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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT By Dean Doucet

Dear Cousins.

We are in August, moving toward the end of the summer. Summers usually mean vacations, visiting summer homes and visiting family. These are usually joyous times. But they require planning and saving so that everything goes well. August is also when we hold the CMA family reunions every five years. Just as we are past the half way point in summer, we are past the half way point in planning for the next CMA reunion in 2014 in northern Maine, western New Brunswick and southeast Quebec. This reunion should be just an enjoyable as the previous CMA reunions. It will be a time to make new acquaintances and new friends and see more of the beautiful areas where the Acadian people settled.

As the LDDM Board of Directors one of our points of anxiety has been trying to ensure that we have a family reunion in 2014, especially without having to join with another family. We have anxiously watched the CMA website to see if a Doucet/Doucette family reunion is being planned. Several names have been mentioned as possible contacts to help put together a planning committee.

We want to assist any planning committee in any way that we can, as we have done in the past, to make sure that we have a successful reunion. We need your help. We need members who live in the reunion area. We need each of you, especially those who have family ties to these areas, to contact family members and encourage them to join LDDM and/or volunteer to help with a planning committee.

America, meaning the United States and Canada, has been the homeland of our ancestors for nearly 400 years. It is a wonderful place to live and visit. It is also a wonderful place for having extended family reunions of the sort that CMA encourages and sponsors. I hope that each of us will do our part in ensuring that these reunions continue. We have a great family. It is always enjoyable to meet and associate with the extended branches of the family. It adds to the quality of our own lives, as we share our cultures and histories and genealogies.

It is summer. The sun shines and the air is warm. May that warmth always shine in our lives and in the lives of our families.

GRAND PRE BEAUTY IS NOW HERITAGE SITE (Toronto Sun, dated July 1, 2012) Submitted by Pat Hayes

The Landscape of Grand Pre in Nova Scotia was named a World Heritage Site by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization on Saturday, making it the 16th of its kind in Canada.

UNESCO said "the Landscape. encompasses cultural characteristics that are so exceptional they are of importance to present and future generations of all humanity."

"The recognition of the Landscape of Grand Pre as a UNESCO World Heritage Site is a significant community achievement and follows many years of hard work by area residents, the farming community, the Acadian community, municipal and provincial partners, the Mi'kmaq and the government of Canada," said Bernard Valcourt, minister of state for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency.

The area comprises archeological sites from the 17th to the 20th centuries and commemorative sites associated with the Acadian homeland.

GRAND PRÉ EST SACRÉ PATRAIMOINE MONDIAL DE L'HUMANITÉ PAR L'UNESCO Par Isabelle Parlé, La Presse canadienne, 30 juin 2012, Le Devoir.com)

GRAND PRÉ Le lieu historique national de Grand-Pré, en Nouvelle-Écosse, a obtenu ce samedi le statut de site du patrimoine mondial de l'humanité. Ottawa a confirmé que l'UNESCO, dont les délégués étaient réunis à Saint-Pétersbourg, en Russie, avaient déclaré patrimoine mondial le paysage de Grand-Pré.

Le ministre de l'Environnement, Peter Kent, a mentionné par voie de communiqué être enchanté de la nouvelle. Selon lui, le caractère unique de Grand-Pré attirera des touristes étrangers à la recherche d'expérience unique et de sites symboliques, en plus des autres touristes canadiens et acadiens.

La Société National de l''Acadie (SNA) s'est félicitée de l'inclusion de Grand-Pré parmi les sites du patrimoine mondial,

soutenant que c'était là une reconnaissance de "très grande envergure." Le président de la SNA, René Légère, soutient que cette désignation est une nouvelle confirmation de l'existence du people acadien, dans un communiqué publié sur le site web de l'organisme.

C'est à Grand-Pré, en bordure de la baie de Fundy, qu'a débuté la Déportation des Acadiens en 1755. Le site, doté de caractéristiques culturelles "exceptionnelles," fait plus de 1300 hectares de terrains et de propriétés. Il aura fallu patienter plusieurs années avant que le site de Grand-Pré n'obienne le reconnaissance de l'UNESCO.

GRAND PRÉ NAMED UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE (CBC News, June 30, 2012)

Members of the Société Promotion Grand-Pré sat at the edge of their seats, watching a webcast of the final vote. They've been working towards the designation since 2007. One man, so overcome with emotion, called the announcement one of the happiest of his life.

Grand Pré, located in Nova Scotia's Annapolis Valley, was the centre of Acadian settlement from 1682 to 1755. It also hours the deportation of Acadians, which began in 1755 and continued until 1762.

In a release, the Société said the designation will cover the red cliffs of Cape Blomidon to the tides of the Bay of Fundy. They called it a great day for Acadians around the world.

Two members of the committee traveled to Russia to participate in the discussions leading up to the decision.

UNESCO World Heritage Convention aims at preserving cultural and environmental heritage in sites around the world. Other UNESCO sites include the Great Wall of China and the pyramids in Egypt. Grand Pré qualified under the cultural landscape category.

In addition to the national historic site, the newly designated area includes the communities of Grand Pré and Hortonville.

It encompasses more than 1,300 hectares of land and properties.



THE DEPORTATION OF THE ACADIANS

On July 28, 1755, Charles Lawrence, governor of Nova Scotia, ordered his men to start arresting Acadians with a view to deporting them. But it took until September 5 of that year for Charles Lawrence to gather the Acadians in the St. Charles Church in Grand Pre in order to read the declaration that they must relinquish their possessions to the British Crown and that they would be deported. Unaware of what awaited them in the church, many Acadians were taken prisoner and deported to American colonies, France, and England, and many died during the long ocean voyage. The survivors roamed, looking for a new place to call home. In 1763, after the Seven Year War and the signing of the peace treaty, some Acadians returned to Nova Scotia, only to find that they no longer owned land; it had been redistributed to Protestant settlers. In all, several thousand Acadians died during deportation: of illness, drowning, misery and starvation.



Concepts

Acadian

The Acadians are the descendants of the first French colonists who settled in what are today the Maritime provinces, and they developed a cultural independence that is recognized to this day.

Treaty of Utrecht

Treaty signed in Utrecht, in the Netherlands, to end the hostilities between France and England after Spain's Civil War. Spain was the enemy of France and of a coalition of European countries, including England. England benefited most from the agreements, as France ceded Newfoundland, Acadia, Hudson's Bay and St. Christopher's Island in the West Indies.

Deportation

The forced expulsion of one or several people from a place and their relocation to a different

JULY 28 COMMEMORATION – GRAND PRÉ

Commemorative Ceremony at the Deportation Cross (Horton Landing) at Noon

- ◆ Master of Ceremonies Jean Gaudet, President of the "Commission de l'Odyssée acadienne"
- ◆ Request for permission to gather on Mi'kmaq Ancestral Lands
- **♦** The Candle of Remembrance
- ♦ Ave Maris Stella
- ◆ Société Nationale de l'Acadie; Fédération acadienne de la Nouvelle-Écosse; Société Promotion Grand-Pré
- Assembly of First Nations of Nova Scotia and Newfoundland
- Planters; The Friends of Grand Pré; Municipality of the County of Kings; UNESCO Stewardship Board
- ♦ Laying of flowers
- ◆ Benediction: United Church of Canada; Église catholique romaine
- ♦ Thank you
- ♦ O Canada

Interspiritual and Intercultural Service at the Covenanter Church in Grand-Pré at 5:55 pm (17:55)

Please join us after the ceremony at 3:00 pm for a guided visit of the Historic Site. Then join us again this evening for an interspiritual and intercultural service at the Covenanter Church in Grand-Pré at 5:55 pm (17:55), followed by a Walk of Solidarity to the National Historic Site, and a reception offered by The Friends of Grand-Pré.

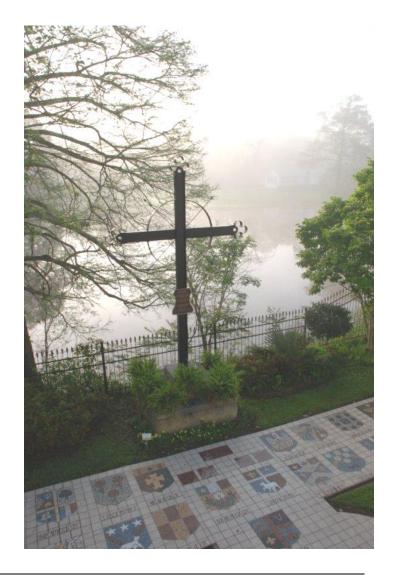


Since 2005, the United Church of Canada has rung the bells at the Covenanter Church in Grand-Pré at exactly 5:55 p.m. (17:55) to pay tribute to the thousands of Acadians deported in 1755. Inspired by this idea, the Société Nationale de l'Acadie decided to spread the tradition to Acadian communities throughout the Maritimes. This symbolic gesture acknowledges the courage and determination of the

July 28, 2012: Day of Remembrance

Saturday, July 28, 2012, the Acadian Memorial (St. Martinville, LA) will host a special program in recognition of the Day of Remembrance. The significance of this date is two-fold. On July 28, 1755, British Governor Charles Lawrence signed the deportation order, which set in motion Le Grand Dérangement or the Great Upheaval. The Acadians were exiled from their homeland of l'Acadie, and from 1755 until 1763, an estimated third of their population perished as a result. While many of the Acadians eventually found their way to Louisiana and reestablished a community, their descendants remained a people in exile until 2003, when Queen Elizabeth II signed a Royal Proclamation. This Proclamation stated July 28th is the official day in which the world will remember the Acadians' suffering as a result of Le Grand Dérangement and their subsequent exile.

This July 28th, the Acadian Memorial will honor the memory of the Acadians' suffering through a commemorative Mass at 4:00 p.m. in the mother church of the Acadians, St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church in St. Martinville, La. Please join us immediately after mass at 5:00pm in the Acadian Memorial for a reception followed by a special induction ceremony honoring Brenda Comeaux Trahan and Ernest Ray Trahan's contributions in the preservation and cultivation of our Cajun culture.



NATIONAL DAY OF THE ACADIANS—AUGUST 15

Acadian Memorial—St. Martinville, Louisiana

The Acadian Memorial, 121 S. New Market Street, St. Martinville, LA will host a celebration of the Acadian heritage on August 15, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Activities

- ♦ Celebrating 20 years of the Mural (exhibit
- ♦ Théâtre Cadien
- Grand Pré becomes a UNESCO World Heritage Site (video screening)

- ♦ Genealogy Presentation
- ♦ Family Banner Procession to church
- ♦ The celebration concludes with a special French Mass at St. Martin de Tours church at 6:00 p.m. Call to reserve family name banners (phone 337-394-2258) which are carried in the procession from the Acadian Memorial to the church.

The Memorial also has genealogy workshops every month. For more information check their web site at www.acadianmemorial.org/news.php?id=16.

National Acadian Day Act 2003. c. 11. N-1.4 [Assented to June 19th, 2003]

An Act respecting a National Acadian Day Preamble

WHEREAS Acadians, in view of their origin, history and development, constitute the first permanent settlement from France in Canada and now reside in most of the provinces and territories of Canada;

WHEREAS the Acadian people have contributed, for nearly 400 years, to the economic, cultural and social vitality of Canada;

WHEREAS August 15 has been, since 1881, the day on which Acadians celebrate National Acadian Day:

WHEREAS the Acadian people's identity is defined by their language, their culture and their customs:

WHEREAS it is in the interest of all Canadians to be able to share in the rich historical and cultural heritage of Acadians and to become more familiar with all its aspects, both traditional and contemporary;

AND WHEREAS it is important to encourage Acadians to be proud of their heritage;

NOW, THEREFORE, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the National Acadian Day

Definition

- 2. In this Act, "National" means that it relates to all Canadians throughout Canada.
 - National Acadian Day.
- 3. Throughout Canada, in each and every year, the 15th day of August shall be known under the name of "National Acadian Day".

Winslow's Official Address to the imprisoned Acadians in the Grand-Pré Church on September 5. 1755

Lieutenant Colonel John Winslow Orders French Inhabitants of Grand-Pré tp be O, [rospmed om the Grand-Pré Church while awaiting forced departure

In obedience to this summons four hundred and eighteen able-bodies men assembled. These being shut into

Commemoration of the Deportation Grand Pré

2:00 p.m. - Guided Tours in English and French on Archaeology at Grand-Pré During the guided walk of the historic site, visitors will see where the archaeological digs have taken place at Grand-Pré over the past 30 years and will learn a few details regarding the results of the digs.

3:00 p.m. - Annual Reading of the Order of Deportation

To commemorate the deportation of the Acadians from the Grand-Pré region, the annual reading of the Order of Deportation will take place at 3 pm on September 5. It was on that day and at that time in 1755 that Lt. Col. John Winslow informed the 418 men and boys imprisoned in the church at Grand-Pré that all the Acadians in the region would be deported and that their lands would be confiscated. Over 1,500 Acadians were deported from the Grand-Pré between October 8 and December 13, 1755.

The reading of the Order of Deportation will be followed by the raising of the Acadian flag.



the church (for that, too, had become an arsenal), Colonel Winslow placed himself, with his officers, in the centre, and addressed them thus:

"GENTLEMEN

"I have received from his Excellency Governor Lawrence, the King's Commission, which I have in my hand; and by his orders you are convened together to manifest to you, (continued on page 6)

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his Majesty's final resolution to the French inhabitants of this his Province of Nova-Scotia; who, for almost half a century, have had more indulgence granted them than any of his subjects in any part of his dominions; what use you have made of it you yourselves best know. The part of duty I am now upon, though necessary, is very disagreeable to my natural make and temper, as I know it must be grievous to you, who are of the same species; but it is not my business to animadvert but to obey such orders as I receive, and therefore, without hesitation, shall deliver you his Majesty's orders and instructions, namely-that your lands and tenements, cattle of all kinds and live stock of all sorts, are forfeited to the Crown; with all other your effects, saving your money and household goods, and you yourselves to be removed from this his Province."

"Thus it is peremptorily his Majesty's orders that the whole French inhabitants of these Districts be removed; and I am, through his Majesty's goodness, directed to allow you liberty to carry off your money and household goods, as many as you can without discommoding the vessels you go in. I shall do everything in my power that all those goods be secured to you, and that you are not molested in carrying them off; also, that whole families shall go in the same vessel, and make this remove, which I am sensible must give you a great deal of trouble, as easy as his Majesty's service will admit; and hope that, in whatever part of the world you may fall, you may be faithful subjects, a peaceable and happy people."

"I must also inform you, that it is his Majesty's pleasure that you remain in security under the inspection and direction of the troops that I have the

HUIT MILLIONS \$ POUR LE CONGRÈS MONDIAL ACADIEN 2014 (l'Acadie Nouvelle, 6 juillet, 2012)

EDMUNDSTON Les gouvernements d'Ottawa, du Nouveau-Brunswick et du Québec investissent 8 millions \$ dans l'organisation du Congrès mondial acadien (CMA) de 2014.

Les contributions fédérale (4 millions \$) et provinciale (2 millions \$) ainsi celle du Québec (2 millions \$) ont été annoncées vendredi matin à Edmundston.

Le budget total du CMA s'élève à 12 millions \$, soit le meme montant que lors de la dernière edition, en 2009, dans la Péninsule acadienne....

"La collaboration de nos instances gouvernementales est essentielle dans l'organisation d'un Congrès d'envergure comme le nôtre," a déclaré Emilien Nadeau, président du Congrès mondial acadien. "Nous sommes donc très fiers que le gouvernement du Canada et celui du Nouveau-Brunswick joignent leurs efforts à ceux du comité organisateur du CMA 2014, nous permettant ainsi de faire vivre la fierté acadienne dans l'ensemble de nos communautés et même à travers le monde entiers."

Les gouvernements fédéral et provincial avaient attribué les mêmes montants pour l'organisation du CMA 2009.

EIGHT MILLION \$ FOR WORLD ACADIAN CONGRESS 2014

(L'Acadie nouvel, July 6, 2012) Translated by Carol Doucet

EDMUNDSTON The governments of Ottawa, of New Brunswick, and the Province of Quebec are investing 8 million \$ in the organization of the World Acadian Congress (Congrès Mondial Acadien) 2014.

The contributions, 4 million \$ federal and 2 million provincial, as well as that of Quebec province (2 million \$) were announced on Friday, July 6, 2012 in Edmunston.

"The collaboration of our governmental agencies is essential in the organization of a Congress of this scope," stated Emilien Nadeau, president of the World Acadian Congress. Therefore, we are very happy that the government of Canada and that of New Brunswick have combined their efforts with that of the organizing committee of WCA 2014, which allows us to bring to life Acadian pride in all of our communities and even throughout the whole world.

The federal and provincial governments had contributed the same amounts for the organizing of CMA 2009.



NOTE: World Acadian Congress (CMA) 2014 is scheduled for August 8-24, 2014).

DOUCET/DOUCETTE REUNION FOR CMA 2014

According to a CMA spokesperson, a group of persons has begun planning a Doucet family reunion which will be held during the Congrès Mondial Acadien (World Acadian Congress) 2014 in the town of Grand Isle, Maine. Grand Isle is located between Van Buren and Madawaska on Highway 1.

Check the CMA website (www.cma2014.org) occasionally for updates.

We hope to have more information about the family reunion in our next newsletter.

TASK FORCE ON FRANCO-AMERICAN HERITAGE MEETS By Juliana L'Heureux Submitted by Norman Doucette, Jr.

Task Force on Franco-Americans Convenes
AUGUSTA — A task force looking to quantify
Maine's Franco-American community and promote and
preserve its culture recently met for the first time.

....Franco-Americans are Maine's largest minority group. Demographic data from the 1990 and 2000 census documented about 18 percent of Maine's citizens self identify themselves as Franco-American, reported University of Maine researcher Jacob Albert in his opening presentation to the task force.

The Task Force work will report about Franco-American educational achievements, the group's income disparities compared to the population at large, their retention of the French language, some particular health care practices and opportunities to promote Maine's economic development through cultural initiatives. Four meetings are scheduled between June 19, and December 15, 2012, to complete a report to The Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

Recommendations will document ways to support education, and cultural awareness about Maine's Franco-American heritage and how economic opportunities can be developed through these initiatives.

....A second meeting of the Task Force is scheduled in August, possibly at a Franco-American heritage site in either Lewiston or Fort Kent.

For information or to be included on the Task Force interested parties list, contact Karen Nadeau-Drillon at the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis at 207-287-1670 or Karen.NadeauDrillen@legislature.maine.gov

FAVORITE FAMILY RECIPES



Alright, all you cooks out there. Those of us who love to eat (that's all of us) are looking for new dishes to tempt our palates. Send

us your favorite family recipes to share with the rest of our LDDM family.

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Acadian Tourtiere Submitted by Roland Doucett O'Connell

1/2 lb. ground Veal or Beef
1 tsp. Salt
1/2 lb. ground Pork
1/4 tsp. Pepper
1/3 cup chopped Onion
1/4 cup Water
1 med. size Potato, cooked & mashed
1/2 cup finely chopped Celery & Leaves
1/4 tsp. each of Sage & Summer Savory
Pastry for one pie, top and bottom (I use Pillsbury ready crust)

Prepare pastry; reserve some for top crust, and line a 9" pie plate. Combine all ingredients together in a saucepan. Cook over medium heat until the meat has lost its pink color, but is still moist; cool. Pour meat mixture into the prepared pie crust, then top with the remaining pie crust, seal and flute edges. Be sure and makk slits in center to allow steam to escape. Bake in a hot oven 425 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes or until browned.

NOTE: Baked tourtieres may be frozen and reheated before serving.

In early Acadia, it was the custom to serve Tourtiere at the Reveillon, which was celebrated after Christmas Eve Mass.





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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 "2012" OR "2013", THAT MEANS YOU HAVE ALREADY PAID FOR THOSE YEARS. 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 FOLLOWING YEAR.

HELP OUR ORGANIZATION GROW BY GETTING A FAMILY MEMBER TO JOIN--AN UNCLE OR AN AUNT, A SIBLING, A COUSIN, ETC MEMBERSHIP CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM OUR WEB SITE: WWW.DOUCETFAMILY.ORG. PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU NOW HAVE THE OPTION OF PAYING FOR TWO YEARS AT A TIME; WE ALSO HAVE GIFT MEMBERSHIPS. WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS CONVENIENCE.

WE HAVE MEMBERS FROM ALL OVER THE U.S. AND ALSO FROM CANADA AND FRANCE AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THE FOLLOWING LIST

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NEVADA WASHINGTON NEW BRUNSWICK WISCONSIN

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BIOGRAPHY OF GERMAIN DOUCET

by Carol Doucet

(available in either French or English) or the

GERMAIN DOUCET PLAQUE

SEARCHING FOR RELATIVES

The genealogy section of the Les Doucet du Monde web site (www.doucetfamily.org) now has over 50,000 entries, thanks to Dean Doucet who has been handling it since 1999.

Naturally, there are "gaps."

We are asking Doucet/Doucette "cousins" who went to the family reunion in August 2009 to send us your genealogy line if you have not yet done so.

If you did not have the pleasure of attending the reunion, to you, too, we say "Please share your genealogy information."

Whether it's three generations or thirteen, please send your line to:

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À LA RECHERCHE DE LA PARENTÉ

Le secteur de généalogie du site web de Les Doucet du Monde (www.doucetfamily.org) comprend plus de cinqante milles données, grâce à Dean Doucet qui s'en occupe depuis 1999.

Il va sans dire, il existe des "manques."

Nous prions les "cousins" Doucet/Doucett/Doucette qui ont assisté à la rencontre en août 2009 de nous faire parvenir votre lignée, si vous ne l'avez pas encore fait.

Et si vous n'avez pas eu le plaisir d'assister à la rencontre familiale, à vous aussi, nous disons "partagez votre généalogie."

Que ça soit trois générations ou treize, nous vous prions d'envoyer votre lignée à

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