

Indigenous Primary Material – *The Loyalist Collection*

📄 = key sources **bold** = geographic area

American Manuscripts in the Gage Papers : 1731 - 1874. Some specific subjects covered in his letters include Native alliances and the Six Nations. **American Colonies; Upper Canada**
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America. Massachusetts. Office of the Secretary of State. Massachusetts Archives Collection: 1603 – 1789. The Collection, originally organised by Rev. Joseph Felt in the 1830s, includes original records of the governing bodies of Massachusetts during the years of controversy leading to the American Revolution, as well as material relating to Indian/Indigenous affairs dated earlier.
American Colonies <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4743>

America. South Carolina. Treasury. Records of the South Carolina Treasury: 1775-1780, 1787.
Subject matter: indigenous people. **American Colonies** <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4724>

📄 *Amherst, Jeffery, 1st Baron Amherst, 1717-1797. Official Papers and Correspondence, 1740-1783.* The Papers consist of official correspondence including native/indigenous affairs: Correspondence between Commander-in-Chief and Governor of Pennsylvania (1759 Jan.-1763 Nov.) - Papers relating to Indian Governors' Conference; Correspondence between Commander-in-Chief and Sir William Johnson, Superintendent of Northern Indians (1758 Aug.-1763 Nov.); Correspondence between Commander-in-Chief and Sir William Johnson, Superintendent of Northern Indiana (1756 Nov.-1763 Oct.); Correspondence between Commander-in-Chief and Col. H. Bouquet, etc. (1756 Dec.-1763 Oct.)- Papers relating to Indian affairs; Correspondence between Commander-in-Chief and Major-General John Stanwix (1756 Sept.-1760 July)- 37 letters to Amherst from John Stanwix (Major-General, at Pennsylvania and built Fort Pitt 1759, worked with deputy superintendent of "Indian" affairs to secure good will of "Indians"); Letters from various officers serving in South Carolina and Virginia to Commander-in-Chief (1757 June-1763 Oct.)- Papers relating to Indian affairs in the Southern Colonies; Miscellaneous Papers and Letters to the Commander-in-Chief. French and Indian war details (1760 Sept.-Dec.); Miscellaneous Papers and Letters from the Commander-in-Chief. French and Indian war details (1760 Jan.-June); Miscellaneous Papers and Letters from the Commander-in-Chief. Letters chiefly to military officers serving in America; orders, instructions, especially concerning suppression of Indian uprising, to Major Moncreiffe. **American Colonies** <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4299>

Baxter Family. Papers : 1798-1950. Folder 2: Correspondence, 1914-1931. Letters from Lionel Baxter from overseas, and letters from native/indigenous missions in northern and western Canada; also letter from William Lyon McKenzie King, November 1948. **Western Canada**
<https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4255>

Bouquet, Henry, 1719-1765. Papers : 1757-1765. Papers relating to native/indigenous affairs. Reel 16, 21655 - papers relating to native/indigenous affairs, consisting of minutes of conferences, agreements, copies of news, and speeches addressed to natives of various tribes, 1758-1765.
American Colonies <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4309>

☞ *Brant, Joseph. Papers : 1774-1889.* The reel contains one volume of the Joseph Brant Papers, 1783-1807, and five volumes of the Kerr Collection, Brant Papers, 1774-1889. The Joseph Brant Papers includes a letter from Brant to William Halton and one to Sir John Johnson, and an autograph of Brant; as well as correspondence from Frederick Haldimand, William Claus, Alexander McKee and Joseph Chew (17 pages). The Kerr Collection consists of five volumes of material accumulated and preserved by the Kerr family of papers of Joseph Brant and his descendants. The bulk of the collection consists of papers of Elizabeth Brant and her descendants. These include correspondence, estate records, photographs and prints, and miscellaneous papers and accounts. The major subject area is native or indigenous history pertaining to the Six Nations Confederacy, including the Mohawk and Iroquois nations. **American Colonies; Upper Canada** <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4291>

☞ *British Headquarters Papers : 1747-1783.* By using the Index to the Carleton Papers, it is possible to locate Indigenous peoples and then to proceed with the appropriate reference to the full information that is provided in the Carleton Papers. **American Colonies; Upper Canada; Nova Scotia/New Brunswick/ Prince Edward Island** <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4310>

☞ *Claus Family. Papers : 1755-1886.* The Papers contain correspondence, journals, accounts and other records of Daniel Claus, his son William and grandson Warren, together with the papers of Alexander McKee, deputy superintendent of Indian Affairs, 1794-1799, and Prideaux Selby (d.1813), Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, 1797-1809. Eight English translations of letters written in Mohawk Volume 24 (reel 8) dealing with Indigenous peoples in warfare, 1777-1784 (reel 8). **American Colonies; Upper Canada** <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4281>

Commissions and Order Books : 1749-1835. Nova Scotia. Lieutenant Governor. Other records include: native/indigenous treaties. **Nova Scotia/New Brunswick** <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4090>

Dalhousie, George Ramsay, 9th Earl of, 1770-1838. Papers : 1815-1828. Selected items from the Dalhousie Papers have been microfilmed and include correspondence, memoranda and reports relative to the state of British North America, including the use of New England Company funds toward Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Indigenous people. **Nova Scotia/New Brunswick** <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4316>

Great Britain. Army. Adjutant General's Orderly Book: 8 May 1776- 24 December 1783, 1784. The Orderly Book (184 pp) contains general headquarters, brigade and regimental orders kept by the Adjutant General of the Army for the Northern Department at Quebec. There are entries pertaining to Indigenous peoples. **Lower Canada** <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4723>

Gilkison Family. Papers : 1786-1910. Pictures of historical figures, eg. Tecumseth and Joseph Brant, Indigenous warriors, monuments, events, and places; a poem by Pauline Johnson; several obituaries; and a photograph with an obituary of Miss Augusta Gilkison, the daughter of Jasper Tough Gilkison, who was made an "Indian princess" at the time her father was superintendent of the Six Nations, Brantford, Ontario. **Upper Canada** <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4416>

Great Britain. Church of England. Diocese of London. Bishop. The Fulham Papers at Lambeth Palace Library: 1626-1822. The collection covers the first 42 volumes of correspondence to the

Bishop of London from the British colonies of America (the Thirteen Colonies of the United States), Canada, and the West Indies. Together these provide insight into colonial ecclesiastical affairs, and subject matter related to the individual colonies and local communities, such as Indigenous people. **American Colonies; Upper Canada; Nova Scotia/New Brunswick/ Prince Edward Island; Caribbean** <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4778>

🕊️ *Great Britain. Church Records. Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts Annual Reports and Sermons : 1701-1844.* While topics in the reports vary widely, many of the early reports focus on the Christianization of the indigenous peoples of the Americas. Special focus is put on converting the Iroquois (Five Nations), Yamasee (called the Yammonsea by the missionaries), the Mohawk in Ontario, and the Islanders in the Caribbean. Later proselytization focused on conversion of Africans and African-Americans, as well as Native Americans. **American Colonies; Caribbean; Upper Canada** <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4249>

🕊️ *Great Britain. Colonial Office. Original Correspondence : America and West Indies : Indian Affairs, Surveys, etc. (CO 5 / 65-82, 225) : 1760-1784.* The volumes contain correspondence and documents in the office responsible for British colonial affairs from officials in the colonies, 1760-1784, as well as one volume of entry books of correspondence and papers from the secretary of state to the Board of Trade, 1766-1768. Indigenous (native) affairs and relations are the main subject matter, also commerce, trade, war and conflict, diplomacy and cartography.

Types of documents include the following: letters and petitions from merchants trading to the colonies, from colonial merchants, and from private individuals; correspondence from English officials in the colonies; maps; copies of circulars addressed to the colonial governors; papers relating to "Indian" (indigenous) affairs such as treaties, lists of presents. Correspondents include superintendents of Indian affairs during French and Indian War and the American Revolution, such as John Stuart, Sir William Johnson, Guy Johnson, Sir John Johnson, Thomas Brown, and Secretary of State Lord George Germain. Geographical locations of interest include West Florida, Detroit, South Carolina, Georgia, New Hampshire, New York, lands on the Ohio, and the West Indies.

American Colonies; Lower Canada; Caribbean <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4250>

Great Britain. Colonial Office. Original Correspondence : America and West Indies : Military and Naval Despatches (CO 5/46-64): 1755 - 1763. Examples of the many important documents include: papers relating to Bouquet's defeat of the natives/indigenous people at Bushy Run during Pontiac's Rebellion, August 1763; correspondence from General Amherst on the disposition of troops, indigenous affairs, and land claims. **American Colonies; Caribbean** <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4564>

🕊️ *Great Britain. Colonial Office. Original Correspondence : Canada (CO 42) : 1760-1823, 1840.* One of the most prominent topics in these records is the government's interaction with the native population through the Department of Indian Affairs. Documents include correspondence with Joseph Brant (Mohawk Chief) and Sir John Johnson (Indian department official); documents regarding meetings between native groups, trade, native settlements, and disputes/conflicts. Some groups noted in these documents are the Mi'kmaq, Six Nations, Mohawk (Kanien'kehá:ka), Shawnee, Delaware (Lenape), and Cherokee (Anigiduwag). Particular focus is put on the disputes between native groups and America after the American Revolution. **Upper Canada; Nova Scotia/New Brunswick/ Prince Edward Island** <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4606>

Great Britain. Colonial Office. Original Correspondence: Jamaica (CO 137): 1780-1787. Main topics cover Jamaica: Miskito Indigenous people. **Caribbean** <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4842>

Great Britain. Colonial Office. Original Correspondence : Nova Scotia and Cape Breton (CO 217) : 1710-1867. Topics include Indigenous people especially previous to Acadian deportation, including agreements. **Nova Scotia** <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4633>

Great Britain. Colonial Office. Records in the British Public Record Office Relating to South Carolina: 1663-1782. As it concerns oversight of the colony, the subject matter is broad and varied and includes natives or Indigenous peoples. **American Colonies** <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4717>

Great Britain. Parliament. House of Lords. Papers Relating to Land Settlement in Nova Scotia : 1748/49 - 1752. Series 2 letter from the Mi'kmaq to the Governor; Nova Scotia Council Records from 14 July 1749-December 1752. **Nova Scotia/New Brunswick** <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4504>

Great Britain. Public Records. American Manuscript Maps in British Repositories : Part 1 : From the Peace of Paris to the American Revolution : 1760 - 1872. Maps of native or Indigenous boundaries. <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4445>

Great Britain. Public Records. American Manuscript Maps in British Repositories : Part 2 : The Colonial Era :1585 - 1893. Includes map of Indigenous lands. <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4446>

Great Britain. War Office. Headquarters Records : America (WO 28/2-10) : 1775 - 1785. These volumes of British military headquarters records from the period of the American Revolution contain the original letters, returns, memorials, etc. from field officers and others, to the Adjutant-General or Deputy Adjutant-General in Canada (Quebec), the zone overseen militarily by the Northern Department and its Commander-in-Chief. Subjects include: Natives/Indigenous people. **Lower Canada** <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4432>

Haldimand, Frederick, Sir, 1718-1791. Papers and Correspondence : 1758-1784. Add. MSS 21,670. Correspondence of General Haldimand with Colonel Sir William Johnson, Bart., of Johnson Hall, New York, and Colonel Guy Johnson; together with other papers relating to Indian (native/indigenous) affairs, 1759-1774. **North America** <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4293>

Hazen, William, 1738-1814, and White, James, 1738-1814. Ledgers : Hazen, White Company : 1785 – 1829. Possible listing of indigenous names: James White was the chief agent in bartering with the Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet/ Malecite) Indigenous peoples, and also kept the company books. **New Brunswick** <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4511>

Inglis Family. Journals and Letter Books : 1755-1849. The Index to the transcriptions includes the following pertaining to New Brunswick: Indigenous peoples. **New Brunswick** <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4381>

Jamaica. Assembly. Journals of the Assembly of Jamaica: 1664-1826. The types of documents found in the minutes include state, account, or description of various aspects of the island; instructions; bills; accounts; reports; messages; petitions; acts; complaints or grievances; letters;

and returns. Major themes of legislation Indigenous people, Broader geographic areas are the British West Indies and Caribbean. **Caribbean** <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4866>

Laurens, Henry, 1724-1792. Family Papers : 1732 - 1882. Discussion of Indigenous people. **American Colonies** <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4472>

📖 *Library and Archives Canada. British Military and Naval Records.* Section A. Correspondence of the Military Secretary of the Commander of the Force: 1. Subject Files Volumes 269-271 - Indians, 1830-1859 (Indigenous/native peoples). **American Colonies** <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4298>

Library and Archives Canada. Delancey-Robinson Collection : 1789-1876. Section: "Indians, 1789-1862." **New Brunswick** <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4189>

Liverpool, Charles Jenkinson, 1st Earl of, 1727-1808, and Liverpool, Robert Banks Jenkinson, 2nd Earl of, 1770-1828. Liverpool Papers : A selection of material relating to the American Colonies and the United States from the Liverpool Papers, 1674 - 1823. Indigenous people are a topic. **American Colonies** <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4436>

Massachusetts Historical Society. William Pepperrell Papers : 1683 - 1769. "Collection also contains a few documents pertaining to natives/indigenous peoples and slave trade." **American Colonies** <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4550>

Nelles Family. Papers : 1777-1893. The family had developed close ties with the Mohawks (Kanien'kehá:ka) in New York prior to the American Revolution, and this friendship continued throughout the war and later in the Grand River Valley of Ontario where the Mohawks had settled. Here the Mohawk Chief, Joseph Brant, deeded several thousand acres on the Grand River to Henry Nelles and his sons. Several members of the Nelles family became active in Indian affairs, and in the church, militia, and public life of Upper Canada. **American Colonies; Upper Canada** <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4353>

📖 *New Brunswick. Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace (Northumberland County). Minutes : 1789-1807.* Includes Native (indigenous) issues. **New Brunswick** <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4149>

New Brunswick. Executive Council. Papers : 1784-1877. "Indians" is a subject category. **New Brunswick** <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4172>

📖 *New Brunswick. Indian Affairs. Indian affairs : A collection of manuscripts : 1761 - 1864.* The collection contains 90 manuscripts arranged in chronological order with undated material at the end. Documents include: a 1761 Treaty of Peace and Friendship; proclamations; certificates; letters; surveys; reports; petitions; appointments; lists of Indigenous names in various locations; and many other items. Correspondents include: Hon. Jonathan Belcher, Governor Thomas Carleton, Sir Archibald Campbell, Jonathan Odell, John Bedell, James Horton, Major-General Smyth, Ward Chipman, Thomas Wetmore, James Gilmour, Hon. William F. Odell, Alexander Rankin, George Sproule, Thomas Baillie, Capt. Dugald Campbell, and others. Indigenous leaders/names include: Nicklaw Julian, Peter Pierre Jacques, Nicholas Julian, Louis Denny, Andrew Julian, Francis Nicholas, Barnaby Julian, Francis Joseph, Samuel Paul, John Baptist Pommeville, Francis Julian,

Toma Francis, and others. <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4527> **New Brunswick** Available online: https://web.lib.unb.ca/archives/finding/ia/Indian_Affairs.html

New Brunswick Museum. Archives. Additional Loyalist Documents I : 1782-1893. Reel 4: Powell family papers, pertaining to the Buctouche area, includes natives; Reel 5: Sussex Academy Papers, much about natives, 1787-1833. **New Brunswick** <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4195>

🍷 *New Brunswick Museum. Archives. History and biographies.* “An Old Indian Tribe, Abenakis, 1892; Maine's Persistent Indian; Prehistoric Maine: For a Thousand Years a Summer Resort of Indians, 1909.” **American Colonies; New Brunswick** <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4197>

🍷 *Niagara Historical Society. Collection : 1727-1964.* Records relating to land or property (American natives or indigenous included); Reel 5: Gonder family continued from reel 4: Mary Ann King, Chippewa (Ojibwe), diaries, 1893-1910; Reel 6: “miscellaneous records, including annuity receipts, Seneca “Indians”, Buffalo Creek, 1827-1846.” **Upper Canada** <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4204>

Nova Scotia. Archives. Fort Anne Papers : 1606-1963. Reel 4: pictures - sketches of people and places 1837-41, includes natives. **Nova Scotia** <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4201>

Nova Scotia. Church Records. The Nova Scotia Records of the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel : 1722-1860. Organization worked toward the “Christianization of Native Americans” The records contain letters and annual and quarterly reports from the missionaries in the field to the USPG home office in London, 1722-1860. The bulk of the communicants are from the province of Nova Scotia, and to a lesser extent, New Brunswick, Quebec, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland. **Nova Scotia; New Brunswick; Quebec; Prince Edward Island; Newfoundland** <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4123>

Nova Scotia. Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace (Shelburne County). Records : 1784-1880. Series M: correspondence with Provincial Secretary's Office concerning “Indians” (Indigenous peoples, natives). **Nova Scotia** <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4684>

Nova Scotia. Legislative Council. Petitions, Reports, Resolutions, and Miscellaneous Papers: 1760-1841. The petitions, reports, and resolutions are part of the documents created by the Council in their legislative capacity as the upper house of Nova Scotia's bicameral legislature. Subject: Indigenous people. **Nova Scotia; New Brunswick** <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4766>

Nova Scotia. Lieutenant Governor. Commissions and Order Books : 1749-1835. Other records include: native/Indigenous treaties. **Nova Scotia/New Brunswick** <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4090>

Nova Scotia. Lieutenant Governor. Letterbooks : 1749-1824. Volume 35 includes transcribed letters from Governor Edward Cornwallis which discuss such topics as Acadians and natives or indigenous peoples. **Nova Scotia; New Brunswick** <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4682>

Prevost, Augustine, Major, 1744-1821. The Journal of Augustine Prevost : 1774. Journal of the British Army officer that records a visit to Pennsylvania to recruit men for the 60th (Royal American) Regiment, April to September 1774. Main subject matters pertain to British military, British Army personel and recruitment, American Revolution, natives/indigenous peoples, and Pennsylvania. **American Colonies** <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4531>

Russell Family. Papers : 1720-1811. Includes material on “Indian or indigenous affairs, particularly Joseph Brant and the Grand River tract of land given to the Six Nations.” **Upper Canada** <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4315>

Shelburne, William Fitzmaurice Petty, 2nd Earl of, 1737-1805. Correspondence and Papers: 1663-1795. These selections, 1663-1795, transcribed from the private archives of Lord Shelburne reflect the range of his interests in general and of his responsibilities while in specific public offices. They relate to colonial affairs of British North America. They illustrate Shelburne's concerns while president of the Board of Trade and colonial secretary with the defence, trade, and civil administration of Britain's colonies in North America and the West Indies, and the management of relations with native/indigenous peoples by the superintendents of Indian affairs. **American Colonies; Caribbean; Upper Canada; Lower Canada; Maritime Provinces** <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4884>

Simcoe, John Graves, 1752-1806. Papers : 1775-1861. Reel 2. Contains drawings of native people; Mrs. Simcoe's journal recording life in Upper Canada and describing the interaction with the native peoples. **Upper Canada** <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4390>

Stuart Family. Papers : 1778-1833. Local history with snippets of his community at Kingston and the Mohawk native/Indigenous community Stuart serviced, etc. Series A impressions of Bishop Charles Inglis, description of the village and church of the Mohawk native/Indigenous people upon a visitation. **Upper Canada** <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4410>

United States. Congress. Annals of Congress: 1817-1824. Topics found within the records include, but are not limited to: natives/indigenous people. **American Colonies** <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4855>

📁 *Upper Canada. Indian Affairs. Records Relating to Indian Affairs : 1677-1935.* The early records contain a considerable body of correspondence with numerous officials and other individuals. They include: Lieutenant Governors; the Military Secretary; Sir William Johnson; Sir John Johnson; Guy Johnson; Colonel William Claus; Lieutenant Colonel D.C. Napier; and others. In addition to letters and copies of letters, there are petitions; instructions; reports; returns; minutes and memoranda of “Indian Councils”; journals of activities; census records; requisitions; commissions; general orders; claims; accounts; documents relating to land; records; and other administrative documents. **Upper Canada** <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4096>

📁 *Winslow, Edward, 1746/47 - 1815. Papers : 1695-1866.* Discussion of “schools, including Indian schools.” Within this correspondence there are numerous references to Indigenous affairs. **New Brunswick** <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4368> Available online <https://web.lib.unb.ca/winslow/index.html>

Wiswall, Peleg, 1762-1836. Correspondence : 1777-1887. Includes material on “Abbe Sigogne, the Indian settlement at Bear River.” **Nova Scotia** <https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/node/4314>

Other Resources

- UNB Libraries Indigenous Studies Guide <https://lib.unb.ca/guides/indigenous-studies>

- First Nations' Materials in UNB Archives & Special Collections Guide
<https://lib.unb.ca/guides/first-nations-materials-archives-special-collections>
- [Integration of Indigenous Culture, Knowledge, and Traditions — A guide for understanding New Brunswick Archives and Indigenous History in New Brunswick, Canada](#) / Leanne Hudson (Provincial Archives of New Brunswick)
- [Indigenous peoples atlas of Canada](#). (4 volumes, available in print at various locations)
- [Peskotomuhkati-Wolastoqey Language Portal](#).
- [Indigenous documentary heritage initiatives](#), Library and Archives Canada.
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