

Judicial Records

To date little research has been done on Judicial Records. Until recently most of these records were held in Rimouski, which was not a convenient location for any of the researchers participating in this project to access. Recently a number of these court records were moved to Gaspé providing an opportunity for more thorough investigation.

The line of research of these records is two fold. Firstly did John find himself involved in any litigation? There is nothing like suing or being sued to bring out all sorts of personal and family details. The messier the lawsuit the better for researchers. Secondly did John's responsibilities as Bailiff from 1768 to 1773 result in him leaving traces in the court records that might tell us something of his past?