



French Canadian & Acadian Research Links

TOP PAID ONLINE RESEARCH SITES

Genealogie Quebec/Drouin Genealogical Institute (French/ English)

Genealogie Quebec holds 100 years of research by the Drouin Genealogical Institute. It is the largest collection of Quebec historical and genealogical documents available online. This includes the LAFRANCE collection which contains downloadable images of baptisms (1621-1861), marriages (1621-1918), and burials (1621-1861) with a searchable index. The price for access begins at only \$5 CDN.

PRDH-Programme de Recherche en Demographie Historique (French/ English)

PRDH contains a directory of all Catholic vital events in Quebec and French Canada from 1621 to 1849. What makes PRDH unique is their genealogical family reconstructions (family trees). Each individual in the database is connected to a family reconstruction (family tree) with their hyperlinked vital records available for download. Many of these records are linked to the Genealogie Quebec database, so membership to both sites is recommended. The search function on PRDH was created specifically for French Canadian records and provides [dit name recommendations](#) to augment your search. PRDH searches are free and you pay for "hits" (records, certificates, or files you view).

BMS 2000 (French/English)

The BMS 2000 contains 15 million baptismal, marriage and burial records from the beginning of Nouvelle France to present. It is a cooperative project of 24 genealogical societies within the Quebec province. BMS 2000 offers a free trial, followed by the purchase of consultation vouchers to access the records.

Ancestry (English/French)

Ancestry.com and Ancestry.ca hold Drouin Collection records, censuses, notary records, and numerous other French Canadian and Acadian resources. The Ancestry.ca site may be viewed in either English or French and is accessible with your Ancestry.com username and password. Note: Although I believe Ancestry to be a great site for most genealogical research, Ancestry's search is not currently designed to search French Canadian dit names effectively. I have found research on the PRDH and Genealogie Quebec sites to be a much more efficient use of research time for French Canadian vital records searches.



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TOP FREE ONLINE RESEARCH SITES

Finding Aid 300: Library and Archives of Canada (French and English)

The Finding Aid 300 is a guide to early census, tax, property, and related records in the Library and Archives of Canada. Many of the records can be viewed online. The finding aid includes some unique Acadian records from 1671 to 1763.

BAnQ: Bibliotheque et Archives nationales du Quebec (French)

The BAnQ offers a variety of newspapers, journals and genealogy resources. Most notable is free access to view and download the Tanguay Collection, the oldest genealogical dictionary in New France. It contains seven volumes of genealogies organized by the husband's name. Note: There are known errors in Tanguay's research that have been cataloged in J. Arthur Leboeuf's "Complement au Dictionnaire genealogique Tanguay" which can be located at local libraries through [WorldCat](#).

FamilySearch (English)

Family Search offers free online access to Quebec cemetery, census, land, military, and notarial records, as well as church and civil vital records.

1755 L'Histoire (English/French)

Stories and records passed down through Acadian oral tradition about the Acadian pioneers and the Deportation. Records are available by surname and location.

Nova Scotia Vital Statistics (English/French)

A searchable vital records database (1763-1968) that links to photos of the original documents. Deportation (marriage bonds start in 1763). The documents are free to view. Copies are available to order for a fee.

ADDITIONAL FRENCH CANADIAN AND ACADIAN RESEARCH SITES

La Societe genealogique canadienne-francaise (French)

Online transcribed notarial deed database (free), as well as military, cemetery, and vital records (paid membership).

Universite de Moncton Acadian Research Center (French)

This Acadian genealogical research center offers some online Acadian family genealogies and transcribed registers indexes.

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