

Project Update from Creighton Barrett

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Since I received the grant, I have been trying to supplement the funds with funding from other organizations. I received \$2000 from the Rockefeller Archive Center to cover travel expenses so I can visit the archives in New York and view records related to the research project. I was unsuccessful in my application to the Nova Scotia Museum Research Grant Program. I am applying for funds from the Dalhousie Research Fund. The application is due on September 1. There is also a research grant program at CARL, but I don't know if I will have time to apply.

I need additional funds because the \$1000 is not really enough to cover the cost of hiring a research assistant (especially after Dal's "administrative" cut). The Nova Scotia Museum program apparently doesn't fund research assistants, so I am hoping that my application to Dalhousie will be successful. Once I find out, I will draft a position description and work with faculty in the Dal history department to find a student who is interested in the project. When I get back from vacation, I will also be meeting with Lois Yorke (Provincial Archivist of Nova Scotia) to discuss the project and find out how the NS Archives can facilitate the research program.

I am scheduled to present my findings at a lecture to the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society in March 2015. The paper will then appear in the 2015 Proceedings of the Society.

I hope that helps for now. My final report is a ways away, but I do plan on getting into the research this fall and will be happy to provide another interim update once I've started examining the records.