

# List of Professional Researchers

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| Contact Information  | Area of Expertise   | Qualifications   |
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| <b>Sara Beanlands</b><br>Boreas Heritage Consulting Inc.<br>1465 Brenton Street Box 24<br>Halifax NS, B3J 3T4<br>Tel: (902) 483-7999<br>Email: <a href="mailto:sbeanlands@boreasheritage.ca">sbeanlands@boreasheritage.ca</a><br>Website: <a href="http://www.boreasheritage.ca">www.boreasheritage.ca</a> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Atlantic Canada History</li> <li>• Archival and Historical Records Research</li> <li>• Historic Land-Use Studies (including archaeological site assessment)</li> <li>• Public Outreach and Educational Programming</li> </ul>                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• B.A. - History and Social Anthropology, Dalhousie Univ.</li> <li>• M.A. - History, SMU</li> <li>• 15 years' experience as archaeologist and historian working in the field of cultural resource management</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Barry Cahill</b><br>PO Box 2673, Station M<br>Halifax NS, B3J 3P7<br>Tel: (902) 429 6289 (land)<br>Cell: (902) 717 2720 (cell)<br>Email: <a href="mailto:yorkhill@eastlink.ca">yorkhill@eastlink.ca</a>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Law (Legal history)</li> <li>• Politics, government</li> <li>• History of religion</li> <li>• Black history</li> <li>• Halifax Explosion relief and recovery</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• M.Lit. – Oxon.</li> <li>• Retired provincial civil servant; formerly head, government archives, Nova Scotia Archives</li> <li>• Member, Halifax Explosion 100th Anniversary Advisory Committee (HRM)</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Anthony Chiasson</b><br>Tel: (514) 919-6613<br>Email: <a href="mailto:info@historysearch.ca">info@historysearch.ca</a><br>Website: <a href="http://www.historysearch.ca">www.historysearch.ca</a><br>Blog: <a href="http://www.historiaocculta.com">www.historiaocculta.com</a>                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Historical research</li> <li>• Genealogy</li> <li>• Photograph restoration</li> <li>• Website creation</li> <li>• Archival practices</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• B.A., M.A., Sc. PhD</li> <li>• 15 years' experience as independent historian</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Tim Covell</b><br>Email: <a href="mailto:contact@tctext.ca">contact@tctext.ca</a><br>Website: <a href="http://www.tctext.ca">www.tctext.ca</a>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research for Academic Purposes</li> <li>• General Historical Records</li> <li>• Government Correspondence</li> <li>• Court Records</li> <li>• No requests for genealogical research</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• B.A. - English Literature</li> <li>• B.A. - Film Studies</li> <li>• M.A. - Canadian Studies</li> <li>• Freelance writer for more than 15 years</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Brian Cuthbertson</b><br>6464 Waegwoltic Avenue<br>Halifax NS, B3H 2B4<br>Tel: (902) 429-9085<br>Fax (902) 425-1679<br>Email: <a href="mailto:brian.cuthbertson@ns.sympatico.ca">brian.cuthbertson@ns.sympatico.ca</a>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research in Nova Scotian and Halifax history, including military</li> <li>• Research in the history and architecture of heritage buildings</li> <li>• Particular expertise in research for law firms</li> <li>• No requests for genealogical research</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• B.A. (McGill), M.A. (UNB)</li> <li>• Ph.D. - Kings College, Univ. of London</li> <li>• Former Archivist, Nova Scotia Archives</li> <li>• Former Head of Heritage, Province of Nova Scotia</li> <li>• Historical Researcher for the Halifax Regional Municipality, Province of Nova Scotia, Department of Indian Affairs, law firms, Canada Post and private individuals.</li> </ul> |

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| <b>Stephen Davidson</b><br>37 Phoenix Crescent<br>Lower Sackville NS, B4C 2B3<br>Tel: (902) 865-4129<br>Email: <a href="mailto:loyalistsed@gmail.com">loyalistsed@gmail.com</a>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Loyalist refugee history with a special interest in Black Loyalists and loyalist women</li> <li>Genealogy</li> <li>Public historian</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>B.A. – History (honours), Acadia Univ.</li> <li>B.Ed. - Queen's Univ.</li> <li>Contributor to the Dictionary of Canadian Biography, The Beaver Magazine, and the Loyalist Gazette</li> <li>Research assistant to Peter C. Newman</li> <li>Consultant re. Aboriginal land treaties, Black Loyalists, and Loyalist Women</li> </ul> |
| <b>Terry Deveau</b><br>3 Shore Road<br>Herring Cove NS, B3V 1G6<br>Tel: (902) 479-3398<br>Email: <a href="mailto:deveau@chebucto.ns.ca">deveau@chebucto.ns.ca</a>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acadian history</li> <li>18th and 19th century engineering works (roads, dams, pipelines, railways, canals, quarries, etc.)</li> <li>Early Halifax history (to ca. 1870)</li> <li>Old maps and nautical charts, nautical instruments</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diploma in Engineering, SMU, 1977</li> <li>B.Sc - Mathematics (honours), SMU, 1977</li> <li>Graduate studies in Astronomy, SMU, 1979-1981</li> <li>M.Sc. - Acoustics, Penn State, 1999</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Terry Eyland</b><br>Eyland Historical Research & Archival Services<br>Tel: (902) 876-0302<br>Cell: (902) 478-0378<br>Email: <a href="mailto:eylandhistorical@gmail.com">eylandhistorical@gmail.com</a>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Industrial, commercial and military land use and processes</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>B.A. - Canadian History</li> <li>National Archives Certificate</li> <li>Canadian Museums Association Certificate</li> <li>17 years in the heritage field</li> <li>11 years' experience in Phase 1 environmental site assessment.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Hindsight Historical Consulting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roger Marsters</li> <li>LiLynn Wan</li> <li>Emily Burton</li> </ul> Tel: 902 476 2913<br>Email: <a href="mailto:hindsighthistoricalconsulting@gmail.com">hindsighthistoricalconsulting@gmail.com</a><br>Website: <a href="http://www.hindsighthistorical.com">http://www.hindsighthistorical.com</a> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aboriginal/First Nations History</li> <li>Early European Settlement</li> <li>Colonial Governance</li> <li>Immigration and Multiculturalism</li> <li>History of Childhood</li> <li>Gender and Religion</li> <li>GLBTI History</li> <li>Maritime and Naval History</li> <li>Alcohol Regulation</li> <li>Environmental History</li> <li>Cultural Landscapes</li> </ul> |  |
| <b>Legacy Tree Genealogists</b><br>Salt Lake City, Utah<br>Website: <a href="http://legacytree.com">http://legacytree.com</a><br>Tel: 801-783-1277<br>Email: <a href="mailto:info@legacytree.com">info@legacytree.com</a>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Genealogy</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contracts local genealogists with family history or genetics-related university degree, professional accreditation, and/or ten-plus years of research experience.</li> <li>Free consultations</li> </ul>  |

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| <b>Karen E. McKay</b><br>5544 Stairs Place<br>Halifax, NS, B3K 2C8<br>Tel: (902) 453-3581  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Genealogy of Halifax City and suburbs of Halifax</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Genealogical Institute of the Maritimes CG(C)</li> <li>17 years' experience</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Cynthia Simpson</b><br>Hammonds Plains NS, B4B 0A6<br>Tel: (902) 431-9199<br>Cell: (902) 880-9089<br>Email: <a href="mailto:clmlsimpson@gmail.com">clmlsimpson@gmail.com</a>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Historical research of Halifax and Nova Scotia (settlement to present-day)</li> <li>Specific to poor relief, mass disasters and epidemics</li> <li>Gravestone inscriptions and cemetery photography</li> <li>Communities histories</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8 years' experience as a professional researcher</li> <li>M.A. - Atlantic Canada Studies, SMU</li> <li>B.A. - Anthropology (honours)</li> </ul>  |
| <b>James F.E. White</b><br>21 Rosehurst Close<br>Halifax NS, B3S 1J6<br>Tel: 902 420 1223<br>Cell: 902 440 8772<br>Email: <a href="mailto:jaywhites@gmail.ca">jaywhites@gmail.ca</a><br>Website: <a href="http://jaywhite.ca/">http://jaywhite.ca/</a>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Atlantic Canada history &amp; culture</li> <li>Canadian military &amp; marine history</li> <li>Nova Scotia history</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PhD.</li> <li>Several commissioned research projects for federal and provincial agencies such as Canada Post Corporation, Parks Canada and the Nova Scotia Archives</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Joel Zemel</b><br>2469 Connaught Avenue<br>Halifax NS, B3L 2Z5<br>Tel: (902) 423-9168<br>Email: <a href="mailto:jzemel@ns.sympatico.ca">jzemel@ns.sympatico.ca</a><br>Website: <a href="http://www.halifaxexplosion.net">www.halifaxexplosion.net</a> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Events leading up to and including the 1917 Halifax Explosion</li> <li>People and places</li> <li>Legal proceedings</li> <li>Vessels</li> <li>Photographs</li> <li>Military</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fifteen years as a documentary filmmaker, researcher.</li> <li>2014 Dartmouth Book Award for Non-fiction (New World Publishing) for "Scapegoat: the extraordinary legal proceedings following the 1917 Halifax Explosion"</li> <li>2015 Bronze medal, Independent Publisher Book Award (Eastern Canada Division) for "Scapegoat"</li> <li>2016 John Lyman Book Award (Canadian Naval and Marine History) for "Scapegoat"</li> <li>Historical Consultant and OFDC description author for Canada Post Corporation's 1917 Halifax Explosion Commemorative Stamp.</li> <li>2019 Gold Medal, Independent Publisher Book Award (Eastern Canada Division) for "Betrayal of Trust."</li> </ul> |