

HISTORICAL ATLAS OF CANADA DATA DISSEMINATION PROJECT

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Distribution Information sheet

Territorial Evolution shapefiles and maps

HACOLP_Territorial_Evolution_2012.zip

Contains all data and corresponding Arcmap documents for the theme and map

"Territorial Evolution, 1670-2001 > Boundary Changes, 1670-2001"

in the Historical Atlas of Canada Online Learning Project.

http://www.historicalatlas.ca/website/hacolp/national_perspectives/boundaries/UNIT_17

Basemap used is original linework and GIS base layers from the Atlas of Canada 1:7 500 000 data set. See

<http://geogratis.gc.ca/>

See: Atlas of Canada National Scale Data 1:5,000,000 Series

Historical data:

Boundaries and change data compiled for the Historical Atlas of Canada printed volumes; digitized and attribute data added for the Historical Atlas of Canada Online Learning Project. For sources see:

http://www.historicalatlas.ca/website/hacolp/national_perspectives/boundaries/UNIT_17/U17_sources.htm

This map shows every known change in boundaries for the time period, with the relevant change highlighted in a wide yellow line, and annotated with a description.

Nominal scale : 1:7 500 000

Type of Data : Vector

Spatial Reference: Canada_Lambert_Conformal_Conic_HACOLP

Geographic coordinate system-GCS_North American 1983

Map Projection-North American 1983 Lambert Conformal Conic

Standard Parallels: 49° N, 77° N; Central Meridian: 95° W.; Latitude origin: 49° N;

Units: meters

Format : ESRI Shape File

NOTE: Spatial Reference same as used for Atlas of Canada: See <http://spatialreference.org/ref/sr-org/7254/>

Location of files for map "Boundary Changes, 1670-2001"

Arcmap document is found in directory ~\HACOLP_Territorial_Evolution_2012\GISData\HACOLP\ArcMaps\UNIT_17

Shapefiles referenced in map are found in directory

~\HACOLP_Territorial_Evolution_2012\GISData\HACOLP\Data\UNIT_17\shapefiles_new

Standard base shapefiles for Modern Geography are found in directory

~\HACOLP_Territorial_Evolution_2012\GISData\HACOLP\standard_bases\ModernGeog

There are separate shapefiles for each year that a boundary change occurred, for lines, changes in lines, and polygons, using the naming convention (for the year 1713 as an example):

boundaries_1713_arc.shp, boundaries_1713_changes_arc.shp, boundaries_1713_poly.shp

These shapefiles carry all or some of these attributes for the relevant features for year <NNNN>

For definition of values see detailed Legend Info page on website:

http://www.historicalatlas.ca/website/hacolp/national_perspectives/boundaries/UNIT_17/U17_leg_info_TE6799.htm

Attribute Fields: boundaries_NNNN_arc.shp

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Attribute Fields: boundaries_NNNN_changes_arc.shp

CODE	text 10	Letter code for type of Boundary: See Symbology tab for layers for values
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DESCRIPTION	text 254	Long description of boundary change event
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DATE_	short integer	Date of boundary change event
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EVENT	text 50	Short description of boundary change event
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Attribute Fields: boundaries_1713_poly.shp

PROV_NAME	text 45	Name of province, colony, district or territory
COUNTRY	text 30	Name of Country or organization possessing land OR "disputed"