

Family History Society of Newfoundland and Labrador - New Horizons Program for Seniors 2026:

Mapping the Mobility of Women in 19th-Century Newfoundland. This project is focussed in Conception Bay,

Project Outline:

The Family History Society of Newfoundland and Labrador (FHSNL) will spearhead a network of meetings in each community to explore the migratory patterns of women in Conception Bay. Women take on the family name of their husband when they marry and often move from their birth place to the community of their new husband. Therefore, it becomes difficult to know where they grew up. By interviewing seniors and interested people in each community we believe that we will find documentary evidence linking the families and places in Conception Bay. The project coordinator will work with volunteers to arrange meetings in each community: Portugal Cove – St Philips, Bay Roberts, Carbonear, Harbour Grace, Upper Island Cove. The coordinator will liaison with Town Councils, Heritage Groups, Museums, seniors' groups, Women's Institutes.

Project Outcome

A written report and audio – visual recording providing Information about a generation of women and their migration patterns within Conception Bay. This information will be valuable to students of folklore, history and geography as well as genealogists and family historians.

Timeline

The goal is to begin in May and conclude by the end of August 2026.

Project Coordinator Job description (contract-based):

The successful candidate will be contract-based and will arrange and chair meetings in appropriate locations and venues to trace and identify the geographic mobility of women within Conception Bay.

Skills:

- A strong interest in the heritage and family history in Newfoundland and Labrador.
- Experience interviewing people in a group and individual setting, with the ability to inspire people to talk about their family history in friendly and positive environments.
- Ability to coordinate with seniors' groups
- Comfortable with travel and flexible working hours. Access to a vehicle is necessary.
- Expertise in recording audio and visual interviews, and editing for posting on a website.
- Excellent oral and written skills in English are essential.
- Ability to work independently and in groups.

Interested candidates should apply in writing to fhs@fhsnl.ca.

Deadline to apply is April 24, 2026.