

UNITED STATES  
SADDLEBAG PREACHERS  
CIRCUIT RIDERS



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*The Methodist circuit rider often travelled as many as forty or fifty miles between appointments, enduring hardships that now seem incredible. Travelling in all manner of weather through forests and fording streams and rivers, these riders frequently carried their few worldly possessions in saddle-bags. When they finally arrived at a community, the place of worship was often a house, a barn, a school - and in rare cases, a church. Many a circuit rider was responsible for the religious welfare of communities scattered throughout hundreds of square miles of territory.*

## Special Baptist Collections in the U.S.A.

### (Civil Registers)

**Library / Boston University School of Technology** - Boston - A most likely source of church registers written by early Baptist missionaries who originated from the U.S.A. and ministered within the Eastern Townships and the regions bordering the Richelieu River -

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boston\\_University\\_School\\_of\\_Theology](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boston_University_School_of_Theology)

<http://www.bu.edu/sthlibrary/collections/>

<http://www.bu.edu/sth/about-sth/administrative-staff/> - source: Ann Taft & Bobbie Paradis, Connecticut

**The American Baptist-Samuel Colgate Historical Library** - Rochester - 1100 South Goodman Street, Rochester NY 14620 - 585-271-1320 - Another source of early Baptist church registers dealing with various hamlets of the Eastern Townships including most likely those located on the banks of the Richelieu River

<http://www.crd.edu/ABHSLib.asp> - Known collections dealing with based churches, mostly within the Eastern Townships: "**Quebec Bible Society**" - 1812-

1851 (O) Original records marked with an "O" / "**Stanstead Freewill Baptists**" - 1828-1894 (MF) Microfilmed records are marked with an (MF)

**Vermont Baptist Historical Society Records Collection** - **University of Vermont** - Burlington - Special Collections - **Bailey-Howe Library**, Burlington, Vermont 05405 - 802-656-2138 - <http://www.uvm.edu> / [uvmssc@zoo.uvm.edu](mailto:uvmssc@zoo.uvm.edu) - Known collections dealing with the Eastern Townships: "**Canadian Baptist Churches**" (various churches and missions) - **UVM Holdings: Carton 1 Folder 23**

### Early Vermont Baptist Churches

Known societies and churches in the USA, from which Baptist Missionaries originated from in the early 1800's, mostly with missionary fields in the Eastern Townships.

**1783 - Shaftsbury Baptist Association** - Vermont - **Rev. Jedediah Hibbard** was a visitor to Caldwell Manor and villages within Missisquoi - see: [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~vermont/BenningtonShaftsbury.html](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~vermont/BenningtonShaftsbury.html) - see also: [files.usgarchives.net/vt/bennington/.../prefacei121gms.txt](http://files.usgarchives.net/vt/bennington/.../prefacei121gms.txt) - see also: [www.godrules.net/library/benedict/74benedict\\_a12.htm](http://www.godrules.net/library/benedict/74benedict_a12.htm)

**1783 - Woodstock Baptist Missionary Society** - Vermont - From about 1783, **Rev. Jedediah Hibbard**, **Rev. Nathaniel Kendrick**, were visitors to the Eastern Townships., most likely to Caldwell Manor and Missisquoi - Another Baptist Minister from the Woodstock Baptist Church, Rev. Elisha Ransom, in 1790 might have visited the Eastern Townships. - see: [books.google.ca/books?id=Y4EUAAAAYAAJ](http://books.google.ca/books?id=Y4EUAAAAYAAJ) - see

also: [www.godrules.net/library/benedict/74benedict\\_a121.htm](http://www.godrules.net/library/benedict/74benedict_a121.htm)

**1797 - Shaftsbury Baptist Association** - Vermont - **Rev. William Marsh** came to Sutton Township in 1797 with his father-in-law William Huntingdon and formed the first religious society in the Township. Both men were Loyalists. sources: **Phyllis Hamilton**, from her book *"With Heart and Hands and Voices"* & **Françoise Noël**, from her book *"Competing for Souls in the Eastern Townships"*

**1798 - Middlebury Baptist Missionary Society** - Vermont - **Rev. Nathaniel Kendrick**, Minister from 1798 to Caldwell Manor and Missisquoi. - see: <http://sp.middlebury.edu/subjects/guide.php?subject=genealogy>

**1802 - Richford Baptist Missionary Society** - Vermont - **Rev. William Marsh, Rev. Jedediah Hibbard, Rev. William Rogers**, were presiding from 1802 to 1804 - see: **Township Information** at: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~vermont/FranklinRichford.html> - As per William "Digger" Rowley, Historian from Richford, VT, Baptist ministers from Richford did preach in Sutton but that the records for the Baptist church prior to the 1850's are missing - source: Marlene Simmons.

**1792 - Baptist Missionary Society of Kettering** - Maine - see: [mb-soft.com/believe/text/baptists.htm](http://mb-soft.com/believe/text/baptists.htm)

**1818 - Baptist Missionary Society of Hamilton**, New York -see: [mb-soft.com/believe/texts/baptists.htm](http://mb-soft.com/believe/texts/baptists.htm)

**History of the Freewill Baptist Church of Vermont** - <http://files.usgarchives.net/t/church/baptist/freewill/vt.txt-3>

### **Early Northern New York Baptist Churches -**

1801 - **Thomas Wightman**, a lay preacher and farmer, an associate of Hugh Finlay and Aaron Martindale who came from New York State and formed the small farming community of Stanbridge Ridge in Missisquoi county. In 1819, Wightman was joined by **William A Arthur**, a school teacher as well as a Baptist preacher. source: Phyllis Hamilton in her book *With Heart and Hands and Voices* - see also : [www.reformedreader.org/history/armitage/ch09.htm](http://www.reformedreader.org/history/armitage/ch09.htm)

### **Early Northern New York Methodist Churches -**

#### **New York State Methodist Conference**

**Troy Methodist Conference** - <http://unyumc.org/page> & [www.historicalsocietyunitedmethodistchurch.org/genealogy/](http://www.historicalsocietyunitedmethodistchurch.org/genealogy/)



**1790 - Lake Champlain Circuit** - In 1790, **Rev. William Losee** was appointed to the Lake Champlain District by the New York Conference - Rev. Losee was the first Methodist minister from the U.S. to visit Canada - Another early Methodist Preacher who visited Canada was **Rev. Hezekiah Calvin Wooster**, who spoke in Dunham in

1798- **Rev. Samuel Merwin** of the New York Conference was assigned to the Mission in Québec City in 1800 and to the one in Montréal from 1800 to 1803. He would return to Québec City in 1804 - In 1804, **Rev. Samuel Coate** was promoted to Presiding Elder in Montréal and in Québec City- **Rev. Nathaniel Bangs**, another member of the New York Conference was assigned the missions of Québec City in 1805, Montréal in 1806, Delaware N.Y. in 1807 and Albany, N.Y. in 1809 - In 1806, **Rev. Michael Coate** from the New York Conference was appointed Presiding Elder in Montréal and in Québec City in 1807 - In 1812 and 1813, **Rev. John T. Addoms** was ministering in the mission of Dunham, in 1814 he went back to the US with the New York Conference for assignment to a U.S. district. - see:

[books.google.ca/books?id=PLoA AAAAYAAJ](https://books.google.ca/books?id=PLoA AAAAYAAJ) or:

[books.google.ca/books?id=hZwv AAAAYAAJ](https://books.google.ca/books?id=hZwv AAAAYAAJ)

**1801 - Plattsburgh Methodist Circuit** - Northern New York - **Rev. Elijah Chichester & Rev. Elijah Hedding** were the preachers from 1801. Their entire circuit would take them 300 miles - Both Pastor Chichester and Pastor Hedding were also ministering in the Caldwell Manor, Christie Manor region from 1801 onwards - In 1803 and 1804, we find **Rev. Henry Ryan** also serving the region of Plattsburgh plus the hamlets located north of the border in Canada - In 1803, **Rev. Gershom Pearce** would minister in the region in addition to the families residing the Richelieu Valley. In 1808, **Rev. Bela Smith**, ministered in Plattsburgh and other communities of the North Country plus those located north of the border. In 1815, **Rev. William Ross** would minister in the North Country including the hamlets of the Richelieu Valley. In 1821, **Rev. Cyrus Prindle** would minister the region of Plattsburgh. Most likely, Rev. Prindle also visited hamlets located north of the border. - see:

[books.google.ca/books?id=rk4MAQAAMAAJ](https://books.google.ca/books?id=rk4MAQAAMAAJ) or:

[books.google.ca/books?id=SwsSAAAYAAJ](https://books.google.ca/books?id=SwsSAAAYAAJ)

## **Early Vermont Methodist Churches**

**1798 - Vergennes Methodist Circuit** - Vermont - **Rev. Joshua Hull & Joseph Mitchel & Abber Wood & Elijah Hedding** were the preachers from 1798 and for the next few years. Pastor Hedding was also ministering in Caldwell Manor and Christie Manor between 1798 and 1801. It is quite conceivable to state that the other three pastors were also visitors to the Canadian hamlets - In 1800 and 1801, **Rev. Henry Ryan** would also serve in Vergennes. Rev. Ryan also served north of the border in the Richelieu Valley region - In 1800, **Rev. James Coleman** was assigned to the Vermont Circuit, he would also serve north of the border in the Richelieu Valley,

Missisquoi and most likely in Brome county. - see:  
[books.google.ca/books?id=SwsSAAAAYAAJ](https://books.google.ca/books?id=SwsSAAAAYAAJ) or:  
[books.google.ca/books?id=INQbAQAAMAAJ](https://books.google.ca/books?id=INQbAQAAMAAJ)

**1799 - Essex Methodist Circuit** - Vermont - In 1799, **Rev. Lorenzo Dow** was the preacher - In 1801 the Essex Circuit received a name change to the Fletcher Circuit - It is well known that Rev. Dow, conducted two circuit endeavours, maybe more, north of the border in the Richelieu Valley, Missisquoi, Brome Pastoral Charges (the latter an expression used by the Methodist Church at the time) - see:  
[books.google.ca/books?id=SwsSAAAAYAAJ](https://books.google.ca/books?id=SwsSAAAAYAAJ) or:  
[books.google.ca/books?id=rk4MAQAAMAAJ](https://books.google.ca/books?id=rk4MAQAAMAAJ) or:  
[books.google.ca/books?id=eHIUAAAYAJ](https://books.google.ca/books?id=eHIUAAAYAJ)

**1801 - Fletcher Methodist Circuit** - Vermont - **Rev. Elijah Hedding** in 1798, **Rev. Laban Clark** and **Rev. James Coleman** were the preachers from 1801 and for the next few years. Pastor Hedding, Pastor Clark and Pastor Coleman were ministering in the Richelieu Valley region from 1801 and onwards - In 1802, **Rev. Henry Ryan** was also present at the Fletcher Methodist Circuit, and Pastor Ryan was also ministering to families in Canada - In 1803, **Rev. Samuel Cochran** was assigned to the Fletcher Pastoral Charge, he served in Québec City in 1808 - In 1804, **Rev. Gershom Pearce** would also serve the families of the Richelieu Valley - see:  
[www.rockvillemama.com/addison/heddingelijah.txt](http://www.rockvillemama.com/addison/heddingelijah.txt) or:  
[books.google.ca/books?id=INQbAQAAMAAJ](https://books.google.ca/books?id=INQbAQAAMAAJ) or:  
[books.google.ca/books?id=FTktAAAAYAAJ](https://books.google.ca/books?id=FTktAAAAYAAJ) or:  
[books.google.ca/books?id=ATATAAAAYAAJ](https://books.google.ca/books?id=ATATAAAAYAAJ) or: [www.plymouthnh-historicalociety.org/.../uniyed\\_methodist\\_church\\_of\\_plymo.htm](http://www.plymouthnh-historicalociety.org/.../uniyed_methodist_church_of_plymo.htm)

**1801 - Brandon Methodist Circuit** - Vermont - **Rev. Ezekiel Canfield** and **Rev. Ebenezer Washburn** were the preachers from 1801 and for the next few years. Both Pastor Canfield and Pastor Washburn were also ministering from 1801 into various hamlets of the Richelieu Valley - see: **Brandon United Methodist Church** at: <http://www.brandonumc.com/history-part-1/>

**1802 - Ritchford Methodist Church** - Vermont - **Rev. Elijah Hedding**, preached in Ritchford in 1802, he was on his way to appointments in Canada - see: **Township Information** at: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~vermont/FranklinRichford.html>

### Early Congregational Churches in Vermont

**1790 - Middlebury Congregational Society** - **Rev. Mr. Burnett**, in 1790, **Rev. Thomas A. Merrill** appointed in 1805 and for the next 37 years - It is not known if these two pastors, actually ministered north of the border but it is possible that junior

pastors from this congregation might have visited hamlets on both sides of Missisquoi Bay. - see:  
[www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~vtwindha/vhg1/0050\\_middlebury.htm](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~vtwindha/vhg1/0050_middlebury.htm) - see page 56 under the heading: ECCLESIASTICAL

### Early Vermont Methodist Churches

**1790 - Danby Methodist Church - Danby**, Vermont - see:  
[genforum.genealogy.com/vt/rutland/messages/544.html](http://genforum.genealogy.com/vt/rutland/messages/544.html)

**1804 - Grand Isle** on Lake Champlain - Vermont - In 1804, **Rev. Samuel Cochran** was appointed. He would serve in Lower Canada, Québec City among other places - In 1815 **Rev. William Ross** would join the missions of Grand Isle and Plattsburgh and would also minister into the region of the Richelieu Valley, north of the border. - see: <http://sp.middlebury.edu/subjects/guide.php?subject=genealogy>

**1804 - Highgate** - Vermont - In 1804 or about, **Rev. Thomas Best**, a Methodist preacher from the village of Highgate was a visitor to the Eastern Townships, most likely in Missisquoi and perhaps in the Clarenceville region. In 1806, **Rev. Reuben Harris** was appointed - see:  
<http://sp.middlebury.edu/subjects/guidephp?subject=genealogy>

**1817 - Brandon** - Vermont - In 1817, **Rev. James Covell**, was appointed the pastoral charge in Brandon, in 1818 he served in Dunham and in the Richelieu Valley - see: **Canadian Methodist Ministers 1800-1925** at:  
[freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~methodists/a-c.htm](http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~methodists/a-c.htm)

**1818 - Unity** - Vermont - **Rev. Zenas Adams** served in Stanstead and St. Francis districts in 1818 and returned to the the Methodist church in Unity, Vermont in 1819 - see: **Canadian Methodist Ministers 1800-1925** at:  
[freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~methodists/a-c.htm](http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~methodists/a-c.htm)

**1819 - St. Albans** - Vermont - In 1819, **Rev. James Covell** was appointed in St. Albans - Pastor Covell also served north of the border. - see:  
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~vermont/FranklinStAlbans.html>

**1800's - Bennington** - Vermont - see:  
<http://files.usgarchives.net/vt/bennington/cem...> or:  
[www.oldfirstchurchbenn.org/documents/oldfirsthistory.pdf](http://www.oldfirstchurchbenn.org/documents/oldfirsthistory.pdf)

**1800's - Bridport** - Vermont - see:  
[www.vermontgenealogy.com/.../bridport\\_vermont\\_church\\_history.htm](http://www.vermontgenealogy.com/.../bridport_vermont_church_history.htm)

**1800's - Burlington** - Vermont - see: [www.edu/~vhnet/hertour/hthome02.html](http://www.edu/~vhnet/hertour/hthome02.html)

**1800's - Castleton** - Vermont - see: [stonevalleybyway.com/wells.php](http://stonevalleybyway.com/wells.php)

**1800's - Middlebury** - Vermont - see: [go.middlebury.edu/genealogy](http://go.middlebury.edu/genealogy)

**1800's - Montgomery County** - Vermont - see:  
[www.tomifobia.com/genealogy.html](http://www.tomifobia.com/genealogy.html)

**1800's - Sheldon** - Vermont - see:  
[www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~vermont/FranklinSheldon.html](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~vermont/FranklinSheldon.html) or:  
[www.tomifobia.com/genealogy.html](http://www.tomifobia.com/genealogy.html)

**1800's - Stowe** - Vermont - see:  
[www.vermontgenealogy.com/lomoille/stowe.htm](http://www.vermontgenealogy.com/lomoille/stowe.htm) or:  
[www.townofstowevt.org/history/index.html](http://www.townofstowevt.org/history/index.html)

**1800's - Swanton** - Vermont - see:  
[www.swantonhistoricalsociety.org/main/swanton\\_history.asp](http://www.swantonhistoricalsociety.org/main/swanton_history.asp)

**1800's - Wallingford** - Vermont - [www.mounthollyvt.org](http://www.mounthollyvt.org)

### **Early Methodist Churches in Northern New York**

**1811 - Peru** - Northern New York - Methodist, Presbyterian, Congregational churches began their meetings in Peru, NY in the early 1800's - In 1811, the Methodist built a church - Records 1839-1861 under Peru Circuit of the Troy Conference of the Methodist Church - see:  
<http://www.perugazette.com/2011/06/16/the-peru-community-church-celebrates-200-years-of-methodism-in-Peru/> - *Northern New York Library Network - Clinton County* - see:  
[http://www.nnyln.org/archives/clinton\\_county.html](http://www.nnyln.org/archives/clinton_county.html)

**1815 - Chasy** - Northern New York - **Rev. Timothy Goodwin**, presiding in 1815-

1816 - Pastor Goodwin was also present in the Richelieu Valley in 1815 and 1816 -  
*Northern New York Library Network - Clinton County* - see:  
[http://www.nnyln.org/archives/clinton\\_county.html](http://www.nnyln.org/archives/clinton_county.html)

**1816 - Champlain** - Northern New York - In 1816, the New York Conference of the American Methodist Church included missionary endeavours in Lower Canada - 1824, between Lake Champlain and Magog, the region was added to mission fields -  
*Cyclopedia of Methodism* by **Matthew Simpson**, 1878, 1027 pages - see:  
[books.google.ca/books?id+PLoaAAAYAAJ](http://books.google.ca/books?id+PLoaAAAYAAJ) - see also: *Northern New York Library Network - Clinton County* under:

[http://www.nnyln.org/archives/clinton\\_county.html](http://www.nnyln.org/archives/clinton_county.html) -

**1816 - Keesville** - Northern New York - *Northern New York Library Network - Clinton County* - see: [http://www.nnyln.org/archives/clinton\\_county.html](http://www.nnyln.org/archives/clinton_county.html)

**1816 - Ticonderoga** - Northern New York - The first Methodist Church in in Westport (Ticonderoga) - *Ticonderoga Historical Society*. - see: <http://www.thehancockhouse.org>

**1816 - Westport** - Northern New York - The first Methodist Church in Westport (Ticonderoga) - *Ticonderoga Historical Society*, Hancock House, Moses Circle, Ticonderoga, NY 518-585-7868 - <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nyessex/> or [www.thehancockhouse.org](http://www.thehancockhouse.org)

### Early American Methodist Episcopalian Churches in Northern New York

**1838 - Fort Covington** - Northern New York - **Rev. Henry Deni**, an ordained American Methodist Episcopalian preacher from Fort Covington, New York, preached in Huntingdon, Trout River. Following his departure, he was replaced by **Rev. Mr. Loviss, Rev. Mr. Redington, Rev. Mr. Johnson, Rev. Mr. Barney, Rev. Mr. Emms**, all from the Fort Covington church - sources: *Robert Sellar*, The history of the county of Huntingdon and of the seigniories of Chateauguay and Beauharnois from their first settlement in the year of 1838 - see also: <http://history.rays-place.com/ny/ft-covington-2-ny.htm>, under Churches.

### Early Episcopalian Churches in New York

**1811 - Redding** - Fairfield County is located just south of Danbury, Vermont in Upper New England - **Rev. Oliver Sykes**, Methodist Episcopal was received on trial in 1806 at Redding, N.Y., he served in 1807 at Middletown, N.Y., ordained in 1808 at Dunham, in Missisquoi, in 1809 he returned to USA.

### Early Methodist Churches in New Hampshire

**1807 - Grantham** - Sullivan County, New Hampshire - **Rev. Charles Virgin**, presiding in 1807. In 1808, Pastor Virgin had moved to Stanstead, he only resided in Stanstead for about a year, in 1809 he was back in the U.S.A., for re-assignment. In 1812, **Rev. Leonard Bennett** of the *Grantham Pastoral Charge* was assigned to Stanstead, in 1813 he was back in the U.S. - see: <http://www.ebooksread.com/authors-eng/d-hamilton-duane-hamilton-hurd/history-of-cheshire-and-sullivan-counties-new-hampshire-dru/page-126-history-of-cheshire-and-sullivan-counties-new-hampshire-dru.shtml>

## **Early Presbyterian Churches in Northern New York**

**1811 - Plattsburgh** - Clinton County - Peristrome Presbyterian Church - Rev. Frederick Halsey, Rev. W.R. Weeks, Rev. Francis Bloodgood Hall -

## **Early Unitarian Universalist Churches in New Hampshire**

**Early 1800's - Marlow** - New Hampshire - see;  
[www.uuhistoricalociety.ca/Neg%20Goodin](http://www.uuhistoricalociety.ca/Neg%20Goodin)

## **Canadian Methodist Ministers**

1800-1925 - **Lower Canada** - Upper Canada - Maritime Provinces - see:  
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~methodists/a-c.htm>

## **Eastern Townships Genealogy Societies**

**Missisquoi Historical Society** - [www.missisquiomuseum.ca](http://www.missisquiomuseum.ca) - 2 River street, Stanbridge East QC J0J 2H0 450-248-3153 - The most important repository of civil registers, family genealogy within the Eastern Townships from about 1797 onwards.

**Brome County Historical Society** -

<http://townshipsheritage.com/organization/brome-county-museum-brome-county-historical-society> - Holland Memorial Building, 130 Lakeside, Knowlton, QC J0E 1V0 [bchs@endirect.qc.ca](mailto:bchs@endirect.qc.ca) - Another repository of early civil registers of the Eastern Townships.

**Société d'Histoire du Haut-Richelieu** - [www.genealogie.org/club/shhr](http://www.genealogie.org/club/shhr) -

[shhr@qc.aira.com](mailto:shhr@qc.aira.com) - 203 rue Jacques Cartier Nord, St-Jean-sur-Richelieu QC J3B 6T3 - Recently this society has started to address the Anglo Protestant families of the Richelieu Valley including their churches

## **Eastern Townships Repositories**

**Anglican Church - Anglican Church Archives - Quebec Diocese** - Lennoxville - Old Library, 2nd floor, McGreer Hall, Bishops University, Lennoxville QC J1M 1Z7 819-822-9600 ext. 567 [archivist@quebec.anglican.ca](mailto:archivist@quebec.anglican.ca)

**ETRC United Church - United Church Archives - Eastern Townships Research Centre ETRC** - Lennoxville - Quebec Diocesan Archives - Old Library, 2nd floor,

McGreer Hall, 2600 College street, Bishops University, Lennoxville QC J1M 1Z7  
819-822-9600 ext. 2261 [etrc2@ubishops.ca](mailto:etrc2@ubishops.ca)

### **Montreal Repositories**

**QFHS - Quebec Family History Society** - The QFHS data base is the largest independent data base dealing with Anglo Protestant marriages, baptisms, deaths in Quebec - see: [www.qfhs.ca](http://www.qfhs.ca) - Access to data bases to members only

**BAnQ - Bibliothèque Archives nationales du Québec** - Located at 535, avenue Viger est, Montréal QC H2L 2P3 514-873-6000 [www.banq.qc.ca](http://www.banq.qc.ca) - please note, a total of 9 branches across Québec including the one in Québec City - The latter plus the one in Montreal are the two with the largest collections - The Archives in Montréal has the largest collections dealing with Anglo Protestants of Lower Canada from 1759 onward, followed by Québec City, Sherbrooke, Gatineau - Please also note; the numbering systems used within this research guide are those of the microfilms and books kept at the Montreal Archives

### **Southern Ontario Repositories**

**Presbyterian Church - Presbyterian Church Archives** - 50 Wynford Drive, Toronto ON M3C 1J7 800-619-7301 or 416-441-1111 ext. 310  
[banger@presbyterian.ca](mailto:banger@presbyterian.ca)

**Baptist Churches - Canadian Baptist Archives - McMaster Divinity College** - 1280 Main street west, Hamilton ON L8S 4K1 905-525-9140 option #23511  
[cbarch@mcmaster.ca](mailto:cbarch@mcmaster.ca) - The earliest surviving church registers for the regions located east of Lake Memphremagog are those of the Baptist churches in Sawyerville and Eaton Townships - At the Canadian Baptist Archives, one can find early surviving church registers in the form of church membership under Eaton Township Freewill Calvinist Baptist Missionaries (from 1815 to 1822) and Sawyerville Freewill Calvinist Baptist Missionaries (from 1822 to 1886)

### **Lower Canada & Upper Canada Books**

**With Heart and Hands and Voices** - A book by **Phyllis Hamilton** - 344 pages about the various Protestant Churches of the Eastern Townships including the Methodist Churches, the first itinerant Wesleyan and New Connexion Methodist preachers to the region from 1772 - QFHS Library #REF-HG-153.99 H3

**Borderland Religion** - A book by **J.I. Little** - 385 pages about the Protestant Churches of the Eastern Townships from 1793 including those of the Wesleyan and New Connexion Methodists in addition to their ministers including their first itinerant

preachers to the Townships. ISBN 0-8020-8671

**Competing for Souls** - A book by **Françoise Noël** - 100 plus pages about the Protestant missionary societies who served in the Eastern Townships from the 1790's onwards - QFHS Library #HG-153.4 N63

**History of Brome County** - A book by **Ernest M. Taylor** - QFHS Library - Vol. 1 QFHS Library #HG-157.03 T3, 287 pages - Vol 2 QFHS Library #HG-153.03 T3, 297 pages

**The Canadian Protestant Experience** - 1760-1990 - Edited by **George A. Rawlyk** - Welch Publishing Co. Burlington, ON

**The first century of Methodism, in Canada** - A book by **Joseph Edward Sanderson** - 456 pages available in totality at Google Book On-Line at: <http://books.google.com>

**Case and His Contemporaries** - 1780-1855- A book by **John Carroll**. The finest portrait of the Methodist itinerant preacher in Lower Canada and Upper Canada and his role in spreading Methodism - [http://www.archive.org/details/case\\_and\\_hiscotem00carrggg](http://www.archive.org/details/case_and_hiscotem00carrggg)

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**Please note** - The portion dealing with the American Circuit Riders who ministered into the Eastern Townships, the Richelieu River Valley, Chateauguay county, Huntingdon county, in regard to the availability of surviving church registers in Vermont, New Hampshire, Northern New York, Upstate New York. The primary sources for the latter portion of this research will be a book by **Ancestry.com** entitled **Ancestry's Red Book: American State, County and Town Sources** - Organized by U.S. state, this reference easily directs you to information-rich resources including vital records, census, land, probate, church, military, and much more. Researchers who are looking for more detailed information on a particular



U.S. state may choose to examine other reference works which treat that area specifically. Often such works will be referenced in the chapters of the Red Book itself. Users should also consult the **Learning Center** at **Ancestry.com**, their growing collection of how-to information online, to find articles and helpful tips on various geographic areas in the U.S. including those in Vermont, New Hampshire, Northern New York and Upstate New York. –