Where can documentation be found?

Nearly all communities have archives about themselves, often stored in a specific location. Sometimes they are located in the community's educational or governmental institutions. These are good places to look for records relevant to community members. There may also be private archives preserved by individuals. Reaching out to them through community radio or council publications are effective approaches that will promote the project and give it greater exposure.



Regional or national archives should also be considered, as many historical archives are located there. For several years, these centers have been encouraged to digitize their collections and archives, which facilitates research and limits the amount of travel required. The content of these databases is almost always associated with keywords. Therefore, to facilitate the work, it is suggested that key terms or topics be identified.

Archives regarding a community may possibly be located in another province following a recentralization (for example, the Hudson's Bay Company Archives concerning the Cree communities of Quebec are located in Manitoba).

References for online research

Each Canadian province has its own archive with content that is not limited to that province. A tool has been created by the Canadian Archival Information Network; a single search engine allowing access to over 800 archives in Canada.

Canadian Archival Information Network http://archivescanada.ca/homeFR?lang=fr

Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec (BAnQ) https://www.banq.qc.ca/accueil/

Library and Archives Canada (LAC) https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/fra/Pages/accueil.aspx

Hudson's Bay Company Archives https://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/archives/hbca/index.fr.html

List of archives in Canada from Wikipedia https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_archives_in_Canada