



# CALLING ALL CAJUNS!

A Publication of The Acadian Memorial Foundation

May 2015

**“A Day of Commemoration of the Great Upheaval as proclaimed in 2003 by Queen Elizabeth II. This official day for the world to remember the suffering of the Acadian people as a result of *Le Grand Derangement*.”**

**July 28th, 2015—3:00—5:00 p.m.**

3:00—5:00 p.m.      *Réception—Acadian Memorial / Monument Acadien*  
3:30 p.m.            *Historical perspective / Perspective historique*  
Awarding of paddle to M. Bateau de Bois 2014  
Induction of **Sylvia S. Bienvenu** into the Order of Living Legends by  
Warren Perrin of the Acadian Museum in Erath, LA  
Closing Prayer

## WEATHER FORCES CANCELLATION OF 2015 FESTIVAL

For several months the Board of Directors of the Acadian Memorial Foundation had been planning the 2015 Acadian Heritage Festival and Wooden Boat Congrès scheduled for March 21, 2015. Although it may not appear so when you attend the Festival, months of preparation and coordination among many people are needed for a successful festival. Our two honored families—the Saulnier/Sonnier and the Guilbeau families—had been working tirelessly to notify their family members and prepare exhibits for their booths. We were ready for another great festival.

On March 16th the weather reports began warning that heavy rainstorms were forecast for the next week-end—Festival weekend. The Foundation Board watched the weather reports closely and they only got worse as March 21st approached. By Wednesday morning, March 18th, the weathermen forecast a 100% chance of heavy thunderstorms for the day of the Festival.

The Acadian Memorial Foundation Board met Wednesday evening and reviewed the options. Wednesday evening was the last chance to cancel the Festival and not incur heavy financial losses. This was the cutoff to notify vendors and many volunteers so they would not incur financial losses and also to notify the vendors and many volunteers so that they would not incur financial and time losses. On Thursday we could cancel food and drink orders, table and chair orders, comfort station orders, etc. After Thursday noon we were committed financially to the many orders we had made.

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Many things are happening at the Acadian Memorial. Tours/visits are up and events are planned for the 28th of July, 15th of August and 8th of October, in addition to our regular genealogy workshops. While we are thankful for the dedicated members of our board who are there without fail, we really need the assistance of all of our “Friends”.

Our big fund raising event, L’Ordre du Bon Temps Gala, will be held on November 4, 2015. Planning and organizing is essential to a successful event and we welcome new participants to the planning committee. I implore you to get involved in the planning and organizing of this event.

The Grand R veil Acadien (Great Acadian Awakening) will be held this year, between the dates of October 3, 2015 and October 12, 2015. For information on the event, visit the website of Louisiane-Acadie, Inc. at <http://louisiane-acadie.com>. Get actively involved in GRA in some way—if you are “of Acadian descent” or “just plain Cajun” this is your event and one of the few opportunities to show pride in your heritage and culture.

Lastly, I encourage all members to recruit new “Friends to the Acadian Memorial and to L’Ordre du Bon Temps. June 17th, is our annual meeting with the membership—help make it a success!!

À bientôt!

Sincerely,

*Randal Menard*

## AMF PROUD SPONSOR OF GRA

The Acadian Memorial Foundation is a proud sponsor of Grand R veil Acadien (GRA) 2015! Randy Menard, President of Louisiane-Acadie, Inc., the driving entity behind GRA 2015, is all smiles as he receives a donation of \$1,000 from the Acadian Memorial Foundation represented by board member, Marty Guidry.



## MAVIS FRUGE HONORED



Mavis Frugé of Arnaudville was awarded the *Ordre des Pair académiques (Order of Academic Palms)* by Grégor Trumel, the Consul General of France in New Orleans at the 2015 Louisiana Culture Awards. The award is presented to selected individuals who promote the expansion of French culture. Recipients are decided upon by the French Minister of Education. The presentation naming Frugé as a Knight in the Order of the Academic Palms was held in Baton Rouge at the Capital Park Museum on April 14th. A lifelong advocate of culture, language and tourism, Mavis is also a member of the Acadian Memorial Foundation Board of Directors. Her Table Français in Arnaudville has become a cornerstone of cultural activity. On commenting about the recent presentation, Mavis said, "To have been so honored for doing the things I love to do is just incredible. I cherish our French, the traditions we value and enjoy. I want it all to survive for other generations to appreciate. And we can't lose sight of the fact that our French culture does wonders for tourism and that is so good for the economy." Her closing comments after receiving the award was a heartfelt sentiment, "...To all of you who still speak our Louisiana French, be proud. Merci. Thank you." 🌸

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Meet our newest full time docent at the Acadian Memorial, Claudia Prade (at right). Claudia is a native of St. Martinville, the proud wife of Terry Prade and mother of Kaitlyn, Terry, Jr. and Anitra. She worked for many years with the school systems and has been with the Acadian Memorial as a substitute docent and Assistant to the Director for the past year.

Tourism all over was slow during the winter months. There were three tours in January and February combined but 35 groups scheduled through the end of May! We welcome French speaking people daily from Canada, France and Belgium. We've also had a more than usual number of folks from the Midwest, escaping the cold.

Some highlights: It was touching watching 90 students from Ruston Junior High in north Louisiana learn about Acadian and African history. Larry Boudreaux led a caravan of 55 folks in March from all over the U.S. for a guided tour of St. Martinville.

The Acadian Memorial welcomed the judges of the state's Cleanest City Contest in April. St. Martinville won first place in its category.

The Memorial was again one of the stations for Supper on the Square on May 2nd, a progressive supper around the square organized by the Main Street Association. 🌸

-Elaine Clément



## GENEALOGY DAY AT THE ACADIAN MEMORIAL

The Genealogy Day at the Acadian Memorial on April 29th, was well attended by over forty enthusiasts who gathered to hear Marie Rundquist of Washington, D.C., tell “How DNA Helps You with Your Genealogy.”

Drawing on her diverse talents as a DNA specialist, project coordinator and author, Rundquist first explained how DNA tests such as X and Y chromosome, mitochondrial, and autosomal DNA tests along with chromosome browsers and admixture analysis tools can answer the most pressing genealogy questions.

She then described how to apply the results to research surnames, find common ancestors and discover earliest family origins

The afternoon session centered around Louisiana success stories led by Deadre Doucet Bourke of Fardoche, La., who related her discovery of how the Louisiana line of Germain Doucet (b. 1641) ties with Acadian and Native American ancestry from Acadie.

Julie Doucet, a professional archeologist, from Ethel, La., provided a perspective on how the three lines of evidence, historical records/genealogy, DNA and archeology, work to tell a more complete story.

And, Christine Guidry, of Zachary, La., showed how by combining extensive genealogy research and DNA test results, she was able to trace the Lejeune family bloodlines from their start in Acadie and uncover the family's unique and diverse origins in Europe and North America.

Marie Rundquist's very popular books *Revisiting Anne Marie* and *Cajun By Any Other Name* are available at [www.dna-genealogy-history.com](http://www.dna-genealogy-history.com) and [www.familyheritageresearchcommunity.org](http://www.familyheritageresearchcommunity.org) - Jane G. Bulliard



## 2015 FESTIVAL CANCELLATION CONTINUED....

After much discussion and debate Wednesday evening the Board determined that the only feasible option was to cancel the Festival—the first time we have had to do this. Any rainfall on Saturday, March 21st would keep attendees from enjoying the Festival, cause our vendors to lose money and result in significant losses for the Acadian Memorial Foundation.

Immediately after the meeting we began telephoning our volunteers, vendors and the two honored families to notify them of the cancellation and why we had reached this decision. Thursday morning we cancelled all of our orders for food, drink, etc.

Of course, as always occurs in South Louisiana, the weather reports began to improve Thursday evening—reducing the chance of rain on Saturday. Despite the improved conditions on Saturday, the Board decision was the correct one in view of the situation on Wednesday evening and the weather forecast only gradually improving toward the end of the week. With overcast skies and a drizzle on Festival day, it is very likely that attendance at the Festival would have been very light and that our vendors and volunteers would have been uncertain until the last minute whether to attend or not.

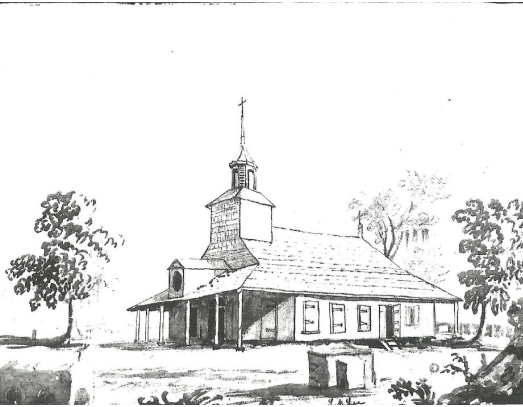
The Board will be honoring the Saulnier/Sonnier and Guilbeau families on **October 8th, 2015** at the Acadian Memorial during Grand Rèveil/Great Acadian Awakening and also at the 2016 Acadian Heritage Festival and Wooden Boat Congrès on March 19, 2016. -Marty Guidry

# 1765—2015: 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE ACADIANS TO THE ATTAKAPAS AND OPELOUSAS COUNTRY

## Part 2: Records of “cure de la nouvelle Acadie”

-Jane G. Bulliard

Official records report April 24, 1765, as the date the “Beausoleil” Acadian group left New Orleans for the Attakapas District yet there is an enigma in the baptism of Marguerite Broussard, performed on the same date, April 24, 1765, but found in the Pointe Coupee records of the Diocese of Baton Rouge. Evidence, perhaps, that her parents, Joseph (Petit-Joe) Broussard and Marguerite Savoie were part of an advance party for the group? That the Acadians were in the Attakapas in early May 1765, we learn with certainty from records of the sacraments of baptisms and burials, administered by Father Jean-François de Civrey, a Roman Catholic priest of the Capuchin order who accompanied the Acadians.



These were probably not the only sacraments ministered to the Acadians by Fr. De Civrey but they are all that remain. Later, Father Michel Bernard Barriere, who first signed himself “Cure des Attakapas having entered the parish on 9 March 1795” tells us, in his own hand, how he found those records. The image at left is titled “Church of St. Martinsville” by S.M. Lee, ca. 1838, and is perhaps the church in which Fr. Barriere found “the loose sheets” that he organized into a church register. In memoriam, following is a chronological list of the forty-six records of Father de Civrey saved for posterity by Father Barriere.

**1765, MAY** (11th) baptism of Marguerite Anne THIBODEAU, born on the 10th, daughter of Olivier and Magdelene Broussard, mother and daughter died on the 16th, (17th) burial of Magdelene BROUSSARD; **JUNE** (19th) baptism of Augustin SURETTE, born the same day, son of Pierre and Marie Thibodeau; **JULY** (1st) burial of Jean Chrisogone POIRIER, 1 yr., (18th) of Marie Charlotte GAUDIN, wife of Jean Dugas, (25th) of Pierre HEBERT, (27th) of Joseph DUGAS and Theotiste BROUSSARD, wife of Augustin Guedry, and the baptism of Isidor LANDRY, born 26th, son of Mathurin and Marie Dugas, d. 9 Sept (29th) burial of Marie Dugas; **AUGUST** (1st) burial of LAGRESSE[no first name], (2nd) of Rene ROBICHAUD, (4th) baptism of Marie Anne BERGERON, 3 mos. daughter of Jean Baptiste and Catherine Caissy, d. 31 Aug. (5th) burial of Brigitte BREAU, widow of Charles Thibodeau, (18th) of Marin ROBICHAUD, (24th) of Paul JOSSET, (27th) baptism of Andre Paul THIBODEAU, son of Paul and Rosalie GUILBEAU, (30th) burial of Augustin BERGERON; **SEPTEMBER** (1st) burial of Joseph GUILBEAU dit l'officier, (2nd) of Joseph BELLEFONTAINE, (4th) of Jean DUGAS, (5th) of Joseph BROUSSARD and Marguerite THIBODEAU, wife of Alexandre Broussard, and Joseph THIBODEAU (17th) of Jean DUGAS, 1 yr., (18th) of Alexandre BROUSSARD, (19th) of François ARSENEAU, François ALLEMAND and Jean DUGAS, all 1 yr.; **OCTOBER** (6th) burial of Magdelene DUGAS and Joseph DUGAS, (8th) of Jacques HUGON, (10th) of Isabelle DAROY and Ursule TRAHAN, (12th) of Silvain BREAU, (19th) of Joseph BERGERON, (20th) of Joseph dit Beausoleil BROUSSARD, (22nd) of Joseph GIROUARD, (27th) of Barthelemi BERGERON, (28th) of Michel BERNARD, 9 mos., (29th) of Isabelle LEBLANC, widow of Victor Broussard, and Charles BERGERON, 9 mos.; **NOVEMBER** (2nd) burial of Jean Baptiste BERGERON, (18th) of Catherine THIBODEAU, wife of Simon LeBlanc, (25th) of Marie Marthe DOUCET, 20 mos. **1766, JANUARY** (11th) baptism of Marie PELLERIN, 4 mos., daughter of Charles and Isabelle Thibodeau. This is the last extant record from Fr. Jean-François de Civrey's stay with the Acadians in the Attakapas. 🐾

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Image of “Church of St. Martinsville”, courtesy of Winterthur Museum, Museum purchase, 1968:152.

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# ACADIAN MEMORIAL

## 2015 DATES TO REMEMBER

### JUNE

June 3—10am: Genealogy Workshop, Guest, Dewitt Villejoin, on the first Sheriff of Lafayette Parish and Jane Bulliard, on the Attakapas Acadians

June 15—3ème Lundi (3rd Monday), Table Français, noon

June 17—Acadian Memorial Foundation (AMF) annual meeting, membership invited

### JULY

NO Genealogy Workshop scheduled

July 13—3ème Lundi (3rd Monday) Table Français, noon

July 15—AMF Board meeting, 5:30 p.m.

July 28—World Wide Day of Remembrance—Program  
Induction of Living Legend: Sylvia S. Bienvenu

### AUGUST

NO Genealogy Workshop scheduled

August 15—National Day of the Acadians, Program

August 19—AMF Board meeting, 5:30 p.m.

