



# Calling All Cajuns!

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## Lafourche native hired for Acadian Memorial

The first curator/director of the Acadian Memorial, is Jolene Adam, a Lafourche Parish native of Thibodaux, Louisiana.

Acting on the recommendation of the Acadian Memorial Committee, the St. Martinville city council members named Adam to the new position effective August 12 at an annual salary of \$25,000.

Memorial Committee member Janie Bulliard said Adam was one of six applicants for the job and impressed the interviewers. "We felt she had a good understanding of the mission of the Memorial," Bulliard commented. "And her French language focus and strong computer skills will be invaluable in the next big step of completing the research center with the capital outlay funds recently approved by the Legislature."

Adam studied for a year at Nicholls State University in Thibodaux and then earned a certificate for foreign teachers of French at Université de l'État à Mons in 1987. She also received a BA degree in linguistics at the University of California at Berkeley.

She worked for several months in the Hearst Museum of Anthropology at Berkeley and was a linguist with Berkeley Speech Technologies for almost three years. She has been employed in Lafayette with CODOFIL, the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana, as coordinator of cultural activities and scholarships since February 1994. She was awarded the coveted

Prix de Louisiane in 1995 for her contributions to the development of French in Louisiana.

"She has a strong sense of Louisiana's history," Bulliard added, "and has traced her roots to Joseph Adam and Marguerite Crochet who settled on Bayou Lafourche with the Acadian arrivals of 1785."

Adam told committee members that "The Acadian Memorial is much more than a monument to our dead. It is a beacon to all Cajuns living today...I am thoroughly excited at the prospect of assuming a post at the Acadian Memorial."

As her first official duty, Jolene attended the observance of the National Day of the Acadians on August 15, the Feast of Our Lady of the Assumption, where Mass was celebrated at St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church followed by a symbolic "groundbreaking" to kick off Phase II of the Memorial project.

State legislators and other officials who helped secure the \$255,000 grant to help finance the development of Phase II, an Acadian/Cajun interactive research center on the second floor of the Memorial building, were also honored during a reception and patron's party that evening.



*Nouveau Curatrice/Directrice pour le Monument Acadien-Jolene Adam, new curator/director is pictured in front of the Dafford painting in the Acadian Memorial.*

The program officially announced a membership campaign for the Acadian Memorial Foundation, Inc., and marked the start of ticket sales for "Cajuns, Cousins and Cuisine II" planned for Saturday, Nov. 2. Look for more information about "CCC II" in this newsletter.

## Twinning of all twinnings!

Twining of all twinnings! was one observation concerning the political process that will twin Evangeline Oak Park, where the Acadian Memorial is located, with Grand-Pré National Historic Site in Nova Scotia, Canada. Ceremonies for this historic event are scheduled for September 12, 1996, at the Canadian site.

Strong ties by both areas to the same two events in history prompted the 'twining of

all twinnings' remark. Grand-Pré commemorates the Acadians of Minas Basin and the deportation which took them from their homes, while Evangeline Oak Park commemorates the arrival of refugees of the deportation in Louisiana where they made new homes.

Second, after the publication of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem, Evangeline, the Grand-Pré site, birthplace of the hero-

ine of the poem, became popular with American tourists as did St. Martinville, which became identified as "St. Martin", the town referred to by the poet in the passage describing Evangeline's search for Gabriel along the Bayou Teche.

The twinning will assure a continual exchange of information and interaction between the two sites as visitors are encouraged. (See Twinnings, pg. 4)



# More names for mural figures

## Claude Martin represented on mural

The family of Paul S. Martin, Sr., has made a donation to sponsor the figure of their ancestor, Claude 'petit Claude' Martin on the Acadian Memorial mural.

Martin first appears in Louisiana records on a list compiled in New Orleans in April 1765. Of the thirty-two persons holding Canadian 'card' money to exchange for local tender, his is the second largest amount - 3,362 'billets' or "ordonances."

Claude married Marie Babin and settled on an early Spanish land grant in the area of the Attakapas District called "Pointe de Repos." He was a "marguillier" or trustee of the Church of the Attakapas (present day St. Martinville) and a corporal in the Acadian militia unit that served under General Galvez in the war for American independence.

Claude Martin's last will, dated 4 May 1798, includes a directive to all of his children stating that the education of the youngest son, fourteen year old Dositee, must be taken into account and provided for before all else. Claude Martin died on July 18, 1798, only a little more than two months after drawing up his will.



Mayor Eric Martin (third from right) accepts a \$2,000 donation from Paul S. Martin Sr. for the naming of one of the characters on the Acadian Memorial mural. Also present for the donation were (from left) Pat Resweber, Mrs. Paul S. Martin Sr. and Janie Builliard.

# Boudreau family honors Acadian ancestor

Members of the Boudreau family gathered recently for a family reunion and pooled resources to sponsor the figure of Augustin-Remi Boudrot on the Acadian Memorial

mural.

According to Robert Boudreau, a family historian, Augustin-Remi arrived in Louisiana in 1768 as a thirteen year old orphan with the

family of Jean-Charles Breaux. They were part of a group of twenty-nine Acadian families exiled to Maryland in 1755. After years of "long captivity", upon learning of the favorable reception accorded other Acadian refugees in Spanish Louisiana, they traveled there to be reunited with relatives and establish a new home.

Augustin-Remi, member of the Attakapas militia, married Judith Martin and raised a family of seven children on Bayou Bourbeaux near Grand Coteau.

The mural figure is sponsored in honor of Edgar and Pamela Richard Boudreau by descendants of their children: Corrine Boudreau Dugal, Wilfred J. Boudreau, Loui Barrat Boudreau, Francois Martial Boudreau, Edelzinde Boudreau Dugal Bertinot, Edgar Joseph Boudreau and Joseph George Boudreau.

On the Wall of Names "Boudrot" will be spelled as it appears in the memorial church at Grand-Pré National Historic Site in Nova Scotia, Canada.



## Boudreau reunion donation

Reunion organizers Betty Dugal, Robert Boudreau and Pam B. King make the donation for the mural figure of Augustin-Remi Boudrot to Patricia and Leonard Resweber of the Acadian Memorial Foundation, Inc. The Reswebers gave a presentation about the Acadian Memorial to reunion attendees.



# Fundraiser Targets Wall of Names

## Building, Mural, Eternal Flame and NOW the Wall of Names

### WHAT'S NEEDED: \$45,000

for 2' x 6' bronze plaques listing approximately 3,000 names of Acadian refugees in Louisiana surrounded by granite inscribed: "Arrête-toi ami, lis mon nom et souviens-toi/Pause friend, read my name and remember"

### WHAT'S PLANNED:

Fundraiser - "Cajuns, Cousins & Cuisine II" - \$20,000

Grant application - Governor's Office of Rural Development - \$25,000

### WHAT'S HAPPENING:

- "Cousins" from Canada will celebrate the twinning with us
- Great Cajun cuisine under the direction of Chef Marcelle Bienvenu
- Dancing to the music of Terry Huval's Jambalaya Band

Cameo appearances by:

- Helen Boudreaux, CFMA 1996 Female Vocalist of the Year
  - Dave Petitjean, Cajun Humorist from Crowley
  - The Romero Brothers
- Drawings throughout the evening for Acadian Memorial merchandise - you do not need to be present to win - but you DO need a ticket

*Last year, a great time was had by all...  
Please join us - under the tent, under the stars  
on the Bayou Teche*

WHEN: Saturday, November 2, 1996, 6 pm until...

WHERE: Acadian Memorial Building, New Market Street  
St. Martinville, Louisiana

TICKETS: \$50 admits one - Open Bar and FOOD, FOOD, FOOD!!!

Yes! I want to help fund the Wall of Names at the Acadian Memorial - please send me \_\_\_\_\_ tickets @ \$50 each for CCC II and put my stub in the drawing for Acadian Memorial merchandise including the signed/numbered limited edition prints regularly \$65.

Ck\_\_\_\_ M/O\_\_\_\_ VISA/MC#\_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date\_\_\_\_ Name on card:\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Total enclosed:\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street/P.O. Box

City/State/Zip



## Calling All Cajuns Calendar

Saturday, November 2, 1996, 6:00 PM

"Cajuns, Cousins & Cuisine II"  
fundraising event in support of the  
Wall of Names and

Celebrate the twinning of  
Evangeline Oak Park and  
Grand-Pré National Historic Site

Spring 1997 - "Évangéline-sur-le-  
Teche"

A renaissance affair commemorating  
the 150th anniversary of the publica-  
tion of the poem Evangeline by Henry  
Wadsworth Longfellow. Watch for  
details!

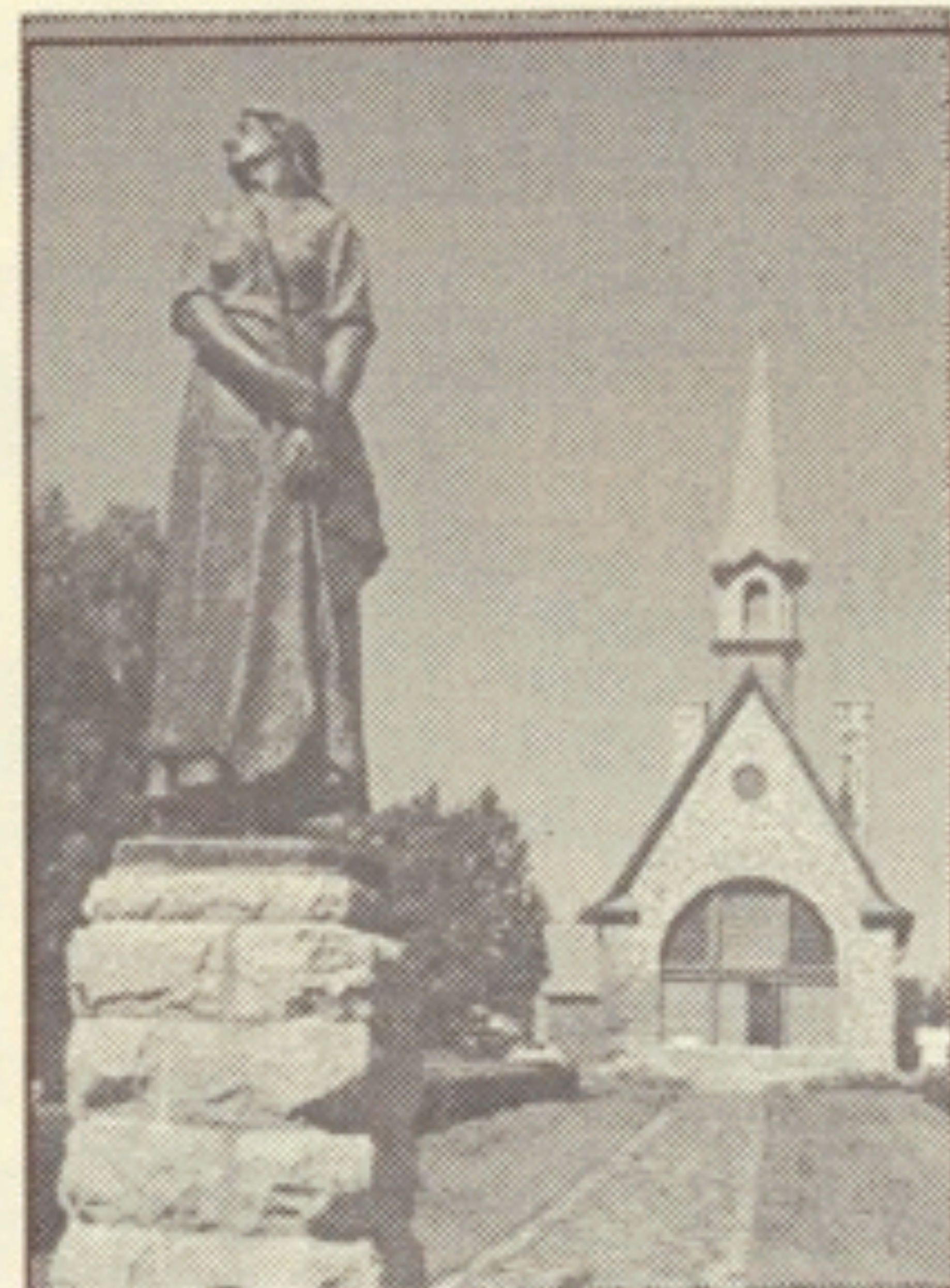
## Twinnings

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aged to complete the experience of  
one site by visiting the other.

At the opening of the Acadian  
Memorial in April 1996, negotia-  
tions for the twinning began with a  
meeting between Anne Ladouceur  
Séguin, Director of Nova Scotia  
Programs, who attended the open-  
ing representing Parks Canada, cus-  
todian of the Grand-Pré commemo-  
rative area, Mayor Eric Martin and  
Acadian Memorial Committee mem-  
ber Patricia Resweber.

The Acadian Memorial will be  
represented at the ceremonies at  
Grand-Pré by Mayor Martin,  
Curator/Director Jolene Adam and  
Patricia and Leonard Resweber.



*Grand-Pré National  
Historic Site*

*We welcome 'petit Claude' Martin and Augustin-Remi Boudrot to the ever-growing family of sponsored figures on the Acadian Memorial mural and congratulate the families for choosing this unique way to remember and pay tribute to their Acadian ancestors!*

Acadian Memorial on the internet!

Website address: (<http://www.pwcweb.com/usapages/acadian/>)  
e-mail to: [mbarras@worldnet.att.net](mailto:mbarras@worldnet.att.net)

Acadian Memorial Open Daily 10-4

Admission:

Under 6 - Free    6-18 -- \$1    18-60 -- \$3\*    60+ -- \$2\*  
Call 318/394-2233 for special rates for school groups & adult tour groups.  
\*Mural key included.

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