

# Professional Researchers for Hire

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<b>Tim Covell</b> Email: <a href="mailto:contact@tctext.ca">contact@tctext.ca</a> 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 genealogy requests</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>• 15+ years experience as freelance writer</li> </ul>
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<b>James Frost</b> 6565 Norwood St Halifax, NS B3H 2L7 tel: 902-499-3541 Email: <a href="mailto:dfrost@marinova.com">dfrost@marinova.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Business History</li> <li>Economic History</li> <li>Maritime Region History</li> <li>Shipping and Port History</li> <li>Industrial History</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>B.A. (Hons.), McGill University</li> <li>M.A. (Business History), Queen's University</li> <li>MBA, Saint Mary's University</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 Email: <a href="mailto:hindsighthistoricalconsulting@gmail.com">hindsighthistoricalconsulting@gmail.com</a> 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> Salt Lake City, Utah Website: <a href="http://legacytree.com">http://legacytree.com</a> Tel: (801) 783-1277 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 to research your family history</li> <li>Contract researchers have family history or genetics-related university degree, professional accreditation, and/or 10+ years' of research experience</li> <li>Free consultations</li> </ul>
<b>Joanne McCarthy O'Leary</b> tel: (902)-821-2221 email: <a href="mailto:mccrthy_jnn@yahoo.ca">mccrthy_jnn@yahoo.ca</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Genealogy of Halifax City and Halifax County</li> <li>Genealogy of Nova Scotia</li> <li>Obituaries, church and land records</li> <li>Community history</li> <li>Property and house history</li> <li>Art history in Nova Scotia</li> <li>Artifact history</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>B.A. (Hons.) York University, Fine Arts</li> <li>M.L.S. (Master of Library Science), UofT</li> <li>Basic Level Certificate in Genealogical Studies (2002), National Institute of Genealogical Studies</li> <li>25+ years' experience, Local History and Genealogy Librarian, Halifax Public Libraries</li> <li>5+ years' exp. professional researcher</li> <li>3+ years' exp. television pre-production research and post-production fact-checking</li> </ul>

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<b>James F.E. White</b> 21 Rosehurst Close, Halifax NS, B3S 1J6 Tel: (902) 420-1223 Cell: (902) 440-8772 Email: <a href="mailto:jaywhites@gmail.ca">jaywhites@gmail.ca</a> Website: <a href="http://jaywhite.ca/">http://jaywhite.ca/</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Atlantic Canada history and culture</li> <li>• Canadian military and 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, Parks Canada, and the Nova Scotia Archives</li> </ul>
<b>Joel Zemel</b> 2469 Connaught Avenue Halifax NS, B3L 2Z5 Tel: (902) 423-9168 Email: <a href="mailto:jzemel@ns.sympatico.ca">jzemel@ns.sympatico.ca</a> 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>• 15+ years as a documentary filmmaker and researcher.</li> <li>• 2014 Dartmouth Book Award for Non-fiction for "Scapegoat: The extraordinary legal proceedings following the 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's 1917 Halifax Explosion Commemorative Stamp</li> <li>• 2019 Gold medal, Independent Publisher Book Award (ECD) for "Betrayal of Trust."</li> </ul>