Quebec Resources

This is a non-comprehensive overview of some record types, resources, and strategies that may be covered on the ICAPGen regional exams. Use it as a starting point to direct your studies and to compile research reference guides.

Important Record Types

Church Records (baptism, marriage, burials; especially the Drouin Collection)

Civil Registration (birth, marriage, death, changes in this process over time)

Notarial Records (marriage contracts, land sales and donations, mortgages, wills, inventories, indentures, guardianship, etc.)

Canada Censuses (post 1871 federal, Lower Canada censuses pre-1871)

New France Censuses

Crown Land Grants (including petitions)

Passenger Lists

Repertoires (including popular examples)

Voyageur Contracts

Military Records (WWI, WWII)

Court Records

Border Crossings (United states to Canada, Canada to United States)

Newspapers

Language Requirements

For the Quebec test the candidate must be able to translate and transcribe English and French and abstract English, French, and Latin documents.

Resources

Repositories and Websites

Some repositories important for Quebec genealogical research are shown. You will also want to be familiar with repositories specific to smaller local areas where you do most of your research. Many repositories have websites that include some record indexes and/or images. Volunteer groups and individuals also place useful content online.

- FamilySearch (website)
- Ancestry.com (website)
- Library and Archives Canada (website and repository)
- BAnQ (website and repository)
- GenealogieQuebec.com (website)
- BMS2000.org (website)
- CanadianHeadstones.ca (website)

Strategies and Other Research Topics

- Know how to use the Drouin collection
- Understand "dit" names and how to identify possible "dit" for various surnames
- Locate names of notaries, indexes or repertoires they created, and where to find their records
- Understand the qualifications for United Empire Loyalists and research strategies to identify them
- Identify typical family structures and naming patterns
- Understand the Catholic church jurisdictional structure
- Identify the Civil Law system used in Quebec and its impact on research
- Understand the process of obtaining crown land grants
- Understand what languages and variations are often used in different areas of Quebec
- Identify common compiled resources used for research
- Understand research in large cities

History

- Start and end dates of major record types and their recording methods
- Pre-confederation history including significant military conflicts and treaties
- French v. British ownership of Canadian colonies
- Boundary formation with other Canadian provinces
- Jurisdictional structure changes
- Filles du Roi, Metis, Acadian, Loyalist, and Hessian population groups
- Hudson's Bay Company and the voyageurs
- Canadian immigration and citizenship, including border crossing

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