



Calling All Cajuns!

St. Martinville, Louisiana

November 2004



In Memoriam Judge Allen Maurice Babineaux



January 15, 1925 – August 23, 2004

Judge Allen Babineaux served on the board of the Acadian Memorial, an honor for us. He served as chairman of the Deportation Cross Project and his endorsement of this project inspired everyone to see it to completion. Today, beneath the cross, which was dedicated in June 2003, is the Babineaux family coat-of-arms.

Judge Babineaux always worked for the recognition of his beloved Acadian culture. It is fitting that he, descended from a long line of individuals persecuted for their heritage, should fight so valiantly and lovingly for their rightful recognition.

His ancestor Nicolas Babineau left France in the 1600's to settle in a new land. Judge Babineaux exhibited that same spirit of determination. Like the generations of Babineau's, who witnessed Acadia change hands at least ten times, he understood the value of tolerance. He felt the persecution of his deported Babineau ancestor, who made his way to Louisiana. Therefore, he sought justice for those who were poor, illiterate and spoke only French in an English-speaking society.

The Babineau family's history forged in him a noble response: faith, love of justice and honor. We have all been enriched by the fact that this "gentle" man offered his services to the Acadian Memorial and shared his wisdom with us.

RESWEBER NAMED "LA DAME BEAUSOLEIL"

The Famille Beausoleil Association presented their "La Dame Beausoleil" Award for 2004 to Patricia D. Resweber during the Famille Beausoleil's annual banquet in Antigonish, Nova Scotia, held August 12 during the Congrès Mondial Acadien (World Acadian Congress). Over 270

Broussard descendants and supporters attended the reunion from August 11 to 13 in Antigonish and Pomquet, Nova Scotia.



"While many know Pat as someone who spends a great deal of time at the Acadian Memorial in St. Martinville, few are fully aware of the fact that this lady and her husband Leonard, along with Janie (Jane G.) Bulliard were the ones responsible for (it)," said association officials.

Resweber and Bulliard co-founded the Memorial, from its inception, through its funding and construction, to its opening. Today they remain involved in the Memorial's operation and development as an interpretive center for Acadian history and a pilgrimage site for Acadian descendants from around the world.

"Patricia is an excellent example to all people," officials further stated. "If one is willing to dedicate the time, energy and love required, dreams can become a reality."

Resweber's dream was to build a beautiful memorial to her Acadian heritage, where all Acadian descendants could feel proud of their ancestors. She traces her Acadian lineage through her mother, who was a Broussard.

The award certificate bears the signatures of Sheila Broussard of Nova Scotia and J. Maxie Broussard of Louisiana, former association president who signed the award before he passed away last June.



Bonjour to all my Acadian Cousins,

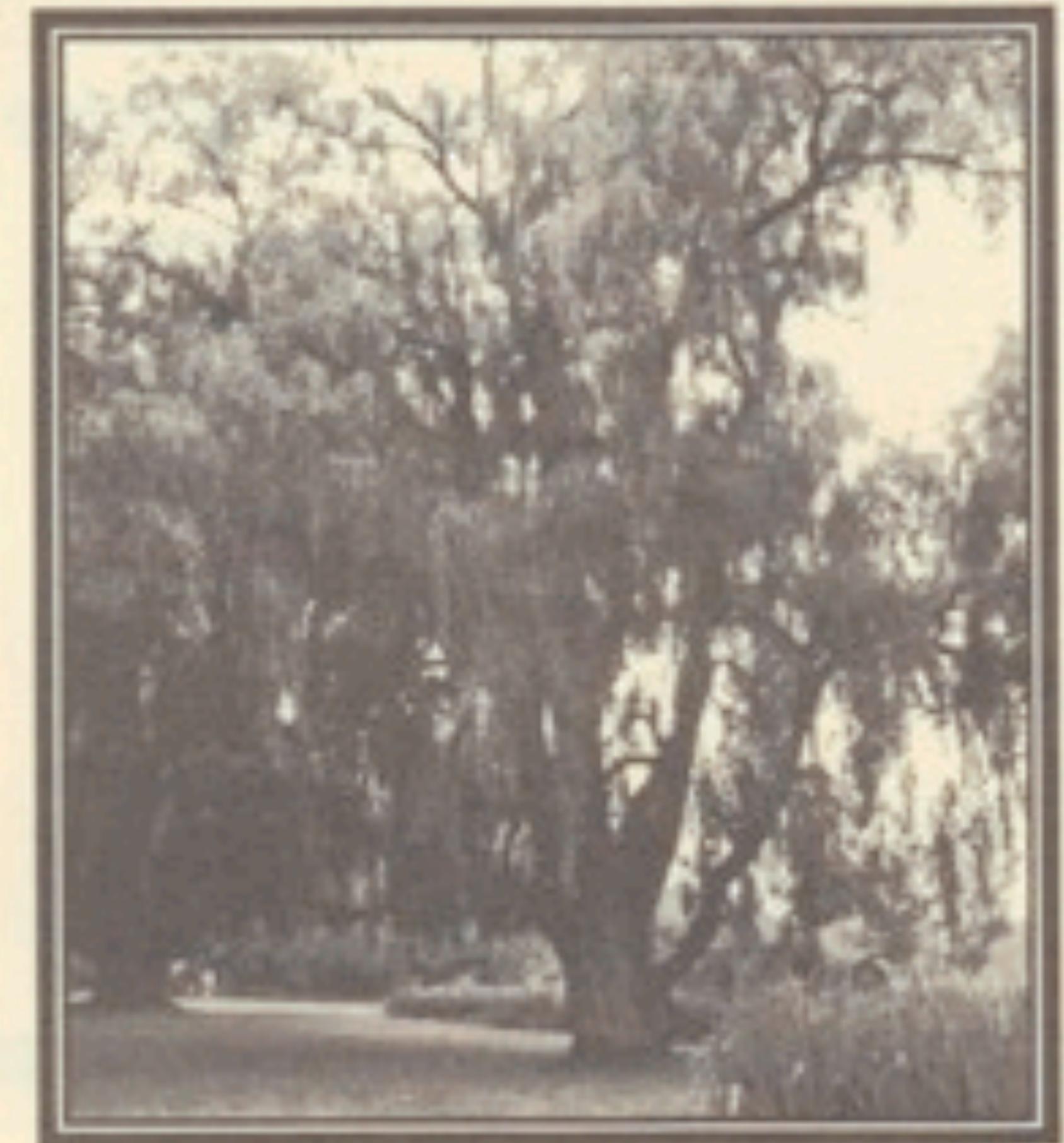
Treasured Moment at Grand-Pré, Nova Scotia

Having returned from the Congr s of the Acadians with many stories, I would like to share a treasured moment I will remember forever! I was given the opportunity to plan and assist with the "Cajuns at Grand-Pr " day at the Grand-Pr  National Historic Site in Nova Scotia.

To be on the land of my Acadian ancestors for the twinning reconnection between St. Martinville Evangeline Oak Park and Grand-Pr  National Historical Site was very emotional. This ceremony was a great way to showcase the importance of our relationship and open the day for personal encounters between Acadians and Cajuns.

From Louisiana we brought Cajun food by Chef Roy, Cajun music by "The New Pine Grove Boys", Cajun & Creole dancing styles, lectures from Warren Perrin on the Queen's apology and Christy Maraist on the pride of Acadians, conversations and Cajuns reuniting with Acadians! These events brought excitement in the air for over 3,000 people in attendance.

At the close of the day, I facilitated an event called *"If the Willows Could Speak"*. The perfect place to reflect was behind the St. Charles Church replica near the 250 year old willows planted by the Acadian ancestors years before the deportation. Cajun fiddlers played soulful music and participants stood on ground that belonged to their ancestors, knowing that they were breathing the same air, looking at the same sky, and standing on the very soil they tilled, opened opportunities for expression of feelings and emotions about the congr s reunion. As tears fell, Cajuns /Acadians told of their experiences. The sharing ended as the fiddles played joyfully for all to dance a jig on such a sacred site. It was undeniably a spiritual moment in time!



Media from Canada, USA, and France were exceptionally impressed with this reunion and gathering. A New York Times reporter, Clifford Krauss promised a wonderful article to tribute our heritage. He titled it, *"Evangeline People Gather and Weep for Ancestors Fate"*. Here are a few of his words to describe the Acadian/Cajun gathering. "They came in motor homes, buses and planes from as far away as Baton Rouge and Brussels, tens of thousands of them, to sing and dance and enjoy the same summer Nova Scotia breezes as their ancestors settled the French colony of Acadie in the early 17th century and were removed in 1755.

"The land here was taken from my ancestors and now I have to pay for parking on land that could have been mine," Donald Landry, 51, from Dieppe, New Brunswick, told a group gathered under some willow trees while two fiddlers took a break from playing old Cajun songs about loneliness and unrequited love on the bayou. "We shouldn't forget that that's history that we didn't know about for a long time," he added with a trembling smile.

Acadians from around the world came to visit the cradle of Acadie during Congr s Mondial Acadien and it became the scene of reflection and unexpected tears.

In 2009, Congr s should be just as impressive! The World Wide Congress of the Acadians will be held in Caraquet, New Brunswick! Make a long-term goal to be there!

Impassioned by our history,
Brenda Comeaux Trahan
Curator/Director

THERE'S A MOUSE IN THE HOUSE! AN ACADIAN MOUSE!

The Acadian Memorial brings Canadian, Lila Hope-Simpson's, new book *Fiddles & Spoons: Journey of an Acadian Mouse* to the children of Louisiana so they can learn the story of the Acadians and why they settled here, through the eyes of a mouse.

Cecile Souris (Souris - French for mouse) will come off the pages of storybook, "Fiddles & Spoons" to tell her story! Madame Souris will enter the Acadian Memorial, in costume, to tell her version of the Acadian odyssey where she lived under the floorboards of an Acadian family, les Dubois of Grand-Pré, Nova Scotia, during the 1700s! The Acadian spirit shines through when Cecile Souris and her mouse family find themselves deported and searching for a new Acadie.

Join them on an unforgettable journey in this heart-warming tale of courage, love and joy as the Acadians continue to celebrate life with "Fiddles & Spoons"!

Read a few words from the book:

Lila Hope-Simpson opens the story, "It was fiddle night in the Dubois household, and under the floorboards the mice were bursting with excitement! Cecile Souris wore her linen dress, dyed a bright beetroot red, and her tail twitched with anticipation. On Saturday night, when the floor boards started to beat to the rhythm of the music and spoons and dancing upstairs, Cecile would grab her little brother Etienne and, together, they would dance until the moon lay low in the Grand-Pré sky". After Madame Souris tells the story of her experience when the British drove her Acadian family out of Acadie, the long journey to find a new home and later settling in Louisiana, Simpson ends the story on this note, "Eventually, some of the families made their homes in the new land. Some wandered, as far as Louisiana. They fished for shrimp and grew crops of sweet potato and sugar cane. The mice settled under the floorboards of the Dubois family's new home, and scavenged for strange spicy crumbs and rice. They continued to work hard for an honest life, often wondering why they had to leave their land and their homes to start all over again."



This book is dedicated to uprooted people from every place and time, whose spirits have proven that after adversity, and life goes on! And sometimes, there is even dancing! Let us dance and celebrate our wonderful Louisiana and livelihood we have made for ourselves!

Written in such a creative way, I felt this book should be shared with children of south Louisiana. The book will be sold at the Acadian Memorial starting in October. Families and teachers schedule an appointment for a performance by Madame Cecile Souris by calling (337) 394-2258.

Upcoming Events:

November 2nd, 3:00 p.m. - All Souls Day Ceremony at the Deportation Cross Replica / Acadian Memorial Meditation Garden. Help us remember the souls of the individual Acadian men, women and children who arrived here from 1764 to 1788. Father Austin Leger of St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church will conduct a special blessing and commemoration to honor our ancestors.

November 10th, 6:00 p.m. - Warren Perrin, author of "Acadian Redemption: From Beausoleil Broussard to the Queen's Royal Proclamation", will lecture on his biography of a famous Acadian, Joseph Broussard dit Beausoleil. The Acadian-Cajun culture recognizes Joseph Beausoleil Broussard as a very courageous hero who fought to keep the Acadians in Acadie, Nova Scotia before the deportation. For more information, contact Warren at perrin@plddo.com, 337-937-5468 or 337-233-5832.

2005 Events

January 19th - Opening of a year long Commemoration of the Acadian Deportation. Dedication of Louisiana Acadian Governors' Acadian family mosaic crest/ Governor K. Blanco invited. Acadian Memorial Meditation Garden

February 11th -- Calling All Lovers for Romance Under the Oak, "Evangeline & Gabriel Day", Evangeline Oak Square

March 19th - First Annual Acadian Memorial Festival - 2005 Theme, "Commemoration of the Acadian Deportation", Cultural activities: Theatre, Music, Art, Traditional customs, demonstrations, food, genealogy, and much more to commemorate our heritage. Evangeline Oak Park.

JOHN LANDRY TO RECEIVE MASTER'S

In May 2003, Tulane University board approved the decision to retroactively award a master's degree of Architecture 1 to all graduates of the three and a half, five and the four year program before 1948 to John Albert Landry.

The faculty believed that completion of a professional program in architecture merits a designation of master's degree and that this is consistent with other programs at the university.

Landry, New Iberia Historic District Commission Chairman and owner of Lagniappe Too on Main Street, will receive the award at a ceremony Oct. 22 at Tulane's school of architecture.

Memories of Congrès Mondial Acadien 2004-Nova Scotia



Landry & Martin Family



Mural Figures Await Sponsorship



"Acadians: men, women, children...have just disembarked here. They would have died of misery had we not provided them some assistance. Their affliction is the result of their sacred attachment to their homeland and to their religion."

The memory of the exiles aided by Governor Aubrey is kept alive at the Acadian

Memorial. In Robert Dafford's mural, descendants, associations, civic organizations and municipalities have sponsored many of the figures. With funds received, personal stories of the Acadians on the mural are told. Yet, many continue to wait for sponsorship!

Mural figures not yet sponsored include:

Jean Baptiste Semer was separated from his son and exiled with his wife, Anne Landry. After thirty years was reunited with his son Jean Baptiste in Attakapas.

Martin Navarro, Chief Administrative Officer from Spain offered to be godfather to all Acadian babies born during crossing from France.

Olivier Terriot, shoemaker in Nantes, France, helped recruit 1500 Acadians to come to Louisiana and Marie Aucoin, wife of Olivier Terriot, arrived with him aboard La Bergère.

Ambroise Terriot, 1766, organized a boucherie for new arrivals in Manchac.

Joseph Gravois with seventeen relatives arrived in 1788.

Marie, Marguerite and Elisabeth Richard, sisters deported to Virginia, then England, left from France, arrived in 1785.

Magdeleine Broussard, wife of Olivier Thibodeau, died May 16, 1765 after delivering daughter, Marguerite Anne. Mother and child are the first of two recorded burials of Acadians at Attakapas.

Pierre Pitre, was listed in Opelousas with two children, Francois and Catherine Pitre.

Elisabeth Thibodeau Brasseur, widow, mother of seven, arrived from Maryland.

Joseph Landry arrived in 1766 and served as State Senator from Acadia/St. James.

Madeleine Robichaud, daughter of Marguerite Martin and René Robichaud, married Charles Hebert.

Pierre Arseneau signed the Dauterive Pact in New Orleans on April 4, 1765.

Salvador, Jean & Marin Mouton are some of the earliest refugees to arrive. Jean is recognized as the founder of Lafayette.

Pierre Guidry was known as the "patriarch of Grande Pointe/Cecilia".

Alexis and Honoré Breau, brothers who came with their families from Maryland.

We invite you to visit the Memorial, find your ancestor on the beautiful mural and consider sponsoring him/her. Listen to the stories already recorded. All, especially the children, want to tell their stories. Help the Acadian Memorial preserve for future generations, this rich heritage. The cost of sponsoring a mural figure is \$2,000 per person. You do not have to be a descendant of the person you wish to sponsor. If the person is named already, the research has been done.

Cajun Pride: Keep it Alive! Join Our Acadian Memorial Membership

The Acadian Memorial Foundation invites you to become an affiliate of the Acadian Memorial! The Memorial is the only place in the world that memorializes and honors the Acadian pioneers of Louisiana. If you are an Acadian descendant or have an interest in the heritage and culture of the Cajuns, the Foundation requests your support with the efforts of preserving our history. Your membership dues in the Acadian Memorial Foundation go directly to supporting the Memorial and sharing the memory of the 3,000 exiled Acadians who settled in Louisiana. Please join our membership. Your efforts and contributions has enabled the Acadian Memorial to accomplish the following:

- Acadian Memorial's web site www.acadianmemorial.org and newsletter, Calling All Cajuns, is our link to schools, genealogists and others who are interested in learning about the Acadians who came to Louisiana.
- Replica of the Grand-Pré Deportation Cross, located in the Acadian Memorial Meditation Garden.
- Mural comes alive with interactive audio and lights – hear the stories of their journey to Louisiana.
- The Acadian Memorial: A Documentary; video was created in honor of the Acadians by showing who they were and how they took root in Louisiana.

Our further plans to accomplish for the coming year will be made possible in part by the efforts and contributions of patrons like you.

Memberships:

All donations are appreciated. Memorials and gifts are encouraged. Donations qualify as tax deductible charitable contributions under number 721308747

Membership type	Name of member(s)
* <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Sponsor	\$1000 / year _____ (Individual / couple)
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Note: This person has to have been an inhabitant of Acadia, who suffered deportation, and then settled in Louisiana.

I wish to sponsor a named character on the mural. (These names are listed in the article.)

I wish to sponsor an unnamed character on the mural.

Name of figure I wish to sponsor.

Name of person I wish to name on mural.



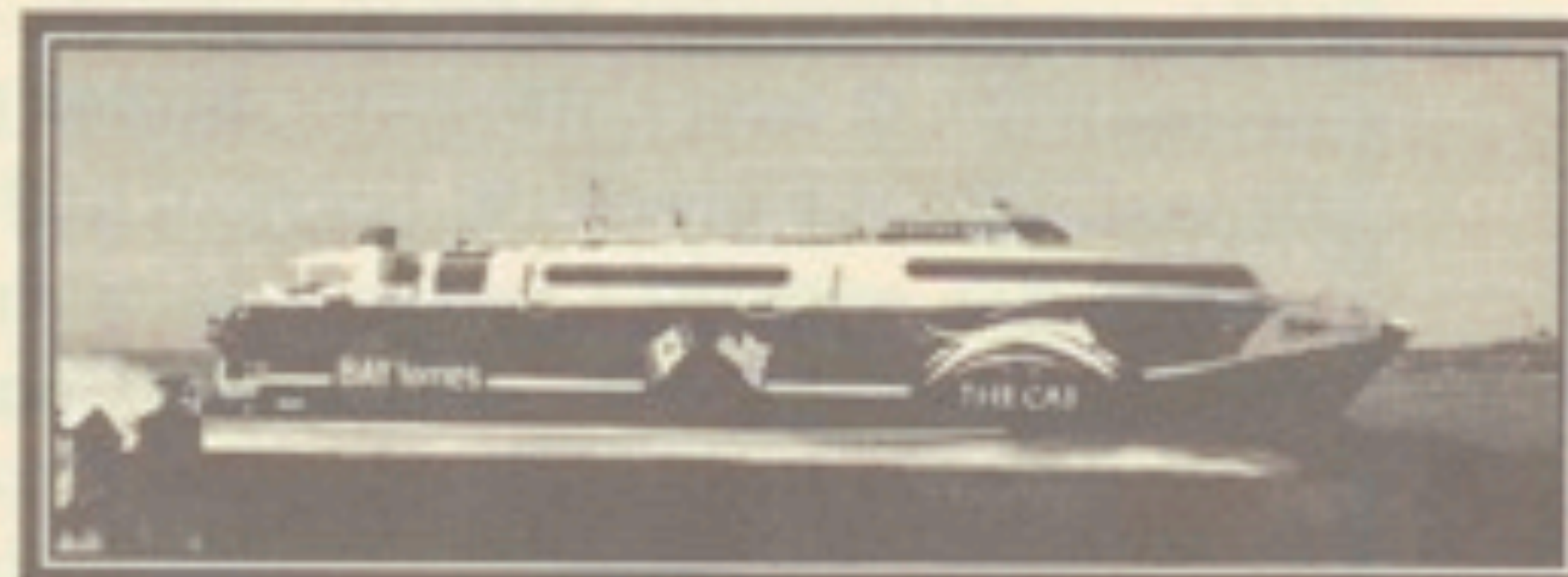
Bourg/Bourque Family



Cormier Family



Thibodeaux Family from Louisiana



Grand-Pré Interpretative Center



**Congrès Mondial Acadien – 2009
Caraquet, New Brunswick**





The Cormier family coat of arms has been completed in the Acadian Memorial Meditation Garden bringing the total of eighteen mosaics.

The latest grant that has been received from the Acadiana Arts Council enables the foundation to match the cost for sponsoring ten additional coats of arms. These funds will be available to the first ten families who qualify. The cost to sponsor (individual or family) is \$500; this amount will be matched by the grant. If you wish to include your family in this group, please call Shirley T. LeBlanc for an application form (337) 981-3289.

(This project was funded in part by the Louisiana Division of the Arts, Office of Cultural Development, Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism in cooperation with the Louisiana State Arts Council as administered by the Acadiana Arts Council.)



Heraldry (from the World Book Encyclopedia)

The first coats of arms were used by Christian knights, who displayed them on their shields so they could be recognized by their followers on the battlefield. Families passed their coats of arms down from one generation to the next. Books called armorials, recorded the designs of coats of arms.

Although most nations have abolished heraldry, some people still use heraldic symbols to show their ancestry. In the United States, anyone may create and use a coat of arms. Such a self-created emblem is called arms of assumption. Many coats of arms for common family names are sold in the United States and Canada, but few are authentic.

In the Acadian Memorial garden, the eighteen Acadian family coats of arms have different origins. Many are found in Rietstadt's Book of Heraldry. Some have been modified from the original. And still others are arms of assumption designed by Acadian families in Nova Scotia and Louisiana.

ACADIAN MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

recently held its Annual Membership meeting and elected the following Board of Directors: President, Christie D. Maraist, President-Elect, Shirley T. LeBlanc, Treasurer, Larry Comeaux, Recording Secretary, Katheryne Gerami, Parliamentarian, Patricia D. Resweber, Raymond Hebert, Marcelle Bienvenu and Eddie Richard with about 120 members and guests in attendance.

Dedication of the newest mosaics Guillotte, Dugas, Doiron, Poirier, LeBlanc, Sonnier, Mouton and Babineaux in the Acadian Memorial Meditation Garden were blessed by Father Austin Leger as members remembered the names of the Acadian ancestors through this beautiful ancient art. In 2003 Broussard, Richard, Thibodeaux, Boudreaux, Comeaux, Trahan, Hebert, Leger and Blanchard mosaics were dedicated. The mosaics create a peaceful ambience to the Acadian Memorial Meditation Garden located along the Bayou Teche.

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Karl Breaux's Cooking Show demonstrated the preparation of the evening's refreshments as the Acadian Memorial friends and guest enjoyed samples. The Acadian Memorial Choir and our own Cajun musician, Mr. Ophé Romero, provided entertainment.

Mark your calendar for the first annual *Acadian Memorial Festival* to be held on Saturday March 19, 2005, 10:00 am-6:00 pm in St. Martinville, LA. Make plans to join us in the fun, music and food. Booth spaces are available for Family Associations and others.

We are also in need of volunteers for the first annual Acadian Memorial Festival. Please contact Chairman, Ray Trahan (337) 288-2681/ (337) 856-1620.

Acadian Memorial Souvenirs



New Product:

The Acadian Memorial: A Documentary
See who the Acadians were, how they took root in Louisiana, and the Memorial was created in their honor. Narrated by Jim Olivier. 43 minutes. English. VHS. Contact us at the Memorial if you require PAL, SECAM or another format. *Version française à apparaître* Price: \$16.00



Acadian Odyssey Quilt Poster
Affiche de la couverture piquée « Odysée acadienne »

Acadian Odyssey Quilt color poster, 12"x18" Price: \$10.00
Acadian Odyssey Quilt Postcard 8 Pack
Carte postale de la couverture piquée
Price: \$10.00



"The Arrival of the Acadians in Louisiana" Commemorative Art Print
Affiche commémorative d'art

Commemorative art print of the amazing Memorial mural "The Arrival of the Acadians in Louisiana" by Robert Dafford, 26"x12" full color lithograph, limited edition, signed and numbered, includes key to figures. Price: \$65.00

Poster print of Acadian Memorial, 20"x10", full-color lithograph, includes mural key. Price: \$12.00

Memorial Mural Postcard/*Carte postale de la peinture murale du Monument.* Price: \$1.50



"Odyssey of a People" interprets the exile and shows routes Acadians followed. Bi-lingual Fr./Eng.
Price: \$15.00



Memorial T-Shirt

T-shirt du Monument

Colorful Memorial mural on white shirts, 100% cotton. Bi-lingual Fr./Eng. Youth M or L, Adult S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL
Price: \$18.00



Cajun T-shirt: Says "Cajuns of Acadian Descent", lists some common Cajun surnames on the back (shown), has Memorial logo on front. Youth M or L, Adult S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL

Price: \$15.00



Logo tote bag/sac: Features the red, white and blue Memorial logo with an anchor and gold star, on natural color canvas.
Price: \$12.00



Acadian Descent Lapel Pin

Épinglette d'ascendance acadienne
"Of Acadian Descent/De Descendance Acadienne" dark blue lapel pin with gold Eternal Flame logo. Price: \$5.00



Acadian Memorial Wall of Names
Mur de noms du Monument Acadien
Lists all Acadian refugees who came to Louisiana. Bi-lingual Fr./Eng.
Price: \$10.00



Acadiana Flag Pin/Épinglette du drapeau d'Acadiana: Lapel pin of Acadiana flag of Louisiana Price: \$3.00



Claude Picard Deportation Series
Postcards/Série Claude PICARD de la Déportation: Stunning 6 card set of the Deportation Series by Claude Picard painted for Parks Canada depict an Acadian harvest, refusal of the oath, imprisonment, deportation, burning of houses and fields, and Acadian resettlement.



Acadiana Flag of Louisiana/Drapeau d'Acadiana – petit Acadiana Flag of Louisiana - 4"x 6" nylon on mini pole.
Price: \$3.00

Acadiana Flag of Louisiana – 3'x 5'
/Drapeau d'Acadiana – grand.
Price: \$30.00



Acadian Flag from Canada- 3'x 5'
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Acadian Flag from Canada/Drapeau acadien international - grand .
Price: \$30.00



Acadiana Profile Magazine

Magazine Acadiana Profile
Acadiana Profile Magazine, Acadian history issue with cover and centerfold of Memorial mural. Price: \$3.00



3-issue Acadiana Profile series on Acadian history (includes issue no. 12, shown above). Price: \$9.00

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