

**Finding Aid**

**“N. B. Parish Registers:  
Saint-Jacques 1880 - 1920  
Saint-Basile 1792 - 1823”  
[microfilm]**

**MCC-00174**

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### **Introduction**

This microfilm provides information of records on baptisms, marriages, and burials in the parish of Saint-Jacques 1880 - 1920 and Saint-Basile 1792 - 1823.

### **Access**

There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

### **Historical Note**<sup>1</sup>

#### Saint-Jacques

Inhabited and colonized for more than 40 years, it is in 1860 that the territory including the valley of the Madawaska River between Edmundston and within the limits of the province of Quebec is named Saint-Jacques by Monsignor James Rogers, Bishop of Chatham. There is, however, no church before 1873, if not for a small chapel, and the inhabitants receive religious services from the Saint-Basile parish till 1880.

From 1880, Saint-Jacques becomes a mission of Edmundston, new parish with a resident priest. This goes on till 1892 when the first resident priest, Abbot François Régis Gagnon, arrives in Saint-Jacques. From his arrival, the new priest has a presbytery built with the generosity of the parishioners giving wood for the construction. Father Gagnon purchases a church bell which will be installed in 1992 in the new church. In April 1992 less than 2 years since Father Gaétan Côté comes to Saint-Jacques, the construction of a new church and a new presbytery is started. The blessing and consecration is done on June 20, 1993 by Monsignor Gérard Dionne, bishop of the diocese.

#### Saint-Basile

Saint-Basile is founded in 1792 and considered "Paroisse mère du Madawaska" (mother parish of the Madawaska). During the first 50 years of its history, Saint-Basile serves all the population on both sides of the St-John River, between the Témiscouata and Fredericton. That is where the legendary name "berceau du Madawaska" (cradle of the Madawaska) comes from. For more than 200 years, 21 priests follow one after another and 3 of them in particular marked the religious

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<sup>1</sup>All information in the Historical Note were translated and or taken from Revue de la Société historique du Madawaska "Livre souvenir" par/by Jacques G. Albert.

life of this village: Monsignor Louis Napoléon Dugal who spent 53 years of his priesthood in Saint-Basile; Monsignor Antoine Langevin and Monsignor Ernest Lang, both priests were in this parish for 21 years.