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## Message from the President

By Carol James Doucet

Dear Cousins,

Our wish for the extended Doucet/Doucette family is that the year 2014 will be one of happiness and good health. It's not too late to wish that this year will be Une bonne et heureuse année / A very happy and prosperous new year.

If you have not renewed your LDDM membership, please do so soon. It is because of you that LDDM can continue to provide you with a family website "sans pareil", a Facebook site, and a newsletter. LDDM paid for the presentation of Mr. Stephen White at the reunion in 2009 and has offered to pay for the main speaker's presentation this year.

How about giving a relative a gift membership as you renew your membership?

The Congrès Mondial Acadien/World Acadian Congress is a great opportunity for Doucet cousins to meet old friends and to make new friends. We hope to see many LDDM members at the Doucet/Doucette reunion in Grand Isle, Maine, located in Acadia of Land and Forests.

Carol Doucet



# Attorney recalls royal response to letter on Acadians

By Richard Burgess



Published January 8, 2014 in *The Advocate*, Lafayette, LA.

What's the first step in extracting an apology from the British government for the exile of French-speaking Acadians

more than two centuries ago from Nova Scotia?

"I simply prepared a short demand letter and had it hand-delivered to Downing Street and Buckingham Palace," said Lafayette, LA attorney Warren Perrin, recalling his gambit to the crown in 1990.

This December marks the 10th anniversary of Britain's formal response, which came 13 years after Perrin's letter to then-British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Queen Elizabeth II.

It was not an apology, but nevertheless the crown issued a royal proclamation acknowledging its decision to deport the Acadian people, and the suffering and death of thousands of those exiles from disease and in shipwrecks and prison camps.

Perrin, a descendant of the Acadians sent to Louisiana after their forced removal from Nova Scotia in the mid-1700s, still finds it hard to believe that he helped start a campaign for a British apology that attracted international attention.

He knew only the basics of Acadian history at the time but soon began intense research on their deportation. He came to the conclusion that not only was it morally wrong, but that it was a violation of international law and Britain's own laws at the time.

As an attorney, Perrin had experience in how to address legal wrongs — by filing a lawsuit. Perrin said he considered different venues, including the International Criminal Court and The Hague in the Netherlands, the European Court of Human Rights in France or the federal court system in the U.S. But the general practice before filing a lawsuit is to first send a letter outlining legal demands to give the opposing party an opportunity to meet them without litigation.

"I did not expect a response," Perrin said. The demand letter set a 30-day deadline for the British government to

contact him to discuss the issue. "On the 28th day, I got a call from the British Embassy," Perrin said.

For the first few years, discussions were limited, but by the mid-1990s, the issue had begun to attract attention, especially after he submitted a paper on his petition for an apology to an international human rights conference in France in 1993. "That got me on the world stage, and it got me some fantastic PR (public relations)," Perrin said.

After a few more years of behind-the-scenes talks, the British crown's Canadian representative signed the royal proclamation in December 2003, a recognition that a wrong had been done and the designation of July 28 as "A Day of Commemoration of the Great Upheaval."

The document has been recognized as a milestone in recognition of the struggles of the Acadian people. It also serves as a perennial source of pride, he said.

"Every day I get a letter or an email about this — thanks for making my grandpa proud," Perrin said. "Once I learned about what those people went through, I was proud."

## L'Acadie Toujours!

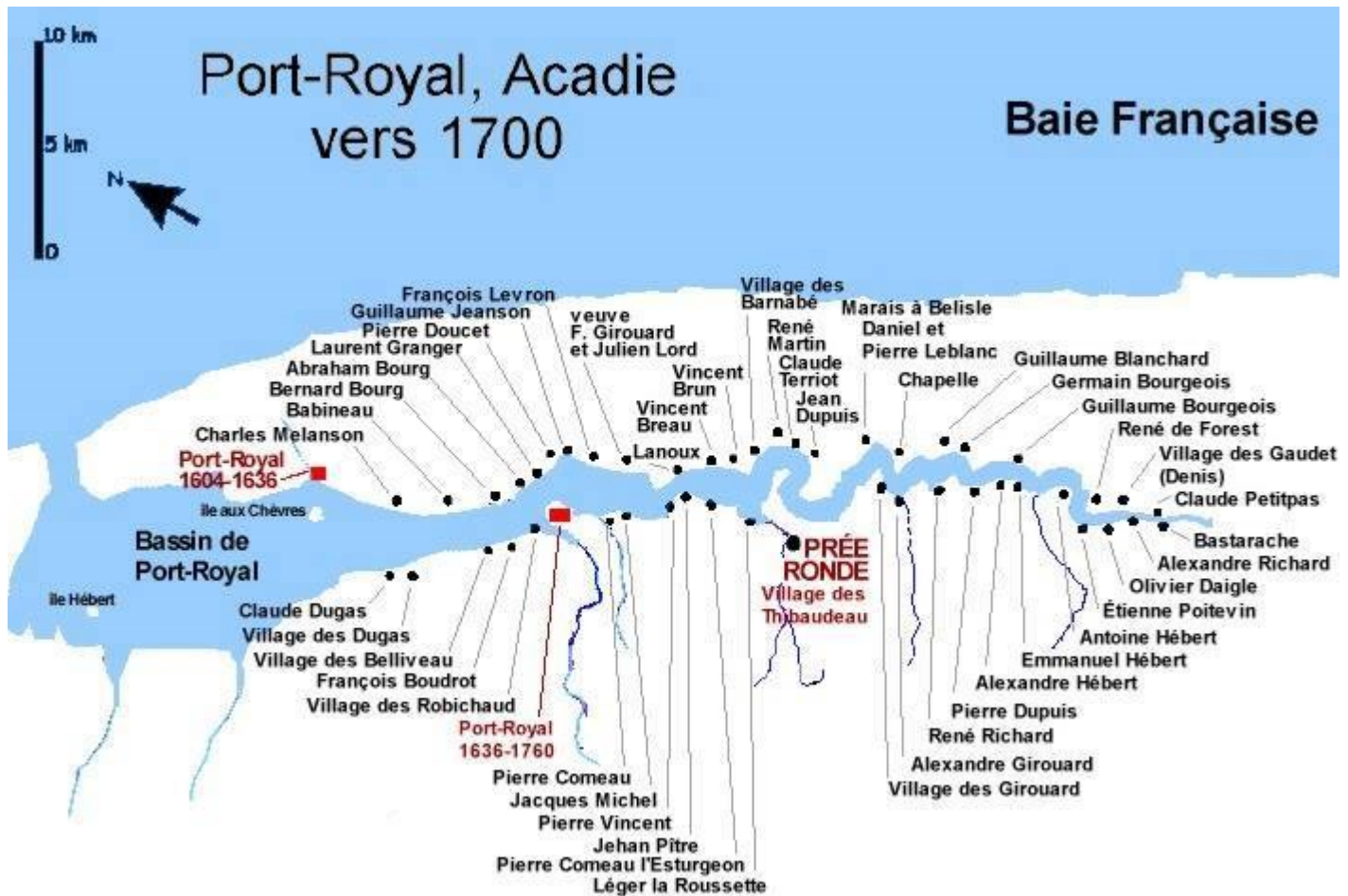


## Join Our Facebook Page

Les Doucet du Monde has an excellent page on Facebook. 157 people have joined the group. Will you?



Go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/LDoucetDM/>. If you click Join the Group, your request will be sent to the webmaster for approval and thereafter you may post to the page, as many other "cousins" have.



## Port-Royal, Acadie around 1700

By Phil Comeau

The map above shows the dwelling places of Acadian surnames at Port Royal, former capital of Acadia (1710 census):

Belliveau, Boudrot (Boudreau), Dugas, Robichaud, Comeau, Michel, Vincent, Pitre, Léger, Thibaudeau, Girouard, Richard, Dupuis, Hébert, Daigle, Poitevin, Bastarache, Petitpas, Gaudet, Forest, Bourgeois, Blanchard, LeBlanc, Terriot (Thériault), Martin, Barnabé, Lanoux, Breau (Brault), Brun, Lord, Levrone, Jeanson (Johnson), Doucet, Granger, Bourg (Bourque), Babineau, and Melanson.

This map does not include other ancient regions of Acadian origins or the other names you find there: Grand-Pré, Beaubassin, Pombcoup, Pisiquit, Cobequid, Louisbourg, etc.

La carte ci-dessus montre les lieux d'habitation des noms de famille acadiens à Port-Royal, l'ancienne capitale de l'Acadie (1710 recensement):

Belliveau, Boudrot (Boudreau), Dugas, Robichaud, Comeau, Michel, Vincent, Pitre, Léger, Thibaudeau, Girouard, Richard, Dupuis, Hébert, Daigle, Poitevin, Bastarache, Petitpas, Gaudet, Forest, Bourgeois, Blanchard, LeBlanc, Terriot (Thériault), Martin, Barnabé, Lanoux, Breau (Brault), Brun, Lord, Levrone, Jeanson (Johnson), Doucet, Granger, Bourg (Bourque), Babineau, et Melanson.

Cette carte n'inclus pas les autres anciennes régions d'origines acadiennes où les autres noms se trouvent: Grand-Pré, Beaubassin, Pombcoup, Pisiquit, Cobequid, Louisbourg, etc.

## A DNA Mystery

Excerpts from an article by Roberta Estes

I love a good mystery, don't you? Well, the Doucet family has one and it's a doozy.

Marie Rundquist, the founder and administrator of the Amerindian Ancestry Out of Acadia project at Family Tree DNA, has recently written a new paper about the C3b results within the project.

Marie's paper, titled "C3b Y Chromosome DNA Test Results Point to Native American Deep Ancestry, Relatedness, Among United States and Canadian Study Participants," tells about the project and the findings relative to haplogroup C3b.

The Native American people involved are the Mi'kmaq and ironically, while we have found several Mi'kmaq men who carry haplogroup C3b, we haven't found any carrying the much more common Q1a3a.

Marie's paper shows that 6 different families with different surnames carry haplogroup C3b and all are related within 16 generations, or between 400 and 500 years. Many are, of course, related much more closely.

The Doucet family is represented by 8 different males who all tested as haplogroup C3b. They descend from various sons of Germain Doucet, born in 1641. Germain was always presumed to be the son of the French founder, Germain Doucet, born in 1595 in France, the commander of Fort Royal.

Hmmm, this is known as a fly in the ointment. Indeed, the original descendants of Germain Doucet (1595) who were tested carried haplogroups of R1b1a2, clearly European, just as we would expect. But Pierre, the other son of père ("father") Germain Doucet (1595), tests to be R1b1a2, while fils ("son") Germain (1641) tested to be C3b. Obviously, these man cannot both be the genetic children of Germain Doucet (1595) and unless a Native American Mi'kmaq male made their way to France sometime in the distant past, Germain (1641)'s father was not from France and was not Germain Doucet (1595).

We know that Germain Doucet (1595) arrived in Port Royal in 1632, was noted as the commander in 1640 and returned to France in 1654 after Port Royal fell to the English, leaving at least two of his 4 children who had married in Port Royal.

So what happened? Here are some possibilities:

- Germain Doucet (1595) and his wife adopted an Indian child and named him Germain Doucet
- One of Germain Doucet's older daughters had an illegitimate child and named him Germain Doucet, in honor of her father.
- Germain's wife became pregnant by a Native man.
- A Native person adopted Germain Doucet's name out of respect. When Native people were baptized in the Catholic faith, they were given non-Native names.

So, through Marie's project and hard work, we've solved one

mystery and introduce yet another.

The full article can be found at

<http://dna-explained.com/2012/09/18/germain-doucet-and-haplogroup-c3b/>

### About the author

Roberta Estes is the owner of DNAeXplain ([www.dnaexplain.com](http://www.dnaexplain.com)), a company providing individual analysis of DNA results and genealogical assistance. She was one of the early DNA surname administrators and pioneer adopters of DNA analysis for genealogy.

## Acadian Memorial / Monument

### Acadien

By Carol Doucet



The Acadian Memorial in St. Martinsville, LA, provides interested persons with attractions, resources, a gallery, a store, genealogy and events.

The memorial's attractions include:

- The Mural, which depicts the arrival of the Acadians in Louisiana.
- The Wall of Names lists approximately 3,000 Acadian refugees listed in early Acadian records.
- The Eternal Flame, which symbolizes the ability of a culture to rekindle itself despite great hardships.
- The Deportation Cross, which is a replica of the Grand-Pré Deportation Cross.
- The Coat of Arms Mosaics, which symbolize the families separated by exile and reunited in Louisiana.
- The Museum, which features interactive exhibits, the Acadian Odyssey Quilt and Acadian souvenirs.

The memorial sponsors genealogy workshops on the last Wednesday of each month. Check the memorial website for times and registration.

Three popular events held at the Acadian Memorial are the Acadian Memorial Festival in March, the Commemoration of the Queen's Proclamation on July 28, and Acadian Day on August 15.

A genealogy section provides Acadians of Louisiana roots information about their Louisiana ancestors.

For more information, visit: <http://www.acadianmemorial.org>.

## Why we hesitate to speak French

by Jeannine Caissie

Perhaps the reason people hesitate to speak French may be because they feel their old Acadian/Cajun way of speaking is different from the "so-called correct way of speaking".

When I grew up in Canada, we spoke that way, but then I found myself embarrassed when I tried to speak with "educated people". I think we were made to feel inferior somehow.

Then, one day, I heard a song by Edith Butler, where she says, "On parle un vieux Français, mais c'est peut-être le vrai". I realized that it was true: the French that our ancestors spoke when they settled Nova Scotia became "out of style" when the Academie Francaise and King Louis IV adopted a more "refined" way of speaking.

This was after our ancestors had left France, and since there was no means of communication in those days, our people continued to speak the way they always had.

From then on, I decided to speak the way I always had, and proudly.

In addition, when Paul and I went to France in 1998, one day when we were in Paris, I stopped to ask directions from a passer-by, and he smiled and said, "Ah, vous êtes Canadienne".

Knowing that the French didn't care for Americans in those days, I decided to let him think I was Canadian. I said to him, "Oui, mais je suis aussi Acadienne". To which he replied, "Ahh, c'est encore meilleur!"

I have since realized that the French love Acadians, and the whole story of our people, because they have been exposed to many Acadian stars who have travelled there to entertain, and of course, there have been many cultural exchanges between the two countries since then.



## Congrès Mondial Acadien 2014

By Carol Doucet



Our Doucet/Doucette family reunion during CMA 2014 will be in Grand Isle, Maine on August 12 and 13. Grand Isle is located about 10 miles south of the town of Madawaska in northern Maine.

Information about the reunion can be found on this CMA page: [doucette.cma2014.com/en](http://doucette.cma2014.com/en), or for the French version, choose [doucette.cma2014.com/fr](http://doucette.cma2014.com/fr).



The tentative schedule and the names of the reunion organizing committee are listed.

Judy Doucette, the committee's secretary, is in touch with LDDM members and has asked for suggestions concerning activities which would make for a more enjoyable and worthwhile reunion. The committee needs help from Doucet/Doucette cousins from the reunion area to carry out the physical part of the preparations. Judy's e-mail is: [rdoucette10@roadrunner.com](mailto:rdoucette10@roadrunner.com). Her telephone number is (207) 895-3365, so persons in the area can contact her.

If anyone attending the reunion can provide some entertainment, for instance music, singing or story telling, please volunteer your services. Contact Judy.

## Congrès Mondial Acadien 2014

### Lodging

Jean-Julien Dupont (Logistics assistant and Volunteers coordinator) surveyed the region's commercial lodgings and there are still many lodgings that have availability.

The CMA 2014 website has a page with lodging information: <http://www.cma2014.com/en/services/hebergement>.

If you are interested in private lodging, the web page has a directory of private lodging in the area. You access the directory via a link in the upper-right corner of the lodging page referenced above.

## Check Your Membership Status

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 "2014", that means you have already paid for 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 following year.

Help our organization grow by getting a family member to join—an uncle or an aunt, a sibling, a cousin, etc. Membership forms can be downloaded from our web site:

[www.doucetfamily.org](http://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:

Alaska	New Brunswick
Alberta	New Hampshire
Arizona	Newfoundland
California	North Carolina
Florida	Nova Scotia
Louisiana	Ontario
Maine	Pennsylvania
Maryland	Quebec
Massachusetts	Texas
Mississippi	Washington
Nevada	Wisconsin

## 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](http://www.doucetfamily.org).

## Want to Use PAYPAL for Dues Payment?

If you would like to use PayPal for online payment, please contact Treasurer Jacqueline Auclair at [jackiea@doucetfamily.org](mailto:jackiea@doucetfamily.org) for instructions.

## E-mail Addresses

Please let Treasurer Jacqueline Auclair know your current e-mail address. Only about half of our members have e-mails addresses 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.

## Available on LDDM Website

The biography of Germain Doucet, written by our President Carol Doucet, and the video of the dedication of the Germain Doucet plaque in Castine, Maine are now available on our website.

To order either the "BIOGRAPHY OF GERMAIN DOUCET" (available in either French or English), go to <http://www.doucetfamily.org/GermainBioBook>.

To order the Germain Doucet Plaque Dedication Video, prepared by Lucien (Lou) Doucet, go to <http://www.doucetfamily.org/Dedication>

## Searching for Relatives

The genealogy section of the Les Doucet du Monde website ([www.doucetfamily.org](http://www.doucetfamily.org)) now has over 50,000 entries, thanks to our late president Dean Doucet who handled the genealogy section from 1999 until his death earlier this year. Naturally, there are "gaps."

We are asking Doucet/Doucett/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 13, 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](http://www.doucetfamily.org)) comprend plus de cinquante mille données, grâce à notre ancien président, le défunt Dean Doucet, qui s'en occupait 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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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/FEUILLE D'INSCRIPTION

MEMBERSHIP: \$15.00 per household (US funds). Membership is valid from January 1 - December 31 of each year

NOTE: Dues for first-time members who join after June 30 will be pro-rated at \$10.00 (US funds)

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**Do you wish to give a gift membership?** \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

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