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## FOREWORD

Integral to the development of this Country since the pioneer settlements of the 15th century, lands and forests are interwoven in the fabric of Maine history. In his Report of the Archives of Maine, 1908, Allen Johnson wrote, "The relation of the Union to the Western domain is foreshadowed in the dealing of the General Court (of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts) with this border province." In the course of time and events, documentation of Maine's lands and forests have produced the records that are fundamental in historical research.

The select bibliography (to 1979) offered here is intended as a guide in the use of documentary and interpretive sources on this subject for various research purposes. Forestry, agricultural and other land uses are included in the listing of sources on settlement, development, management systems, divisions, claims, tenure, policies, et cetera. Besides important works pertaining to Maine, this selection lists general works, many of which contain useful information relating to Maine and/or are useful in the pursuit of the broad aspects of the subject.

Not included here are books and articles which mainly emphasize timber industry, silviculture and the like. Nor have state and local histories been included, although these often have useful information on land policies. Listings of Maine local histories are available from the Maine State Archives.



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