

Research at the Museum of Industry

When the Museum of Industry was founded in 1986 an extensive research program was part of the planning. After the main exhibit themes were identified a variety of scholars were commissioned to carry out intensive research on those topics, identifying visuals and possible artifacts. These reports are a unique resource available for consultation in the Museum's library. See list below.

We continue to conduct, commission and encourage research projects as we develop new exhibits. Research is an important part of collections work. New acquisitions have to be set in context so we can better understand the role they played in the story of Nova Scotia industry and working life.

We often document industrial heritage sites with photos and descriptions before they disappear. For example the town of Stellarton gave us the chance to photograph and document some early twentieth century miners' houses before they were torn down to make way for a new road. Some of the original semi-detached houses had been greatly altered and modernized and some were still closer to the original structure. We took measurements and drew up floor plans. It was January and the houses were unheated so it was very chilly work.

MUSEUM OF INDUSTRY RESEARCH REPORTS

Author:	Title:
Alexander, Laurie	"A Preliminary Review of the History of Coal Mining in Nova Scotia"
Alexander, Laurie	"A Preliminary Review of the National Policy & the Effect on Nova Scotia"
Armour, Hedy	"Printing 1870-1980"
Bailey, M. & Glithero, J.	"A Preliminary Report on Steam Locomotive Technology in the Era of 'Samson' Locomotive"
Basquille, Lorraine	"A Report on the Service Industries of Nova Scotia ca. 1920- 1980"
Beaton Institute	"Steel Technology in Nova Scotia 1900-1965"
Brown, Susan	"Women & War Work: The Cosmos Cotton Mill 1939-1945"
Bunbury, Daniel	"A Report on the Economy of Nova Scotia to 1880"
Collins, Dr. Paul	"A Preliminary Report on the Investments of Mr. & Mrs. C.D. Archibald"
Croft Designs	"Clothes for Work - Costume Study A"
Davidson, Heather	"A Preliminary Report on Historical Food & Diet in Nova Scotia"
Dawson, Robert	"Printing Equipment in the Collection of the Nova Scotia Museum of Industry"
Durstling, Hans	"A Preliminary Paper on the Technological History of Iron and Steel Making in Nova Scotia"
Earle, Michael	"A Preliminary Report on Unionization & Strikes in Nova Scotia 1880-1980"
Earle, Michael	"A Preliminary Report of Nova Scotia's Historical Economic Context 1920-1980"
Earle, Michael	"A Report on the Economy of Nova Scotia 1880-1920"
Elwood, Marie	"Nineteenth Century Exhibitions"
Eyland, Terry	"A Preliminary Report on the History of Hydro Electricity in Nova Scotia"
Eyland, Terry	"A Report on Electrical Generation in Nova Scotia 1880-1980"
Eyland, Terry	"The Foundry, From Pattern to Product (c. 1880-1920)"
Eyland, Terry	"The History of the Aerated Water Industry in Nova Scotia 1836-1920"
Eyland, Terry	"J.E. Morse & Co. Ltd."

Author:	Title:
Eyland, Terry	"A Passion to Invent: A Preliminary History of Nova Scotian Inventors and Inventions 1834-2001." (In storage)
Folkus Atlantic	"A Report on Workers' Housing and Furnishing"
Gesser, Margo	"Diverse Power Sources in Nova Scotia Industry"
Giberman, Kathi	"Clothes for Work - Costume Study B"
Gordon, Jolene	"Nova Scotia Basket Lore"
Guildford, Mary	"Manufactured Goods of Nova Scotia, 1900-1950"
Guildford, Mary	"Products of Nova Scotia Industry, 1800-1900"
Hall, Helen	"A Preliminary Report on the Cosmos Imperial Mills Ltd."
Hartlen, Gary	"A Report on the Food Processing Industry of Nova Scotia to 1920"
Hartlen, John	"The Acadia Powder Co. of Waverley, Nova Scotia: An Historical Outline of a Unique Nineteenth Century Maritime Industry"
Henderson, Tom	"The Electrification of Factories in Nova Scotia"
Howell, Colin	"Sport & Industry in Nova Scotia"
Kidd, Peter	Tertiary Industries in Nova Scotia 1920-1993"
Lake, Kim	"References to Nova Scotia Urbanization"
Loewen, Lois Schroeder	"Cost of Living Report"
Loewen, Lois Schroeder	"Historical Data for a Temporal and Spatial Model of the East River, Pictou County" (Study B) (In storage)
MacDonald, Fern	"19 th Century Furniture Making in Nova Scotia"
MacDonald, Fern	"A Report on Industrial Hazards & Safety 1880-1920"
MacDonald, Fern	"Gun Powder"
MacDonald, Fern	"Historical Data for a Temporal and Spatial Model of the East River, Pictou County" (Study A) (In Storage)
MacDonald, Fern	"Printing in Nova Scotia Prior to 1870"
MacDonald, Fern	"Tanning"
MacDowell, Stephen	"A Report on Technology Transfer in Wartime"
MacNeil, Phyllis	"A Report on the Interior Furnishings of the Moxham House"
Morganroth, Karen	" A Preliminary Report on Films about Nova Scotia Industry"
Morris, Peter	"Interim Report on the History of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association in N.S."
Morris, Peter	"Iron Founding in Nova Scotia ca. 1880-1920"
Morris, Peter	"The Lobster Canning Industry in Nova Scotia ca. 1840-1920"

Mulder, Crystal	Preliminary Report of Ethnic Minorities in Industry in Nova Scotia Prior to 1960"
Pugsley, Melissa	"Women & War Industry - Amherst"
Robertson, Allen	"Shipowners' Offices in Nova Scotia 1840's"
Robertson, Allen	"Backs Turned to the Sea: A Report on the Investments of Nova Scotia Ship Owners"
Robertson, Allen	"A Preliminary Report on Self-Help Organizations in Nova Scotia 1880-1920"
Robertson Barbara	"Building Construction Industry of Nova Scotia 1880-1920"
Robertson, Barbara	"Nova Scotia Carriage & Motor Co., Ltd.: A Case Study In Industrial Entrepreneurship"
Robertson, Barbara	"Nova Scotia's Seaward Orientation: The Halifax Waterfront in the 1820's"
Ryan, Judith	"A Physical Description of Coal Mining in Nova Scotia 1800-1980"
Ryan, Judith	"Electrification of Nova Scotia Homes, 1900-1945"
Ryan, Judith	"The History of Railway Developments in Nova Scotia until 1920"
Ryan, Judith	"Women & Office Work in Nova Scotia 1890-1980"
Ryan, Judith	Women of the Coal: Women's Unpaid Work: A Case Study of Coal Miners' Wives & Widows"
Shields, Paul	"A Report on Nova Scotia's Emigration & Immigration 1880-1980"
Soltan, Karen	"A Report on Coke Oven By-Products"
Sproull Thompson, Jane	"A Report on the Historical Effects of Industrialization on the Environment" (In storage)
Tetreault, Betty	"The Historical Context of Industrial Park Development in Nova Scotia, ca. 1955-1975"
Trask, Deborah	"Steam"
Trask, Deborah	"Test Component - Glass" (draft)
Trask, Deborah	"Waterpower"
Twohig, Peter	"A Preliminary Report on Pulp & Paper Manufacture in Nova Scotia, ca. 1900 to 1970"
Twohig, Peter	"An Analysis of Workers in Nova Scotia, 1881-1921"
Twohig, Peter	"The General Mining Association at Albion Mines"