

Les Guidry d'Astcur **GENERATIONS**

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During August, almost 300 Guedry family members attended one or both of the Guedry-Labine & Petitpas Reunions. Approximately 250 cousins attended our Reunion and Tour in Meteghan on August 4-5, 2004. In Lunenburg on August 7-8, about 130 Guedry and Petitpas cousins were in attendance. We all enjoyed a great time together with super entertainment, tasty food and nice displays, but most of all, a special time to meet with and enjoy the company of our cousins.

Whether you attended or not, you can relive our wonderful visit to Meteghan, Nova Scotia where the Guedry family established a new foothold in 'Acadia' after the deportations. Marty's summaries of our August 4th tour of the St. Mary's Bay region with its emphasis on the Guedry family and our August 5th reunion in Meteghan will rekindle many fond memories. Still want more? View the Photo Albums where you'll find lots of photographs of both our Meteghan and Lunenburg visits.

Especially for the Reunion, Bernard Geddry of Peoria, AZ published his book on the Geddry family of St. Mary's Bay - "The Story of An Acadian Family: The Geddrys, Guedrys, Guiddrys, Guidreys, Jeddrys, and Jedreys of Clare, Nova Scotia and New England". In this issue you can read Bernie's intriguing story of Augustin Guedry, the founder of the Geddry family of Clare, and the only Guedry that was not deported from Acadia in the 1750's.

Interested in some of the mementos available at our Reunions? Go to Reunion Souvenirs and read reviews on the Guedry Family Cookbook and an impressive CD "Along Baie Sainte-Marie".

Bon Appetit gives us a chance to experience the foods our family enjoys and maybe even try a couple of recipes from the Guedry Family Cookbook.

In the market for a new book or two? Visit the Book Nook where you'll find reviews on a few books about Nova Scotia and the Acadians.

In each issue of "Generations" we highlight the talents of our family. We are fortunate in having so many talented cousins from all walks of life. As we close this issue, enjoy the poem "A Hard Day's Work" by Marvin 'Mark' Guidry.

Finally, with 2004 coming to a close it is time to renew your membership in Les Guidry d'Astcur. Our membership year is January 1 - December 31. Members joining Les Guidry d'Astcur after July 31, 2004 will have their membership extended throughout 2005. Dues are \$12 US for an individual and \$20 US for a family. A membership form is attached.

Several projects that we want to do in 2005 include updating our Guedry-Labine Family website, installing a bronze plaque in the Meteghan area memorializing our 2004 Reunion and placing additional books about the Guedry family in genealogical research libraries throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Welcome to the second year of Les Guidry d'Astcur's "GENERATIONS" Newsletter. Please let us know what you would like to see included here. We want to create an informative, interesting, and entertaining newsletter for our members. To submit articles or ideas for future issues, contact Allie Guidry at txguidry2000@yahoo.com, or Marty Guidry at guidryrm@cox.net, 6139 North Shore Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70817. Our Winter issue will go out in January 2005. Please submit your stories by Jan. 15th in order for them to be included in that issue.

GUEDRY-LABINE & PETITPAS TOUR OF ST. MARY'S BAY

On August 4, 2004 about eighty Geudry, Labine, and Petitpas descendents from throughout the United States and Canada met at Sacre-Coeur Catholic Church in Saulnierville, Nova Scotia for a tour of historic sites in the St. Mary's Bay area. Everyone enjoyed touring Sacre-Coeur Church, built in 1879 and thus the oldest parish church in the Clare Municipality. We marveled at the nearly one hundred hand-made quilts on display in the church for the Quilt Expo. Of course, we had quite a time getting Cindy Guidry Herdt, who quilted the Guedry-Labine Family Quilt this year, away from the Quilt Expo and into one of our two buses to continue the tour.

As we headed north to St. Mary's Catholic Church in Church Point, our guides Albert Geddry and Margaret Jeddry, entertained us with interesting stories about the area and the local people. St. Mary's Church, built in the shape of a large cross, is the tallest wooden church in North America. Interestingly, it used to be 15 feet taller; however, a lightening storm caused the top fifteen feet of the steeple to burn and the parishoners felt this was an omen from Mary that they were being a little too "proud" of their large church so they never rebuilt the steeple to the original height. Everyone enjoyed touring the unique museum in St. Mary's Church and especially hearing the organ.

Leaving St. Mary's Church, we headed to Pointe-a-Major at Belliveau Cove and a visit to the site of the earliest Acadian Cemetery on St. Mary's Bay. Pointe-a-Major lies on the rocky shore of St. Mary's Bay exposed to the whims of nature. In 1755 Pierre Belliveau and 120 Acadians fleeing the Acadian Deportation spent the harshest of winters on this rocky beach exposed to the elements. Many died and were buried in the vicinity. In 1768

Pierre Dugas and his family arrived at this site and began the first Acadian settlement on St. Mary's Bay. Here was celebrated the baptisms, marriages and funerals of the early Acadians of St. Mary's Bay. Burials occurred at the cemetery from 1769 until 1790. Although the crosses now standing solemnly in the cemetery are not original, they do represent several of the original Acadian settlers in the area who were buried on these sacred grounds. Two Guedrys enshrined on the crosses are - Anne Guedry (1773) and Joseph Felix Guedry (1770).

Amid a solemn atmosphere we departed Pointe-a-Major. Albert Geddry's bus headed for St. Bernard Catholic Church, the largest stone church in the Clare Municipality, while Margaret's bus succumbed to the growling tummies by heading to a truly Acadian lunch at Chez Jean Restaurant in Belliveau Cove. With few financial resources local citizens added a single row of granite blocks each year from 1910 until the church was completed in 1942. While marveling over the magnificent interior of the church, we enjoyed hearing a musical group practicing for their evening performance at the Church.

The buses then swtiched locations and we hurried to Chez Jean in hopes that our cousins left a morsel or two for us. The chicken fricot was superb. As I was finishing my fricot, I noticed a number of folks enjoying a little crème a la glace so I had to try some myself. Yum yum - the double chocolate was unbeatable. After lunch, Margaret's bus joined us at Chez Jean and we headed for the Meteghan River shipyard.

Arriving at the A. F. Theriault Shipyard on the Meteghan River, we learned from Albert and Margaret that many of our

Geddry and Jeddry cousins from St. Mary's Bay worked in the shipbuilding industry. Folks were amazed at the huge tide differences along St. Mary's Bay and how the shipyard workers have to schedule work around the tides. After a brief stop at the shipyard we reboarded the buses for a drive-by tour of the Meteghan Wharf where most of St. Mary's Bay fishing fleet resides. Many Geddry and Jeddry cousins fish the rich waters of St. Mary's Bay.

Smuggler's Cove (Le Fourneau), just down the road from the Meteghan Wharf, told an interesting story of old Meteghan and wowed everyone with its spectacular view. With the Meteghan area being 'dry', and the local folks wanting an occasional spot of rum, a dilemma was born. But with true Acadian ingenuity, the problem was solved. Rumrunners would import casks of rum by boat and hide their 'treasure' in the natural cave along the rocky cliffs of St. Mary's Bay, just below Meteghan. At night the rum was transferred onshore for all to enjoy. Because of its unique use, the cave is known today as Smuggler's Cove.

Although no longer used for rum running (we think), it still basks in glory because of the spectacular views it affords to the passing tourist.

With much prodding our leaders finally had everyone back on the buses as we headed south toward Mavillette Beach and Cap Ste-Marie. A small fishing village with a very interesting lighthouse, Cap Ste-Marie and its rocky shore with the fishing fleet as a backdrop became a photographer's dream. Cameras clicked and folks marveled at the wondrous scenery. A few adventuresome folks even walked out on the boulders for a better

view. Interestingly, the Cap Ste-Marie lighthouse keeper for many years was a Geddry. After a brief visit to Cap Ste-Marie, we journeyed a short distance to Mavillette Beach and walked on the 'blue rocks' of the beach for which the area is known.

Returning north, we detoured onto Bear Cove Road to visit the original location where Augustin Guedry set foot on the soils of this region and established the village of Cheticamp - today known as St. Alphonse. A small dirt path leads down to the rocky shore where Augustin landed. A short drive from the shore to the intersection of Bear Cove Road and Highway 1 brought us to the original land grant secured by Augustin Guedry. Stretching 2/3 mile toward St. Alphonse and 1/3 mile toward Meteghan, the tree-covered, hilly land must have been a paradise to Augustin and his family as he moved from his home in Gilbert's Cove to his new Cheticamp. With the English creeping closer and closer to his hilltop home at Gilbert's Cove, it was surely time to 'escape' a second time.

From Augustin Guedry's original grant at St. Alphonse, Albert and Margaret led us to the second major Geddry settlement along St. Mary's Bay - Geddry's Corner at Meteghan Station. Settled by Evariste Geddry in 1845, the area has several older Geddry and Jeddry homes still standing today. We saw those of Evariste Geddry, Alexandre Geddry, James Jeddry and Gustave Geddry. It was quite a treat for a bunch of Guedry descendents.

Departing Geddry's Corner, we quickly reached the Bangor Sawmill - one of the last functioning 19th-century water-powered turbine lumber mills in North America. Today, although still producing

a few board feet of lumber a year for visitors, it operates solely as a museum.

Several of our Geddry ancestors used to operate this intricate equipment and produce thousands of board feet of lumber annually. Albert Geddry quickly shed his tour guide duties, changed clothes, and became master sawyer along with Senator Gerald Comeau, husband of Aurore Jeddry, and Mr. Camille Maillet, one of the last original sawyers at the mill, who shares his experiences with all.

With a running commentary of how each piece of equipment works, Albert and his crew quickly started the turbine and sawed two logs for us. It was both an educational and inspirational experience for us all.

With dusk quickly catching us, we headed back to Sacre-Coeur Church for the conclusion of the tour.

Thanks to Albert Geddry and Felice Guidry Belliveau for developing the agenda for the tour and securing entry to all the sites for us. We especially appreciate Albert Geddry and Margaret Jeddry serving as our tour guides - not only highlighting interesting locations along the way, but also putting a personal touch on the tour by sharing stories about St. Mary's Bay and its residents. Finally, many thanks to Simone Comeau Geddry for managing the funds and doing all the behind-the-scenes tasks to ensure the success of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit the land of Geddry and Jeddry cousins.

Dirt Road at Bear Cove



GUEDRY-LABINE & PETITPAS REUNION
METEGHAN, NOVA SCOTIA
AUGUST 5, 2004

On August 7, 2004, approximately 300 Guedry and Petitpas family members gathered in Meteghan, Nova Scotia for the first of two Guedry-Labine & Petitpas Reunions. Central to the history of the Guedry family, the St. Mary's Bay area is where the Guedry family resettled in Nova Scotia after the Acadian deportations of 1755-1763. Augustin Guedry, son of Pierre Guedry dit Labine and the only Guedry not deported, escaped from the ship that was to carry him to sea. Being well acquainted with the Mi'kmaq Nation, he spent from 1755 until 1764 with the First Nations people who protected and nourished him.

In 1764, after the Treaty of Paris, Augustin emerged from hiding and settled at Gilbert's Cove on St. Mary's Bay. It is here that he likely married Marie Jeanson and began the reemergence of the Guedry family in Acadia. In the 1780's Englishmen began moving into the Gilbert Cove area and Augustin decided to move down the coast. In 1787, landing at today's Bear Cove off St. Mary's Bay, he moved inland, secured a tract of land and founded Cheticamp (present-day St. Alphonse). Today Augustin's descendants, known by surnames as Geddry, Gedry, Gedri, Jeddry, Jedry, and Jedrey, continue to reap the harvest from the surrounding lands and bay through lumbering and fishing.

At 9:00 am Guedrys and Petitpas from throughout the United States and Canada gathered at St. Alphonse Catholic Church for an opening Mass concelebrated by Father Albéni d'Entremont and Father Paul Belliveau. As the mass began, fourteen Guedry descendants carried banners representing Claude Guedry and his children. A special banner

representing Augustin Guedry, founder of St. Alphonse, concluded the processional. The St. Alphonse choir provided lovely music throughout the Mass. Fathers d'Entremont and Belliveau gave superb homilies on the Acadians and the strength they gained from the Catholic faith during troubled times. As Mass ended the banners led the congregation from the church.

Everyone then proceeded to brunch at the Restaurant Roche Bleue in Meteghan. A highlight of this superb meal was the local favorite rappie pie. As cousins renewed acquaintances and others met for the first time, the sound of friendships engulfed the restaurant. As noon approached, all ventured out into the sunshine and headed to the Clare Curling Rink for the afternoon festivities.

Albert Geddry of St. Benoni served as master of ceremonies welcoming all of us to Meteghan and the Guedry-Labine & Petitpas Reunion. Marty Guidry then recognized Felice Guidry Belliveau and Albert Geddry, co-presidents of the Guedry family association of Clare that organized the Reunion.

The tempo picked up when Larry Miller and the New Pine Grove Boys, from Iota, LA Alternating between Cajun waltzes and two-steps, they both entertained us and A highlight of the band was the accordion playing of Lyle Guidry and his younger brother Gavin. A number of folks enjoyed dancing to this lively band.

Bernie Geddry of Peoria, Arizona launched his new book The Story of An Acadian Family: The Geddry, Guedry, Guidry, Guidry, Jeddry and Jedry of Clare, Nova Scotia and New England at our

Reunion. Bernie captured everyone's attention as he related the story of Augustin Guedry and the Geddry's of Clare. We all thank Bernie for penning this intriguing history of the Geddry branch of the Guedry family.

During the break, everyone got a chance to mingle and enjoy the several displays on our Guedry family history. Some of the displays included "Migration of the Guedry Family" tracing the movements of all Guedry families from the late 1600's until 1800, "Articles on the Guedry's" comprising reprints of many articles published on the history and genealogy of the Guedry family, "Lest We Forget" honoring the many Guedry family members who have served in the military of their country, "Labine's in Minnesota" detailing the history of this important branch of our family, "The Story of an Acadian Family" describing the history of the Geddry/Jeddry family of St. Mary's Bay and "A People Searching for a Home" displaying on a map the movements of the Guedry family from the mid-1780's to the late 1800's. Additionally, folks admired the beautiful Guedry-Labine Family Quilt stitched by Cindy Guidry Herdt from quilt squares sewn by many of us depicting our individual families.

As we were enjoying the displays, the young Acadian dance troupe Le Baie en Joie joined us at the Reunion. Dazzling all with their intricate steps, they performed several dances telling the story of our Acadian ancestors and the lives they led. Performing with exacting timing, superb dance and beautiful smiles, these young ladies demonstrated why they are considered the premier dance troupe of the eastern provinces.

Al Geddry then honored Ms. Elsie Basque, a lovely First Nations lady, for the sacrifice that her people made in helping the Acadians so many years ago and particularly for harboring Augustin Guedry from 1755 until 1763 - enabling him to escape the Acadian deportation and remain within his lovely Acadia. After accepting a plaque from Al, Ms. Basque presented a very moving talk on the difficult lives of the Acadians and Mi'kmaq and how each mutually helped the other during those trying days of the late 1600's and 1700's.

As evening approached, all gathered to enjoy a BBQ dinner with all the trimmings. It was a time to gather with family and cousins, rehash the good times of the day, and plan for the future.

After supper, Dr. Gerard d'Entremont, local Acadian historian and retired director of the Centre Acadien at the Université Sainte-Anne in Church Point, Nova Scotia, discussed the history of the Acadians in St. Mary's Bay with an emphasis on the Guedry family. His talk brought into focus the unique struggles of the Acadians returning from exile back to their native country.

With evening approaching, Ms. Nathalie Geddry and her band performed contemporary Acadian songs. A truly moving performance - all could see why Nathalie was recently selected as the best contemporary Acadian French singer in Nova Scotia and runner-up in the Atlantic Provinces.

With dusk settling over the Curling Rink, cousins said last good-byes and made plans to visit one another. Then each slowly departed for home or their evening quarters.

Photo Gallery – Clare Region Tour – August 4, 2004



**Sacre-Couer Church
Saulnierville**



**Quilt Show in Sacre-Couer
Saulnierville**



**Eglise Sainte-Marie
Pointe-de-l'Eglise**



**Sainte-Marie - Altar
Pointe-de-l'Eglise**



**1st Acadian Cemetery
Pointe-a-Major**



**La Petite Chapelle
Pointe-a-Major**



**Chez Jean
Baie Sainte Marie**



**Eglise St. Bernard
St. Bernard**



**Meteghan Wharf
Cap Sainte Marie**



**Bangor Sawmill
Bangor**



**Albert Geddry of Meteghan
demonstrates operation of mill**



Smuggler's Cove



**Geddry's Corner
Meteghan Station**



**Courir de Mardi Gras
Meteghan**

Photo Gallery – Meteghan Reunion – August 5, 2004



St. Alphonse Church



Acadian Triplets



Meteghan Curling Rink
Welcome Sign



Restaurant Roche Bleue



Marty Guidry



Nathalie Geddry



Larry Miller and the New Pine Grove Boys



A Geddry Family



Albert Geddry



Bernard Geddry



Le Baie en Joie Acadian Dance Troupe



Barbecue Dinner

Photo Gallery – Lunenburg Reunion – August 7, 2004



Lunenburg Fire Hall



Town Crier



Bernard Geddry presents
Bluenose replica to Marty Guidry



Wayne Simoneaux and Daniel
'Chuck' Guidry Cooking



The Larry Miller Band



Des Ipeaniens
with Jacques Arsenault



Joan Dawson



Brandi Corkum



David Corkum



Quilt sewn by Cindy Guidry Herdt



Plaque and stone marker
in Old French Cemetery



Closing ceremonies in
Old French Cemetery

Photo Gallery – Lunenburg Tour – August 8, 2004



Lunenburg, Nova Scotia (Merligueche)



David Corkum begins tour in Lunenburg



The French Cemetery



Plaque at French Cemetery



The Antoine-Marie Bell from the Fortress Louisbourg



La Have Ferry



La Have



Champlain's 1604 map



Risser's Beach

Augustin Guedry-Hero of the Expulsion

By Bernard L. Geddry

Augustin Guedry was the son of Pierre Guedry dit LaBine and the grandson of our common ancestor, Claude Guedry dit Grivois. In 1755, at the age of 15, Augustin was captured by the English but was never deported. He escaped and never left Acadia. This is his story.

Around the time of the Expulsion, Pierre Guedry dit LaBine, Augustin's father, was in Merligueche, apparently with Augustin, perhaps with the entire family. Pierre had returned from Ile Royale at the behest of his brother Paul (Old Labrador) who had secured permission from the English to allow his close relatives to return to Merligueche. Paul Guedry was known to have a certain amount of influence with the English because of his expertise as a coastal pilot.

Sometime in 1755, after the expulsion order was issued, Augustin was captured by the English. He was put on board a prison ship, probably the Pembroke, ready to sail for the English colonies. Augustin, along with other captured Acadians, escaped from the ship before it sailed.

The Pembroke is recorded as the only ship that experienced a mass escape of Acadian prisoners in 1755. It was docked at Goat Island off the shore of Port Royal when the escape took place. Legend has it that Augustin swam ashore and made a run for it, eventually making his way to La Have, near Merligueche, where his family had lived for years and where he had last seen his father and brothers. But they were not to be found. Pierre Senior had made his way back to Ile Royale. The others, with the exception of Old Labrador, were captured and deported, most finding their way, eventually, to Louisiana.

When Augustin could not find his family, he was taken in by the friendly Mi'kmaq who had lived in the area for decades if not centuries. He lived among them for about eight years. During that time he remained a free man, one of the few Acadians who managed to do so. He lived in constant fear of capture but, being the product of at least two generations of Coureurs de Bois (woodsmen), he was a survivor. Augustin was one of many Guedry Family heroes.

In 1763, after the treaty of Paris, when the Acadians were once again free to come back to their homeland, Augustin came out of the woods and settled quietly on the west coast of Nova Scotia at Gilbert's Cove. It was there that he met and married Marie Jeanson. Later, in 1787, when an English family moved in beside him, he and his



The land Augustin settled on in 1763. The house, not his, was built in 1865

family moved down the coast to become the pioneer settlers of Cheticamp, now called St. Alphonse. At that time, his name was recorded as "Gedree".

Augustin and Marie are the ancestors of most, if not all, of the Geddrys, Jeddrys, Jedreys, Guidreys and Guiddrys who still live in the Northeast, in Nova Scotia and New England. Augustin was my great great grandfather.

For a more complete story of Augustin, including new information and theories about the family of his grandfather Claude Guedry dit Grivois and his father Pierre Guedry dit LaBine, see my book, "The Story Of An Acadian Family". To purchase a copy, email me at scorpioaz4@cox.net

Bon Appétit



PAN FRIED HADDOCK

submitted by Nathalie Geddry – Halifax, Nova Scotia

6 haddock fillets
1 egg
 $\frac{3}{4}$ - cup crushed Rise Krispies, Corn Flakes or breadcrumbs
 $\frac{1}{2}$ - teaspoon garlic powder
 $\frac{1}{2}$ - teaspoon onion powder
 $\frac{1}{2}$ - teaspoon paprika
 $\frac{1}{2}$ - teaspoon parsley
 $\frac{1}{2}$ - teaspoon oregano
Dash cayenne pepper
Dash salt & pepper

Mix dry ingredients together in a shallow dish. Beat the egg in another shallow dish. Coat a large frying pan with olive oil and turn heat on to medium. Dip each fillet in the egg, then in the dry mixture. Place in frying pan and cook no longer than 5 minutes per inch of thickness, turning fillets only once. Serve with lemon quarters if desired. (6 servings)

A traditional Atlantic Canada favorite.

OLD FASHIONED CRACKLING CORNBREAD

submitted by Charlene Guidry Lacombe – Crowley, LA

1-1/2 cups corn meal (white or yellow)
3 tbs. flour
1 tsp. soda
1-1/2 cups good cracklings
1 egg, beaten
2 cups buttermilk
1 tsp. salt

Mix all dry ingredients, add cracklings, add egg and buttermilk. Beat well, pour in iron skillet (well heated) with $\frac{1}{2}$ - cup cooking oil, bake at 450 F until light brown, about 25 minutes, serve hot.



This recipe was given to me by my mother, Ruth Guidry, and was given to her by her mother, Annie English Landry.

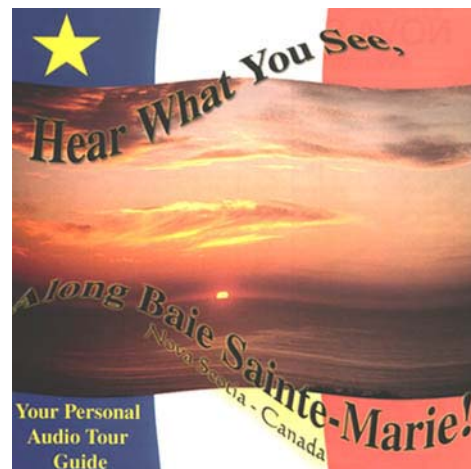
A Country favorite of residents of Southwest Louisiana.

Reunion Souvenirs

Hear What You See, Along Baie Sainte-Marie

This CD was sold at the Curling Rink during the Meteghan reunion. It was put together by Alexander C. Axent-Hilton. He calls it “Your personal audio tour guide” through the Clare region. It starts off in Saint Bernard and travels along down to Salmon River. Alex interviewed the locals in each town and has lots of music and fun stories from each region. Our tour bus, guided by Alfred Geddry & Margaret Jeddry, followed along this same route. If you were on that tour this CD brings back those wonderful memories. If you were unable to attend the reunions in Nova Scotia, you will still enjoy learning about the people and folklore of Clare. To purchase a copy of this CD, contact:

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The Guedry-Labine Cookbook



Another treasure from the Nova Scotia Reunions was The Guedry-Labine Cookbook, compiled by our own Jack Guidry, from recipes submitted by descendants of Claude Guedry & Marguerite Petitpas. With over 116 pages of recipes in several categories, there's something for everyone.

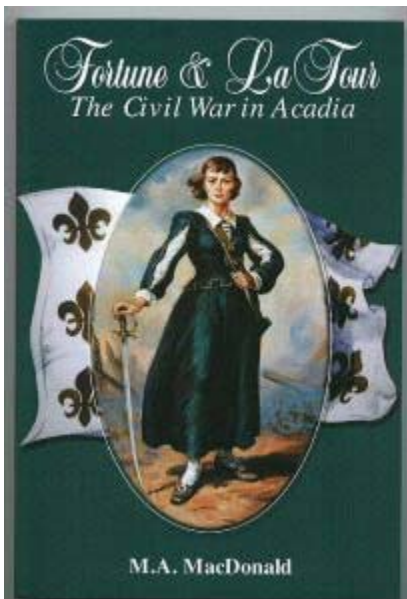
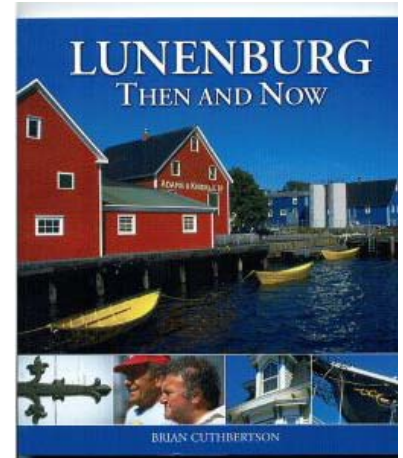
Thanks to everyone who sent in recipes and a special thanks to Jack Guidry and the cookbook committee for putting this together for us. It's one souvenir that will be shared and enjoyed for years to come.



Book Nook

Lunenburg - Then and Now **by Brian Cuthbertson**

In this book, the author explores the charms of Lunenburg. He reveals the history of the town that is eloquently suggested in the buildings and streetscapes and recounts its rapid growth from a small eighteenth-century settlement to a fisheries and shipbuilding centre.



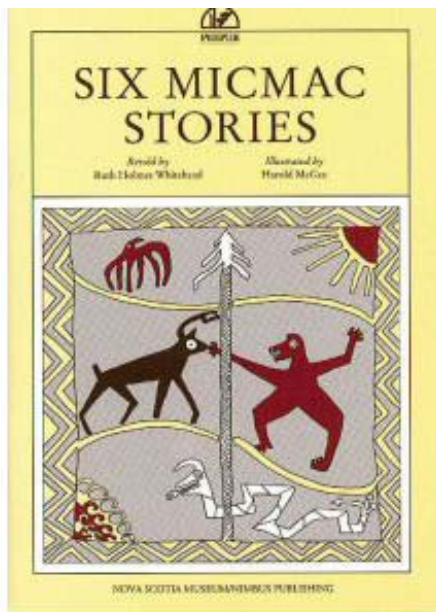
Fortune & LaTour - The Civil War in Acadia **by M.A. MacDonald**

To the strange, mist-shrouded shore of an unknown continent in 1606 came fourteen-year-old Charles de La Tour. La Tour was to join Poutrincourt and Samuel de Champlain at the year-old settlement of Port Royal, the first European outpost north of Spanish Florida. He quickly fell under the spell of Acadia and determined to make his life there.

Fortune & La Tour is the story of a life of wandering with a resolute band of Frenchmen and Mi'kmaq, of building forts to maintain the claims of France in America, of rising to become Lieutenant-Governor of Acadia.

But it was also a life of war, treachery, and survival, as Charles de Menou, Sieur d'Aulnay, waged a skillful campaign to destroy La Tour from across the Bay of Fundy. The action unfolds in Paris, London, and New France, with dreamers, schemers, Puritans, and priests all playing roles in the drama. And in the midst of the story is Francoise Jacquelin, who came to Acadia as the wife of the Governor and found hardship, adventure, and death.

In researching this saga of early Canadian history, M.A. MacDonald uncovered much new evidence to explain how and why Acadia was ruined by the bitter struggle between La Tour and d'Aulnay.



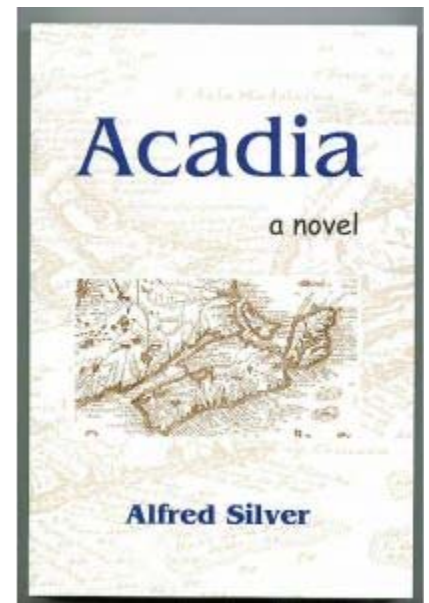
Six Micmac Stories
Retold by Ruth Holmes Whitehead
Illustrated by Harold McGee

Six Micmac Stories offers a fascinating glimpse of how the Micmac people lived, what was important to them, and how they saw their world. Ruth Holmes Whitehead has given these stories, collected and translated in the nineteenth century, a charming authenticity by re-introducing into them the voice of the storyteller. These stories, liberally sprinkled with humor, touch on the themes of fear, bravery, revenge and power. They offer us a rare and valuable insight into the powerful relationship between the Micmac and the often surprising world in which they lived.

Acadia - A Novel
by Alfred Silver

Almost four centuries ago, the French arrived on Canada's Atlantic coast and built the colony of Acadia which became Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. *Acadia* is the true story of the civil war that forged a new world in North America and the four very different people at the centre of it.

In the 1640s, the authorities in Paris allowed two men to believe each was the sole governor of all Acadia. Governor Charles La Tour was a rough-edged survivor. His wife, Francoise Marie Jacquelin, was a retired Parisian actress who'd done some surviving of her own. Governor Charles d'Aulnay was a son of French nobility determined to live up to his title; his wife, Jeanne Motin, was a daughter of the moneyed middle class, desperate to live up to her aristocratic husband's expectations.



When King Louis XIII issued a decree meant to resolve the governor's dispute, his advisors' misunderstanding of North American geography made a confrontation inevitable.

A Hard Day's Work
by Marvin "Mark" Guidry

I couldn't have been much more than five
the day my daddy let me chop and hoe and plant
my own little plot of ground
there in the corner of the two-acre patch of garden
he was putting in.

Although it couldn't have been much bigger than a
postage stamp,
it seemed to me a modest-sized estate.

And though I don't recall what ever became
of the handful of beans I stuck in the ground,
I do remember how I drove my mother to distraction
that night recounting my agricultural exploits.

For hours after I climbed into bed that night,
I went on and on about how bean farming was sure
hard work

and how tired it made me feel
and how good it made me feel
and how sleepy I was as a result.

I remember mamma finally saying
(I believe this must have been around midnight,
although it could have been much earlier)
"If you're so tired and sleepy
why don't you go to sleep!"

And to this day,
whenever I'm so exhausted by manual labor
that I lie wide awake until the small numbers of the
morning,

I think about my daddy letting me help
and how secretly proud I believe mama was,
and how working in the fields must be a man thing,
and how much I miss them both.

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