

Preserving Canada's Forest History

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- Identify valuable forest history records
- Locate appropriate archival repositories
- Bring together donors and archives
- Collaborate with forest history community
- Encourage forest history research and writing

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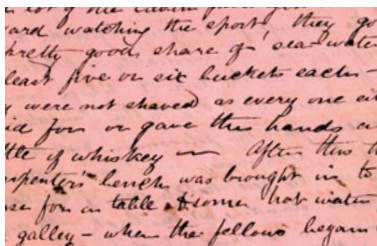
The Canadian Forest History Preservation Project

The Canadian Forest History Preservation Project is a collaborative effort between the Canadian Forest Service, the Forest History Society (FHS), and the Network in Canadian History and Environment (NiCHE). Our shared goal is to safeguard Canada's forest history by identifying at-risk collections, and facilitating their placement in official Canadian repositories. While protecting and providing access to historic records has always been a central concern of our groups, our current efforts respond to the real and present threat of losing valuable records due to consolidation in the forest industry and an aging population. We invite all who are interested in forest history to join us in locating documents and collections that need to be preserved and working with appropriate locations in which to house them.



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Identifying Records

Help us locate and save Canada's forest history. We are looking for records of local, provincial, and national significance at risk of being lost or destroyed. These might be owned or relate to individuals, companies, or organizations.

They might document aboriginal land use, forestry, the forest industry, environmentalism, recreation, hunting, tree planting, or ecology, among many other potential topics. They can take the form of textual documents, maps, photographs, films, artwork, or sound and video recordings.

If you are aware of, or are in possession of documents that fit this description, and wish to donate them to an archive, please contact us. We can help direct your records to an appropriate museum or archival institution.



Archives and Repositories

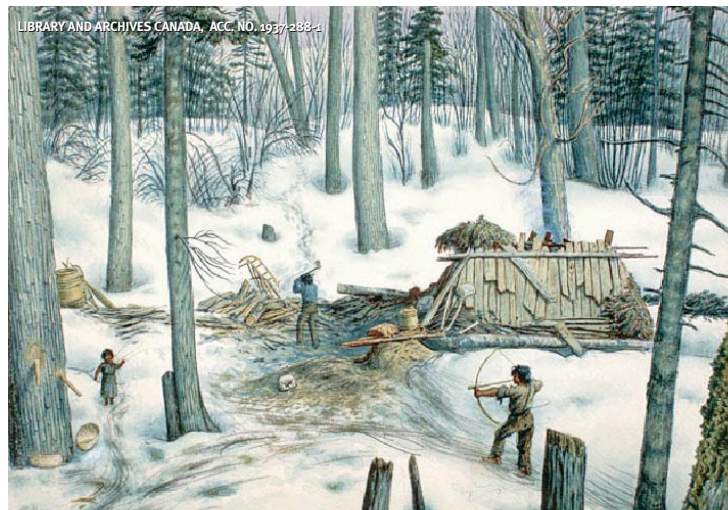
Part of the project is to identify appropriate repositories across Canada where forest history records can be preserved in perpetuity. These locations may be major universities, colleges, libraries, museums, and local historical societies. We know that resources to accept new collections may be limited. Our goal is to both develop a comprehensive directory of Canadian repositories and to match collections needing to be preserved with potential repositories.

The project will be disseminating an electronic survey to representatives of select institutions. Through survey responses, we hope to better understand where current forest history holdings are housed, the capacity of different repositories to absorb new collections, and the types of material that they are most interested in acquiring. We encourage everyone to participate and thank you in advance for your contribution.

Guide to Environmental History Archival Collections

The Forest History Society maintains a database of archival collections that currently contains descriptions of over 7,000 groups of environmental history records located in more than 450 repositories across North America and around the world. The collections represent individuals, organizations, and associations involved with land use, conservation, or natural resource issues.

You can search this unique and rich database free online at www.foresthistory.org/Research/archguid.html. If you know of a suitable collection, archive, or museum not referenced in the database, or if you would like to update your listing, please let us know.



Contact Us

Your feedback is important to us. If you have any leads for records, repositories, or general project comments, please contact one of the following representatives:

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Provincial Forest History Organizations

There are four provincial forest history groups established in Canada. They are all interested in the preservation of forest history materials. You can find out about these organizations at the following locations. If you are interested in establishing a forest history group in another province please let us know.

Forest History Assn. of Alberta

22 Hutchinson Place
St. Alberta, AB T8N 6R3
fhaa@albertaforesthistor.ca
www.albertaforesthistor.ca

Forest History Assn. of British Columbia

564 Oliver Street
Victoria BC Canada V8S 4W3
fhabcinfo@gmail.com
www.fhabc.org

Forest History Society of Ontario

144 Front Street West, Suite 700
Toronto, Ontario M5J 2L7
416-493-4565; 1-800-387-0790
info@ontarioforesthistor.ca
www.ontarioforesthistor.ca

Société d'histoire forestière du Québec

627, 14 e Rue
Québec (Québec) G1J 2K8
418-454-1705
shfq@videotron.ca
www.shfq.ca

International Forest History Organization


Forest History Society, Inc.

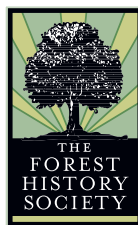
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