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Sherman Bleakney fonds

**Accessions 1900.005-BLE, 2004.039-BLE,
2005.036-BLE, 2006.037-BLE, 2011.072-BLE,
2012.014-BLE**



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Sherman Bleakney fonds. – [textual records (some electronic), graphic materials (some electronic), cartographic materials, moving images]. – [19-?], 1945-2012. – 1.4m of textual records and photographs. – 51 maps and plans. – 1 moving image

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- 1. Personal Papers. – 1967-1990. – 3 folders of textual records and photographs**
Series contains correspondence and photographs pertaining to Bleakney's career at Acadia University
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- 1990.005-BLE/3 open letters, articles, and correspondence (1967-1990) includes personal correspondence
- 1990.005-BLE/5 Alumni Excellence in Teaching Award (1987) correspondence and related, includes photographs of Bleakney
- 1990.005-BLE/6 five photographs (1987) of the first Lyceum camp

- 2. Presentations and manuscripts. – [20-?], 1951-2006. – 11 folders of textual records (some electronic)**

Series contains examples of Bleakney's style of writing and presenting as well as manuscripts relating to "Sods, Soil, and Spades", which contain extra information not included in the book. Also includes CDs with PowerPoint presentations put together by Bleakney.

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- 1990.005-BLE/3 open letters, articles, and correspondence (1967-1990) being a sample of Bleakney's writings. Includes "Long Service Award" from 1989, manuscript of article entitled "Acadia-An Intellectual Oasis or Desert?" from 1967, manuscript of article entitled "The Name of the Game" from 1968, manuscript of "The Scallop Badge of Santiago de Compostela and An Affirmation of the Old Galician Folktale" from 1990, correspondence concerning academic performance and residence life style from 1973, "Report of the Residence Board to Senate" with notes, and copy of "T.E.A.C.H." from 1989
- 1990.005-BLE/4 texts of oral presentations (1951-1989) being a sample of Bleakney's presentations. Includes manuscripts of "A Retrospective of Ego Trips and Other Travels" from 1989, "In Pursuit of Rees" from 1989, "You Said It!" from 1985, "Sea Slugs and the South Seas" from 1982, speech at the 1961 graduation banquet, "[Limiting Environmental Factors in Canada which Effect Amphibians and Reptiles](#)" from 1960, "Quadrupedal Locomotion" from 1955, "Salamanders of the Ottawa Region" from 1953, and notes and talks on various topics for CBC Halifax between 1959 and 1963
- 2004.039-BLE/1 draft manuscript part 1 of 2 (2003) for "Sods, Soils and Spades". Contains information not included in the book

- 2004.039-BLE/2 draft manuscript part 2 of 2 (2003) for "Sods, Soils and Spades". Contains information not included in the book
- 2004.039-BLE/3 "Sods, Soils and Spades" set of illustrations for the book (2003)
- 2004.039-BLE/6 agriculture refs grass and soil (2001-2004) includes section with Chapter #4 in "Sods, Soils and Spades"
- 2005.036-BLE/5 Dykeland files I and II (2004 ; electronic) being two CDs of files and a printout of their directories
- 2005.036-BLE/6 Sods, Soils, & Spades entire text with index, tables, and figures (2004 ; electronic) being 3 CDs
- 2011.072-BLE/8 Grand Pré Power Point Presentation [20-?] on CD of 73 slides highlighting both albums. See also files 2011.072-BLE/1 and 2011.072-BLE/2.
- 2011.072-BLE/9 Houston Marsh Power Point [20-?] on CD of 54 slides highlighting both albums. See also files 2011.072-BLE/3 and 2011.072-BLE/4.
- 2011.072-BLE/10 Power Point Lecture at Laval University, Quebec City, week of 7 October 2005 (2005-2006). Includes powerpoint on disc, notes, discussions, correspondence, and advertising for presentation.

3. Research, general. – [19--?, ca. 1920], 1914-2010. – 16 folders of textual records and photographs

Series contains photographs of sunken forests in Avonport and information about shad, especially in the Minas Basin area. Series also contains research and photographs on erosion in Grand Pre and marshlands.

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- 1990.005-BLE/7 ten photographs [ca. 1920] of old field trips to [sunken forests in Avonport](#), likely during the 1920s, a photo of the [guzzle area](#) (channel between Long Island and Boot Island), and three photos of a man west of [Evangeline beach with preserved stumps](#)
- 2006.037-BLE/1 shad – literature, Starrs Pt, newspapers, graphs, old photos [19--?] includes photocopies of articles "Restoration of the Shad" from 1934, "Shad Fishing" from 1939, "The Return of the Shad" from 1934, "The Shad Fishery of Canada", as well as images of [tidal fishing nets](#), image of Starrs Point in 1945, photographs of tidal fishing nets, overhead projector slides describing shad fishing along the East Coast, text for an interpretive panel "[The Human Response to Those 50 Foot Tides](#)", and photocopies of a reports entitled "Sea-Fisheries of Eastern Canada" and "Recommendations of Dominion Shad Fishery Commission"

2011.072-BLE/1 Northeast Grand Pré: Album 1. (1914-2005) two aerial photos as guides to sites photographed, Goldthwaite photo of submerged forest (1914), Bleakney photo of Planters dyke with plank face (1942), photos of old dyke; trees; oysters; worm tubes; snails; "Sods..." book jacket cover (1997-1999), photos of rock tossed over dyke wall because of storm on January 21; a discovered layer of axe wood chips in marsh turf exposure; drowned forest; deep accumulation of marsh turf hundreds of years old; row of tall large poles as breakwater (2000), photos of old dyke; old sods; old sod cutting pits (2001), photos of turf samples cut from deep deposits exposed by erosion (2002), photos of erosion exposing details of hand constructed sod wall (2003), photos of upland forest submerged in 1940s when dyke broke, now emerging via rising sea level and coastal erosion; large pole breakwater (2004), photos of exposure of dyke wall at east boundary of plowed fields immediately east of Little Island (2005).

2011.072-BLE/2 Northeast Grand Pré: Album 2. (2006-2010) two aerial photos as guides to sites photographed, photos of dyke wall destruction and construction at Palmetter marsh, and at Resolution Creek; strand line tops present dyke wall during storm; various features of west end of Palmetter marsh; examples of what is transported about by winter ice blocks (2006), photos of general erosion scenes; wood chip layer, turf terrain at extreme northeast land spit; old Resolution aboiteau features (2007), photos of winter transport of and deposit of cast concrete (garden objects?) (2008), photos of erosion at central Palmetters marsh; five pages of erosional features of Palmetter central and west marsh, including state of log poles breakwater; details of general wall construction in surface view and in section (2009), four pages of 21 April erosion at central Palmetter marsh; pole breakwater remnants; remnants of 1942 plank facing at west Palmetter marsh; two "dead man" iron anchoring rods; photos of conifer tree brush layers in wall with needles still attached (2010).

2011.072-BLE/3 Houston Beach and Tidal Marsh: Album 1. (1945-2007) photo of broken wine bottle, probably Acadian, letter from Nova Scotia Museum concerning broken bottle, measurements of "Acadian" sluice when newly exposed in 2005, field notes of 2002 and 2005 regarding the two sluice boxes, aerial photos of 1945 and 1955, with enlargement worksheets, photos from inside the Planters sluice box showing clappet mechanism (1999, 2002), photos in winter (2003), photos of Acadian sluice more exposed (2004), photos of differential erosion and unpredictable sand bar movements (2005-2006), photos of special sequences of marsh area during flood and ebb tides (2006-2007), photo of wooden pegged floor planks separating from sluice box walls (2007).

2011.072-BLE/4 Houston Beach and Tidal Marsh: Album 2. (2008-2011) aerial photos (1945, 1955), photos of Acadian sluice more exposed, with one floor plank falling off (2008), photos of turf over Planters aboiteau being peeled off by storms (2009), photos of better exposure of row spaced apart large poles that runs east-west, and continues across the wide channel of the major drainage creek (2010), photos of June and November: sand bars have shifted positions, exposing rows of original wharf pier posts just off the beach area (2011).

2011.072-BLE/5 Grand Pré, Upper Canard, and Habitant Areas [1999-2010] Grand Pré maps with annotations, Power Pole project 1994; marine mollusc shells beneath farm fields, Horton Landing area: marine grasses zonation; the old elm tree; the old wharf, photos from helicopter (August 2000), photos from helicopter of The Guzzle channel: forests, and rows of posts from gill net schad fisheries, Homesteader's, freshwater well on Little Island is now intertidal, Memorial Iron Cross relocated to Horton Landing riverbank, Overview of Pereau Creek estuary; and aerial view of tidal marshes from Pickett's Wharf to Kingsport, Upper Canard marshlands; excavation of sewer ponds reveals forest.

2011.072-BLE/6 Dykeland Miscellany [1999-2007] marine winter ice formations in Minas Basin; illustrated article by Gilles Hébert on aboiteaux construction; Truro area, and Salmon River artifacts; Avondale, Hants County, old dyke wall exposed; Starrs Point sandstone terraced Cornwallis River bank, Boudreau Landing site; Cornwallis River bank opposite Boudreau Landing is a tidal marsh; Port Williams, old wharf construction is slowly eroding away; Pereau River estuary marsh and remnants of old dykes; Wellington Dyke, remnants of older (original?) aboiteau structure; Canning, Habitant River estuary, massive aboiteau structures; Upper Falmouth and Windsor causeway, several sluice examples; Sherbrooke village, photos of reportedly old dyke walls (tidal river?).

2011.072-BLE/7 Aboiteaux and Sluice Boxes [2002-2009] meaning of the word "aboiteau;" variation in outflow aspects of sluices; Randal House Museum, large clappet valve; Windsor Historical Society Museum, very large clappet valve; essay about Principles and Practices of aboiteaux construction; Annapolis Royal, Belle Isle marsh sluices; construction of the full-scale dyke aboiteau cutaway exhibit now at the Grand Pré Interpretive Centre; Fort Beausejour, New Brunswick, old in-situ sluices; Grand Pré, an old aboiteau with road atop, crossing Ransom Creek; the small Acadia log sluice discovered near Evangeline Beach in 1994, which led to the book "Sods, Soil and Spades..." in 2004; Kings County Historical Society Museum collections, which include a double clappet sluice, one being reversed to the other; Grand Pré discovery in 2006 of a small culvert sluice dated 1680-1690s; Grand Pré discovery of a very long sluice in Ransom Creek, in mid-Grand Pré.

2011.072-BLE/11 Aerial photos of Avonport area, Kingsport Marsh, and Pickett's wharf area [19-?] with its old Acadian and Planter dykes.

2011.072-BLE/12 Dykeland photos on disc [2004], transferred from 176 color print negatives of 2000 through 2004, with index sheets.

2011.072-BLE/13 Grand Pré file of 2006 discovery of 1680s Acadian sluice/culvert in mid Grand Pré. Aerial photos, maps, photos, correspondence, and Jonathan Fowler's formal report of the excavation.

2011.072-BLE/14 Andrew Brown papers (2000) photocopies.

2011.072-BLE/15 Tide Marshes of the United States [200-] photocopy with notes.

2011.072-BLE/16 Matthew G. Hatvany articles (2001, 2002)

2011.072-BLE/17 Grand Pré archaeology (1997-2002) includes correspondence, article, and images.

2011.072-BLE/18 Stephen Rippon (2004) notes from "The Transformation of Coastal Wetlands" by Rippon, and information on Rippon and his publications

4. Research, "Sods, Soil, and Spades". – 1945-2004. – 55 folders of textual records, photographs, and maps and plans

Series contains documents, photographs, prints, maps, and diagrams on a range of inter-related topics researched for the making of the book. Some of these items were included in the final publication

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File list is divided by general topic (e.g. botany, tools) or geographical area (e.g. Horton, Starr's Point)

File list included

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On the general topic of aboiteau

2004.039-BLE/4 Acadian dykelands (1994-1997) includes maps of shoreline, dykes, aboiteaux and placement of [dyke walls and aboiteaux](#), a description, survey and chart on the [exposed Acadian aboiteau](#) at the Grand Pre Dykelands (1994), a chart of the [proposed enclosures](#) of the Grand Pre dykelands in 1755, and "General Comments and Queries on the Grand Pre Acadian Dykelands" re: [drainage patterns, maps and seros cycles](#)

2004.039-BLE/15 Acadian dykes and aboiteaux includes sketches of [aboiteau construction](#)

2004.039-BLE/23 Grand Pre (1997-2002) being color prints of the Northeast area –Davidson aboiteau, small Acadian aboiteau sluice log, and old west gate causeway aboiteau, and photographs of: [old dyke wall](#) Northeast Grand Pre (1942), east end [Evangeline Beach](#) (1997), east end of [Long Island](#), east end of [Long Island](#) (additional photos), east end of [N.E. Grand Pre](#), [guzzle area](#), [Minas Basin shoreline from Grand Pre area](#), [N.E. Grand Pre](#), [N.E. Grand Pre](#) (additional photos), [N.E. Grand Pre](#) (later photos), [N.E. Grand Pre](#) (later photos), [wood axe chips, roots, old marsh deposits](#) in Grand Pre, [marsh turf](#), [marsh turf](#) (additional photos), [Palmetter Dyke](#), and [old well](#) on Little Island. Kept in original binder

2006.037-BLE/3 engineer's diagrams of dyke walls and aboiteaux [200-?] being four items entitled "Standard Procedure for Aboiteau Brushing", "Plank Facing" with annotations,

and two different diagrams entitled "Std. Sod Facing for Dyke" with annotations. Accompanying note from Bleakney, written in 2005, reads: "My understanding is that they were compiled years ago by someone who wanted to records what he knew or surmised about old dyking methods. Unfortunately much of this information is not correct, but has been used by various authors to illustrate their books."

- 2006.037-BLE/14A and 14B Plan of West Marsh Dyke [cartographic material] / Oliver Lyman. – Scales 4 chains to an inch. – 15 Nov 1808. – 2 maps, 1 photocopy: b&w ; 46cm x 51cm.– Item is a plan of the West Marsh Dyke in Grand Pre. Includes the Rogers aboiteau, Palmetter aboiteau and Forsythe aboiteau. Second map is a 51cm x 67cm plan of the West Marsh Dyke. Surveyed and plotted by Oliver Lyman, rep. surveyor. Includes Great Discharge aboiteau, Lowrie aboiteau and Alison aboiteau. – Note attached by Sherman Bleakney states: "Wolfville Dykes – Map 1808 and Map 1760 Shoreline". – Photocopy of 14A is included as 14B. – Items rolled together
- 2006.037-BLE/18A and 18B Plan of West Marsh Dyke [cartographic material] / Oliver Lyman. – [1997?]. – 2 maps, 1 photocopy: b&w ; 46cm x 51cm. – Item is an overlay of a plan of the West Marsh Dyke in Grand Pre. Includes the Rogers aboiteau, Palmetter aboiteau and Forsythe aboiteau. – Second map is a 51cm x 67cm overlay of a plan for the West Marsh Dyke. Also surveyed and plotted by Oliver Lyman, rep. surveyor on 15 Nov 1808. Includes Great Discharge aboiteau, Lowrie aboiteau and Alison aboiteau. – Note attached by Sherman Bleakney states: "1808 Wolfville dykes – overlay tracings from original map – much detail: roads, field, walls, aboiteau". – Items rolled together
- 2006.037-BLE/21 Wolfville - Grand Pre : shorelines, dykes and aboiteaux [cartographic material]. – [19--?]. – 1 map : b&w ; 47 x 52. – Item is a map of the Grand Pre area. Includes a list of maps, charts, photos that were examined by Sherman Bleakney from 1994-1997. – Note included by Sherman Bleakney states: "Dyke wall changes – Wolfville – Grand Pre – 1760-1963 – b&w copies of color draft too short – map cut off – need corrections." Photocopy included.
- 2006.037-BLE/22A, 22B, 22C Townships of Horton maps of 1818 [cartographic material] / Original by John Harris. – Dec 1818. – 3 maps : b&w ; 28cm x 42cm. – Items are 3 different maps from Horton, Gaspereau and Cornwallis area. Includes labelled locations of rivers, dykes, aboiteaux and taverns. – Note attached by Sherman Bleakney states: "1818 maps – Horton, Gaspereau, Cornwallis – many, many taverns." – 3 maps rolled together

On the general topic of Blomidon area

- 2004.039-BLE/12 air photos of southwest [Minas Basin](#) (1978) includes Black Rock, Canning, and Blomidon to Avonport mostly from the 1970s. Photos are colour prints, black and white negatives, black and white prints, and contact print sheets. Included are: an aerial of the [Minas Basin](#), the three aerial photographs of [Minas Basin](#), view from [Blomidon to Delhaven](#), sketch of the Minas Basin and coloured aerial of [Luminaria in the Minas Basin](#), black and

white aerials of the [Avonport Lighthouse](#), black and white aerials of [Evangeline Beach](#) in 1978, aerial of [Kingsport Wharf](#) in 1978, [intertidal shale beds](#) near Mill Cove, [Mill Cove Wharf](#) in Lower Blomidon, [Avon River and Oak Island](#), south face of [Blomidon](#), White Waters stream in [Blomidon Provincial Park](#), three colored aerial photographs of the [guzzle](#), and [guzzle](#) at Grand Pre in 1979

2004.039-BLE/21 Pickett's Wharf (1999-2004) colour prints from the Look Off and from the helicopter. Kept in original binder

2004.039-BLE/22 Blomidon area (1999-2004) colour prints of the Houston Beach marsh, [aboiteau and marsh](#) at Houston Beach, [aboiteau and marsh](#) at Houston Beach (additional photos), [description/sketches of the marsh](#) at Houston Beach, [aboiteau, old sluice and marsh](#), [aboiteau and old sluice](#), [aboiteau and old sluice](#) (additional photos), [aboiteau and old sluice](#) (more photos), aerial of [Pickett's Wharf](#), old Acadian dyke Hortonville, blue-black shale at [Horton Landing](#), and [Horton Landing wharf](#). Kept in original binder

On the general topic of [Boot Island](#)

2004.039-BLE/14 Grand Pre (1999-2000) includes section on Boot Island

2006.037-BLE/16 Gaspereau River area [cartographic material]. – Scale 16 chains = 1 inch. – [19-?]. – 1 map : b&w ; 47cm x 91cm. – Item is a map of the Gaspereau River area. – Traced from old plan by Jos. Aube of Ottawa on 7 Mar 1912 and retraced by R.J.W. on 27 Jul 1956. – Note by Sherman Bleakney attached to map states: "Trace Map 1942 of 1912 of 1760: West Grand Pre and Boot Island"

2006.037-BLE/24 Horton March 29th 1806 [cartographic material] / Original by Oliver Lyman, deputy surveyor. – [19--?]. – 1 map : col. ; 31 x 52. – Item is an overlay drawing of an original plan drawn by ["me"?]. – Depicts Long Island, Boot Island, Gaspereau River and Mud Bridge. – Note attached by Sherman Bleakney states: "1806 J.F. Herbin Map – My trace of Grand Pre – Boot Island – Wolfville – Oliver Lyman Surveyor"

2006.037-BLE/26 A Plan of the several lots & divisions laid out to a right formerly draughted in the name of Theofilus Sutherland in Horton [cartographic material] / John Bishop Jr., District Surveyor. – [200-?]. – 1 map and many photocopies: b&w ; 29cm x 43cm. – Following information taken from sheet attached to maps: "Item is a Survey map of unknown provenance, possibly a hand-me-down through various Bishop families in Greenwich, Kings County, Nova Scotia. These lot parcels on the map agree with information in the Horton Township Partitions Book of 1760-61, on page 78. Theofilus Sutherland". – Planter, had One Share - 600 acres. Town 1D (in Division 6), Farm lot N32 in Gaspereau, Boot Island Lot N2 – farm, 2nd farm Lot C5 – Gaspereau, C5-3 Clear Commons, C-1 -?, C5-2 – Boot Island Marsh, C5-4 – Dead Dyke Sizing. Map now in the possession of Glenda Bishop, Greenwich, N.S. Copies sent to Acadia Archives, Kings County Heritage Museum, N.S. Archives & Records Management and N.S. Department

of Natural Resources. 10 April 2004 Glenda Bishop and Sherman Bleakney. – Several copies of map, some with coloring and markings. – All rolled together

On the general topic of botany

2004.039-BLE/6 agriculture refs grass and soil (2001-2004) includes sections on [Hank Kolstee](#), Albert E. Rand, Lynton Martin, Miles Russell, G.J. Beke, Chapter #4 in “Sods, Soils and Spades”, Marc Lescarbot, S. Champlain, J.D. Hilchey, and D.B. Cann Marshland Surveys.

2004.039-BLE/9 botany (2000-2003) includes sections on Sods – cut, washed, weighted, root structure, grasses – other flora, air photos – SOD PITS[?], articles, marshlands AE Roland – photos + text, Internet – sources, and a [chart of dyking sods](#) at West Long Island, Grand Pre, (hay) Staddles – photos, articles, [drawings of staddles](#), a [diagram of a staddle](#) (Yarmouth County) / [photo of a staddle](#) (Canard), aerial photo marked with location of 24 [staddles along the Cornwallis River](#), and Acadian Crops + Farming (animals, equipment), a list of [tidal marsh flora](#) in the Minas Basin, and their scientific names and corresponding drawings

2004.039-BLE/17 scanning electron microscope photos of [grass roots](#) (2001-2002) includes three discs – SEM Lab silts and roots 2001-2002 and sections on SEM data, spartina patens dried 2001, spartina patens from dyke wall 1805, juncus gerardi from Wolfville tidal marsh, juncus gerardi from 1805 dyke wall – Wolfville, spartina alterniflora roots Wolfville tidal marsh, outwash from dykeland sods, diatoms and clay flakes, and stone & chunks

2004.039-BLE/19 Wolfville area (2000) being colour prints of marsh flora and clam shell layer C14 – 750 years, includes [marsh plants](#) (Kings County) and [marsh plants](#) (Wolfville marsh). Kept in original binder.

2004.039-BLE/20 dykelands (1999-2002) being colour prints of staddles, shore erosion, grasses, sods, soils, and flora. Includes [staddle structures](#) at Cherry Lane Dyke, [staddle structures](#) at Cherry Lane Dyke (additional photo), [staddle structures](#) at Cherry Lane Dyke (another photo), [soil layers](#) (west end of Long Island), [erosion prevention](#) along Evangeline Beach, [flora](#) on the Kingsport tidal marsh, [marsh grass](#) west of Long Island, [marsh grass](#) samples, [marsh grass](#) samples (another example), [marsh grass](#) samples (more examples), [marsh grass and soil](#) samples, and [beach plants](#) (Long Island). Kept in original binder.

On the general topic of dykes and dykelands

2004.039-BLE/4 Acadian dykelands (1994-1997) includes map of shoreline, dykes and aboiteaux, list of references for dykeland material, aerial photograph, dykeland comments and queries, comments relevant to tidal creek drainage patterns, seros cycles and dyke breaching, known placement of dyke walls and aboiteaux, drainage patterns, plowing patterns, broken dykes map, power pole molluscs, erosion, [three reports](#) about

Grand Pre dykes entitled "Question re: Grand Pre Dyke Walls," "Block by Block Sequence of the Acadian dykes," and "Hypothetical Dyking Sequence of Grand Pre by Acadians and Estimates of the Minimum Construction Required", [dyking procedures](#), and list of related books in the Vaughan Memorial Library

2004.039-BLE/8 dykeland information from interviews (1999-2002) includes individual write-ups as well as a list of names, home location, and phone numbers for 50 interviewees

2004.039-BLE/11 spades (1997-2002) includes sections on dykeland technology K. Leonard 1991, wall construction, Maritime dykes, and paintings – Acadians on dykes, [spade catalogues](#), [labeled drawings](#) of a dyking spade, [photographs](#) of dyking spades, and [horse drags](#) used in dyke construction

2004.039-BLE/13 newspaper clippings (2002, 2003 ; photocopies) from *The Acadian* and *The Wolfville Acadian* includes sections dykes and mixed others. Articles date between 1907, 1913, and 1929-1947 and include:

- The Basin of Minas and It's Early Settlers
- The Proposed Aboiteau Over the Cornwallis
- Town Plot vs. Port Williams as Site for Proposed Aboiteau and The Aboiteau Again and Always re: proposed aboiteau in Port Williams
- Destruction to Dykes re: damages caused in 1913
- High Tides Break Through Dyke: Practically All Dyke Lands Between Here and Grand Pre Submerged re: damages caused in 1928
- The Wickwire Dyke re: gale damage in 1928
- Dyke Owners are Discouraged: Whole Work of Summer Lost When New Dyke was Swept Away Saturday Night re: meeting of dyke owners in 1929
- Another Dyke Meeting re: Wickwire dyke owners meeting
- Rebuilding the Dyke re: financial aid from province for reconstruction of Wickwire dyke
- Dykes Damaged By High Tides and Gale re: damages by 1931 gale
- Damage to Dyke Estimated \$12,000: All of Wickwire Dyke, 640 Acres, now Submerged - Total Repairs will Cost Nearly \$30,000 and Rebuilding the Dykes re: financial aid for dyke repairs in 1931
- The Wickwire Dyke re: debt incurred from damage/erosion of dykes
- The Dyke Disaster re: response to The Wickwire Dyke
- Damaged Dykes May Be Abandoned: Proprietors of Wickwire Dyke Averse to Further Expenditures - Committee to Interview Minister of Agriculture
- Owners of Grand Pre Dyke Hold Annual Meeting and Vote to Expend No More Money re: repair of the Wickwire Dyke
- Let the Town Take Over the Wickwire Dyke and Grand Pre re: over the dyke and the costs of reparations
- God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Defends Dyke Owners re: dyke owners care of the dykes
- Big Storms of Other Years re: storm damage in Minas Basin
- The Restoration of the Wickwire Dyke re: 1935 repairs
- Port Williams Dyke Road in Danger re: need for government aid to repair Port Williams road
- Gardens Flooded by High Tides and Straight Talks on Orchardng & Other Things re: high tides and warnings of high tides on full moon
- Those who may not have noticed yet re: dyking procedures
- Dykelands Valuable to Town and Reclaiming Marshlands re: maintenance of the dykes and government contributions to the maintenance

- Take Steps to Save Dyke Lands and Reclaiming the Dykes re: dynamite to clear Canard River and D.A.R unwilling to help with dyke repair/maintenance
- Grand Pre Farmers Oppose Taking Dykelands for Military Purposes
- Dykelands Not Satisfactory for Artillery Shell Testing Range
- Owners of Dyke Willing to Sell re: action vs. government proposal to put military site at Grand Pre
- Dykelands Deteriorating re: importance of cooperation amongst dyke owners
- Reclamation of Dyke Lands Urged by Legion as Post-War Project
- The Art of Dyke-making
- Conference Discusses Reclaiming Dykelands re: dyke preservation
- Kings Marsh Owners Form Organization
- Marsh Survey Starts
- Rehabilitation of Marshlands re: marshland rehabilitation

2004.039-BLE/16 Wickwire Dyke (1998-2002) includes sections on history of, acreage changed and maps names, Wickwire bird sanctuary 1936, 1931 – dyke breaching 1928 etc. repairs, Wolfville 1913 1931 breaks in dyke, map history Wickwire, work sheets Wickwire, Wickwire Wellington, and air photos 1931

2004.039-BLE/20 dykelands (1999-2002) being colour prints of Gaspereau River dykes, Long Island, and old dyke. Kept in original binder

2004.039-BLE/26 ground level photos (1977-1999) being 35mm colour slides of Bleakney's photos of dykelands

2005.036-BLE/1A and B Robert Palmetier time book 1931 [1999? ; 2 copies] being a photocopy of the book with annotations by Bleakney

2005.036-BLE/2 Robert Palmetier dyke repairs time book 1931, Jan-June (1999-2000) being Bleakney's analysis of the time book. Includes a transcription of a diary between 1925 and 1936 (2000), transcription of a report from 1927, transcription of a diary from 1917 with notes and a photocopy of diary pages and printout of persons working on the dyke (2000)

2005.036-BLE/3 record of works on Medford Dyke 1893 [200-?] being a photocopy of the book. Original is held by the Kings Historical Society

2006.037-BLE/2 Starrs Point Port Williams [1999?] includes aerial photographic prints of dykelands in Kings County with annotations, a transcript of an interview with Bradford E. Forsyth in 1999, and photographic prints of the dykelands in the Starrs Point area

2006.037-BLE/3 engineer's diagrams of dyke walls and aboiteaux [200-?] being four items entitled "Standard Procedure for Aboiteau Brushing", "Plank Facing" with annotations, and two different diagrams entitled "Std. Sod Facing for Dyke" with annotations. Accompanying note from Bleakney, written in 2005, reads: "My understanding is that they were compiled years ago by someone who wanted to records what he knew or surmised about old dyking methods. Unfortunately much of this information is not correct, but has been used by various authors to illustrate their books."

2006.037-BLE/11 Grand Pre area of Nova Scotia [cartographic material] / Nova Scotia Research Foundation. – Scale 1:660. – 1956 ; photocopy. – 1 map : col. ; 61cm x 76cm. – Item is a

- cartographic aerial photographic interpretation of the dyke system at Grand Pre taken in 1955. The legend includes present and old dyke, main, secondary and tertiary roads, streams, orchards, details of cultivation, tidal flats, dyked lands and river channels. Original dated [1956?]. – Shoreline from 1760 Planters Map by Morris & Bishop attached. – Planter land survey map of 1760 attached. – Items stapled together
- 2006.037-BLE/12 NS8 Grand Pre plan of works completed 1997 [cartographic material] / Nova Scotia Agriculture and Marketing Resource Stewardship. – Scale 1:7200. – 20 Jul 1997. – 1 map : col. ; 52cm x 1.14m.– Item is a survey map of Grand Pre area with lot numbers. Surveyed by D. Hingley and S. Henderson. Sherman Bleakney has highlighted the locations of the original dyke walls that are beneath the present dykes and converted roads. Title given by Sherman Bleakney: “Grand Pre and Acadian Dyke Walls”
- 2006.037-BLE/13A, 13B and 13C Grand Pre dyked out land and new dyke (built with dragline) [cartographic material] / Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture Agricultural Engineering Division. – Scale 1:100. – [1939?]. – 3 maps : b&w ; 41cm x 92cm. – Item is a map of the dyked out land with an engineering plan for a new dyke. Title given by Sherman Bleakney: “Plan of 1939 Dragline Dyke”. – Includes a 46cm x 92cm photocopy of a map on the “Gaspereau River Area”. – Traced from old plan by Jos. Aube, in Ottawa on 7 Mar 1912 and re-traced by R.J.H. on 27 Jul 1956. – Also includes 8.5cm x 11cm photocopy of a map of the Gaspereau River Area. - Items rolled together
- 2006.037-BLE/14A and 14B Plan of West Marsh Dyke [cartographic material] / Oliver Lyman. – Scales 4 chains to an inch. – 15 Nov 1808. – 2 maps, 1 photocopy: b&w ; 46cm x 51cm.– Item is a plan of the west march dyke in Grand Pre. Includes the Rogers aboiteau, Palmetter aboiteau and Forsythe aboiteau. Second map is a 51cm x 67cm plan of the West Marsh Dyke. Surveyed and plotted by Oliver Lyman, rep. surveyor. Includes Great Discharge aboiteau, Lowrie aboiteau and Alison aboiteau. – Note attached by Sherman Bleakney states: “Wolfville Dykes – Map 1808 and Map 1760 Shoreline”. – Photocopy of 14A is included. – Items rolled together
- 2006.037-BLE/18A and 18B Plan of West Marsh Dyke [cartographic material] / Oliver Lyman. – [1997?]. – 2 maps, 1 photocopy: b&w ; 46cm x 51cm. – Item is an overlay of a plan of the West Marsh Dyke in Grand Pre. Includes the Rogers aboiteau, Palmetter aboiteau and Forsythe aboiteau. – Second map is a 51cm x 67cm overlay of a plan for the West Marsh Dyke. Also surveyed and plotted by Oliver Lyman, rep. surveyor on 15 Nov 1808. Includes Great Discharge aboiteau, Lowrie aboiteau and Alison aboiteau. – Note attached by Sherman Bleakney states: “1808 Wolfville dykes – overlay tracings from original map – much detail: roads, field, walls, aboiteau”. – Items rolled together
- 2006.037-BLE/15 Grand Pre Map of dykes [cartographic material]. – [19--?]. – 1 map; 1 photocopy : b&w ; 46cm x 52cm. – Item is a photocopied, hand drawn map of the 1760 and 1808 dykes, possibly in the Grand Pre area. – Map and copy rolled together
- 2006.037-BLE/20A Grand Pre dyked out land and new dyke (built with dragline) [cartographic material] / Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture Agricultural Engineering Division. –

- Scale 1:100. – [1939-1940]. – 1 map : b&w ; 43cm x 92cm. – Item is a map of the dyked out land with an engineering plan for a new dyke. Note attached by Sherman Bleakney states “Map #1: 1939-40 East Grand Pre Guzzle: first machine-built dyke. Map #2: North Grand Pre Dyke 1945 of 1944 new dyke.” – Traced from plan by Jos. Aube, in Ottawa on 7 Mar 1912 and re-traced by R.J.H. on 27 Jul 1956. – Item rolled together with 20B
- 2006.037-BLE/20B Plan showing area of land taken for new dyke [cartographic material]. – Scale 1:100ft. – [30 Jan 1945]. – 1 map : b&w ; 32cm x 83cm.– Item is a plan that shows an area of land taken for a new dyke in North Grand Pre. – Note attached by Sherman Bleakney states “Map #1: 1939-40 East Grand Pre Guzzle: first machine-built dyke. Map #2: North Grand Pre Dyke 1945 of 1944 new dyke.” – Item is rolled together with 20A
- 2006.037-BLE/21 Wolfville - Grand Pre : shorelines, dykes and aboiteaux [cartographic material]. – [19--?]. – 1 map : b&w ; 47 x 52. – Item is a map of the Grand Pre area. Includes a list of maps, charts, photos that were examined by Sherman Bleakney from 1994-1997. – Note included by Sherman Bleakney states: “Dyke wall changes – Wolfville – Grand Pre – 1760-1963 – b&w copies of color draft too short – map cut off – need corrections.” Photocopy included
- 2006.037-BLE/22A, 22B, 22C Townships of Horton maps of 1818 [cartographic material] / Original by John Harris. – Dec 1818. – 3 maps : b&w ; 28cm x 42cm. – Items are three different maps from Horton, Gaspereau and Cornwallis area. Includes labeled locations of rivers, dykes, aboiteaux and taverns. – Note attached by Sherman Bleakney states: “1818 maps – Horton, Gaspereau, Cornwallis – many, many taverns.” – 3 maps were rolled together
- 2006.037-BLE/28A Plan, sheet 1 of 5 [cartographic material] / Department of Agriculture & Marketing. Extension Engineering Division, Truro. – Scale 1:2400. – 1997. – 1 map : col. ; 92cm x 1.2m.– Item is a map showing marshland access roads, and parcels “A” and “B” which contain tidal dykes, roads and dyke ditches on the Grand Pre Marsh, to be acquired by the Grand Pre Marsh Body. Item also shows all the internal lots of land and boundary ditches as of 1996. – Annotation by Bleakney reads: “Black Landing = shale rock out crop. / landing site used by Acadians, / and then by Planters. / J.S. Bleakney / Dec 2005”. – Item rolled with 28B, C, D, E, F, G
- 2006.037-BLE/28B Plan, sheet 2 of 5 [cartographic material] / Department of Agriculture & Marketing. Extension Engineering Division, Truro. – Scale 1:2400. – 1997. – 1 map : col. ; 64cm x 1.25m.– Item is a map showing marshland access roads, and parcels “A” and “B” which contain tidal dykes, roads and dyke ditches on the Grand Pre Marsh, to be acquired by the Grand Pre Marsh Body. Item also shows all the internal lots of land and boundary ditches as of 1996. – Annotation by Bleakney reads: “Grand Pre”. – Item rolled with 28A, C, D, E, F, G
- 2006.037-BLE/28C Plan, sheet 3 of 5 [cartographic material] / Department of Agriculture & Marketing. Extension Engineering Division, Truro. – Scale 1:2400. – 1997. – 1 map : col. ; 90cm x 1.25m.– Item is a map showing marshland access roads, and parcels “A” and “B” which contain tidal dykes, roads and dyke ditches on the Grand Pre Marsh, to be

acquired by the Grand Pre Marsh Body. Item also shows all the internal lots of land and boundary ditches as of 1996. – Annotations by Bleakney reads: “Grand Pre” and “Grand Pre dykelands”. – Item rolled with 28A, B, D, E, F, G

2006.037-BLE/28D Plan, sheet 4 of 5 [cartographic material] / Department of Agriculture & Marketing. Extension Engineering Division, Truro. – Scale 1:2400. – 1997. – 1 map : col. ; 64cm x 1.15m.– Item is a map showing marshland access roads, and parcels “A” and “B” which contain tidal dykes, roads and dyke ditches on the Grand Pre Marsh, to be acquired by the Grand Pre Marsh Body. Item also shows all the internal lots of land and boundary ditches as of 1996. – Annotation by Bleakney reads: “Grand Pre”. – Item rolled with 28A, B, C, E, F, G

2006.037-BLE/28E Plan, sheet 5 of 5 [cartographic material] / Department of Agriculture & Marketing. Extension Engineering Division, Truro. – Scale 1:2400. – 1997. – 1 map : col. ; 64cm x 1.15m.– Item is a map showing marshland access roads, and parcels “A” and “B” which contain tidal dykes, roads and dyke ditches on the Grand Pre Marsh, to be acquired by the Grand Pre Marsh Body. Item also shows all the internal lots of land and boundary ditches as of 1996. – Annotation by Bleakney reads: “Grand Pre”. – Item rolled with 28A, B, C, D, F, G

2006.037-BLE/28F Grand Pre aerial photo [graphic material]. – 1945. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 18cm x 35cm.– Item is an aerial photograph of the Grand Pre area with coloured tracing along the shoreline. – Inscription on reverse reads: “1945 air photos RCAF A8645-55 / used by H. Cameron to compile / his Grand Pre map in Trans. Roy Soc. Can. 1956 / green and red ink – H. Cameron 1950s / yellow ink – S. Bleakney 1990s”. – Item rolled with 28a, B, C, D, E, G

2006.037-BLE/28G Grand Pre aerial photo [graphic material]. – 1945. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 18cm x 35cm.– Item is an aerial photograph of the Grand Pre area with coloured tracing along the ditches. – Inscription on reverse reads: “1945 air photos / used by H. Cameron to compile / his Grand Pre map in Trans. Roy Soc. Can. / green and red ink – H. Cameron 1950s”. – Item rolled with 28a, B, C, D, E, F

On the general topic of Gaspereau River

2004.039-BLE/14 Grand Pre (1999-2000) includes sections guzzle width changes, Blacks Landing in Horton, and Boot Island as well as: two maps and an aerial photo [Gaspereau River](#) (width changes/erosion), aerial photograph that shows [erosion progression](#) near the Guzzle, photographs of [Black Landing](#) (blue-black shale bedrock), and photographs of [dock](#) at Black Landing at low tide

2004.039-BLE/20 dykelands (1999-2002) being colour prints of Gaspereau River dykes. Kept in original binder

2004.039-BLE/21 Pickett's Wharf (1999-2004) being colour prints of the guzzle area, Horton Landing area including the old wharf and black shale. Kept in original binder

- 2006.037-BLE/16 Gaspereau River area [cartographic material]. – Scale 16 chains = 1 inch. – [19-?]. – 1 map : b&w ; 47cm x 91cm. – Item is a map of the Gaspereau River area. – Traced from old plan by Jos. Aube of Ottawa on 7 Mar 1912 and retraced by R.J.W. on 27 Jul 1956. – Note by Sherman Bleakney attached to map states: “Trace Map 1942 of 1912 of 1760: West Grand Pre and Boot Island”
- 2006.037-BLE/24 Horton March 29th 1806 [cartographic material] / Original by Oliver Lyman, deputy surveyor. – [19--?]. – 1 map : col. ; 31 x 52. – Item is an overlay drawing of an original plan drawn by [“me”?]. – Depicts Long Island, Boot Island, Gaspereau River and Mud Bridge. – Note attached by Sherman Bleakney states: “1806 J.F. Herbin Map – My trace of Grand Pre – Boot Island – Wolfville – Oliver Lyman Surveyor”

On the general topic of Grand Pre

- 2004.039-BLE/14 Grand Pre (1999-2000) includes sections on dale ditches, acreage calculations – J. Gibson, Little Island, guzzle width changes, broken dyke 1958, radio carbon ages #4, old locality names, Blacks Landing (Horton Landing) – Horton, old dyke + brush, Grand Pre 1884-1950 minute book, power pole – mollusc, Grand Pre 1760 (Sutherland, Theo), photographs and three maps of the [Dead dyke](#) wall at Deportation Creek in Hortonville and Boot Island.
- 2004.039-BLE/23 Grand Pre (1997-2002) being colour prints of the Northeast area – Palmetter marsh, Davidson aboiteau, small Acadian aboiteau sluice log, Little Island – old farm well, and old west gate causeway aboiteau. Kept in original binder
- 2005.036-BLE/4 old prints of Grand Pre and the Minas Basin [2004? ; electronic]. Notes on CD read: 9 pictures", "from picturesque Canada 1886", and "and George Nowlan 1940s Claire Killiam 1949"
- 2006.037-BLE/11 Grand Pre area of Nova Scotia [cartographic material] / Nova Scotia Research Foundation. – Scale 1:660. – 1956 ; photocopy. – 1 map : col. ; 61cm x 76cm. – Item is a cartographic aerial photographic interpretation of the dyke system at Grand Pre taken in 1955. The legend includes present and old dyke, main, secondary and tertiary roads, streams, orchards, details of cultivation, tidal flats, dyked lands and river channels. Original dated [1956?]. – Shoreline from 1760 Planters Map by Morris & Bishop attached. – Planter land survey map of 1760 attached. – Items stapled together
- 2006.037-BLE/12 NS8 Grand Pre plan of works completed 1997 [cartographic material] / Nova Scotia Agriculture and Marketing Resource Stewardship. – Scale 1:7200. – 20 Jul 1997. – 1 map : col. ; 52cm x 1.14m.– Item is a survey map of Grand Pre area with lot numbers. Surveyed by D. Hingley and S. Henderson. Sherman Bleakney has highlighted the locations of the original dyke walls that are beneath the present dykes and converted roads. Title given by Sherman Bleakney: “Grand Pre and Acadian Dyke Walls”
- 2006.037-BLE/17 A8645 Grand Pre Nova Scotia [cartographic material]. – Scale 1:660. – [19--?]. – 1 map : b&w ; 61cm x 77cm. – Item is a map of the Grand Pre area taken from an

- aerial photograph in [1945?] and modified with 1955 photos. – Additions and corrections made by Sherman Bleakney are included. – Photocopy of the map included. – Master copy and photocopy were rolled together
- 2006.037-BLE/19 V7/239 Grand Pre land grants: plan #2 of Grand Pre [cartographic material]. – Scale 25ft to the inch. – 1912. – 1 map : b&w ; 57cm x 91cm. – Item is a copy made by Jos. Aube of Ottawa on 14 Mar 1912 of a 1760's Bishop Planters map. – Note included by Sherman Bleakney states: "with Theo. Sutherland Lots added in color"
- 2006.037-BLE/24 Horton March 29th 1806 [cartographic material] / Original by Oliver Lyman, deputy surveyor. – [19--?]. – 1 map : col. ; 31 x 52. – Item is an overlay drawing of an original plan drawn by ["me"?]. – Depicts Long Island, Boot Island, Gaspereau River and Mud Bridge. – Note attached by Sherman Bleakney states: "1806 J.F. Herbin Map – My trace of Grand Pre – Boot Island – Wolfville – Oliver Lyman Surveyor"
- 2006.037-BLE/27A and B Grand Pre radarsat-2 simulation image [cartographic material] / Applied Geomatics Research Group. – Scale 50 pixels:3.5cm. – 1999. – 1 map print : col. ; 66cm x 90cm. – Item is a mapped-out satellite image of the Grand Pre area, clearly showing the fields. – Inscription reads: "Grand Pre 1919 Radarsat Image". – Item rolled together with 27B and 27C. – Second copy: 33cm x 46cm. – Second copy is duplicate image from a higher elevation. – Third copy: 33cm x 46cm. – Third copy is duplicate image
- 2006.037-BLE/28A Plan, sheet 1 of 5 [cartographic material] / Department of Agriculture & Marketing. Extension Engineering Division, Truro. – Scale 1:2400. – 1997. – 1 map : col. ; 92cm x 1.2m.– Item is a map showing marshland access roads, and parcels "A" and "B" which contain tidal dykes, roads and dyke ditches on the Grand Pre Marsh, to be acquired by the Grand Pre Marsh Body. Item also shows all the internal lots of land and boundary ditches as of 1996. – Annotation by Bleakney reads: "Black Landing = shale rock out crop. / landing site used by Acadians, / and then by Planters. / J.S. Bleakney / Dec 2005". – Item rolled with 28B, C, D, E, F, G
- 2006.037-BLE/28B Plan, sheet 2 of 5 [cartographic material] / Department of Agriculture & Marketing. Extension Engineering Division, Truro. – Scale 1:2400. – 1997. – 1 map : col. ; 64cm x 1.25m.– Item is a map showing marshland access roads, and parcels "A" and "B" which contain tidal dykes, roads and dyke ditches on the Grand Pre Marsh, to be acquired by the Grand Pre Marsh Body. Item also shows all the internal lots of land and boundary ditches as of 1996. – Annotation by Bleakney reads: "Grand Pre". – Item rolled with 28A, C, D, E, F, G
- 2006.037-BLE/28C Plan, sheet 3 of 5 [cartographic material] / Department of Agriculture & Marketing. Extension Engineering Division, Truro. – Scale 1:2400. – 1997. – 1 map : col. ; 90cm x 1.25m.– Item is a map showing marshland access roads, and parcels "A" and "B" which contain tidal dykes, roads and dyke ditches on the Grand Pre Marsh, to be acquired by the Grand Pre Marsh Body. Item also shows all the internal lots of land and boundary ditches as of 1996. – Annotations by Bleakney reads: "Grand Pre" and "Grand Pre dykelands". – Item rolled with 28A, B, D, E, F, G

- 2006.037-BLE/28D Plan, sheet 4 of 5 [cartographic material] / Department of Agriculture & Marketing. Extension Engineering Division, Truro. – Scale 1:2400. – 1997. – 1 map : col. ; 64cm x 1.15m.– Item is a map showing marshland access roads, and parcels “A” and “B” which contain tidal dykes, roads and dyke ditches on the Grand Pre Marsh, to be acquired by the Grand Pre Marsh Body. Item also shows all the internal lots of land and boundary ditches as of 1996. – Annotation by Bleakney reads: “Grand Pre”. – Item rolled with 28A, B, C, E, F, G
- 2006.037-BLE/28E Plan, sheet 5 of 5 [cartographic material] / Department of Agriculture & Marketing. Extension Engineering Division, Truro. – Scale 1:2400. – 1997. – 1 map : col. ; 64cm x 1.15m.– Item is a map showing marshland access roads, and parcels “A” and “B” which contain tidal dykes, roads and dyke ditches on the Grand Pre Marsh, to be acquired by the Grand Pre Marsh Body. Item also shows all the internal lots of land and boundary ditches as of 1996. – Annotation by Bleakney reads: “Grand Pre”. – Item rolled with 28A, B, C, D, F, G
- 2006.037-BLE/28F Grand Pre aerial photo [graphic material]. – 1945. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 18cm x 35cm.– Item is an aerial photograph of the Grand Pre area with coloured tracing along the shoreline. – Inscription on reverse reads: “1945 air photos RCAF A8645-55 / used by H. Cameron to compile / his Grand Pre map in Trans. Roy Soc. Can. 1956 / green and red ink – H. Cameron 1950s / yellow ink – S. Bleakney 1990s”. – Item rolled with 28a, B, C, D, E, G
- 2006.037-BLE/28G Grand Pre aerial photo [graphic material]. – 1945. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 18cm x 35cm.– Item is an aerial photograph of the Grand Pre area with coloured tracing along the ditches. – Inscription on reverse reads: “1945 air photos / used by H. Cameron to compile / his Grand Pre map in Trans. Roy Soc. Can. / green and red ink – H. Cameron 1950s”. – Item rolled with 28a, B, C, D, E, F

On the general topic of Horton / Hortonville

- 2004.039-BLE/5 David Wickwire, obtained from (1999) includes Wickwire family and property information, and photocopies about Horton
- 2004.039-BLE/14 Grand Pre (1999-2000) includes section on Black Landing – Horton
- 2004.039-BLE/21 Pickett's Wharf (1999-2004) being colour prints of the Horton Landing area including the old wharf and black shale. Kept in original binder
- 2006.037-BLE/7 Horton March 29, 1806 [cartographic material]. – [19--? ; photocopy]. – 1 map : b&w ; 1.4m x 91cm. – Scale: 30 chains to an inch. – Item is a reproduction of the Horton map done by Oliver Lyman, Deputy Surveyor. – Inscription reads: "Horton March 29th 1806 / A copy of the original plan / drawn by one / Oliver Lyman / Deputy Surveyor". – Original copy at the Public Archives of Nova Scotia
- 2006.037-BLE/24 Horton March 29th 1806 [cartographic material] / Original by Oliver Lyman, deputy surveyor. – [19--?]. – 1 map : col. ; 31 x 52. – Item is an overlay drawing of an

original plan drawn by ["me"?]. – Depicts Long Island, Boot Island, Gaspereau River and Mud Bridge. – Note attached by Sherman Bleakney states: "1806 J.F. Herbin Map – My trace of Grand Pre – Boot Island – Wolfville – Oliver Lyman Surveyor"

2006.037-BLE/22A, 22B, 22C Townships of Horton maps of 1818 [cartographic material] / Original by John Harris. – Dec 1818. – 3 maps : b&w ; 28cm x 42cm. – Items are 3 different maps from Horton, Gaspereau and Cornwallis area. Includes labeled locations of rivers, dykes, aboiteaux and taverns. – Note attached by Sherman Bleakney states: "1818 maps – Horton, Gaspereau, Cornwallis – many, many taverns." – 3 maps were rolled together

2006.037-BLE/26 A Plan of the several lots & divisions laid out to a right formerly draughted in the name of Theofilus Sutherland in Horton [cartographic material] / John Bishop Jr., District Surveyor. – [200-?]. – 1 map and many photocopies: b&w ; 29cm x 43cm. – Following information taken from sheet attached to maps: "Item is a Survey map of unknown provenance, possibly a hand-me-down through various Bishop families in Greenwich, Kings County, Nova Scotia. These lot parcels on the map agree with information in the Horton Township Partitions Book of 1760-61, on page 78. Theofilus Sutherland". – Planter, had One Share - 600 acres. Town 1D (in Division 6), Farm lot N32 in Gaspereau, Boot Island Lot N2 – farm, 2nd farm Lot C5 – Gaspereau, C5-3 Clear Commons, C-1 -?, C5-2 – Boot Island Marsh, C5-4 – Dead Dyke Sizing. Map now in the possession of Glenda Bishop, Greenwich, N.S. Copies sent to Acadia Archives, Kings County Heritage Museum, N.S. Archives & Records Management and N.S. Department of Natural Resources. 10 April 2004 Glenda Bishop and Sherman Bleakney. – Several copies of map, some with coloring and markings. – All came rolled together

On the general topic of marshlands

2004.039-BLE/6 agriculture refs grass and soil (2001-2004) includes sections on J.D. Hilchey, D.B. Cann Marshland Surveys, and a report of a marshland survey from 1950-1951

2004.039-BLE/10 salt marshes includes a [booklet](#) entitled "Observations on Salt marsh Pools, Minas Basin, Nova Scotia 1965-1977"

2004.039-BLE/17 scanning electron microscope photos of grass roots (2001-2002) includes *junuc gerardi* from Wolfville tidal marsh, and *spartina alterniflora* roots Wolfville tidal marsh

2004.039-BLE/23 Grand Pre (1997-2002) being colour prints of the Northeast area – Palmetter marsh and Little Island – old farm well. Kept in original binder

2006.037-BLE/4 Grand Pre maps [19--? ; 4 photocopies] folded with annotations. Specifically:

"I, Wolfville Hab & east of" is a duplicate of map in file 2006.037-BLE/6B

"II, Grand Pre area west end area" is a duplicate of map in file 2006.037-BLE/6A

- Plan of Works : Grand Pre Marsh, or, III, Grand Pre area middle road and east of [cartographic material] / Department of Agriculture M.M.R.A. – Scale 1:200. – 1 map : b&w ; 90cm x 1.34m, folded to 31cm x 20cm. – Item is photocopy of a survey map of the Grand Pre Marsh with Lot numbers. – Original item last dated 1961
- Plan of Works : Grand Pre Marsh, or, IV, Grand Pre area east end [cartographic material] / Department of Agriculture M.M.R.A. – Scale 1:200 – 1 map : b&w ; 90cm x 1.34m, folded to 29cm x 20cm. – Item is a photocopy of a survey map of Grand Pre Marsh with Lot numbers. – Original item last dated 1967
- 2006.037-BLE/5A Plan of works : Grand Pre Marsh, 1 of 3 [cartographic material] / Department of Agriculture M.M.R.A. – Scale 1:200. – 1958. – 1 map : b&w ; 92cm x 1.35m, folded to 32cm x 20cm. – Item is a survey map of the Grand Pre Marsh with Lot numbers. Survey data for 1951 indicates that F. Hatt was the party chief and that “interior planimetric detail taken from R.C.A.F. aerial photos”. Construction survey data for 1957 indicates that C. Veer was the party chief. – Annotations written ink: “Grand Pre / set of 5 large maps / (given to SBleakney by / Donald Harvey of Wolfville) / West Grand Pre wall / 1951 / 1958 pre 1959-'60 new dyke”
- 2006.037-BLE/5B Plan of works : Grand Pre Marsh, 2 of 3 [cartographic material] / Department of Agriculture M.M.R.A. – Scale 1:200. – 1958. – 1 map : b&w ; 92cm x 1.35m, folded to 32cm x 18cm. – Item is a survey map of the Grand Pre Marsh with Lot numbers. Survey data for 1951 indicates that F. Hatt was the party chief and that “interior planimetric detail taken from R.C.A.F. aerial photos”. Construction survey data for 1957 indicates that C. Veer was party chief. – Annotations written in ink and pencil: “Central / Grand Pre / Has canal connection Endosiore[?] #1-“2”
- 2006.037-BLE/5C Plan of works : Grand Pre Marsh, 3 of 3 [cartographic material] / Department of Agriculture M.M.R.A. – Scale 1:200. – 1958. – 1 map : b&w ; 92cm x 1.35m, folded to 33cm x 19cm. – Item is a survey map of the Grand Pre Marsh with Lot numbers. Survey data indicates that F. Hatt was party chief and that “interior planimetric detail taken from R.C.A.F. aerial photos”. Construction survey data for 1957 indicates that C. Veer was party chief. – Annotations written in pencil read: “Little Isl to Horton landing”
- 2006.037-BLE/6A Plan of works : Grand Pre Marsh, 3 of 4 [cartographic material] / Department of Agriculture M.M.R.A. – Scale 1:200. – 1965. – 1 map : b&w ; 92cm x 1.35m, folded 33cm x 21cm. – Item is a survey map of the Grand Pre Marsh with Lot numbers. Survey data for 1951 and 1956 indicates that F. Hatt and G. MacDougall were party chief. Construction survey data for 1957 indicates that C.Veer was party chief
- 2006.037-BLE/6B Plan of works : Grand Pre Marsh, 4 of 4 [cartographic material] / Department of Agriculture M.M.R.A. – Scale 1:200. – 1967. – 1 map : b&w, hand col. ; 92cm x 1.35m, folded 33cm x 19cm. – Item is a survey map of the Grand Pre Marsh with Lot numbers. – Annotations written in pencil read: “Wolfville + west Wickwire / plot of 1960 dyke wall”
- 2006.037-BLE/8A Plan of works : Isgonish Marsh [cartographic material] / Department of Agriculture M.M.R.A. – Scale 1:200. – [19--? ; photocopy]. – 1 map : b&w ; 92cm x

- 1.23m. – Item is a survey map of the Isgonish Marsh with Lot numbers. Survey data from 1952 indicates that Gordon Kressner was party chief. Construction survey data from 1955 indicates C. Veer as party chief. – Annotation on reverse in ink: “Acadian dykelands Truro area / Isgonish Marsh – Belmont”. – Original last dated 1971. – Item was rolled with maps 2006.037-BLE/8B and 8C
- 2006.037-BLE/8B Plan of works : Isgonish Marsh [cartographic material] / Department of Agriculture M.M.R.A. – Scale 1:200. – [19--? ; photocopy]. – 1 map : b&w ; 62cm x 91cm.– Item is a survey map of the Isgonish Marsh with Lot numbers. Survey data from 1951 indicates that G. Kressner was party chief. Construction survey data from 1955 indicates C. Veer was party chief. – Original last dated 1971. – Item was rolled inside of map 2006.037-BLE/8A with 8C
- 2006.037-BLE/8C Survey for Robert Archibald [cartographic material]. – [19--? ; photocopy]. – 1 map : b&w ; 17cm x 32cm. – Item is a survey of land in Onslow in 1781. – Inscription reads: “Survey for / Robt. Archibald D Surveyor / Onslow Feb.ry 22nd 1781”
- 2006.037-BLE/9A Plan of works : Glenholme Marsh [cartographic material] / Department of Agriculture M.M.R.A. – Scale 1:200. – [19--? ; photocopy]. – 1 map : b&w ; 92cm x 1.32m.– Item is a survey map of the Glenholme Marsh with Lot numbers. Survey data indicates from 1953 that Ian MacInnes was party chief. Construction survey data from 1957 indicates that C.M. Campbell was party chief. – Annotation on reverse in ink: “Glenholme Truro – Acadian dyke land areas”. – Original last dated 1961. – Item was rolled with map 2006.037-BLE/9B
- 2006.037-BLE/9B Plan of works : Glenholme Marsh [cartographic material] / Department of Agriculture M.M.R.A. – Scale 1:200. – 1961. – 1 map : b&w ; 61cm x 92cm.– Item is a survey map of the Glenholme Marsh with Lot numbers. Survey data from 1953 indicates that Ian MacInnes was the party chief. Construction survey data from 1957 indicates that C.M. Campbell was party chief. – Item was rolled with map 2006.037-BLE/9A
- 2006.037-BLE/10A and B Plan of works : Lower Truro Marsh [cartographic material] / Department of Agriculture M.M.R.A. – Scale 1:200. – [19--? ; photocopy]. – 1 map : b&w ; 92cm x 1.32m.– Item is a survey map of the Lower Truro Marsh with Lot numbers. Survey data from 1954 indicates that G. Kressner and C. Campbell were party chiefs. – Annotation on reverse of 10A in ink: “Lr. Truro map – in 2 pieces [with] overlap”. – Original last dated 1973. – Items were rolled together
- 2006.037-BLE/23 NS V63 - Wickwire Marsh in Kings County [cartographic material] / Original by H. Lenneborn. – Scale 1:300. – 14 Jun 1957. – 1 map : b&w ; 42 x 90. – Item is a survey sketch drawn from aerial photograph #A8645-56 . – Note attached by Sherman Bleakney states: “1957 Map – plot of tentative location of new Wickwire dyke”
- 2006.037-BLE/26 A Plan of the several lots & divisions laid out to a right formerly draughted in the name of Theofilus Sutherland in Horton [cartographic material] / John Bishop Jr., District Surveyor. – [200-?]. – 1 map and many photocopies: b&w ; 29cm x 43cm. – Following information taken from sheet attached to maps: “Item is a Survey map of unknown provenance, possibly a hand-me-down through various Bishop families in

Greenwich, Kings County, Nova Scotia. These lot parcels on the map agree with information in the Horton Township Partitions Book of 1760-61, on page 78. Theophilus Sutherland". – Planter, had One Share - 600 acres. Town 1D (in Division 6), Farm lot N32 in Gaspereau, Boot Island Lot N2 – farm, 2nd farm Lot C5 – Gaspereau, C5-3 Clear Commons, C-1 -?, C5-2 – Boot Island Marsh, C5-4 – Dead Dyke Sizing. Map now in the possession of Glenda Bishop, Greenwich, N.S. Copies sent to Acadia Archives, Kings County Heritage Museum, N.S. Archives & Records Management and N.S. Department of Natural Resources. 10 April 2004 Glenda Bishop and Sherman Bleakney. – Several copies of map, some with coloring and markings. – All came rolled together

2006.037-BLE/28A Plan, sheet 1 of 5 [cartographic material] / Department of Agriculture & Marketing. Extension Engineering Division, Truro. – Scale 1:2400. – 1997. – 1 map : col. ; 92cm x 1.2m.– Item is a map showing marshland access roads, and parcels "A" and "B" which contain tidal dykes, roads and dyke ditches on the Grand Pre Marsh, to be acquired by the Grand Pre Marsh Body. Item also shows all the internal lots of land and boundary ditches as of 1996. – Annotation by Bleakney reads: "Black Landing = shale rock out crop. / landing site used by Acadians, / and then by Planters. / J.S. Bleakney / Dec 2005". – Item rolled with 28B, C, D, E, F, G

2006.037-BLE/28B Plan, sheet 2 of 5 [cartographic material] / Department of Agriculture & Marketing. Extension Engineering Division, Truro. – Scale 1:2400. – 1997. – 1 map : col. ; 64cm x 1.25m.– Item is a map showing marshland access roads, and parcels "A" and "B" which contain tidal dykes, roads and dyke ditches on the Grand Pre Marsh, to be acquired by the Grand Pre Marsh Body. Item also shows all the internal lots of land and boundary ditches as of 1996. – Annotation by Bleakney reads: "Grand Pre". – Item rolled with 28A, C, D, E, F, G

2006.037-BLE/28C Plan, sheet 3 of 5 [cartographic material] / Department of Agriculture & Marketing. Extension Engineering Division, Truro. – Scale 1:2400. – 1997. – 1 map : col. ; 90cm x 1.25m.– Item is a map showing marshland access roads, and parcels "A" and "B" which contain tidal dykes, roads and dyke ditches on the Grand Pre Marsh, to be acquired by the Grand Pre Marsh Body. Item also shows all the internal lots of land and boundary ditches as of 1996. – Annotations by Bleakney reads: "Grand Pre" and "Grand Pre dykelands". – Item rolled with 28A, B, D, E, F, G

2006.037-BLE/28D Plan, sheet 4 of 5 [cartographic material] / Department of Agriculture & Marketing. Extension Engineering Division, Truro. – Scale 1:2400. – 1997. – 1 map : col. ; 64cm x 1.15m.– Item is a map showing marshland access roads, and parcels "A" and "B" which contain tidal dykes, roads and dyke ditches on the Grand Pre Marsh, to be acquired by the Grand Pre Marsh Body. Item also shows all the internal lots of land and boundary ditches as of 1996. – Annotation by Bleakney reads: "Grand Pre". – Item rolled with 28A, B, C, E, F, G

2006.037-BLE/28E Plan, sheet 5 of 5 [cartographic material] / Department of Agriculture & Marketing. Extension Engineering Division, Truro. – Scale 1:2400. – 1997. – 1 map : col. ; 64cm x 1.15m.– Item is a map showing marshland access roads, and parcels "A" and "B" which contain tidal dykes, roads and dyke ditches on the Grand Pre Marsh, to be

acquired by the Grand Pre Marsh Body. Item also shows all the internal lots of land and boundary ditches as of 1996. – Annotation by Bleakney reads: "Grand Pre". – Item rolled with 28A, B, C, D, F, G

On the general topic of Minas Basin

2004.039-BLE/24 the coastline of Nova Scotia / Geological Survey of Canada (1993) includes a videotape of helicopter low level survey of the shoreline of the Minas Basin with manual and catalogue of other tapes in the series

2004.039-BLE/25 aerial photos 1971- 1978- (1971, 1978) being 35mm colour slides of Bleakney's photographs

2005.036-BLE/4 old prints of Grand Pre and the Minas Basin [2004? ; electronic]. Notes on CD read: "9 pictures", "from picturesque Canada 1886", and "and George Nowlan 1940s Claire Killiam 1949"

2006.037-BLE/25 Geological survey map 13A of Hants and Kings Counties: Kingsport sheet No. 84 [cartographic material] / Department of Mines. – Scale 1 mile: 1 inch. – [19--?]. – 1 map : b&w ; 51cm x 91cm. – Item is a photocopy of a Geological Survey of the Hants and Kings Counties in Nova Scotia and includes local data on Triassic, Carboniferous, Devonian and Lower Cambrian periods. – Note attached by Sherman Bleakney states: "Guzzle of 1911 topo is from field work of 1899 – Refs: Corresp. H. Cameron – 1956 – Dec 1999." Photocopy is included. – Included with maps is a letter dated 7 Aug 1956 to Mr. J.W. Byers, engineer at the MMRA in Amherst from H.L. Cameron of the photogrammetry division regarding maps of the Grand Pre area. – Also included is a list of references for the 1911 Topo Map. – Kingsport Sheet #84

On the general topic of names mentioned specifically in the records

2004.039-BLE/5 David Wickwire, obtained from (1999) includes Wickwire family and property information

2004.039-BLE/6 agriculture refs grass and soil (2001-2004) includes sections on [Hank Kolstee](#), Albert E. Rand, Lynton Martin, Miles Russell, G.J. Beke, Marc Lescaobot, S. Champlain, J.D. Hilchey, and D.B. Cann Marshland Surveys

2004.039-BLE/8 dykeland information from interviews (1999-2002) includes individual write-ups as well as a list of names, home location, and phone numbers for 50 interviewees

2004.039-BLE/11 spades (1988-2002) includes sections on Colin MacKinnon spades, dykeland technology K. Leonard 1991, Brenda Dunn 1988 info manual, and [notes](#) from Yves Cormier's book entitled Les Aboiteaux en Acadie 1990

2004.039-BLE/15 history (1998-2000) includes sections on [Jonathan Crane](#) 1819, Oliver Lyman 1808, Woodworth diary 1835-36 Grand Pre, and old census 1700s

2004.039-BLE/16 Wickwire Dyke (1998-2002) includes sections on Herbin J.F. and T.C. Haliburton

2005.036-BLE/1A and B Robert Palmeter time book 1931 [1999? ; 2 copies] being a photocopy of the book with annotations by Bleakney

2005.036-BLE/2 Robert Palmeter dyke repairs time book 1931, Jan-June (1999-2000) being Bleakney's analysis of the time book. Includes a transcription of a diary between 1925 and 1936 (2000), transcription of a report from 1927, transcription of a diary from 1917 with notes and a photocopy of diary pages, and printout of diary pages for April 25, 1931

2006.037-BLE/2 Starrs Point Port Williams [1999?] includes transcript of an interview with Bradford E. Forsyth in 1999

On the general topic of Port Williams

2006.037-BLE/2 Starrs Point Port Williams [1999?] includes aerial photographic prints of dykelands in Kings County with annotations, a transcript of an interview with Bradford E. Forsyth in 1999, copy of report entitled "Sea-Fisheries of Eastern Canada", letter from the Curator of the Kings Historical Society in 1999, overlays of shore erosion at Starrs Point/Port Williams due to the Saxby Gale, and photographic prints of the dykelands in the Starrs Point area

On the general topic of shell fish

2004.039-BLE/4 Acadian dykelands (1994-1997) includes power pole mollusks information, and a [report](#) entitled "Power Pole Mollusks: Grand Pre Dykelands Road"

2004.039-BLE/7 Wolfville Harbour area (2000-2001) includes information on 750 year old clam shells, sketches of locations of [clam shells](#) in the Wolfville harbour area (1959 and 1973), photographs of [soft clam shells](#) (*Mya Arenaria*), and [geological / biological graph](#) of soil layers in south bank of Cornwallis River

2004.039-BLE/14 Grand Pre (1999-2000) includes section on power pole – mollusc

2004.039-BLE/15 history (1998-2000) includes section on conch shell – surveys Geodetic surveys

2004.039-BLE/19 Wolfville area (2000) being colour prints of clam shell layer C14 – 750 years. Kept in original binder

On the general topic of Starr's Point

2004.039-BLE/5 David Wickwire, obtained from (1999) includes photocopy about "Cherry" Lane ferry service across the Cornwallis River to Starr's Point

2006.037-BLE/2 Starrs Point Port Williams [19--?] includes aerial photographic prints of Starrs Point in [1931](#), [1978](#), [1978](#) (2), and dykelands in Kings County with annotations, a transcript of an interview with Bradford E. Forsyth in 1999, copy of report entitled "Sea-Fisheries of Eastern Canada", letter from the Curator of the Kings Historical Society in 1999, overlays of shore erosion at Starrs Point/Port Williams due to the Saxby Gale, and photographic prints of the dykelands in the Starrs Point area

On the general topic of tides

2004.039-BLE/4 Acadian dykelands (1994-1997) includes map of shoreline, aerial photograph, comments relevant to tidal creek drainage patterns, seros cycles and dyke breaching, known placement of dyke walls and aboiteaux, drainage patterns, and list of related books

2004.039-BLE/10 tides (1998-2003) includes sections on Saxby Gale 1869, Saxby tide research 1990s B.I.O., and tidal information generally, locally, and worldwide, monthly/annual [graphs](#) of low tide & minus tides (Bay of Fundy) 1899-1998, and a [presentation](#) on Mega Tidal Evolution & Rising Sea Levels & Entombment of Biota (Minas Basin)

2005.036-BLE/2 Robert Palmeter dyke repairs time book 1931, Jan-June (1999-2000) being Bleakney's analysis of the time book. Includes photocopy of tide tables for 1931, printout of tide information (2000), and photocopy of story entitled "High Tide" by J.W.B.

On the general topic of tools

2004.039-BLE/11 spades (1997-2002) includes sections on tool collectors of Atlantic Canada re: dyke spades, spades examined (being data sheets), Colin MacKinnon spades, Falmouth – 1908 (blacksmith information), dykeland technology K. Leonard 1991, spades, wall construction, Brenda Dunn 1988 info manual, Maritime dykes, Yves Cormier 1990, Annapolis Royal, aboiteau Yarmouth County, paintings – Acadians on dykes, and spade catalogues

2004.039-BLE/18 dykeland tools (2000-2003) being colour prints of spades, horse clogs, forks, and mallets, including: [dyking spades](#) from East La Havre, [dyking spades](#) from Birmingham, England and Sackville, N.B., [horse tidal marsh clogs](#) from Kings County, [harrow, hay, ditching and barn manure forks](#) from Upper Falmouth, and [paddle mallets](#) from Kings County. Kept in original binder.

On the general topic of Wolfville

2004.039-BLE/5 David Wickwire, obtained from (1999) includes photocopies about Wolfville

2004.039-BLE/7 Wolfville Harbour area (2000-2001) includes sections on the Harbour in general, harbour ship wreck and railway to river 1865 but also includes aerial photos, maps,

description of the [Wolfville riverbank and shipwreck](#), photographs of the [ship wreck](#), field trip report on the Wolfville Harbour [ship wreck](#), and photographs of crew conducting [study of shipwreck](#).

2004.039-BLE/16 Wickwire Dyke (1998-2002) includes sections on Wolfville 1913 and 1931 breaks in dyke and air photos 1931, photographs of the breaks in dyke and flooding in [Wolfville](#), photograph of the flooded [Port Williams dyke and road](#) in 1914, photographs of break in the [Wolfville Dyke](#) in 1931, aerial photos of broken [Wickwire Dyke](#) in 1931, aerial photo indicating 1760 [shoreline](#) and erosion, and aerial photo of an area that is likely the [Wolfville Harbour](#).

2004.039-BLE/19 Wolfville area (2000) being colour prints of marsh flora, 1806 dyke wall, wall west of Wolfville, clam shell layer C14 – 750 years, and ship wreck. Kept in original binder

2006.037-BLE/24 Horton Marsh 29th 1806 [cartographic material] / Original by Oliver Lyman, deputy surveyor. – [19--?]. – 1 map : col. ; 31 x 52. – Item is an overlay drawing of an original plan drawn by ["me"?]. – Depicts Long Island, Boot Island, Gaspereau River and Mud Bridge. – Note attached by Sherman Bleakney states: "1806 J.F. Herbin Map – My trace of Grand Pre – Boot Island – Wolfville – Oliver Lyman Surveyor"

5. Research, "Bones and Beliefs in Hunter-Gatherer Societies: The Inuit". – 2006-2012. – 15 folders of textual records, photographs

Series contains sections of a *drafted* manuscript concerning the topic of an hypothesis concerning the genesis of religious beliefs and practices, with the working title "Bones and Beliefs in Hunter-Gatherer Societies: The Inuit".

Note:

Supplied title based on contents of series

Information supplied by Dr. Bleakney at time of donation

Folders 8 through 14 and addenda with information about ancillary and pertinent facts, suggestions and analyses, composed during the period 2006 to 2012

File list included

File list:

2012.014-BLE/1 correspondent list [2012?] being a list of 14 persons with whom Bleakney corresponded in reference to this topic. **CLOSED until 2020**

2012.014-BLE/2 correspondence (2011) with Bruce Matthews, Acadia University. **CLOSED until 2020**

2012.014-BLE/3 correspondence (2010) with Curtis Marean, Institute of Human Origins, School of Human Evaluation and Social Changes, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona

2012.014-BLE/4 acknowledgements (2012) pertaining to places, time periods and personas that together, but unknowingly, precipitated this quest for answers

- 2012.014-BLE/5 prologue (2012) entitled "Origin of Religious Belief Systems", incorporates drafts between 2006 and 2010
- 2012.014-BLE/6 main text (2012) of "Bones and Beliefs in Hunter-Gatherer Societies: The Inuit", incorporates drafts between 2006 and 2010. Includes an annotated list of illustrations (2010) and the illustrations
- 2012.014-BLE/7 literature references (2012) drafted in 2009
- 2012.014-BLE/8 notes (2012) accumulated in 2009 from The Faith Instinct: How Religion Evolved and Why It Endures
- 2012.014-BLE/9 correspondence (2012) with Richard Dawkins in 2010, John Houston, Ken Lister, and John MacDonald in 2009 about early hunters and early worship
- 2012.014-BLE/10 correspondence (2012) with Steven Pinker in 2010 about the relationship of olfaction, religion and cognition
- 2012.014-BLE/11 notes (2012) of further thoughts from 2010 about hunter-gatherers and genesis of their beliefs in the supernatural
- 2012.014-BLE/12 notes (2012) from 2010 being comments about religion as an accidental by-product
- 2012.014-BLE/13 correspondence (2012) from 2011 with John Houston, Ken Lister, and John MacDonald concerning vertebrates and supernatural events. Written in pencil: "my final comments on this 2006-2011 Project"
- 2012.014-BLE/14 notes (2012) written in 2011 concerning hunters and Africa
- 2012.014-BLE/15 electronic copy (2012) of all the papers

APPENDIX A - Publications removed

- Chittenden, Mark E., Jr. 1974. "Trends in the Abundance of American Shad, *Alosa sapidissima*, in the Delaware River Basin," *Chesapeake Science* 15 (2) : 96-103
- Stokesbury, Kevin D.E. and Michael J. Dadswell. 1989. "Seaward migration of juveniles of three herring species, *Alosa*, from an estuary in the Annapolis River, Nova Scotia," *Canadian Field-Naturalist* 103 (3) : 388-393

Biographical Information

Dr. J. Sherman Bleakney, son of Guy Garfield and Ruby (nee Mitchell) Bleakney, was born in 1928 in Corning, N.Y. After his father retired in 1939, the family moved to Wolfville. He married Nancy (nee Tyler, Acadia Class of 1950) in 1952 and has two children: Jill Elaine (Acadia Class of 1976) born in 1955 and Peter Eric (Acadia Class of 1978) born in 1957.

Bleakney graduated from Acadia with a B.Sc. (1949) and a M.Sc. (1951); he graduated from McGill with a Ph.D. (1956). Bleakney was appointed Carnegie Arctic Scholar in the Department of Geography at McGill in 1951-1952. He worked with Department of Lands and Resources in Ottawa during 1952. He was the Curator of Amphibians, Reptiles and Fish at the National Museum of Canada from 1952-1957, during which time he researched amphibians and reptiles in Eastern Canada. In 1957,¹ Bleakney returned to the Biology Department at Acadia as a professor of Zoology. During his time on faculty at Acadia, he was involved in a number of initiatives and projects. He cooperated with the Nova Scotia Museum in 1960-1961 for research on inter-tidal zones as well as studies on the fauna with emphasis on bats, bat caves, crabs, amphibians and reptiles (during which time he was the first scientist to document the seasonal presence in Nova Scotia of leatherback turtles).² He was Associate Editor of the *Canadian Field Naturalist* in 1959. Bleakney supervised an archaeological underwater survey in Louisbourg Harbour in 1960 for the Acadia University Institute, sponsored by the National Parks Branch of the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources. He sat on the Executive of the Association Alumni of Acadia University during the 1960s, was a Fellow of the Herpetologists' League in 1967, and volunteered with the Acadia Lyceum summer program. In 1987, he received the Alumni Award for Teaching Excellence. Bleakney retired in 1988 after supervising 22 honours and 12 master's theses. He continued to work closely with Acadia as a University Fellow from 1988 to 1993.

Bleakney is noted for this book on sea slugs, entitled "Sea Slugs of Atlantic Canada and the Gulf of Maine", and for his book on dykes and marshlands, entitled "Sods, Soil, and Spades".

¹ Bleakney replaced the faculty position vacated by the retirement of Dr. H.G. Perry. Bleakney was a contemporary of Robie Tufts and Harrison Flint Lewis in the Biology Department.

² One leatherback turtle, "Sherman", was named after Bleakney in 1999.

Scope and Content

The entire fonds represents the great amount of research and writing done by Bleakney both during and after his academic career. Much of the fonds is accumulated research material, historical and recent, that formed the basis for the book "Sods, Soil and Spades: The Acadians at Grand Pre and Their Dykeland Legacy", published by McGill-Queen's University Press, 2004³

The fonds consists of four series:

1. personal papers (1967-1990)
2. presentations and manuscripts (1951-2004)
3. research, general [19--?, ca.1920]
4. research, "Sods, Soil, and Spades" (1945-2004)
5. research, "Bones and Beliefs in Hunter-Gatherer Societies: The Inuit" (2006-2012)

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See also "Sods, soil, and spades : the Acadians at Grand Pré and their dykeland legacy" by J. Sherman Bleakney [SPCOLL TC345 .C3 B53 2004], also available electronically through the Library's catalogue

See also the Library's catalogue for publications by J. Sherman Bleakney

Bleakney's work with turtles is highlighted in the May 2009 issue of *National Geographic*

See also "Journal through Nova-Scotia containing a particular Account of the Country and its Inhabitants" by John Robinson and Thomas Rispin, 1981 reprint of 1774 edition [FC2321.2 .R62 1981]

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³ Bleakney's research files are filled with inter-related topics. For this reason, some files are included in more than one series. In these cases, the list of file contents has been edited to reflect only the papers deemed relevant to the series.

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