

## **University New Brunswick Archives and Special Collections Stolen Letters.**

UNB's Archives & Special Collections materials were selectively purloined in the 1970's, like many North American educational institutions. Items stolen were valuable letters, their covers / envelopes and correspondence.

At that time and into the early 1980s there were a number of thefts of Canadian documents dating between 1790s and the 1840s, the period of "stampless covers" before stamped mail. These stampless covers / envelopes would be most desirous to postal history philatelic collectors.

From UNB, those thefts were principally from the:

**Saunders Family Papers** which had taken fifty-four covers addressed to the Saunders family. Many of the Saunders items are trans-Atlantic covers to New Brunswick with Halifax transit marks.

<https://unbstolenletters.wordpress.com/the-saunders-papers/>

has a complete list and images to offer identifying capabilities.

**Winslow papers** which had taken six covers dated from 1788 – 1803 to Edward Winslow.

<https://unbstolenletters.wordpress.com/the-winslow-papers/>

has a complete list and images to offer identifying capabilities.

More details are provided under the tabs for the Saunders Papers and the Winslow Papers. Some items have been recovered in the intervening years, the most recent being in 2014. There are still letters to be recovered and UNB are still very interested in their return. We want our historical material back.

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