

**Nova Scotia Genealogy Virtual Conference  
22-23 April 2023**

**CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

\*All times are Atlantic Daylight Time (ADT)

**DAY ONE**

**Saturday, April 22, 2023 (9:30 – 5:30) ADT**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>SPEAKER</b>	<b>PRESENTATION TITLE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Tim Gay President of GANS</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Introduction</b>	Tim Gay, President of the Genealogical Association of Nova Scotia will welcome conference participants.
<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Nathaniel Smith</b>	<b>Nova Scotia Genealogy 101</b>	A local Nova Scotia genealogist will provide an overview of the basics of Nova Scotia genealogy.
<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Dr. Clint Bruce</b>	<b>Tracing the Founding Acadian Families of St. Mary's Bay, Nova Scotia</b>	Dr. Clint Bruce from Universite Sainte-Anne will present on the founding Acadian families of Baie Sainte-Maie (St. Mary's Bay) in the modern municipal District of Clare in Digby County. What were the experiences of the Acadian founding families of St. Mary's Bay during the Deportation? We'll follow some of their journeys, drawing from new research and recently discovered sources.

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<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH: On-going Projects at GANS and an introduction to GIMS</b>	<p>Tim Gay, President of GANS will provide a presentation regarding the on-going projects which GANS is supporting.</p> <p>Nathaniel Smith, Registrar of the Genealogical Institute of the Maritimes (GIMS) will provide information about the institute and the accreditation process.</p>
<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Keenan Sutherland</b>	<b>Applying Geographical Information Systems (GIS) to Genealogy</b>	Keenan Sutherland will present on how GIS technology can assist genealogists in their research, including a live demonstration of how to find the location of a 240-year-old Crown Land petition using GIS and genealogical techniques.
<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>Joanne McCarthy O'Leary</b>	<b>Newspaper Obituaries: A Guide to Nova Scotia Resources</b>	Joanne McCarthy O'Leary will share the basics about researching obituaries and death notices published in Nova Scotia newspapers. This workshop will provide an overview of the most popular newspapers to research and introduce participants to a variety of published and online surname indexes.
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<b>3:15 PM</b>	<b>Paul Milner</b>	<b>Tracing Your Pre-WWI British Solider</b>	Before 1871, Nova Scotia was defended by the British Army and Navy. Military historian and genealogist Paul Milner will share how you can learn about the organization of the British Army, and the procedures for tracing officers and enlisted men.
<b>4:15 PM</b>	<b>Dr. Allan E. Marble Kevin Borland Kirby Ross</b>	<b>Panel Discussion: The Future of Nova Scotia Genealogy</b>	A panel discussion will explore the Future of Nova Scotia Genealogy.

## **DAY TWO**

**Sunday, April 23, 2023 (10:00 – 5:30) ADT**

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<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Ed Brumby</b>	<b>Tracing the Men of the 71<sup>st</sup> Fraser Highland Regiment: from Scotland, to America, to Nova Scotia</b>	Nova Scotia's connections with the British military run deep and have influenced the settlement of our province. Ed Brumby will share his 30 years of research on the men of the 71 <sup>st</sup> Fraser Highland Regiment during the American Revolutionary War, how they were granted land in Guysborough County, and what became of them.
<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Dr. Jonathan Fowler</b>	<b>Detecting and Mapping Unmarked Cemeteries with Archaeological Geophysics</b>	Old cemeteries are frequently lost. Memories are short, and most of the living are not terribly concerned with

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			those who came before. But suppose we wanted to investigate the presence of unmarked burials. How would we begin, and what methods might we adopt? In this illustrated talk, archaeologist Dr. Jonathan Fowler answers these questions with examples from cemeteries and mass graves in Nova Scotia.
<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH: Local Genealogical Organization Presentations</b>	During lunch hour pre-recorded presentations will run highlighting the work of local Nova Scotia genealogical and historical societies and organizations.
<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Allister J. Barton</b>	<b>African Nova Scotian Genealogical Research</b>	What should you know specifically when trying to focus on African Nova Scotian genealogical research? Allister J. Barton, an eight-generation African Nova Scotian, will share his encounters with family tree research.
<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>Susan McClure</b>	<b>Genealogical Research at the Halifax Municipal Archives</b>	Municipal Archivist Susan McClure will share what genealogical resources are available in the Municipal Archives of the Halifax Regional Municipality.

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<b>3:15 PM</b>	<b>Dr. Ken Paulsen</b>	<b>Inheritance Patterns in 18<sup>th</sup> Century Lunenburg</b>	When the Foreign Protestants settled at Lunenburg, they brought their inheritance practices with them which conflicted with British common law. From the existing 18 <sup>th</sup> -century wills, we can see that the Foreign Protestants generally retained their traditions while trying to adapt. Dr. Ken Paulsen, an expert in the Foreign Protestants of Lunenburg County will share his research.
<b>4:15 PM</b>	<b>Neal Cody Nathaniel Smith Ginny Clark</b>	<b>Brick Wall Busters</b>	<p>Got an ancestor who you can't quite figure out? Stuck on a branch of your family tree? The Brick Wall Buster is your opportunity to see if experts in Nova Scotia genealogy can help you sort it all out.</p> <p>Using conference attendee-submitted problems, Genealogist Ginny Clark and conference organizers Neal Cody and Nathaniel Smith will share their insights in how to potentially break down those pesky walls.</p>