

Otto Kelland's Model Dories and the Digital Archives Initiative at Memorial University of Newfoundland

What is the Digital Archives Initiative(DAI)?

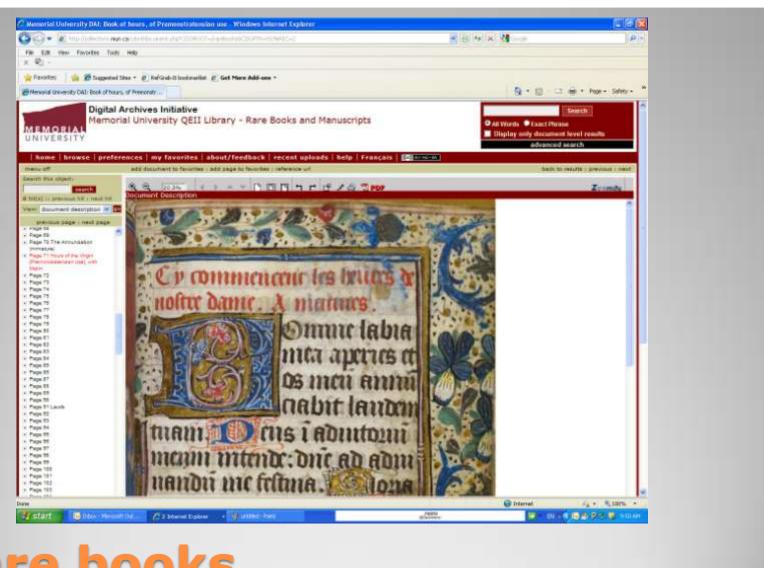
 The gateway to the learning and research based cultural resources held by Memorial University of Newfoundland and partnering organizations  The DAI began in 2005 as a long-term storage and presentation facility for Memorial University's digital assets.

Officially launched in February 2008

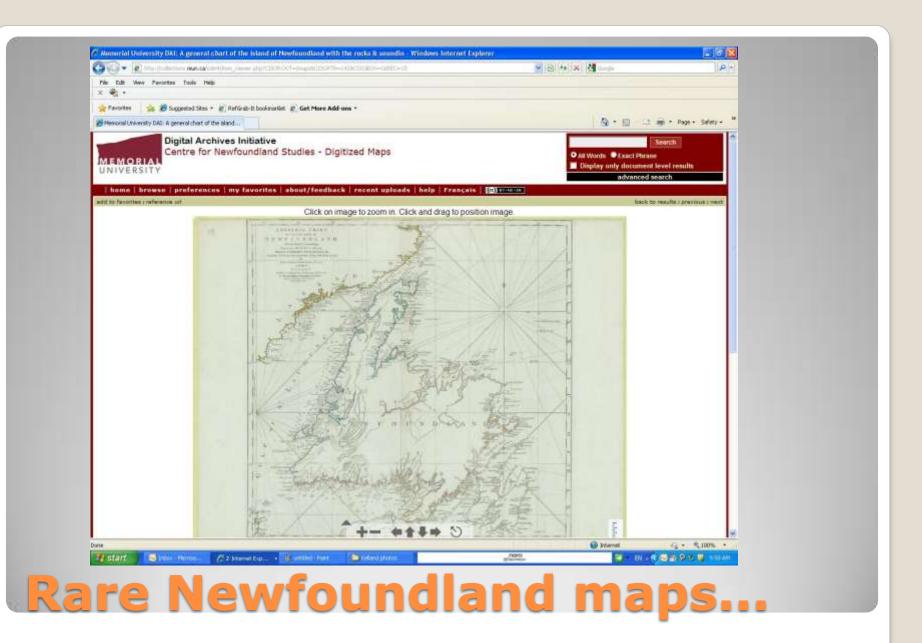
• <a href="http://collections.mun.ca">http://collections.mun.ca</a>

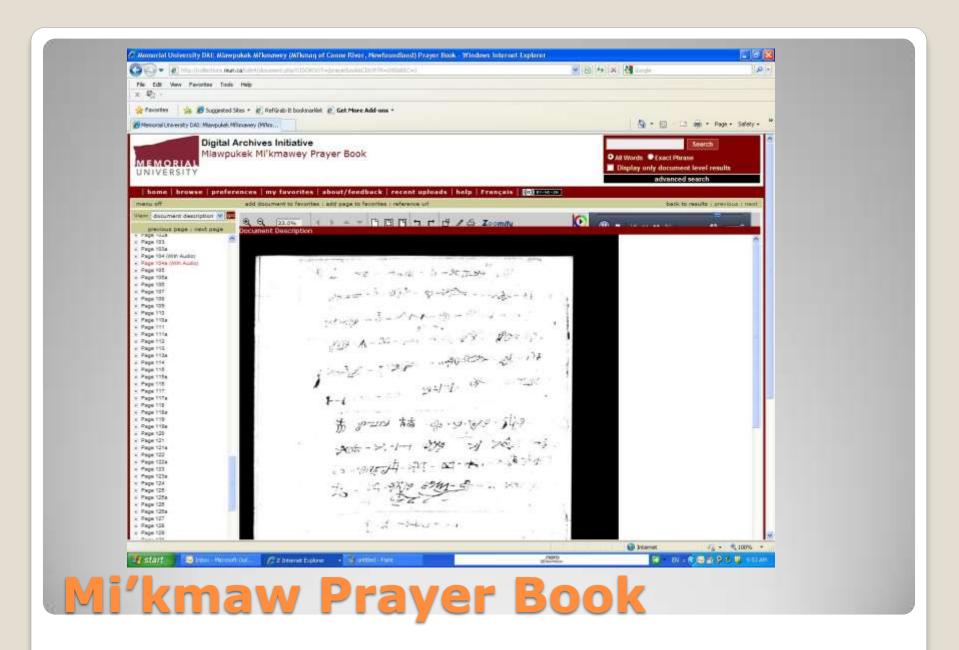
- over 110 collections
- > 1 million objects
- > 4 TB data and growing fast

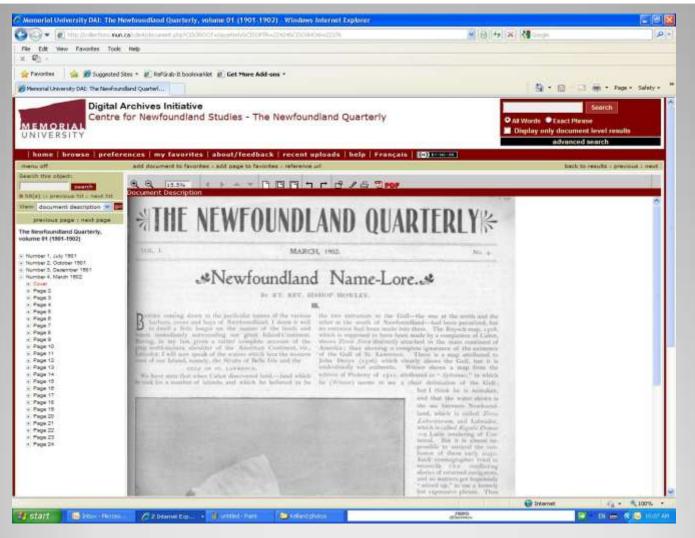
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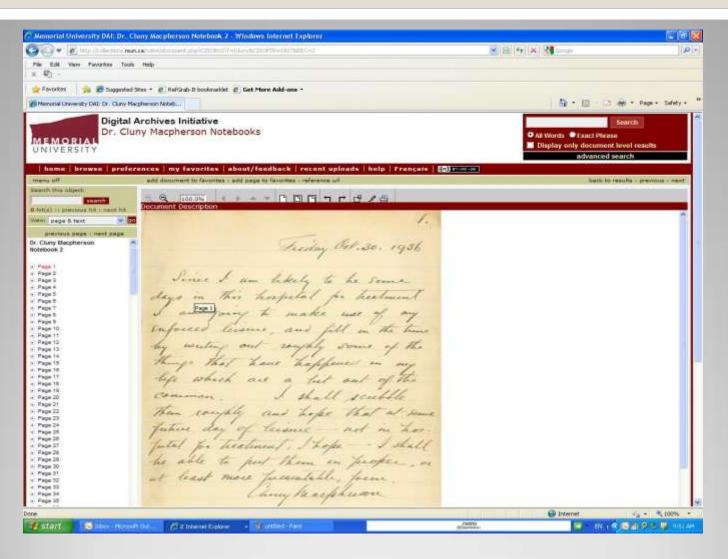
Rare books...







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Dr. Cluny MacPherson Notebooks



Why digitize the model boats?

- Priority for selection will be given to material representing the culture and history of Newfoundland and Labrador.
- Rare or fragile resources shall be considered a higher priority for digitization.
- Digitization of material required on a time sensitive basis will be expedited.
- Materials considered for selection for digitization will not be limited by the format of the original.

# **Selection Criteria:**

- Newfoundland artist
- Of cultural interest fishing/boatbuilding
- Rare artist is deceased
- Format of original 3D object

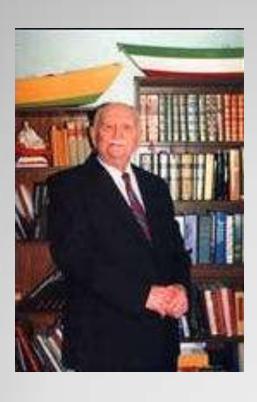
# Do the models fit the criteria?

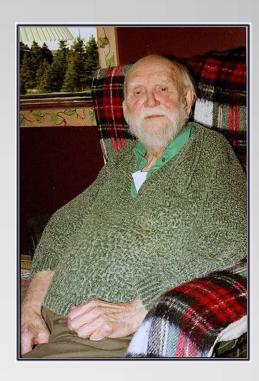
# Who was Otto Kelland?

born in Lamaline, NL in 1904



### Passed away in 2004 – just short of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday





- spent his working life as a policeman and later warden and superintendent at Her Majesty's Penitentiary.
- accomplished author with several books, songs and poems to his credit.
- He is most famous in Newfoundland for the words of the legendary ballad, Let me Fish off Cape St. Mary's

In his later working years Otto Kelland was employed at the Fisheries and Marine Institute as a "Model Boat Designer"

- During his life Otto Kelland made dozens of model boats
- Many of these are located at Marine institute
- Housed in glass cases with poor lighting
- Dory collection is a preliminary set





## Demonstration

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