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Germain Doucet Commemorative Edition

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Dean Doucet

Dear Cousins,

Since the last newsletter we have celebrated a most wonderful event, the dedication of a plaque in the memory of our ancestor, Germain Doucet, at the church that stands on what was Fort Pentagoet, in present day Castine, Maine. I want to thank all of those who worked to bring this about, from the initial concept to the successful presentation and dedication of the plaque.

As we pause to give thanks to Germain for being our forefather, I hope that each will also pause and give thanks to his descendants, our ancestors, who made life possible for us. I am sure that all of them gathered together in paradise to celebrate with us. I am so thankful for each of my ancestors, of all family lines, that eventually gave me life.

As I have shared in the past, this is my favorite time of year. We are approaching Thanksgiving Day in the United States, and following that Christmas.

As I ponder what I am most thankful for, the following are some of the things that come to mind:

I am thankful for life with all of its ups and downs. Each experience adds to all the others and hopefully makes me a better individual and increases the value of my life.

I am thankful for my health. Although my health is less than perfect, I can still work and get out and enjoy the wonderful world about me.

I am thankful for my family, both immediate and extended. I love my family, even with all of the problems. In the case of my extended family, I am thankful for getting to know them better through some of the projects that I have been working on the family web site.

I am thankful for my faith. I am thankful that I live in a time and place where I can worship the Creator of this wonderful planet we live on. Our freedom of religion is continually under attack even where we have that freedom.

I am thankful for each of you who have banded together to preserve the heritage of our Doucet/Doucette family. I am thankful for your individual service to the extended family through the family organization.

Following Thanksgiving we celebrate the most important of all blessings that we have to be thankful for, the birth of our Savior. I am so thankful for His life, His atoning sacrifice and His resurrection. This makes it possible for each of us to return home and share the joy of being with our love ones, not only those we knew in this life, but all of our extended family that has gone before us.

Even in the hard economical times, we have much to be thankful for. Be thankful for your family, both present and past, and be most thankful for the greatest gift that we have ever received, even Jesus Christ.

**Germain Doucet Dedication – Castine, Maine –
August 15, 2010**
By Lou Doucet

It was a beautiful summer afternoon in Castine, Maine, as descendants of Germain Doucet gathered to present a plaque to Our Lady of Holy Hope Catholic Church. The plaque is to recognize and honor Germain, the first commander of Fort Pentagöet. Our Lady of Holy Hope Church is located on the grounds of the original Fort Pentagöet.

The plaque was purchased with donations from members of Les Doucet du Monde, and was presented by Bruce Caissie who, along with his mother Jeannine Caissie, organized the project. Bruce presented the plaque to Father Scott Mower, administrator of our Lady of Hope parish.

Father Mower started the dedication by having everyone in attendance introduce themselves, which was a good ice breaker. Bruce spoke a little on the history and purpose behind the dedication. A Mass was also said as part of the event. During the Mass, Bruce was called to the altar and presented the plaque to Father Mower. It will be permanently affixed within the church.

After the dedication some of the attendees went to dinner at Dennett's Wharf Restaurant on the Castine waterfront where we got to visit and become more acquainted with each other. While there, they met three Doucette sisters from the Portland, Maine area who were working there for the summer.

Les Doucet du Monde was represented by the following board members: Norman Doucette and his grandson Corey McGrath, Eleonora Doucette Turnage, Lou Doucet, his wife Doris and his mother Pauline Doucet. Other Doucets in attendance were: Les Doucet du Monde member Paul Doucette and his son Brian Doucette, Theresa Doucet Watson, Lucille Doucette Langelier, and Father McDonough who traveled from California to attend. Also at the dedication were Elaine and William Mahony, Kathy Klofft, Claire and Buddy Morrison, and Edwina Barsano.

A video of the event was made and is available. It contains a short version of the dedication and a full version including the Mass. It is available in high definition Blu Ray and also in standard DVD format. You can find more information about the video on the Les Doucet du Monde web site at <http://doucetfamily.org/Dedication>.

Comments About Plaque Dedication

[These comments were received from individuals who attended the ceremony and also from some who were unable to attend.]

I had a great time seeing and meeting my Doucet cousins that my mother has talked about for years! Being in Maine there is a lot of Yankee history so when we can highlight Acadian history I'm always game. As expressed many times the Doucets are lucky to have a spot in the US where their ancestors once lived.

This plaque means a lot because outside of Louisiana there are few reminders that the lands of Acadia reached this far south in the minds of the American public so all of your help in making this day means a lot more than us remembering some dead person. I can't put into words the feeling I'll have in the future as I walk past it to attend church knowing that we have remembered our people and Germain.

I have always liked placing plaques where our ancestors lived because it makes people stop and remember. Asking my Mother why there wasn't a plaque to remember Germain was a simple question but so much good has come out of it.

For us, we remember Germain; for the church and Castine, it's a chance for the town folks to remember their special town history and for the next generation it shows how important it is to remember where you came from!

All the above is important in the US where French history is not spoken or told too often.

For me it may be a small plaque but it represents so much more.

It was pretty amazing for me to see and meet people from one of my blood lines and hear and share our life experiences in a short amount while sharing our first Acadian Awakening story that all of us have lived.

The crowning moment was meeting the Doucet girls at the restaurant where we went after the ceremony. All of my aunts and uncles love history so they were impressed with the day and for my cousin it was her first experience in seeing the culture being shared in public. But to see the professional job that Lou did on the video was too much! Like most of us, I have seen a lot of videos at historic places but this video rivals them by the work that Lou did and by donating them to the church and town it will be a lasting record of the ceremony. I can't tell you how happy I am that everything worked out like it did.

Thanks again for all the help that you and the Association did to make this day happen.

—Bruce Caissie

Bonne fête des Acadoems à tous, meme à ceux qui souhaiteraient être Acadiens!! Happy Acadian Day to all, even those who would wish they were Acadians! Thank you to all who have contributed to making the plaque to Germain a reality.

Rod and Rolande O'Connell

My, my, this little ceremony of ours is growing by leaps and bounds. More and more people are jumping on board, and planning to attend. Who knew when we first planned to honor our Germain's presence on the coast of what is now Maine, that it would catch peoples' imagination this way.

Whenever I've visited Castine, ever since I found out that my ancestor spent 10 years there, I've tried to imagine how he felt as he looked out onto the same ocean and scene I was looking at. Imagine my surprise after many years of visiting the area to learn of my connection through my ancestor, that the little church we attended was on the very site of that long ago Fort Pentagöet. If Germain was able to look down and see me he must've smiled!!

I hope that each of you who are able to be there for the ceremony will get that same feeling of "déjà vue," or whatever on that day. He will surely smile then, when he sees all of you!

—Jeannine Caissie

Thanks to the three of you (Jeannine, Paul and Bruce) for bringing Bruce's idea to a reality. It truly will be a glorious moment for Germain and all of his descendants, as well as all Acadians who share in the founding and colonizing of Acadie with Germain and the other leaders.

—Dean Doucet

Awesome plaque! Pretty impressive event in my mind. Castine steeped in pivotal European power struggle of days gone by.

—Paul Doucette

The plaque is beautiful and I am so proud to be a part of this great group. I will be there is spirit when it is presented, but really wish I was there in body.

—Jacqueline Auclair

This is so exciting and beautiful! I agree with Carol; it is even more than expected.

—Eleonora Turnage

My grandson Corey and I had a great time during our day long outing to Castine, Maine last Sunday. It was good to meet Paul and Brian Doucette from Halifax, MA and Ellie and her guests as well as Bruce and his extended family members. It was great that Lou Doucet had a video camera and he had his wife Doris and mother with him also. Father Mower and Father McDonough and Bruce Caissie did a great job at the presentation. It was a spendid New England summer day breezy, no clouds and temperatures in the seventies. All of mine and Corey's pictures of the local buildings and scenery and Doucet activities came out very good. My last time in Castine, Maine was during an overnight stay aboard the Schooner Roseway during a one week cruise with about 34 passengers in August, 1979. The three Doucette sisters who visited our table after their shift working at Dennett's Restaurant were an added touch to the event. The ladies live in Portland, Maine and summer in Castine and work at the restaurant. The meals that we had at the Castine Variety and at Dennett's were very good. We left at 6:30 pm to return to Damariscotta Lake in Jefferson, Maine after a great day.

—Norman Doucette

August 15th was a day I will not forget for quite some time. It was a beautiful summer day, in Castine, Maine. We arrived in town several hours before the dedication and toured the area. We traveled around and saw many of the historic signs. Each sign reflected back upon the events of that location, many years ago. As we read the signs, we could see that the area played a major role in the security of Penobscot Bay. Standing behind the church, located on the original site of Fort Pentagoet, you could visualize what Germain saw and thought, as he commanded the fort.

It was great seeing old friends and meeting new ones. The dedication and Mass were very well done by Father Mower, Father McDonough and Bruce Caissie.

—Lou Doucet



Bruce Caissie presents plaque to Father Mower as Father McDonough looks on.



Bryan Doucette Paul Doucette Father McDonough Theresa Elaine Watson Eleonora Turnage Bruce Caissie Lucille Doucette Langelier Pauline Doucette Doris Doucette Lou Doucette Norman Doucette Corey McGrath

LDDM members and family members who attended the dedication ceremony.
 Father McDonough is also a descendent of Germain Doucet.

Fort Pentagöet commander to be commemorated

CASTINE-Descendants of Germain Doucet, who commanded Fort Pentagöet in the 17th century, will present a plaque honoring their ancestor to Our Lady of Holy Hope Roman Catholic Church on Sunday, August 15.

Doucet was born in 1595 and served as commander at Fort Pentagöet from 1635 to 1645. The church was erected over the site of the fort. The event, which will include a Mass, will take place at 3 p.m.

"Germain Doucet was my mother's ancestor," Bruce Caissie, who is organizing the presentation, said in a press release. "Being Acadian we have learned and researched the history of our people and families for over 50 years. My mother's stepfather was born in Sedgwick and converted to Catholicism in 1937 and spent many

Sundays attending Our Lady of Holy Hope.

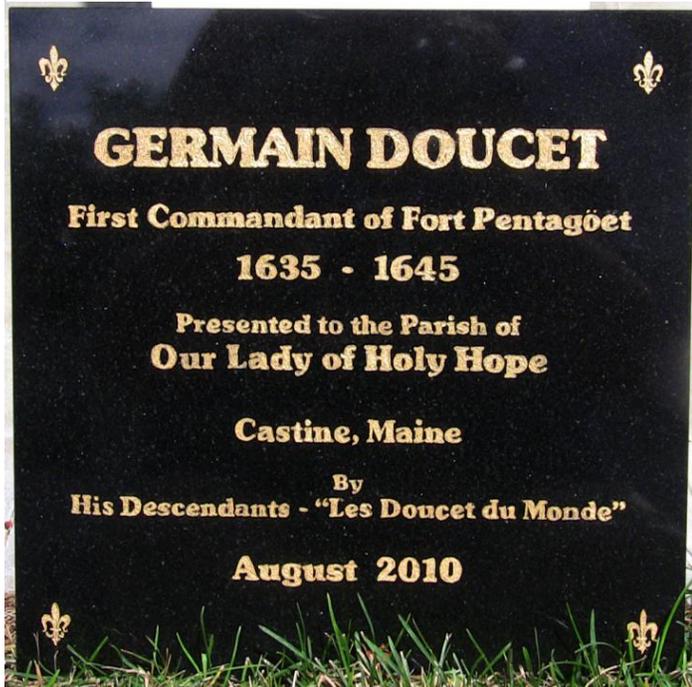
"My mother was brought up in Canada and moved to the states shortly before getting married. It was during the 1960s that she discovered that Germain Doucet was a commander in Castine. My family was thrilled when it was discovered that the fort was on the grounds of the church."

Caissie and his family are members of Les Doucets du Monde (Doucets of the World), a family organization that promotes pride in French heritage, including the Acadian culture. According to Caissie, the families often attend the Acadian Congress, held throughout the U.S. and Canada. During this congress about 80 international family reunions are held. At the 2004 reunions in Nova Scotia families left plaques at their ancestors' homesteads. Caissie says that as a military man, Germain Doucet never had a home except Fort Pentagöet, and this is what prompted the project.

The plaque presentation comes during Our Lady of Holy Hope's celebration of 375 years of Catholicism in Castine, and coincides with Acadia Day, or the day Acadians celebrate the Assumption of Mary, their patron saint. Fr. McDonough, a priest who assists Fr. Scott Mower at Our Lady of Holy Hope in the summer, is also a direct descendant of Germain Doucet.



This commemorative plaque will be erected inside Our Lady of Holy Hope in Castine, Maine.



CASTINE—Descendants of Germain Doucet, who commanded Fort Pentagoet in the 17th century, presented a plaque honoring their ancestor to Our Lady of Hope Roman Catholic on Sunday, August 15, 2010.

A group traveling from parts of New England and as far away as Utah and Texas attended the Mass that commemorated the presentation of the plaque and was followed by dinner at Dennett Wharf.

Doucet was born in 1595 and served as commandant at Fort Pentagöet from 1635 to 1645.

The Church was erected over the site of the fort.

It was during the 1980's that a coastal storm exposed the exterior of the fort's walls on the grounds of the parish. This discovery prompted an archaeological dig conducted by the University of Maine that confirmed that the remains of Fort Pentagöet were on the grounds.

Being inspired by the upcoming Acadian Congress, Jeannine Doucet Caissie made a proposal at the Doucet reunion during the congress and to Les Doucet du Monde (Doucets of the World). Funds were raised to donate the plaque.



GERMAIN DOUCET DEDICATION VIDEO AVAILABLE

I have completed the page for the Germain Doucet dedication video, from Castine. You can now order copies. It is beyond my control, but the cost for shipping to Canada is more than twice as much as within the US.

If you are interested in buying them, go to:

<http://doucetfamily.org/Dedication/>. An on line copy of the short version is also available for viewing, on that page.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, AN ORDER FORM IS ALSO ENCLOSED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER.
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ACADIAN/CANADIAN CHAPTER NEWS



“Now see here Madame ...”

By Rolande O’Connell

In early August 1982, Rod, the children (Sean 14 Lisa 11 and Michèle 9) and I are on vacation in Newfoundland. We arrive at Port aux Basques, and spend ten days in the province, travelling in our Volkswagen camper. The weather is beautiful. Eve-

ryone is happy. As we had planned before leaving the house, when we arrived at Fortune we take a small foot ferry to the French Island of St. Pierre. The crossing is rather “choppy”; Sean and I are a little seasick. Upon arrival at St. Pierre, we are fine.

We settle at the Hotel Champlain and go exploring. We stroll through the little streets. Our noses lead us directly into a bakery with the smell of but-

ter, sugar and chocolate. We cannot resist the freshly baked croissants, dripping with chocolate. We devour them in no time. It reminds me of the song by French singer Joe Dassin, "Le P'tit Pain Au Chocolat":

"Tous les matins il achetait son p'tit pain au chocolat, ya, ya, ya, ya, ..."

Whenever I travel to a new destination, I always try to get a cookbook from the area. I enter a gift shop. I address the lady behind the counter. "Bonjour Madame. I'm looking for a cookbook of recipes from St. Pierre and Miquelon." She replies: "We do the French cuisine here Madame." I re-try: "You would not have a book with recipes typical of Saint Pierre and Miquelon?" Already upset and raising her voice, she replies, "Now see here Ma-da-me, I told you we do the French cuisine here!" I say to myself: "Whoa Rolande, don't get upset, breathe through the nose. We have changed country." It's been over a week that we are in Newfoundland and I hear: "So sorry dearie, we don't have any." I leave the shop with quite a low spirit. The children, who know me well, find the situation quite funny. They laugh at me and will laugh again many times while retelling this story.

In the late 1990s, Sean gives me a book: "Recettes des Îles Saint Pierre et Miquelon," with the inscription in his handwriting: "Now see here Madame..."

In the 1988 preface of the book, Marc Plantegenest, President of the General Council of Saint Pierre and Miquelon wrote: "So far in the culinary arts, no publication had been distributed". The St. Pierraise was right! There were no St. Pierre cookbooks in 1982.

Mais voyons madame

Par Rolande O'Connell

Au début août 1982, Rod, moi, et les enfants sommes en vacances à Terre-Neuve. Nous avons accosté à Port aux Basques, il y a une dizaine de jours et voyageons dans notre Camper Volkswagen. La température est belle. Tout le monde est de bonne humeur. Comme nous l'avions planifié avant de partir de la maison, lorsque nous arrivons à Fortune nous prenons un petit traversier pour piétons pour aller à l'Île Saint-Pierre. Le voyage est plutôt « houleux. » Sean et moi avons un peu le mal de

mer. Aussitôt arrivés à Saint-Pierre, nous sommes guéris.

Nous nous installons à l'Hôtel Champlain et ensuite allons explorer. Nous déambulons dans les ruelles. Notre nez nous conduit directement dans une boulangerie-pâtisserie aux odeurs de beurre, sucre, et chocolat. Nous ne pouvons résister aux croissants fraîchement cuits, dégoulinant de chocolat. Nous les dévorons en un rien de temps. Ça me fait penser à la chanson de Joe Dassin, « Le petit pain au chocolat. »

Tous les matins, il achetait son petit pain au chocolat, ya ya ya, ya.

J'essaie toujours de ramener un livre de recettes des endroits où je voyage. J'entre dans une boutique de souvenirs. J'adresse la dame derrière le comptoir. « Bonjour Madame. Je cherche un livre de recettes des Îles. » Elle me répond : « Nous f'çons (faisons) la cuisine française ici Madame. » Je me ré-essaie: « Vous n'auriez pas un recueil de recettes typiques des Îles Saint-Pierre et Miquelon? » Déjà irritée et haussant le ton, elle réplique « Mais voyons Ma-da-me, je vous ai dit que nous f'çons la cui-si-ne fran-çai-se ici. » « Hop-là! » Je me dis : « Rolande, respire par le nez; on a changé de pays. » Ça fait plus d'une semaine qu'à Terre-

Neuve j'entends : « So sorry dearie, we don't have any. » (Je regrette ma chère dame, nous n'en avons pas. » Je sors de la boutique la mine pas mal câgout, ⁽¹⁾ comme dirait quelqu'un de par chez nous. Mes enfants, qui me connaissent bien, rient et en riront encore maintes fois en racontant cette anecdote.

À la fin des années 90, Sean me fait cadeau du livre: *Recettes des Îles Saint Pierre et Miquelon*, avec l'inscription écrite de sa main « *Mais voyons madame, c'est la cuisine française, ici!!!* » En 1988 lors de l'édition, Marc Plantegenest, président du Conseil général de Saint-Pierre et Miquelon avait écrit dans la préface du livre: *Jusqu'à présent, en matière d'art culinaire, aucune publication n'avait été diffusée.*

La Saint Pierraise avait donc raison!!! Elle n'en avait pas de livre de recettes des Îles.

(1) Mot utilisé par chez nous signifiant mine piteuse ou pitoyable.



LOUISIANA CHAPTER



NATIONAL DAY OF THE ACADIANS AUGUST 15—ST. MARTINVILLE, LA By Carol Doucet

In the heart of St. Martinville, Louisiana, Acadians gathered to celebrate the National Day of the Acadians.

Activities relating to Acadian culture filled the day.

Two skits by the Théâtre Cadien stood out among the presentations. One was a monologue by “Beausoleil Broussard,” a leader of the Acadian resistance during the Deportation era.

Beausoleil Broussard led a group of about 200 Acadians who resisted English domination. Beausoleil eventually led those Acadians to Miramichi (now in New Brunswick), where they surrendered because of a lack of food. They were imprisoned on Georges’ Island at Halifax. After the Treaty of 1763, this group went to Saint Domingue (now Haiti) because they were promised jobs by the French government. When this promise was not fulfilled, the group decided to travel up the Mississippi River to join other Frenchmen. However, when they arrived in New Orleans, Louisiana in February 1765, the Spanish government offered the group land and basic equipment to settle in South Louisiana.

My ancestor, Michel Doucet (1722) (à Laurent à Laurent à Germain à Germain), his wife Marguerite Martin, and their family were among the “Beausoleil” group. In the registers of the Diocese of Lafayette, Michel Doucet from Miramichi and his son Pierre Doucet of Miramichi are listed.

The other skit was about the recruiting of Acadians who were in France in 1785 to come to Louisiana.

Of the more than 2,800 Acadians who found refuge in Louisiana from 1764 to the early 1800’s, more than half of them arrived on the “Seven Ships” which left France from July to October 1785.

Acadian Family Banner Procession

At 4:50 p.m., persons attending the celebration in St. Martinville, gathered family banners and assembled in the Acadian Memorial garden. There was a procession of family banners to the St. Martin

de Tours Catholic Church where a Mass in French was celebrated at 5:30 p.m. Again this year, a small but outstanding choir sang in French during the Mass. The banners were draped over the side of the pew along both sides of the center aisle so that family names were clearly visible.

I was very honored to carry the Doucet banner.

Eldine and I were proud to see the names of our ancestors—Doucet, Boudreauax, Broussard, Breaux, Comeaux, Martin, Landry, Préjean, Savoie amongst the approximately 50 family banners.

LA FÊTE NATIONAL DES ACADIENS LE 15 AOÛT—ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANE

Des Acadiens se sont rassemblés dans le centre de Saint Martiville en Louisiane pour célébrer la fête nationale des Acadiens.

Deux sketches présentés par le Théâtre Cadien étaient surtout émouvants. “Beausoleil Broussard”, leader de la résistance acadienne lors de la déportation, nous a parlé de ses aventures. Beausoleil et le groupe de 200 personnes environ ont fini par se rendre à la région de Miramichi (aujourd’hui au Nouveau Brunswick), où ils se sont rendus faute de nourriture. On les a emprisonnés sur l’Ile Georges à Halifax. Après le traité de 1763, ce groupe est allé à Saint-Domingue (aujourd’hui Haiti) parce que le gouvernement français leur avait promis de l’emploi. Après avoir vite appris que les gages étaient minimes, et que les gens mouraient de maladies, ces Acadiens ont décidé de monter le fleuve Mississippi afin de rejoindre d’autres Acadiens. Cependant, lorsqu’ils sont arrivés à la Nouvelle-Orléans en Louisiane en février 1765, le gouverneur espagnol leur a offert de la terre et des outils pour s’établir dans le sud de la Louisiane.

Mes ancêtres, Michel Doucet (1722) (à Laurent à Laurent à Germain à Germain), son épouse Marguerite Martin, et leur famille faisaient parti de ce groupe. Dans les registres du diocèse de Lafayette,

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on trouve Michel Doucet de Miramichi et son fils Pierre Doucet de Miramichi.

L'autre sketch racontait le recrutement des Acadiens qui étaient en France en 1785. On les encourageait d'aller rejoindre d'autres Acadiens en Louisiane.

Parmi les 2,800 Acadiens qui se sont réfugiés en Louisiane entre 1764 et le début de 19e siècle, plus de la moitié sont arrivés en Louisiane sur les "Sept Navires" qui sont partis de France entre juillet et octobre, 1785.

Procession de Bannières des Familles Acadiennes

À 4 heures 50, plusieurs personnes qui assistaient aux célébrations le 15 août se sont rassemblées dans le Jardin Acadien pour procurer les bannières de leurs familles.

Une procession s'est rendue à l'Église de Saint-Martin-de-Tours. Il y eut une messe en français à cinq heures et demie. Comme d'habitude, un chœur, petit mais formidable, a chanté en français pendant la messe.

Les bannières reposaient sur les petites portes au bout des bancs, de sorte qu'on pouvait lire les noms de familles.

Ce fut un grand plaisir de porter la bannière des Doucet.

Eldine et moi, nous étions fiers de voir des noms de nos ancêtres, tel les Doucet, Boudreaux, Brousseau, Breau, Comeaux, Martin, Landry, Préjean, Savoie, parmi les 50 bannières environs.



A PLACE UNLIKE ANY OTHER

Acadiana Culture Lets the Good Times Roll (Cody Daigle, The Daily Advertiser, Lafayette, LA, August 8, 2010)

There's a local saying that sums up life in Acadiana: "Laissez les bons temps rouler."

Let the good times roll.

And roll they do. Because on any day, at any moment, there's a good time to be had somewhere in Acadiana. It's more than a saying. In Acadiana, good times are a philosophy, a way of life.

Let's start with the food. Acadiana has a love-hate relationship with food; we love it and hate

"When everywhere in the world seems to be moving too fast, Acadiana people still take the time to enjoy the simple things. It's not just work hard/play hard either. It's also live hard and that makes us see things differently."

to be without it. We're a community that takes dining seriously, and our restaurant offerings range from all-night diners to down-home Cajun restaurants to Cuban eateries to Greek cafes.

When you've satisfied your appetite for food, you can satisfy your appetite for another Acadiana necessity: music. Live music is a vital part of the local culture, and any day of the week, you can catch a live band on one of our local stages. The music runs the gamut from Cajun to Celtic, funk to folk, metal to Americana, blues to bluegrass. Music is in our blood here, and everything we do here seems paced to the rhythm of a two-step or a waltz.

And life in Acadiana wouldn't be life at all without Mardi Gras, our annual celebration of joie de vivre. You can experience the parades and public partying in downtown Lafayette each spring, or you can brave the more traditional rural Mardi Gras celebrations—the courirs de Mardi Gras—in the outlying areas. Either way, it's a celebration you won't forget.

And, of course, we've got festivals. More festivals celebrating more things than you might think possible. Festivals are an integral part of life in Acadiana, bring the community together to celebrate the unique facets of our community and our culture.

We've got festivals celebrating frogs, yams, rice, smoked meat, sugarcane and more. We've got

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music festivals celebrating zydeco, blues, roots music and Cajun music. And the granddaddy of local festivals—Festival International—turns the world’s eye to Acadiana, celebrating the music and culture of Francophone nations around the globe.

Our festivals are more than just reasons to eat well, dance a bit, and blow off some steam. In Acadiana, festivals are community expressions of pride in our cultural uniqueness. They’re joyful shouts in praise of the things that make Acadiana one of the most vibrant communities in the world.

The good times are out there. Let ’em roll.

WE DON'T WANT TO LOSE YOU!!!

It is now time to renew your membership for 2011!

Your membership is important to us!

Continue to enjoy the benefits of LDDM membership without interruption.

Enclosed is a Membership Application/Renewal Form. Please note that you have the option of paying for two years at a time and also of giving a gift membership to introduce a friend or relative to our family organization.

HOWEVER, **BEFORE** YOU SEND IN YOUR RENEWAL, CHECK YOUR MEMBERSHIP STATUS ON THE ADDRESS LABEL. THE LAST YEAR FOR WHICH YOU HAVE PAID APPEARS AFTER YOUR NAME. IF YOUR LABEL SHOWS “2011” THAT MEANS YOU ARE ALREADY PAID THROUGH THAT YEAR. TO SIMPLIFY THE TREASURER’S WORK AND ELIMINATE THE NEED TO ISSUE REFUNDS TO MEMBERS WHO HAVE ALREADY PAID, ANY DUPLICATE ENROLLMENTS/PAYMENTS WILL BE APPLIED TO THE NEXT YEAR (2012).

You can download additional membership forms from our web site: www.doucetfamily.org.

We have members from all over the US and also from Canada and France as you can see from the following list.

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| ALASKA | MONTANA |
| ALBERTA | NEVADA |
| ARIZONA | NEW BRUNSWICK |
| BRITISH COLUMBIA | NEW FOUNDLAND |
| CALIFORNIA | NEW HAMPSHIRE |
| CONNECTICUT | NORTH CAROLINA |
| FLORIDA | NOVA SCOTIA |
| FRANCE | ONTARIO |
| ILLINOIS | PENNSYLVANIA |
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| MAINE | TEXAS |
| MARYLAND | WISCONSIN |
| MASSACHUSETTS | |
| MISSISSIPPI | |



AU COURANT?

SUR L'ENVELOPPE APRÈS VOTRE NOM ON INDIQUE LA DERNIÈRE ANNÉE POUR LAQUELLE VOUS AVEZ PAYÉ. INVITEZ UN PARENT À DEVENIR MEMBRE DE LDDM. VOUS TROUVEREZ LA FORMULAIRE D'ADHÉSION SUR NOTRE SITE WEB: WWW.DOUCETFAMILY.ORG.

WANT TO USE PAY PAL FOR DUES PAYMENT?

If you would like to use Pay-Pal for online payment, please contact Treasurer Jacqueline Auclair @ jack-ia@doucetfamily.org for instructions.

Remember, Pay Pal charges a fee so be sure to add the amount of the fee to your dues payment!

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Please let Treasurer Jacqueline Auclair know your current e-mail address. Only about half of our members have e-mails on file. Include it on your membership form.

S'il vous plaît, envoyer votre adresse courriel à notre Trésorier Jacqueline Auclair. Écrivez-la sur le formulaire d'adhésion.



**Oct 7-16
2011**

PRESENTED BY: LOUISIANE-ACADIE
**COME EXPLORE AND CELEBRATE
OUR ACADIAN CULTURE**

The Great Acadian Awakening's mission is to awaken the population of Louisiana, primarily those of Acadian descent and the youth, to the realization that our language, culture and coastal lands are being threatened. We intend to seek support, partnerships, solutions and concerted plans of action through large gatherings with Acadians and their friends from all over the world.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

- Oct 7** Ceremony and Unveiling of an Acadian Monument in New Orleans, Louisiana (to be confirmed)
- Oct 8** Discover New Orleans
- Oct 9** Ceremony and conference concerning the protection of the environment in Houma, Louisiana
- Oct 10** Discover Houma and the Louisiana Bayou Region
- Oct 11** Ceremony and conference in Lake Charles, Louisiana
- Oct 12** Discover Lake Charles and its surrounding areas
- Oct 13** Ceremony and conference in Lafayette, Louisiana
- Oct 14** Discover Lafayette and its surrounding areas with le Grand Rallye automobile / Opening concert of Festivals Acadiens et Créoles / Opening of the Camp des Cadiens
- Oct 15** Festivals Acadiens et Créoles, Girard Park, Lafayette, LA (festivalsacadiens.com) Workshop about New Technologies and Acadian Heritage / Fête des Cadiens (at the Camp des Cadiens)
- Oct 16** French Mass, Acadian Processional (Mardi Gras, Tintamarre, Mi-Carême, Guillonée) / Festivals Acadiens et Créoles / Closing Ceremony

The event will focus on showcasing the regional culture and developing closer ties between all Acadians throughout the world by hosting seminars, lectures, family gatherings, concerts & many other cultural activities. A special place will be reserved for our friends from L'Acadie des Terres et Forêts who will be invited to promote Congrès Mondial Acadien 2014.

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**7-16 Oct
2011**

**VENEZ CÉLÉBRER ET PRÉSERVER LA
CULTURE ACADIENNE DE LOUISIANE**

Le Grand Réveil Acadien a pour but de réveiller la population de la Louisiane et du monde, spécialement ceux qui ont de l'héritage acadien et en particulier les jeunes à réaliser que notre langue, notre culture et nos côtes sont menacées. Tous ensemble, on va chercher des soutiens, partenariats, solutions et plans d'action concrets à travers des grands rassemblements avec des acadiens et leurs amis de partout dans le monde.

PROGRAMME PRELIMINAIRE

- 7 Oct** Cérémonie d'ouverture et dévoilement d'un Monument Acadien à la Nouvelle-Orléans (à confirmer)
- 8 Oct** Découverte de la Nouvelle-Orléans
- 9 Oct** Cérémonie et conférence sur la protection de l'environnement à Houma, Louisiane
- 10 Oct** Découverte de Houma et la Région des Bayous
- 11 Oct** Cérémonie et conférence au Lac Charles, Louisiane
- 12 Oct** Découverte de Lac Charles et ses environs
- 13 Oct** Cérémonie et conférence à Lafayette, Louisiane
- 14 Oct** Découverte de Lafayette et ses environs à travers le Grand Rallye automobile / Concert d'ouverture des Festivals Acadiens et Créoles / Ouverture du Camp des Cadiens
- 15 Oct** Festivals Acadiens et Créoles, Girard Park, Lafayette, LA (festivalsacadiens.com) / Ateliers sur les Nouvelles Technologies et l'Héritage Acadien / Fête des Cadiens (au Camp des Cadiens)
- 16 Oct** Messe française, Procession Acadienne (Mardi Gras, Tintamarre, Mi-Carême, Guillonée) / Festivals Acadiens et Créoles / Cérémonie de clôture

Cet événement se focalisera sur la promotion de la culture de la région et sur le développement des liens entre des Acadiens de partout dans le monde à travers des : Séminaires, Conférences, Réunions de famille, Concerts, autres activités culturelles. Une grande place sera réservée pour nos amis de L'Acadie des Terres et Forêts qui seront invités à faire la promotion du Congrès Mondial Acadien 2014.

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Germain Doucet Dedication Video

On August 15, 2010, a plaque was dedication to Germain Doucet, at Our Lady of Holy Hope Catholic Church, in Castine, Maine. The dedication is available on DVD or Blu Ray. Use this form to order your video. Each disc contains a short version and a long version of the dedication. The short version contains the introduction to the Castine area and the dedication. The long version contains the same, plus the Mass that was said during the dedication.

If you are ordering DVD format, make sure you read the previous page and order DVD+R or DVD-R discs that will work in your DVD player.

The cost column includes shipping.

Item	Quantity	Cost	Total
Germain Dedication - DVD+R Disc – 1 Copy – Shipped to US Address		8.00	
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Address			
City, State/Province & Zip			

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