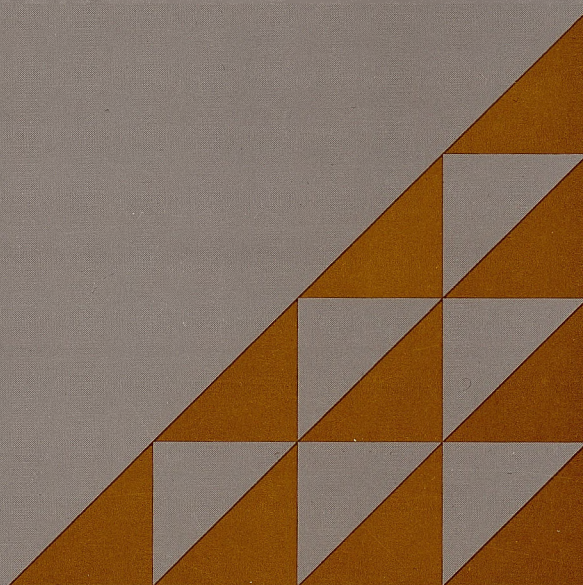




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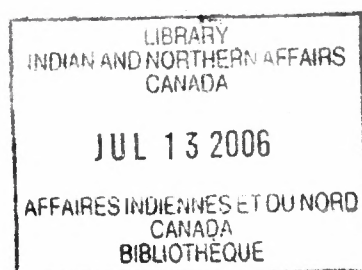


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Dr. Carlson specializes in pre-historic archaeology and ethnology of North America, particularly early man on the northwest coast of Canada. According to the academic community, he is one of Canada's leaders on pre-contact native populations and an authority on pre-history in British Columbia.

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Dr. Foster is interested in native aspects of Canada's History, particularly in Alberta. His publications include a book titled Report on the History of the Metis Hivernement Settlement at Buffalo Lake, 1872-77, Alberta Government, Department of Culture, 1987, and a chapter in The Prairie West to 1905 titled "Rupert's land and the Red River Settlement, 1820-70."

For an archaeological perspective, Dr. Jack Ives of the Archaeological Survey of Alberta, may be of help (Edmonton 403 431-2313). He comes well recommended, although he suggests speaking to Dr. Foster over himself. One recent publication by Dr. Ives is A Theory of Northern Athabaskan Pre-history, University of Calgary and Westview press, 1990.

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Scholars seem to agree with Ernie Walker that there simply are no reliable numbers on pre-history native populations for Saskatchewan. However, Dr. Walker is the person to speak to on what there is know on pre-contact native populations - particularly the characteristics of those populations.

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Mr. Russell is widely regarded as one of Western Canada's leading experts on ethnohistory. His research interest is in the region west of Hudson Bay, and he has produced several publications on Saskatchewan for the Saskatchewan Research Council. In his M.A. thesis, Mr. Russell has managed to derive historical population counts. Like others, Mr. Russell has no pre-historic counts. However, as Dr. Walker points out, if any numbers on pre-history can be derived, they would have to come from Dale Russell's data.

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Members of the academic community agree that Dr. Nicholson is an authority on pre-history in Manitoba. His focus is captured in the title of his dissertation - Human Ecology and Pre-history of the Forest-Grassland Transition Zone of Western Manitoba.

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According to Bruce Trigger at McGill, Dr. Warrick is one of the few people with solid data on pre-contact populations in Ontario. Dr. Warrack does not consider himself a general authority on pre-contact, but he is knowledgeable of literature for Ontario and an expert on the Huron and Piton of south-central Ontario.

QUEBEC

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Dr. Trigger is happy to provide advice on pre-contact Indian populations and characteristics. While he readily names others who have a more specific knowledge of particular populations or regions, Dr. Trigger is widely acknowledged as one of the leaders of the discipline. He is not only an authority on Quebec, but according to many anthropologists, Dr. Trigger comes as close as possible to being an expert on the Canadian scene. Publications include Natives and Newcomers: Canada's Heroic Age Reconsidered, Montreal, McGill-Queen's University Press, 1985.

EASTERN CANADA

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While Dr. Tuck feels most comfortable talking about pre-history in Newfoundland and Labrador, the research community agrees that he is one of the best contacts for Eastern Canada. Among the books Dr. Tuck has published are Maritime Provinces Pre-history, National Museums of Canada, Ottawa, and Newfoundland and Labrador Pre-history, National Museums of Canada, Ottawa.

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NORTHERN CANADA

Geoffery Hunston
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For pre-contact populations in the Yukon, Dr. Hunston is one of the authorities.

Garth Taylor
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Dr. Taylor is an expert on pre-contact populations in the Arctic. Dr. Peter Schlederman at the Arctic Institute of Calgary (403) 220-4008 should also be helpful on the Arctic.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

1. Dr. Robert McGhee (Archaeological Survey of Canada, Ottawa, 613 994-6116) informed QASR of a book titled Canada Rediscovered, scheduled to be published by the Canadian Museum of Civilization in 1991. The book contains pre-contact population estimates for each region in Canada and for North America.
 2. Dr. Conrad Heidenreich (Geography, York University, 416 736-2100 ext 22496) is an excellent contact for pre-contact population maps. Many of the maps supplied to this department by Energy, Mines, and Resources were produced by Dr. Heidenreich. These include the distribution of native populations in eastern Canada for the year 1630, the population distribution from the prairies to the east coast in 1740, and a national population map for 1823.

The Historical Atlas of Canada, Volume I (University of Toronto Press, 1987) is another good source of pre-contact maps. Dr. Heidenreich is one of the contributors to this atlas.
 3. Most of the academics listed above referred to the "Handbook of North American Indians" (Smithsonian Institute) as an excellent source of information on pre-contact populations.
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