

Finding Aid

**N. B. Parish Registers:
St-Hilaire, 1869 - 1920"**
[microfilm]

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Introduction

This microfilm provides information about parish records regarding the parish of St-Hilaire, New Brunswick. The reel contains information of the parish registers for the years 1869-1920.

Access

There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

Scope and Content Notes

"N. B. Parish Registers: St-Hilaire, 1869 - 1920" contains such information as baptism records, marriage records, death records, communion records, etc.

Historical Note

From the beginning, St-Hilaire parish in the Madawaska County, New Brunswick, was directly linked to Sainte-Luce, parish in Aroostook County, Maine. Sainte-Luce is located on the south shore of the St. John River at the same height of St-Hilaire. The first inhabitants settle in the area on both sides of the river at the turn of the 19th century. The settlers on both sides of the river are part of the Sainte-Luce parish till 1868, the year St-Hilaire parish was canonically established. That is why the first settlers of St-Hilaire are buried in the Sainte-Luce cemetery in Maine.¹

Under abbot Jos A. Roy, priest of Saint-François, the construction of the actual church is begun and open to the parishioners under Father J. C. Ethier's administration (also priest of Saint-François (1873-1875). Jean-Frédéric Maillet is the first priest resident (1885 - 1887).

The bishop of Chatham, New Brunswick, in 1968 establishes the parish and gives it the name of St-Hilaire honoring Mr. Hilaire Cyr who donated 10 acres of land to build a church, the presbytery, and the cemetery.²

¹ "La Revue de la société historique du Madawaska (vol. XXIII, nos 1,2,3, & 4), 1995.

²(Thomas Albert, op. Cit., p. 433)