)](#)
- Trinity East
  - [Heritage Inventory of the Bonavista Peninsula - Volume 1 of 2 \(1997\)](#)
- Trouty
  - [Heritage Inventory of the Bonavista Peninsula - Volume 1 of 2 \(1997\)](#)
- Twillingate
  - [Heritage Inventory of the Twillingate Islands \(1998\)](#)

- Victoria
  - [Victoria Heritage/Tourism Society \(Facebook\)](#)
- Wabana
  - [Historic Wabana Nfld \(Facebook\)](#)
- Wild Cove
  - [Heritage Inventory of the Twillingate Islands \(1998\)](#)
- Winterton
  - [Scilly Cove Heritage \(Facebook\)](#)
- Witless Bay
  - [Heritage Inventory of Witless Bay \(2011\)](#)