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Message from the President

By Carol James Doucet

Dear Cousins,

During the 2014 Congrès Mondial Acadien/World Acadian Congress, Les Doucet du Monde co-sponsored the speaker at the Doucet/Doucette reunion in Grand Isle, Maine. Lucie LeBlanc Consentino did a great PowerPoint presentation on Acadian history and the pioneer Doucet/Doucette settlers of that area. LDDM board members expressed the gratitude of the board to Lucie: Norman Doucette in English, and Jeannine Caissie in French.

Again LDDM members helped Doucet cousins with genealogy. Lou Doucet, Norman Doucette, and Eleonora Turnage brought their computers and were busy assisting with genealogical searches.

The video of the dedication ceremony of the plaque honoring Germain Doucet, Sieur de La Verdure was viewed by reunion attendees. Thanks to Lou Doucet for making this possible – for filming the dedication ceremony and for providing the video to be viewed at the reunion.

A merci beaucoup to the LDDM board members mentioned above for their great help at the reunion.

We wish to express our gratitude to the reunion organizing committee and all the helpers for stepping up and providing the opportunity for over 200 Doucet/Doucette cousins to meet: Vernon Doucette – president; Eunice Tardiff – vice president; Judy Doucette – secretary; and Richard Doucette – treasurer. There was a moment of silence to remember Eunice Tardiff, who passed away a short time before the reunion.

A merci beaucoup to Judy Doucette, the committee secretary, who was in touch with the LDDM board concerning preparations for the reunion, and to Lou Doucet for being our LDDM liaison person with the committee.

Tuesday evening, when my daughter and I arrived at the reunion site, it was great to see our LDDM group chatting under a tent. After we had talked to that special group, we met the organizers of the reunion.

On Wednesday afternoon, a Cajun band arrived to provide a taste of the music of south Louisiana.

In the evening my daughter and I joined Norman and Linda Doucette for a quiet and very enjoyable meal in Frenchville, a great ending to our Doucet/Doucette reunion experience.

Carol Doucet

RETRACING OUR STEPS

by Carol Doucet

My daughter and I took a trip to see again the old city of Quebec, which she had seen when she was four years old. She remembered very little from that month of July.

First of all, we visited the upper city. We went to Mass at the cathedral of Notre Dame. Then we just had to see again the gigantic hotel Chateau Frontenac, the Dufferin Terrace, and the Promenade of Governors.

Not far from there was Saint Ursule Street, where we saw the hotel in which was the apartment where we had spent the month of July in 1977. We went into the hotel, then we took pictures of the front of "our apartment".

On Monday, after a very pleasant walk (no steps, no challenging slopes), we saw the ceremony of the changing of the guard at the Citadel. Then it was time to go down to the lower city via the funicular. The Place Royale and the church of Notre-Dame-des-Victoires in the center were two must-see items. We made a short visit to the Maison Chevalier. My daughter wanted to go back up to the upper city by way of the Casse-Cou (break neck) steps. I went back up on the funicular.

Many little parks with shade presented an invitation to relax. And definitely, we had a taste of Quebec cuisine.

Beautiful vistas from so many places in Quebec City added to our enjoyment of this wonderful old city.

The Basilica of Sainte Anne of Beaupre, the Montmorency waterfall, and the village of Saint Jean Port Joli completed our itinerary in Quebec province.

This was a magnificent trip, a bit tiring, but one that will provide us with many beautiful memories.

ON TRACE NOS PAS

par Carol Doucet

Ma fille et moi, on a fait un voyage pour revoir la vieille ville de Québec qu'elle avait vu quand elle avait quatre ans. Elle se souvenait de très peu.

D'abord, on a visité la haute ville. On a assisté à la Messe à la cathédrale de Notre-Dame. Ensuite il fallait revoir l'immense hôtel Château Frontenac, la Terrasse Dufferin, et la Promenade des Gouverneurs.

Pas loin se trouvait la rue Sainte-Ursule où on a vu l'hôtel dans lequel se trouvait l'appartement où on avait passé le mois de juillet en 1977. On est entré dans l'hôtel. Puis on a photographié le devant de "notre appartement".

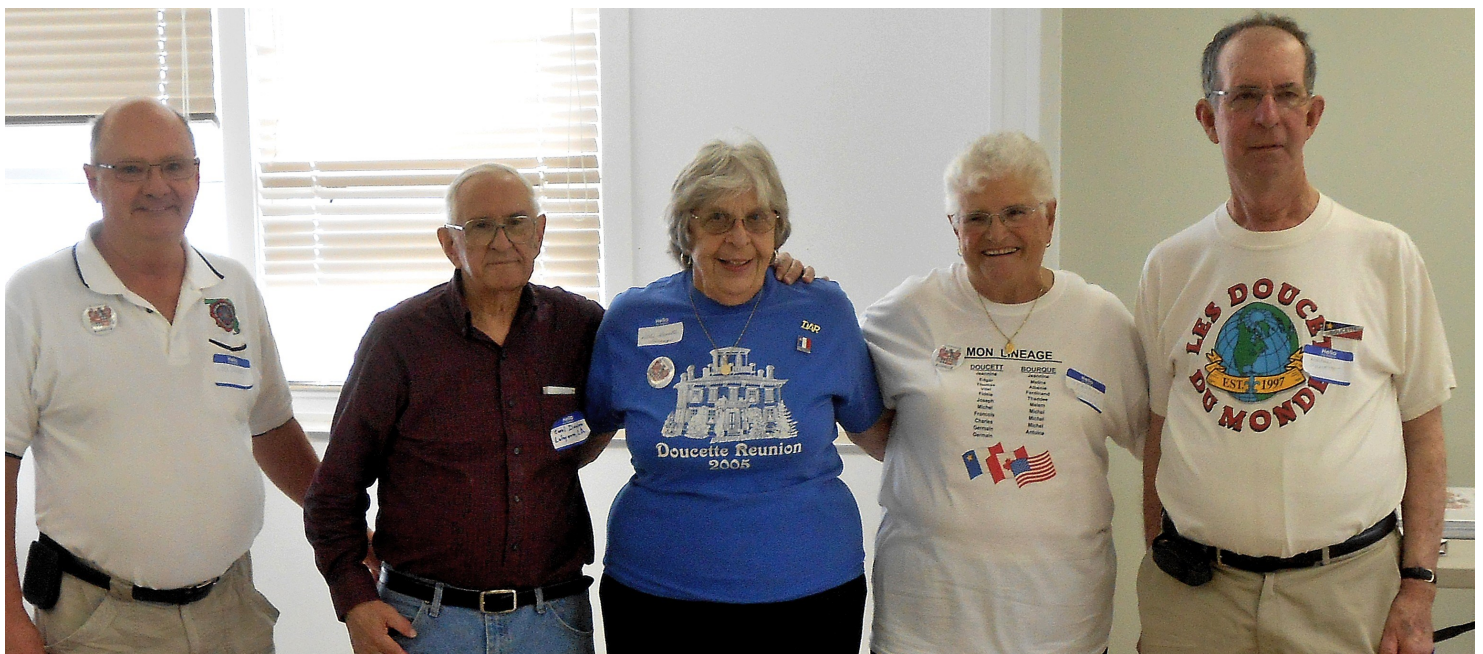
Lundi, après une démarche bien agréable (pas d'escaliers, pas de pentes), on a assisté à la cérémonie de la relève de la garde à la Citadelle. Puis c'était l'heure de descendre à la Basse-Ville via le funiculaire. La Place Royale et l'Eglise de Notre-Dame-des-Victoires au centre étaient des lieux à ne pas manquer. Nous avons fait un petit tour à la Maison Chevalier. Ma fille voulait remonter à la haute ville par l'escalier Casse-Cou. Moi, je suis remonté en haut via le funiculaire.

Beaucoup de petits parcs à l'ombre présentaient une invitation où on pouvait se détendre. Et bien sûr il fallait savourer de la cuisine québécoise.

Depuis tant de lieux à Québec on pouvait jouir de perspectives étonnantes de cette merveilleuse vieille ville.

La Basilique de Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré et le village de Saint-Jean-Port-Joli ont complété notre itinéraire au Québec.

Ce fut un voyage magnifique, un peu fatigant, mais un voyage qui nous apportera beaucoup de beaux souvenirs.



LDDM Board Members: Lou Doucet, Carol Doucet, Eleonora Turnage, Jeannine Caissie and Norm Doucette

A TRIP TO THE ACADIAN WORLD CONGRESS – AUGUST, 2014

by Jeannine P. Doucett Caissie

On August 8, my husband Paul and I left our summer home in Sedgwick, Maine, to attend our 5th Acadian World Congress (that's right – we've been to every one of them, starting with Memramcook, NB, in 1994). We were really looking forward to re-connecting with our friends and relatives we'd met at the previous ones, and seeing how this one would measure up. This was the first Congress that would encompass New Brunswick and Quebec in Canada, and Maine in the U. S.

We attended the Opening Ceremonies of the 2014 Acadian World Congress in Edmundston. It was a beautiful day, so we brought our folding chairs and awaited the start of the day's festivities. The president of the Congress welcomed everyone and several other dignitaries spoke, including the Prime Minister of Canada, Stephen Harper, who welcomed everyone in excellent French, and he was followed by Mr. Alward, the Prime Minister of New Brunswick, who also spoke French, but less well than Mr. Harper. They were followed by Governor Paul LePage, the Governor of Maine, who spoke briefly in French, but he admitted his French was not as good, even though his background was from Quebec, but he proudly said his wife was Acadian. The Prime Minister of Quebec was not able to be there, but he sent a representative to speak on his behalf, and of course his French was perfect! There were speeches from others, including the Canadian/American Consul, and several others were introduced, including Susan Collins, the Republican Senator from Maine, as well as Mike Michaud, who is running against LePage to be the next Governor of Maine.

After all these speeches, the real business began: a great concert celebrating the opening of the Congress featuring several Acadian stage stars, including Roch Voisine, who was the master of ceremonies for the Congress. He is a very attractive, good singer, and was a good choice for the position. He also entertained us, along with several other singers, musicians and dancers, to round out a wonderful afternoon.

The following morning we drove down to Drummond, NB, where we attended the two-day Caissie family reunion. This was very well done, and there were about 150 Caissies, mostly from New Brunswick, and a few from Quebec. Their most memorable member is 88-year-old Marie Quessy Owen, who had traveled all the way from Australia. We were very much looking forward to seeing her again, as she had attended her first Acadian Congress in 2009. She had first discovered her Acadian roots a few years ago, when she started to research her genealogy, and discovered that she was descended from a man named Roger Quessy, a young Irish sailor who jumped ship in 1664 and reached the coast of eastern New Brunswick. He is believed to have been a cabin boy only 15 years old when he did this, and was taken in by a family named Poirier. He eventually married one of the daughters, named Marie

-Therese Poirier and this couple became the ancestors of all the Quessy/Caissies in the Maritimes and the U. S. Marie's family who settled in Australia maintained the original spelling, Quessy. Needless to say, she's been "star of the day" at both reunions of the Caissies. I asked her if she had plans to attend the 2019 Congress in Dieppe, and her reply was that she probably wouldn't, because she would then be 92! I hope to have the endurance and courage to attend that one myself as I'll be 86!

On August 12, we headed down to Grand Isle, Maine, for the Doucet/Doucette family reunion. We arrived there around 5:30, where we met with some of our friends from other reunions. We wandered outside, where there were large white tents, tables and chairs and a stage set up. We were welcomed by the Organizing Committee and chatted with several "cousins", some new and some old. As we chatted with old friends Norman and Linda Doucette, Lou and Doris Doucet, and Ellie Doucette Turnage, our LDDM president Carol Doucet and his daughter Michelle arrived from Quebec City.

August 13 promised to be a beautiful warm sunny day. When we arrived at the Hall where the Doucet Reunion was being held, we found Norm and Lou and Ellie were all set up with their computers, as well as Carol with all his books and information, ready to help any Doucet people who wanted to check on their lineage. Paul and I had worn our t-shirts that listed our family lineage for all to see and compare. I soon found that my information seemed to match up with others there in the hall, and it was fun and interesting to meet new cousins. Our speaker for the day, Lucie LeBlanc Consentino, did an excellent PowerPoint presentation, starting at the very beginning of Acadian history, in case there were some present who were not familiar with our proud heritage. Following this, she discussed the family of Firmin Doucet, who was the first Doucet to settle in the St. John River Valley of Maine. Lucie had completely researched this family, and correctly surmising that most of the attendees from the area descended from him, she gave the audience a complete history of the Doucets of Grand Isle and surrounding communities, which was all new to many in attendance. Lucie answered many questions, then was available for the remainder of the day to anyone who wanted to speak to her or ask questions privately. A loud cheer and roar of applause thanked Judy Doucette and her Committee for a great Doucet/Doucette family reunion. They worked very hard and it showed.

On August 15, we went to Madawaska for the huge Mass for the Feast Day of Our Lady of the Assumption, the Acadian Patron Saint. The ceremony was attended by at least 30 Acadian Priests, several Monsignors, an Archbishop, and the Bishop of the Diocese of Portland, Maine, Bishop Deeley. There was a beautiful Choral concert before the Mass, with the combined Choirs of Madawaska/Edmundston and Moncton singing the Mass as well. There were over 4,000 people at the Mass. The clergy wore vestments of white with red and blue stripes, with

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the gold star on their breasts, and Bishop Deeley had even decorated his mitre in red, white and blue with a gold star on the front. He concelebrated the high mass along with the pastors and Monsignors and the Archbishop of Edmunston. This The mass was said mostly in French with a few passages in English. Being of Irish descent, the Bishop does not speak French, and I was told he had spend several months trying to learn to speak it, in anticipation of the mass. It was obvious from his accent that French was not his mother tongue, but he did marvelously well, considering. The Bishop of Edmunston gave the homily and his French was perfect also. Most of the 4,000 in attendance were able to receive communion from several of the 30 priests. At dusk we enjoyed a concert with a crowd numbered about 10,000. The concert featured some of the top Acadian stars, including the great Cajun singer Zachary Richard and my second cousin Marie-Jo Theriot, who's internationally famous for her compositions and singing.

On August 16, we went to the LeBlanc family reunion: Paul's mother was a LeBlanc and I have several LeBlanc forebears in my family. There were 550 LeBlancs there, and booths around the hall depicted several LeBlanc families from the different areas, including Lucie LeBlanc Consentino's colorful and well-documented booth, which showed her father and several other LeBlanc families who emigrated to the New England states looking for employment and a better life. It was a chance for us to re-connect with her and her travelling partner, Janine LaFleur, as well as Stephen White, the great Acadian genealogist from the University of Moncton.

The 2014 World Acadian Congress was a resounding success, and we enjoyed it tremendously, especially the Quessy/Caissie and Doucet/Doucette and LeBlanc reunions. We wouldn't have missed them for the world, because we met and enjoyed a whole new group of cousins from all of the world. Dare we hope and look forward to attending the 2019 World Acadian Congress?



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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.



ATTENDING THE NATIONAL DAY OF THE ACADIANS

by Robert C. Doucet

On August 15, 2014, I attended the National Day of the Acadians in St. Martinsville, LA which was celebrating the 250th anniversary of the arrival of the Acadians in Louisiana. The celebration started with the raising of the flag at 10 am and then we were shown a video, Story of the Acadians. After the film Elaine Clement, Director of the Acadian Memorial Foundation, presented a program on Relations with the Native Americans. After lunch Dr. Mark Rees, Maegen Smith and Adam Doucet showed us slides of the excavation locating the original settlement of the Acadians when they first arrived at Bayou Teche between St. Martinsville and New Iberia. This is a scientific dig and much effort is made in trying to locate the exact place of the first settlement as well as the graves, which include the graves yet unfound of Beausoleil Broussard and his followers. The digs are in their infancy and have few items to show, mostly broken pieces of pottery, but all concerned displayed a high level of enthusiasm for the project.

Later that afternoon we were shown an astounding film on the problems of the Acadians who had escaped the Expulsion at Grand Pre and attempted to settle in the state of Maine. The residents did not want to have anything to do with the French-speaking Catholics as they attempted to settle there; in fact, they formed a chapter of the Ku Klux Klan to terrify and harass the Acadians. (Google 'KKK in Maine' to get several stories on this subject.)

At 5 pm we had the Parade of Acadian Family Names Banners and I was privileged to carry the Doucet banner. We had a wonderful day and I must compliment the members of the Acadian Memorial in St. Martinsville for putting on a real nice show and the hard work that went into it.

DOUCETTE REUNION GRANDE ISLE, MAINE - CMA AUGUST 12-13, 2014

by Norman Doucette

My preparation for the reunion began three years ago when my daughter Samantha and I visited Lafayette, Louisiana for the Grande Reveil Acadien during October 2011. Samantha and I spent time at the gathering at the Cajun Dome exhibition hall and spoke with many folks from other parts of the country and Canada. Emy (Forrest) Thomas was there from Dorchester, Massachusetts and we met again at the Inn of Acadia in Madawaska, Maine on August 13, 2014. She was in Madawaska for the Forrest Reunion with her sister and brother-in-law Harold and Susan (Forrest) Coughlin from Chelmsford, Massachusetts. Others at the inn were cousins Susan Melanson from Pugwash, Nova Scotia, Janet Pickering from Amherst, Nova Scotia, Gail Jock from Chicago, Illinois and Marilyn Yandle from Lafayette, Louisiana.

Samantha and I also toured the area while staying in Lafayette for four days. We visited the Acadian Memorial in St. Martinville, LA and spoke with the curator that day, who later sent to me Doucet genealogy. We toured the little village and happened upon an old-fashioned funeral in the old church for a former state leader, with horse and glass-sided funeral wagon for the final procession to the cemetery with music and everyone walking down the street. Some folks were on the porch of an historical building next door and I saw their nametags listed Madawaska, Maine as their hometown. I spoke with Norman Cyr who was Fire Chief in Madawaska at the time and his wife Linda Cyr. Some of you who visited the Mizpah at Grande Isle may have seen the memorial to Norman Cyr, who died recently of cancer. Also on the porch was Ann Roy, the curator at the Acadian Village in Van Buren, Maine, where some statues from the now-closed church in Waltham, Massachusetts reside. I had been looking at the Madawaska Historical Society website and saw that Vernon Doucette was an officer. I asked Norman Cyr if he knew him and he gave me his phone number. I contacted Vernon by phone and mail later in January 2012 and sent him some copies of our newsletters.

Before the reunion, my wife Linda and I took a vacation. We left Winchester, Massachusetts on Sunday afternoon and stayed at our family cottage in Jefferson, Maine for the night. Monday, we drove to Bangor on back roads of farms and lakes and through small towns and had lunch at the Sea Dog Restaurant on the Penobscot River. Our journey continued after lunch through farm land and dense forest on Route 95 to Route 11 in Sherman Mills. It was a beautiful day and we saw lots of woods and at a scenic pullout Mount Katahdin in the clouds. Route 11 had many small communities of farms and long stretches of forests and hunting camps areas and one large Fraser logging plant along the route. The farms changed to potato fields, canola fields and buckwheat fields the closer we got to Presque Isle, Maine where we stayed for the night.

On Tuesday we drove Route 1 to Madawaska and checked in at the Inn of Acadia. We then drove to the beginning of Route

1 in Fort Kent, Maine. At the new granite Route 1 monument and new bridge over the Saint John River to New Brunswick, Canada, we met Sheila Hebert-Collins and her mother and 91-year-old father from Abbeville, Louisiana. We spoke about the Hebert Reunion during CMA 1999 and their speaker Stephen White. Sheila invited us to go to the University of Maine Library, Fort Kent to see her books and other authors at a book signing that afternoon. Linda bought a children's book about Cajun culture by Sheila Hebert. I bought a tape of "The Story of the Acadians" by Brenda and Alan Jepson of Crown of Maine Production, Inc. Brenda also had a table at the Grande Reveil Acadian in Lafayette. I bought an autographed book signed by Edmond Theriault and his son Brian about traditional snowshoe building called "Leaving Tracks". Edmond, age 91, was a B-17 pilot in the Pacific during WWII. He also flew in a B-17 for the first time since the war on August 7 prior to the weekend Acadian Heritage Air Show in Frenchville, Maine. He was the topic of an article in the local St. John Valley Times on the front page on August 6, and in the August 13 edition he and two other veterans had their picture taken inside the B-17.

We attended the evening festivities at the Doucette Reunion in the Grande Isle Community Center and met some familiar faces from our Les Doucet du Monde group: Jeannine and Paul Caissie, Ellie Doucette Turnage and her sister Edith Doucette Raun and brother-in-law Bill Raun, Sean Doucette, and Lou and Doris Doucet. I also talked with Roger Doucet of Idaho and Ann Marie Doucet of Montreal, both of whom were at previous CMAs. It was great finally meeting Vernon Doucette and Judy Doucette of the Doucette Reunion Committee.

On Wednesday, the day of the Doucette Reunion, Lucie LeBlanc Consentino gave an excellent talk and PowerPoint presentation on the history of the Doucette Acadians who settled in the St. John River Valley circa 1878. The Acadian noon meals or pulled pork and chicken dumpling stew were very good. Many sat outside after lunch and listened to the music and talked with others at the reunion, making or renewing friendships. That night Linda and I had a good meal and conversation with Carol and Michelle Doucet at the Rosette's Family Restaurant in Frenchville, Maine.

The Doucette festivities were over way too soon. On Thursday morning Linda and I were on our way to Quebec. Friday night in Quebec City, Linda and I watched the CMA 2014 live concert from Madawaska. There were plenty of music venues and concerts in Madawaska that week to keep everyone entertained.

DOUCETTE REUNION IN GRANDE ISLE, MAINE

By Eleanora Doucette Turnage

For the last five years, I had planned on how the month of August 2014 would unfold. Sometimes, the best laid plans... For various reasons, my daughters and granddaughters were unable to make the trip to the Reunion. This left my sister Edith and her husband, Bill, to make the long-awaited trip to northern Maine to the Doucette Reunion. They had attended the 2009 Reunion in Grande Anse, New Brunswick with me, so they already had met, knew many of the Doucets/Doucettes and were eager to be able to see them again at this Reunion.

I drove from Austin, Texas to western Pennsylvania to pick up Edith and Bill. We left August 8 because we would be able to occupy the cabin I had rented on Cross Lake, Maine on August 9. The drive across the bridge over the St. Lawrence River, with its thousand islands scattered below, is always breathtaking. Our entry into Québec and the drive to Montreal were familiar to us as we recalled landmarks and the beautiful scenery, having taken the same route in 2009. Leaving the next morning, we drove through the towns and places where our ancestors were born and lived before they immigrated to the United States. It is a strange but comforting feeling to be there again, having made this trip to this area several times.

North of the city of Québec, we crossed the St. Lawrence once again into New Brunswick. Soon we were entering the United States, crossing the border into Madawaska. By 4:00 in the afternoon, we were picking up the key to our cabin, called "Wall Street" on the Cross Lake.

We were so pleased with the log cabin and the view of the lake, a beautiful place to spend the week. I was told that the loons were plentiful and we would enjoy their song but we never did hear them. We also wanted to see our first live moose, having not seen one from the Reunion in Grande Anse. We finally did the last night we were in the area, but it was getting dark and our photo didn't prove it!

On Monday, we wanted to make a trial run to Grand Isle, which was 45 minutes away from our cabin. We found the location of the venue for the Reunion, which was being used for another family that day. Across the street we visited the Historical Society Museum and met some Doucettes who were also there for the Reunion. We drove to Van Buren, not far away, to visit the Acadian Village, a group of houses depicting the Acadian way of life in that area. The people were very friendly and we enjoyed talking with them.

On Tuesday, August 12, we arrived early at the venue so that I could set up for genealogy assistance and meet with the other members of LDDM. It was great seeing everyone again: a lot of hugs and kisses, laughs and catching-up. On Wednesday, Lucie LeBlanc Consentino gave us a very informative talk with a PowerPoint presentation of documents and pictures about the area and the Doucette family. It was absolutely wonderful, as we knew it would be. The next day, we visited the beautiful large farm and homestead where the Doucettes settled in the area.

Table hopping at the luncheon was fun, meeting new family members and talking with old friends and cousins from the last reunion and other gatherings over the years. I wished I could have recorded the conversations - they were so informative and worth remembering. The day ended all too soon. It was difficult saying goodbye to the family until we meet again in 2019 in southeast New Brunswick. I may be too old to make the trip, but I certainly am planning to attend, one way or another!

On Friday, August 15, we went to Madawaska to attend the Tintamarre. We were early, so we spent some time at the park to experience some music and people watching. While there, we saw Lucie LeBlanc Consentino at a book booth. We both purchased Acadian Roots: Images of the St. John Valley, a book co-authored by Dottie Hutchins who was there and autographed our copies. We took a few pictures and talked for a little while. She asked me if I had attended the Mass that morning. When I told her "no", she told me that it was a beautiful experience. She said that the priest talked about the expulsion of 1755, explaining how the church bells rang when the Acadians were taken off to be exiled. At that time, the altar boys began ringing their bells and there wasn't a dry eye in the place. I can just imagine the feeling the congregation was experiencing. I told Edie and Bill that before the Tintamarre begins that evening, the bells in the churches would peal, re-enacting the original historical event.

I also wanted to buy some souvenirs and noisemakers for the parade of about 20,000 celebrants. I wanted Edie, Bill and I to experience this exciting and memorable Acadian tradition that I had heard so much about. At 6:00 pm, the church bells started ringing and the Tintamarre began! We were not disappointed - it was a wonderful afternoon! The Reunion was exciting and the memories we took away with us will fill our heads and hearts for years to come.



RENCONTRE DOUCETTE

By Seán O'Connell

Je suis très heureux d'avoir pu assister à la rencontre de la famille Doucet à Grande-Île, au Maine, les 12 et 13 août 2014. Je trouve que Judy Doucette et son équipe ont organisé une très belle rencontre. J'étais content de revoir tous les Doucet/Doucett/Doucette que j'ai rencontrés lors du dernier CMA à Grande-Anse, au Nouveau-Brunswick, en 2009. Je suis aussi ravi d'avoir rencontré de nouveaux cousins et de nouvelles cousines de la Nouvelle-Angleterre, du Nouveau-Brunswick, du Québec, de la Baie-Sainte-Marie, du Cap-Breton et d'ailleurs. J'ai été surtout surpris et content d'y rencontrer une grande vedette internationale, soit Jacques Doucet qui chante au sein du célèbre duo hip-hop acadien Radio Radio. Ce groupe est très populaire au Canada, en Europe, en Louisiane et ailleurs.

DOUCETTE REUNION

By Seán O'Connell

I am very happy that I was able to attend the Doucet family reunion in Grand Isle, Maine, on August 12 and 13, 2014. I think Judy Doucette and her team did a fantastic job and organized a great reunion. I was glad to see all the Doucets / Doucetts / Doucettes that I met at the last CMA in Grande-Anse, New Brunswick, in 2009. I am also pleased to have met new cousins from New England, New Brunswick, Quebec, St. Mary's Bay, Cape Breton and elsewhere. I was especially surprised and pleased to meet an international superstar, Jacques Doucet, who performs in the famous Acadian hip-hop duo Radio Radio. This group is very popular in Canada, Europe, Louisiana and elsewhere. The rest of our trip did not go as planned and ended in a very exhausting drive; there were no hotels or motels available because of local events. We drove all night and arrived at home on Sunday, August 17.

CMA 2014 Doucet Reunion— Grand Isle, Maine

by Lou Doucet

With the CMA 2014 Doucette Reunion being here in Maine this year, I was really looking forward to it. I was not disappointed, as it was very informative and I got to meet many of the people I have chatted with and met on the LDDM Facebook page over the years.

It was a pleasure working with Judy and Vern during the planning stage prior to the reunion. I thank them for asking LDDM to be a part of the event.

Lucie LeBlanc Consentino gave an excellent presentation on Doucet history, which was enjoyed by all. At the completion of her talk, the LDDM table was visited by people wanting to know more about Doucet history. We assisted them and several were really amazed at the work that has gone into our website.

While in the Madawaska/Grand Isle area, we visited the Acadian Village in Van Buren. It is an entire village restored to preserve the history of the area. I recommend anyone visiting this area to stop by and see the work that has gone into restoring the village.

Doris and I really enjoyed the reunion and look forward to the next one in Prince Edward Island.

HELP YOUR DOUCET/DOUCETTE FAMILY ORGANIZATION

The Doucet/Doucette family organization, Les Doucet du Monde, has a great website with genealogy data of more than 60,000 entries. Our Acadian heritage is covered with more than 30 articles. Related links pertaining to the Doucet/Doucette family and Acadian history are included. Several maps of Old Acadia are also included. There is a section titled "Items of Interest".

The LDDM newsletter is published three times a year.

Les Doucet du Monde has sponsored speakers at the two most recent reunions during the Congrès Mondial Acadien/World Acadian Congress. In 2009, we sponsored the presentation by Stephen White at the reunion in Grande Anse, New Brunswick. At the reunion this year, LDDM co-sponsored the presentation of Lucie LeBlanc Consentino in Grand Isle, Maine.

In 2003, LDDM had a booth at the Louisiana Purchase gathering in Louisiana. In 2011, LDDM had a booth at the first Grand Réveil Acadien/Great Acadian Awakening in Louisiana, which was a mini-CMA.

In October of 2015, the second Grand Réveil Acadien/Great Acadian awakening will take place in south Louisiana.

With your dues, LDDM can continue to furnish the above services for the Doucet/Doucette family.

Our website is at www.doucetfamily.org. Download a membership form or write to one of the board members.

Merci beaucoup.

Photos from the CMA Reunion



The Doucette Reunion Organizing Committee.



Lucie LeBlanc Consentino.



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. 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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| 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.

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 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) 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:

Lucien (Lou) Doucet

5 Acorn Lane, Lewiston, ME 04240, USA

Phone (207) 312-5889

E-Mail loud@doucetfamily.org

À la Recherche de la Parenté

Le secteur de généalogie du site web de Les Doucet du Monde (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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LES DOUCET DU MONDE 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)

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

NEW MEMBERSHIP

Please print or type:

Surnom/Last Name: _____ Prénom/First Name: _____

Adresse/Address: _____

Ville/City: _____ Province/State: _____ Code Postal/ZIP: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

___ I would like to be affiliated with the LOUISIANA CHAPTER

___ I would like to be affiliated with the ACADIAN/CANADIAN CHAPTER

Do you wish to give a gift membership? _____ YES _____ NO

GIFT MEMBERSHIP: \$10.00 (US funds). Gift membership is valid from January 1 - December 31 of each year. Anyone joining, or re-newing, as a full paying member can give gift memberships, and is allowed to give gift memberships to non-members or to former members each year. This has to be done at the time that you send in your dues as a full paying member. As many can be given as desired. A gift membership is given for one year only. Membership for subsequent years would be at the regular rate. Please list below the following information about recipient(s) of gift membership(s). If more lines are needed, please enter the information on the reverse side.

| | Nom/Name | Adresse/Address | Telephone | Email Address |
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Signature: _____ Date: _____

Send check or money order in US funds payable to Les Doucet du Monde.

NOTE: Members from outside US should send an International Postal Order in US Funds.

Mail to Jacqueline Auclair, LDDM International Treasurer, 20130 Cherry Lane, Saratoga, CA 95070

Amount enclosed:

| | |
|---|----------|
| Full membership for one year at \$15.00 | \$ _____ |
| Full membership for two years at \$25.00 | \$ _____ |
| Pro-rated membership at \$10.00 (after June 30) | \$ _____ |
| Gift membership(s) _____ at \$10.00 each | \$ _____ |
| Total Enclosed | \$ ===== |

**US FUNDS ONLY
PLEASE!**