

## Links to Libraries and Museums with Significant Content about New France or its French Canadian and Native-American Residents in the Great Lakes

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With the exception of the National Libraries and Museums, most of the entries are limited to the Great Lakes due to the sheer volume of links that would be required for links to all areas that comprised the area covered by New France prior to 1760.

**National Libraries and Museums:** The collections listed under each entry are not exclusively French-Canadian, instead they give you a starting point for searching and browsing various collections. A few additional libraries have been included because of their outstanding collections.

- Library of Congress – Washington, D.C.
  - France in America Collection – Site Map: <http://international.loc.gov/intldl/fiahtml/fiasitemap.html#track1>
  - Map Collection - <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/gmdhome.html>; Discovery and Exploration Maps. The maps are downloadable in multiple formats: <http://www.loc.gov/collection/discovery-and-exploration/?q=>
  - American Memory Collection: <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/browse/> ; Midwest Collection: <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/browse/ListSome.php?region=Midwest+U.S.>; Books from Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin: <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/umhtml/umhome.html>
  - Chronicling America – Historic American Newspapers: <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/search/titles/>
  - Prints and Photographs – Collection list and descriptions: <http://www.loc.gov/pictures/collections/>
- Smithsonian, Washington, D.C. and New York City - <http://www.si.edu/Museums>. Unlike the Library of Congress, the Smithsonian does not have many virtual exhibits online. However, it does have one of the finest collections of art depicting Native Americans. See the website for the National Museum of the American Indian: <http://nmai.si.edu/exhibitions/infinityofnations/woodlands.html>
- National Museum of Wildlife Art of the United States, Jackson, Wyoming. As the name implies, the Art in this museum focuses on wildlife, not on French Canadians. <http://www.wildlifeart.org/collection/about-the-collection/>. Lists of artists whose works appear in the collection: <http://www.wildlifeart.org/collection/artists/>
- Library and Archives Canada (LAC), Ottawa, Ontario. LAC offers outstanding online resources for research. <http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/Pages/home.aspx> - Following are links to some of their collections.
  - Browse the collection – topics: <http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/Pages/discover.aspx> The links which follow are to internal links at LAC. Most of these pages have additional links to collections, databases, and virtual exhibitions.
  - Aboriginal (or Native American) Heritage Links: <http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/aboriginal-heritage/Pages/introduction.aspx>
  - Art links: <http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/Pages/art.aspx>
  - Ethno-Cultural Groups: <http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/Pages/ethno-cultural-groups.aspx>
  - Exploration and Settlement: <http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/Pages/exploration-settlement.aspx>

- Genealogy and Family History: <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/genealogy/index-e.html>
- Military Heritage: <http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/military-heritage/Pages/military-heritage.aspx>
- Newspapers: <http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/Pages/newspapers.aspx> French-Canadian Newspapers Database: <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/canadian-newspapers-french/index-e.html?PHPSESSID=r8ugjh1t88iqjilesv8v15va10>
- Search screens for LAC:
  - Archives search – advanced search: [http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/lac-bac/search/arch\\_adv](http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/lac-bac/search/arch_adv)
  - Image search: <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/lac-bac/search/images>
  - Ancestors search – advanced search: [http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/lac-bac/search/anc\\_adv](http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/lac-bac/search/anc_adv)
- Dictionary of Canadian Biography Online: <http://www.biographi.ca/en/search.php>
- The Hudson Bay Company: Exploration, the Fur Trade, and the Hudson Bay Company: [http://www.canadiana.ca/hbc/intro\\_e.html#](http://www.canadiana.ca/hbc/intro_e.html#)
- Canadian Museum of History: <http://www.civilization.ca/home>
- Canadian War Museum: <http://www.warmuseum.ca/home/>
  - The Seven Years' War: [http://www.warmuseum.ca/cwm/exhibitions/gallery1/clash\\_e.shtml](http://www.warmuseum.ca/cwm/exhibitions/gallery1/clash_e.shtml)
  - The American Revolution: [http://www.warmuseum.ca/cwm/exhibitions/gallery1/revolution\\_e.shtml](http://www.warmuseum.ca/cwm/exhibitions/gallery1/revolution_e.shtml)
- Encyclopedia of French Cultural Heritage in North America: <http://www.ameriquefrancaise.org/en/category-0/articleList-all.html>

#### **State or Provincial Libraries or Museums:**

**Michigan:** Also see the Research Guide's Page:

[http://www.habitantheritage.org/resources/research\\_guides](http://www.habitantheritage.org/resources/research_guides)

- Clarke Historical Library, Central Michigan University: <https://www.cmich.edu/library/clarke/Pages/default.aspx>
- Detroit Historical Museum: <http://detroithistorical.org/>
- Detroit Public Library, the Burton Collection: <http://www.detroit.lib.mi.us/featuredcollection/burton-historical-collection>
- Fort de Buade Museum, St. Ignace: <http://www.fortdebuade.com/Default.aspx>
- Historic St. Ignace Walking Tour: <http://www.fortdebuade.com/WalkTour.pdf>
- Library of Michigan, Lansing: <https://www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan/0,2351,7-160-18635---,00.html>
- Michilimackinac Historical Society, St. Ignace: <http://michilimackinachhistoricalsociety.com/>
- Monroe County Historical Museum: [http://www.co.monroe.mi.us/government/departments\\_offices/museum/index.html](http://www.co.monroe.mi.us/government/departments_offices/museum/index.html)
- Monroe Public Library: <http://monroe.lib.mi.us/>
- Mount Clemens Public Library: <http://www.mtclib.org/>
- MTU Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections: [http://ethnicity.lib.mtu.edu/groups\\_frcanada.html](http://ethnicity.lib.mtu.edu/groups_frcanada.html)
- Museum of Ojibwa Culture, St. Ignace: <http://museumofojibwaculture.net/index.html>
- Saginaw Public Library: <http://www.saginawlibrary.org/>
- William L. Clements Library, University of Michigan: <http://www.clements.umich.edu/>

**Illinois:**

- Chicago History Museum: <http://www.chicagohs.org/>
- Encyclopedia of Chicago: <http://encyclopedia.chicagohistory.org/>
- Illinois State Archives: <http://archon.ilsos.net/>
- The Newberry Library, Chicago: <http://www.newberry.org/>

**Indiana:**

- Allen County Public Library: <http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/>
- Center for History: <http://centerforhistory.org/learn-history/indiana-history/early-indiana-to-1779>
- Indiana Historical Society: <http://www.indianahistory.org/>
- *Indiana Magazine of History*: <http://www.indiana.edu/~imaghist/index.html>
  - Digital copies of past issues to the *Indiana Magazine of History*:  
[http://www.indiana.edu/~imaghist/online\\_content/index.html](http://www.indiana.edu/~imaghist/online_content/index.html)
  - Indiana History Links:  
[http://www.indiana.edu/~imaghist/online\\_content/indiana\\_history\\_links.html](http://www.indiana.edu/~imaghist/online_content/indiana_history_links.html)
  - Voices from the Past:  
[http://www.indiana.edu/~imaghist/online\\_content/vcsfrmpst/voices.html](http://www.indiana.edu/~imaghist/online_content/vcsfrmpst/voices.html)
- Purdue University, George Winter Collection – George Winter moved to Logansport, Indiana, in 1837; his journals and paintings documented the Miami and Potawatomi who lived in the Wabash Valley: <http://oldsite.lib.purdue.edu/spcol/exhibits/winter/index.html>
- Tippecanoe County Historical Association: <http://www.tcha.mus.in.us/>

**Minnesota:**

- Minnesota Historical Museum – Home Page: <http://www.mnhs.org/>
  - Search screen for the online collection:  
<http://greatriversnetwork.org/index.php?brand=cms>
  - Minnesota Encyclopedia: <http://www.mnopedia.org/>
    - Link to articles about Native Americans:  
[http://www.mnopedia.org/search/index/?solrsort=sort\\_label%20asc&f%5B0%5D=topic%3A11](http://www.mnopedia.org/search/index/?solrsort=sort_label%20asc&f%5B0%5D=topic%3A11)
    - Link to articles about Exploration:  
[http://www.mnopedia.org/search/index/?solrsort=sort\\_label%20asc&f%5B0%5D=topic%3A113](http://www.mnopedia.org/search/index/?solrsort=sort_label%20asc&f%5B0%5D=topic%3A113)

**Nebraska:**

- Museum of Nebraska Art, Kearney, Nebraska, <http://mona.unk.edu/mona/about.html>

**Wisconsin:**

- University of Wisconsin Digital Collections: <http://uwdc.library.wisc.edu/collections> . The following links are to some of the specific collections or articles that may be of interest:
  - The Antiquities of Wisconsin: <http://www.library.wisc.edu/etext/Antiquities/>
  - The Wisconsin Oneida Language Preservation Project:  
<http://uwdc.library.wisc.edu/collections/Oneida>
  - The State of Wisconsin Collection: <http://uwdc.library.wisc.edu/collections/WI>
  - The Anthropology Collection. Note that you can browse the digital images of the 650+ items in the collection. Note that you must receive prior written permission to use any of the images in any form:  
<http://uwdc.library.wisc.edu/collections/Anthropology/anthroethno>

- Wisconsin Historical Society: <http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/> Gateway to online collections: <http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/collections.asp> Following are links to specific online collections that may be of interest:
  - American Journeys. This collection contains more than 18,000 pages of eyewitness accounts of North-American Exploration: <http://www.americanjourneys.org/>
  - Maps and Atlases. More than 3,000 maps are online as of 4 February 2014: <http://preview.wisconsinhistory.org/Content.aspx?dsNav=N:1166>
  - Wisconsin Local and County Histories: <http://preview.wisconsinhistory.org/Content.aspx?dsNav=N:1175>
  - Wisconsin Magazine of History Archives: <http://preview.wisconsinhistory.org/Content.aspx?dsNav=N:1176>
  - Wisconsin Local History and Biography Articles: <http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/wlhba/>
  - Wisconsin Historical Images. <http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/whi/> Subcategories: [http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/whi/browse\\_subcategories.asp](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/whi/browse_subcategories.asp)
  - Turning Points in Wisconsin History gateway: <http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/turningpoints/>. Specific subcategories that may be of interest:
    - Early Native Peoples: <http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/turningpoints/subtopic.asp?tid=1>
    - Explorers, Traders and Settlers: <http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/turningpoints/subtopic.asp?tid=2>

#### **Canada:**

- Bibliothèque et Archives nationales Québec (BAnQ) – French text throughout: <http://www.banq.qc.ca/accueil/>. Collections portal: [http://www.banq.qc.ca/collections/collections\\_a\\_z/index.html](http://www.banq.qc.ca/collections/collections_a_z/index.html)
  - Images – Advanced Search Form: <http://www.banq.qc.ca/collections/images/index.html>
  - Magazines and Newspapers: [http://www.banq.qc.ca/collections/collection\\_numerique/journaux-revues/index.html?ListeTitreOn=\\*](http://www.banq.qc.ca/collections/collection_numerique/journaux-revues/index.html?ListeTitreOn=*)
  - Maps and Plans – You can browse maps via a navigation screen on the left side of the page by the following: Lieu (Place), Région (Region), Titre (Title), Date, Auteur (Author) and Sujet (Subject). <http://services.banq.qc.ca/sdx/cep/accueil.xsp>
  - Pistard Archives – Advanced Search form. The simple or advanced search form can be used to search for images of original documents that are available on the internet. We recommend using the advanced search form when searching for individuals to avoid getting too many results: [http://pistard.banq.qc.ca/unite\\_chercheurs/recherche\\_simple?p\\_anqid=&P\\_rech\\_type=A](http://pistard.banq.qc.ca/unite_chercheurs/recherche_simple?p_anqid=&P_rech_type=A)

#### **Ontario:**

- Ontario Heritage Trust: <http://www.heritagetrust.on.ca/Resources-and-Learning.aspx>
- Leddy Library, University of Windsor: <http://leddy.uwindsor.ca/>
- Museum of Ontario Archaeology, London, Ontario: <http://archaeologymuseum.ca/>

- Sault Ste. Marie Museum, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario: <http://www.saultmuseum.com/>
  - *Early Visitor to Sault Ste. Marie – Quotes from Alexander Henry's Journals:* <http://www.saultmuseum.com/images/Articles/Alexander%20Henry.pdf>
- Société Franco-Ontarienne d'Histoire et de Généalogie (SFOHG): [http://www.rpfo.ca/fr/Centres-De-Recherche-Regionaux\\_101](http://www.rpfo.ca/fr/Centres-De-Recherche-Regionaux_101)
- Windsor Community Museum (Baby) House, 254 Pitt Street West, Windsor <http://www.citywindsor.ca/residents/culture/windsors-community-museum/Pages/Windsors-Community-Museum.aspx> Search form for the museum collections: <http://windsormuseum.ca:8080/mwebcgi/mweb.exe?request=advform>
- Windsor Public Library, Genealogical Sources: <http://www.windsorpubliclibrary.com/>

#### **Manitoba:**

- Manitoba Museum, Winnipeg, Manitoba: <http://www.manitobamuseum.ca/main/museum/>
- The Société historique de Saint-Boniface, Saint-Boniface, Manitoba: [http://shsb.mb.ca/en/Collections\\_and\\_Research](http://shsb.mb.ca/en/Collections_and_Research)

**Online Books and Newspapers:** Out of copyright books found on the bibliographies on this site as well as other sites, and in many scholarly books can be accessed through inter-library loan or through various companies and institutions that have scanned and digitized the content of these books.

The three leading publishers of digitized books are: [www.hathitrust.org](http://www.hathitrust.org), [www.archive.org](http://www.archive.org), and Google books which accessed through the Google site and then narrowing your search to books; [www.google.com](http://www.google.com).

In addition, a few specialized groups have digitized books relevant to French-Canadian history and culture.

Our Roots /Nos Racines offers local histories and other books in English and French. See: [www.ourroots.ca](http://www.ourroots.ca).

The Champlain Society has digitized 101 volumes of their publications regarding Canadian history. In most books, an editor introduces the subject matter by one or more introductory chapters, followed by the English text of a historical document, such as an order, correspondence, journal, contract, census, or other document related to the subject matter of the book. In some books, the original French text of some documents is also included. See: <http://link.library.utoronto.ca/champlain/search.cfm?lang=eng> for the screen that allows you to conduct searches or browse their collection by author, title, or subject.

In addition, Google has also digitized old newspapers. See: <http://news.google.com/newspapers>

Heritage DM Collection. Although not necessarily genealogy related, this collection contains thousands of images from old French Newspapers and photographs. See: <http://heritage.windsorpubliclibrary.com/cdm4/help.php> At the top of the page, choose French Newspapers.

The University of Windsor, in conjunction with other partners, has digitized old newspapers in Ontario. See: <http://ink.ourontario.ca/>