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As our Guédry-Labine and Petitpas Reunion approaches, another edition of "Generations" providing the latest details about the reunion and the Congres Mondial Acadien rolls off the presses. This issue of "Generations" has several interesting articles about our family. Despite the idyllic image of the typical Acadian life incorrectly portrayed in Longfellow's "Evangeline", our Acadian ancestors led extremely complex lives – experiencing much travel, deep tragedies, great joys, an intense work ethic, strong moral values, a great sense of humor, a wiseness often unrecognized and a profound religious conviction that gave them the strength to persevere through the toughest of times. They had their inner squabbles, their 'falling from the proverbial wagon' morally and other problems, but they stayed together as a family, guarded their treasured culture and religion and persevered – handing us a unique heritage and a wonderful life in today's world.

Occasionally in researching our ancestral heritage, we hit the proverbial 'brick wall' – not being able to find the parents of an ancestor. For many years this happened to descendants of Jean-Baptiste Guédry and Anne Magdeleine Dupuis; however, recently research by Daniel 'Chuck' Guidry and Audrey Westerman broke through the wall using extant land records and identified the parents of Jean-Baptiste Guédry. "An Interesting Genealogical Puzzle: Using Land Records to Determine

Parentage" recounts the lives of Jean-Baptiste Guédry and Anne Magdeleine Dupuis and how land records and other civil records can provide genealogical gems.

In "Dual Roles" we learn how Ray Labine fell in love with flying during World War II and was able to continue that love affair for the rest of his life while leading a normal working life in Sudbury, Ontario.

"Bon Appetit" provides recipes for a very tasty Chicken Fricot and delicious Smothered Okra. Perfect for these early summer days.

Did you know that some Acadians were pirates? Have you visited the remains of Fort Beausejour on the border of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and wondered what really happened there? The "Book Nook" features two books that answer these questions. Two other books in the "Book Nook" discuss the history of our Acadian ancestors in Acadia and after their exile.

For many years the Labine Hotel was a landmark in Fort Coulonge, Québec. Its story is an interesting one that begs to be told. Its proprietress Wilda Laporte Labine, a unique woman, was an excellent businesswoman that knew how to handle both the rough lumbermen and the family vacationers. In "Labine Hotel – Fort Coulonge, Québec, Canada" the Labine Hotel tells its interesting story from construction through its final days.

AN INTERESTING GENEALOGICAL PUZZLE: USING LAND RECORDS TO DETERMINE PARENTAGE - JEAN-BAPTISTE GUÉDRY, HUSBAND OF ANNE MAGDELEINE DUPUIS by Marty Guidry

For many years genealogists in Louisiana diligently traced ancestry to Jean-Baptiste Guédry and Anne Magdeleine Dupuis; however, they had difficulty bridging the gap between Jean-Baptiste Guédry and Claude Guédry, the first known Guédry in Acadia. In 1994, Daniel C. "Chuck" Guidry and Audrey Westerman published a paper in <u>Terrebonne Life Lines</u> in which they used extant land records to identify the parents of Jean Guedry as Jean-Baptiste Guédry and Anne Magdeleine Dupuis. ¹ Through their excellent research the parents of Jean-Baptiste Guédry are identified.

The earliest known record of Jean-Baptiste Guédry, husband of Anne Magdeleine Dupuis, is the 7 July 1763 list of Acadians at Port Tobacco, MD desiring to return to France. 2,3 (see pages 15 & 16) Here one finds:

Etat des gens neutrals acadiens qui sont a portabaco. En Maryland 7 juillet 1763
 jean Gaidris, anne Gaidris son epouse, firmin Gaidris, magdelaine Gaidris, jean Gaidris, Monique Gaidris6
[Translation: List of the Neutral Acadians who are at Portabaco. In Maryland

On 4 February 1768 Anne Dupuis, widow Guédry (age 35), and her five children Fermin (age 16), Magdalena (age 14), Monica (age 6), Isabel (age 3) and Jean-Baptiste (age 2) disembarked from the ship <u>Jane</u> in New Orleans, LA. 4,5 (see pages 17 & 18) They had departed the North Potomac River (Port Tobacco, MD) along with 144 other Acadians on 17 December 1767. The <u>Jane</u> was a plantation-built, seventy-five ton vessel commanded by Captain Richard Ryder with a crew of seven. Captain Ryder received his permit to sail to New Orleans at Patuxent, MD on 2 March 1767. (see page 19 for 'Permit to Sail')

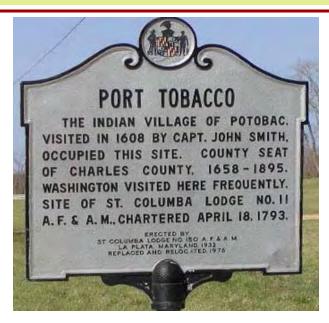
7 July 1763]

Arriving on the <u>Jane</u> with Anne Dupuis and her children were Pierre Guédry (called Pedro Lledri on the manifest and Pedro Lledre on the list of settlers), his wife Margarita, one child Maria and an orphan Olivier Baven (Boutin). Also sailing on the <u>Jane</u> were Joseph Guédry (called Joseph Landri on the manifest and the list of settlers), his wife Magdalena, three children Joseph, Simon and Magdalena and an orphan Margarita Baven (Boutin).^{4,5} Pierre Guédry and Joseph Guédry were brothers and the sons of Augustin Guédry and Jeanne Hébert

Between March 1765 and February 1768 Jean-Baptiste Guédry died – probably near Port Tobacco, MD. Little of his early life is known although from the ages of his wife and children he likely was born in Acadia about 1731 and married Anne Magdeleine Dupuis in Acadia about 1750.

Shortly after arriving in New Orleans, Anne Magdeleine Dupuis and her children along with Pierre Guédry and his family and Joseph Guédry with his family were forced by Spanish officials to settle far up the Mississippi River at Fort San Luis de Natchez (near present-day Vidalia, LA). This swampy, insect-infested area was too far from New Orleans by river for profitable commerce and a great distance from other Acadian communities. A large number of the Acadians at Fort San Luis de Natchez died within the first eighteen months of settlement including Pierre Guédry's wife and two young children and probably Joseph Guédry's wife and three children. In December 1769 the Spanish relented and let the Acadians move downriver – close to other Acadian communities. (see page 20 for 'Distribution of Land')

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Anne Magdeleine Dupuis and her children along with Pierre Guédry and his new wife Claire Babin and Joseph Guédry immediately left Fort San Luis de Natchez and resettled in Ascension Parish, LA. On 1 August 1770 they were living near each other on the left bank (east side) of the Mississippi River in Ascension Parish near the Isle aux Marais. With Anne Magdeleine Dupuis (widow Guédry, age 40) were her children Firmin (age 18), Magdeleine (age 16), Jean (age 8) and Monique (age 6). Isabel Guédry apparently died at Fort San Luis de Natchez. Pierre Guédry (age 26) was with his second wife Claire Babin (age 26) and their new son Pierre (age 5 months). Also censused near the households of Anne Magdeleine Dupuis and of Pierre Guédry was Joseph Guédry (age 30) living alone – apparently having lost his entire family at Fort San Luis de Natchez. 9,10,11

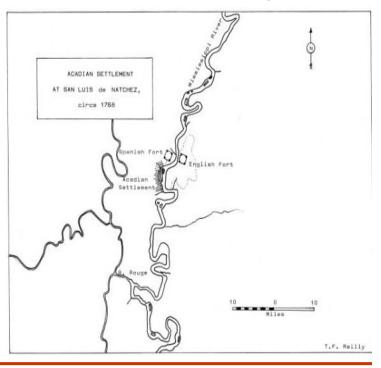
In Ascension Parish on 24 May 1773 Joseph Guédry, son of Augustin Guédry and Anne (Jeanne) Hébert of L'Assomption Parish in Pisiguit, Acadia, married Anne Monique Dupuis, daughter of Jean Dupuis and Anne Braud. Witnesses to their marriage were Joseph Buten (Boutin) and Joseph Dupuis. This was the second marriage for Joseph Guédry. At St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Philadelphia, PA on 22 January 1761 he married Magdelen Melancon. 14,15,16

Joseph Guédry and Magdalen Melançon had three children: Joseph (b. ca.. 1755), Simon (b. ca. 1763) and Magdalena (b. ca.. 1765). And Magdalen Melançon and her three children apparently died at Fort San Luis de Natchez during their brief residence there in 1768-1769. 1769.

Anne Magdeleine Dupuis and her family remained in Ascension Parish as did Joseph Guédry. On 23 April 1777 Anne Dupuis (widow Guédry, age 44) was living with her sons Firmin Guédry (age 27) and Jean Guédry (age 17) and her daughter Marie (Monique) Guédry (age 15) on the east side of Mississippi River near the Isle aux Marais. Firmin Guédry was listed as the head of the household. Joseph Guédry (age 45) and his wife Marie (Anne Monique) Dupuis (age 33) were living next to Anne Dupuis and her family. 17,18 By 1777 Pierre Guédry had moved his growing family to the Opelousas region. 19,20

In December 1782 Joseph Guédry died. Shortly after is death on 10 December 1782 his widow Anne Monique Dupuis requested an inventory of the estate.

Acadian Settlement at San Luis de Natchez, circa 1768



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He lived in the community L'Anse de L'Isle aux Marais and present at the inventory were: Jean Guédry, nephew of the deceased, Pierre Dupuis, Pierre Landry, Pierre Brasseux, Joseph Braud, relatives, friends and neighbors of the deceased. The appraisers were Joseph Landry and Simon Richard. The property of Joseph Guédry adjoined that of Firmin Guédry, son of Ann Magdeleine Dupuis, the widow of Jean-Baptiste Guédry. ^{21,22}

As stated in his marriage certificate to Anne Monique Dupuis, Joseph Guédry was the son of Augustin Guédry and Anne Hébert. One of the persons present at the inventory of Joseph Guédry's estate was Jean Guédry, nephew of the deceased. (see page 21 for the first page of Joseph Guédry's inventory)

Based on census and sacramental records, in 1782 in Louisiana there were only two known Jean Guédry's: Jean-Baptiste Guédry, the son of the late Jean-Baptiste Guédry and Anne Magdeleine Dupuis, who was born about 1761 and Jean-Baptiste Guédry, son of Pierre Guédry and Claire Babin, who was born 9 July 1776. It is improbable that a six-year old child would be mentioned as attending an estate inventory; therefore, the son of Pierre Guédry and Claire Babin is not the Jean Guédry mentioned in the above estate inventory. The Jean Guédry mentioned must be the son of the late Jean-Baptiste Guédry and Anne Magdeleine Dupuis.

Jean Guédry could only be the nephew of Joseph Guédry if his father and Joseph Guédry were brothers or if his mother Anne Magdeleine Dupuis and Joseph Guidry's wife Anne Monique Dupuis were sisters. As stated in her marriage certificate, Ann Monique Dupuis, widow of Joseph Guédry, was the daughter of Jean Dupuis and Anne Braud. 12,13

Although we do not know with certainty the parents of Anne Magdeleine Dupuis, the available records do provide some clues. From Louisiana census records Anne Magdeleine Dupuis was born ca. 1730-1733. Her eldest child Firmin Guédry was born about 1750-1752; therefore, she married Jean-Baptiste Guédry about 1750. Furthermore, in 1763 she and her husband Jean-Baptiste Guédry were at Port Tobacco, MD with their children.

A review of Dupuis men who had daughters named Anne and/or Magdeleine born in the 1720 - 1740 time-frame yielded several potential sets of parents for Anne Magdeleine Dupuis.²³ They are:

- 1) Charles Dupuis and Madeleine Trahan daughter Madeline was born in 1739; however, this family was exiled to Southampton, England and Madeleine Dupuis married Eustache Daigle there in 1759.
- 2) Antoine Dupuis and Marie-Joseph Dugas daughter Madeleine was born in 1722; she married Joseph Hébert about 1740. Another daughter Anne-Marie was born in 1731; however, she married Michel Boudrot about 1751.
- 3) Germain Dupuis and Marie Granger daughter Anne was born in 1738; however, she married Dominique Thibodeau. Another daughter Marie Madeleine was born in 1741; however, she wed Amand Breau about 1763.

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4) Joseph Dupuis and Elizabeth LeBlanc – daughter Marie Magdeleine was born on 20 May 1737. 24,25 Nothing futher could be found of her life, but she does not have the name Anne.

5) Charles Dupuis and Elizabeth LeBlanc – daughter Anne was born on 7 May 1733. This family was exiled to Maryland. Charles Dupuis and Elizabeth LeBlanc with two sons Jean-Baptiste and Joseph were at Annapolis, MD in 1763. 28,29,30

Although to date no definitive record confirming the parents of Anne Magdeleine Dupuis has been located, it appears very probable that they were Charles Dupuis and Elizabeth LeBlanc. More importantly for this study, almost certainly they were not Jean Dupuis and Anne Braud, the parents of Anne Monique Dupuis, as they had only two daughters: Marie (born ca. 1739) and Monique (born ca. 1744). The relationship of Joseph Guédry and Jean Guédry, therefore, was because Jean Guédry's father was the brother of Joseph Guédry.

Since the parents of Joseph Guédry were Augustin Guédry and Jeanne Hébert, the parents of Jean-Baptiste Guédry, father of Jean Guédry and husband of Anne Magdeleine Dupuis, also were Augustin Guédry and Jeanne Hébert.

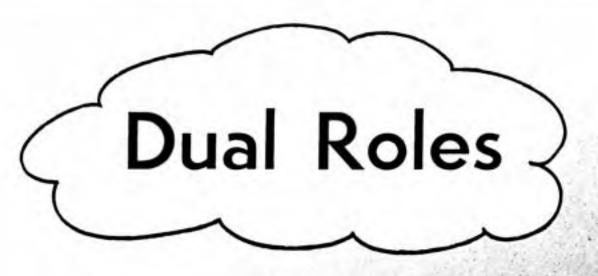
Besides the evidence discussed above, collateral evidence supporting this conclusion stems from Anne Magdeleine Dupuis' close association with Joseph Guédry and Pierre Guédry, both sons of Augustin Guédry and Jeanne Hébert. They were, in fact, her brothers-in-law and certainly provided much needed support to her. From Port Tobacco, MD Anne Magdeleine Dupuis sailed to New Orleans, LA on the Jane with Pierre Guédry and Joseph Guédry, sons of Augustin Guédry and Jeanne Hébert. She settled near both of them at Fort San Luis de Natchez in 1768 and at L'Anse de L'Isle aux Marais in Ascension Parish, LA in 1770. In 1777 and 1782 she still was living near Joseph Guédry at L'Anse de L'Isle aux Marais. Furthermore, Charles Dupuis and Elizabeth LeBlanc were exiled to Maryland and were at Annapolis, MD in 1763 – not far from Anne Magdeleine Dupuis and Jean Baptiste Guédry at Port Tobacco, MD.

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DUAL ROLES-RAY LABINE, HIS JOB & HIS LIFELONG LOVE

In World War II Ray Labine served in the Royal Canadian Air Force, but was attached to the British Royal Air Force piloting Spitfires engaged in fighter and photo reconnaissance. With a deep love of flying engrained in him, after WWII Ray became a part-time flying instructor near Sudbury, Ontario while working full-time as a laboratory chemist at the International Nickel Company (INCO) Copper Cliff facility in Sudbury.

The article below from INCO's newsletter "The Triangle" of August 1975 describes Ray Labine's interesting dual roles as flight instructor and process chemist. Thanks to André Labine of British Columbia for finding this fascinating story and providing it to "Generations".



As a summer wind chases with a cluder dances the sky over Whitewater dake floor Studenty, a notice pilot cents are not be such to the control of the control

Apply a little alleron. Come on any that drift. Keep that wing down that eit. The voice beside the student pliet coeches patiently as the plane banks, and then side-alipe into a grouper cross-wind landing eporceon.

For the novice at the controls, the "back fearning" of cross wind lendings ten't helping much now. There's an odd feeling in the pit of his etopiach wing down, so close to the water — it feels unnatural. At the last minute, the plane levels out.

That's got her!" The spray and resiltance of water, a slight sinking spraytien, and the aircraft lands gracefully on the sunit take. Our student awkwardly taxles to the dock, and the first man out is Ray Labine, flying instructor. Ray easually jockeys

the plane to the fuel pump. His now pensive student clambers onto the dock, absently wipes his forehead on his shirt-sleeve, and heads for the sin frame building that houses Sudbury Aviation. The clatter of a screen doo and Pearl McMahon, factorum, and w of owner, John McMahon, looks up. a bestows a motherly smile, "Collecon downstairs", she says. Feeling more nclination for a stiff belt to get the wobble out of he knees, our m for a cup of coffee and looks aroun tor anyone who will listen to a le discussion of cross-wind funding Meanwhile, instructor, slott again, patiently and r guiding another would-be pilot to the intricacies of float-plane flying. pridee himself on producing sound and sale pilots, reminding his students of the inharent danger of becoming know it all, you should get ou living", he claims. Among his successful students, he counts his prother, Maurice Labine, a senio



Preparing for a lesson aloft, student pilot, Ivan Leblanc, left, a garage mechanic at Copper Cliff South mine, and flying instructor, Ray Labine, a chemist in the process technology laboratory at Copper Cliff, plot their proposed course before heading for the "wide blue yonder".

Dual roles

captain with Air Canada, and his son Jim, captain of an Otter and flying the high Arctic.

Contrary to what one might expect,
Ray and a good many of his students are
not full-time flying "mavericks", but
everyday gentlemen holding regular
jobs. As a matter of fact, Ray is a
full-time chemist at Inco's process
technology laboratory in Copper Cliff,
and a good sprinkling of his students are
Inco miners, drillers, mechanics and
engineers. So when the attention is not
on the "ore below", eyes are turned to
the "sky above".

Speaking of "sky above", that blue in Ray's eyes is not for naught. He's been a pilot a long, long time, and although he's not one for talking about himself, a few cold beers, a mention of Spitfires and Messerschmidts may ignite the necessary spark.

If you're lucky, he'll tell you some of it . . . About the days he flew the Spitfires, tested the Fokke Wulfs and the chase of the German battleship, the Graf Spee.

Ray earned his wings at Uplands
Airport in Ottawa. The year? 1941. He
trained student pilots on Harvards and
Tiger Moths. Soon after, he was
commissioned, and attached to the R.A.F.
in England, engaged in fighter and photo

At the Sudbury Aviation base on Whitewater Lake at Azilda, Ivan Leblanc and Ray Labine conduct a pre-flight check of the aircraft they'll be using. Air intakes, propeller, control surfaces and floats are all subjected to very close scrutiny before take-off.

reconnaissance. He flew every kind of Spitfire, the "Spit" fives, nines and elevens. He tells of plotting the daily bomb-lines through the use of remotecontrol aerial photography. He reminisces over the unending conflicts between ground personnel and air crews, particularly in the assessment of aerial mapping and photographs . . . problems arose from failure to grasp each other's difficulties. The ground crew demanded exact continuity of altitude and location in order to do accurate mapping and pinpoint bomb targets. "When we say photograph at 502 feet, we don't mean at 500", was a normal kind of ground crew statement. The air crews were lacking accurate weather information, hardpressed by enemy attacks and were flying through cloud, wind and storm over unfamiliar terrain.

As a test pilot of Spitfires, Messerschmidts and Fokke Wulfs for the assessment of the R.A.F. Ray attracted the attention of the de Haviland people. This English aircraft company of world renown wanted our man to continue with them as test pilot. Unfortunately, as with a good many of his fellow pilots who had come through the war in one piece, the stresses of losing friends and terrifyingly close calls had taken their toll in nerves. High blood pressure and



Ground school, and some of Inco's budding pilots. From left: Instructor Ray Labine, Ivan Leblanc. South mine; Tom Beaudry, Stobie mine; Kevin Thorpe, smelter; Charles De Rusha, Stobie mine; Josef Stanzinger, Creighton mine and Don Fournier, smelter.

states of acute stress disqualified many superlative war pilots from continuing in civil aviation.

Ray recovered from high blood pressure in due course, but changed his line of work in the interim. He started with Inco in 1946 and has stayed. He's successfully combined his flying enthusiasm with his job at Inco. However, he has a sneaky kind of pet thought... to have his own little Lear jet and fly off into the sunset... A Lear yet?

Oh it's only worth about a million and a quarter!

Flight lieutenant, Ray Labine, overseas in Wales in 1943. The aircraft is a mark eleven Spittire, a high-altitude photo reconnaissance plane. Ray was on loan to the R.A.F. at the time the picture was taken, and was flying photo forays over Berlin at an altitude of 40,000 feet.



IN THE NEWS-HISTORICAL NEWS TUDBITS



BACK HOME AFTER DETENTION—The four-man crew of the Shrimper Texas Clipper is greeted in Port Arthur after return there from a 22-day detention in Obregon, Mexico, by Mexican authorities. Left to right: Newell F. Allen; Aubrey Guidry; Joe Faveta; Capt. Albert N. Tabbot in command of the boat; Frank Taylor, owner of the boat, and Dusty Rhodes of Port Arthur. (AP Photo).

The Abilene, Texas, Reporter-News February 5, 1947 Lafayette Advertiser, Scott, LA-1896

Mr. Jules Guidry,

Scott, La.

Dear Sir:

Your grandson, Eli, returns to his home to-day, after having completed the full Diploma Business Course, for which he has received the Diploma of the Kentucky University; under seal.

We hope he may return in September and complete the Short-hand and Type-writing Courses, which his scholarship, entitles him to do. He has been a courteous and polite young man to both teachers and students alike. Wishing him a safe journey home and with my best regards to yourself, I am, most respectfully.

W. R. Smith.

New Castle News, New Castle Pennsylvania, December 16, 1913

BABY FALLS THREE STORIES, UNINJURED

By United News.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 16.—William Guidry, aged 11 months, is still able to do his daily "cooing" despite his tumble from a window of his parents' third floor apartment. Physicians who examined the child say he is none the worse for his long fall. "Not a scratch," was the official diagnosis.

San Antonio Express-San Antonio, TX, Nov. 17, 1924

Right: HUSBAND IS ABSOLUTE BOSS

Article reads: SPRINGFIELD, Mass. Dec. 16 -Judge Charles L. Long, who two years ago made the celebrated decision that "man, who pays the bills, is boss of the household and lord and master of the exchequer" yesterday ruled that a husband may eject his wife's relatives from the house.

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BON APPETIT-Recipes from the Guédry-Labine Cookbook

CHICKEN FRICOT

by Margaret Jeddry-Nahant, MA & Meteghan, Nova Scotia

1 4-5 lb. chicken (2-3 kg.)

1/2 lb. salt pork (250 g)

2 large onions, chopped

2 tbsp. flour (30 ml.)

6 large potatoes, peeled & diced

2 medium carrots, peeled & diced

3 qts. Boiling water (3 l.)

1 tbsp. salt (15 ml.)

1 tsp. pepper (5 ml.)

1 tbsp. summer savory (15 ml.)



METHOD:

Cut the chicken into serving *pieces*. Score the salt pork into small squares and melt in a heated skillet. Fry chicken in salt pork fat until golden brown, turning pieces frequently. Remove chicken from skillet and sauté onion for 1 minute. Add the flour and sauté for an additional 1-2 minutes.

Place chicken and onion in large pot. Add water, potatoes, carrots, salt, pepper and summer savory. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to simmer and cook for 1 hour or until chicken is tender. Taste and adjust seasonings. Serves 8.



SMOTHERED OKRA

By Alice Matte Guidry-Lake Charles, LA

2 lbs. fresh okra (sliced 1/4 inch thick or less)
1 tomato, peeled and chopped
1 lg. yellow onion, peeled and chopped
1/2 cup vegetable oil
Salt, black pepper and red pepper to taste

Cook okra on medium heat stirring often so as not to let it burn. It should take about 45 minutes to cook to the point

that it is no longer 'ropey'. Add onions and tomato after 30 minutes and cook for the final 15 minutes. A few teaspoons of bacon drippings can be used with the oil for additional flavor. Season with salt, black pepper and red pepper.

You can adjust this recipe accordingly to cook an entire bushel in an 18-quart roasting oven. It is much easier and you shouldn't have to stir as often if the roasting pan has a non-stick coating. You should cook it covered in the roasting pan, stirring every 15 minutes.

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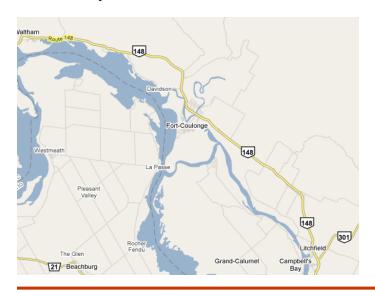
Labine Hotel-Fort Coulonge, Québec, Canada by Marty Guidry

With the lumber industry of Pontiac County booming at the dawn of the twentieth century, Mr. George Jewell built a grand hotel in Fort Coulonge during 1901. Begun in the late 1690's as a trading post on the Ottawa River near the mouth of Rivière Coulonge, Fort Coulonge in the late 1890's was bustling with activity as lumbermen hired in Ottawa arrived by train, spent the night in town and then set out in the morning for the nearby lumber camps.

Fort Coulonge needed lodging for these men and George Jewell recognized the need. Constructed in 1901, the three-story Jewell House operated under the capable hands of Mr. Jewell until 1922 when Raoul Labine purchased it. The name changed to the Labine Hotel and Raoul's wife, Wilda Laporte Labine, operated the hotel for the next fifty-four years. Ironically, Mrs. Labine was born the same year that the Labine Hotel was constructed – 1901.

During the 1920's the Labine Hotel operated a horse-drawn bus to transport guests to and from the train station. At about eight each evening the train with whistle blowing would arrive at Fort Coulonge. Approximately twenty guests and their luggage would clamber aboard the waiting horse-drawn bus for the mile trip to the Labine Hotel. Each passenger paid twenty-five cents for the ride.

To house the horses needed for the bus, the Labine Hotel had its own stable - large enough to accommodate thirty horses.





Labine Hotel-Fort Coulonge, Quebec, CA

If you brought your own horse to the hotel, the Labine's would stable it for you and add the costs of hay and oats to your bill.

Mrs. Labine's father, Paul Fabien Laporte, had thirty to forty horses that he used to take the lumbermen and their supplies to the lumber camps. Toward the end of March, the men broke camp and returned south. Of course, that meant another overnight stay at the Labine Hotel in Fort Coulonge. Since the wage during this time was a dollar per day, a lumberman would make one hundred to one hundred fifty dollars during the winter season. That first night outside the lumber camp, a night spent at the Labine Hotel, often was quite exciting. Fights among the men occurred, the best man won and it was all forgotten right there.

The men provided their own music – the juice harp, the mouth organ, spoons on a pan, a comb and paper and similar simple instruments kept the men's toes tapping and voices singing. Often local singers, fiddlers and step-dancers entertained the men for free.

Mrs. Labine operated the hotel with seven to ten employees including a cook, a kitchen girl, a dining room waitress, two chamber maids, a laundress and a man to stoke the fires. In the early years the hotel was without electricity so a young girl cleaned and filled the sixty to seventy oil lamps at the hotel. Later Mrs. Labine purchased a gas generator that eliminated this day-long job.

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Labine Hotel-Fort Coulonge, Québec, Canada

The nearby river provided water for drinking, cooking and washing. The staff and guests daily used two drums of water brought from the river. One drum was for drinking and cooking and the other for washing.

The Labine Hotel had twenty-five rooms with a total of forty beds. When pressed, the hotel could accommodate up to one hundred beds. An agreement between the hotel and the lumber companies limited the men in transit to a maximum of fifty at any one time; however, occasionally as many as one hundred men arrived on the train. Straw mattresses were scattered about and everyone slept a little closer that night.

Hotel guests enjoyed excellent meals including boiled pork or sausage, potatoes, beans, superb soup and bread freshly-baked in the hotel ovens. Charlie Kenny's bakery down the street occasionally supplemented the supply of bread. At breakfast eggs were a special treat for the men who had not had any for the entire winter. There was no limit and some men ate as many six to eight eggs at a meal. Homemade, mouth-watering desserts as cakes and pies made with apples, prunes, raisins and dried peaches quickly disappeared from the table. Each morning at 4:30 a.m. the kitchen staff began preparing their desserts in the specially-made large baking tins.

Other guests besides lumbermen stayed at the Labine Hotel throughout the year. The Labine Hotel had an excellent reputation among its guests. From August until spring nearly all rooms were occupied each night. In the summer several guests would rent their room for several months at the rate of twenty dollars a month.

Mrs. Labine reserved one room at the hotel as a sample showroom for traveling salesmen. They would rent the room for a week and local townspeople would come to examine the merchandise on display and place their orders. Mr. Dowey Gamble of the J. M. Garland Company and Mr. Cleavens of the Jules Patry Co. often reserved the showroom.

A shrewd hotel manager, Mrs. Wilda Labine's motto was "I see nothing, I know nothing, I say nothing." She knew the value of minding one's own business and of confidentiality. She once remarked "In a hotel we know everyone's problems. People come here to have a good time and to forget. We had to try and make peace. That was number one!" She often attributed her success as a hotel manager to her faithful practice "Give a good measure, and give quality." Her clients appreciated her generosity and hospitality – returning to the Labine Hotel season after season. A few even visited every year for Mrs. Labine's entire fifty-four year tenure.

In 1976 the Labine's sold the Labine Hotel to Mr. Leveillé. Shortly afterwards, on 1 September 1979 it burned down. Today the Bank of Nova Scotia occupies the site of the old Labine Hotel.²

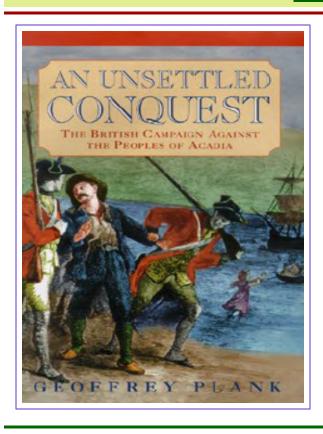
Sadly, on 23 October 2005 Mrs. Wilda Laporte Labine died at Sacred Heart Manor in Fort Coulonge at the age of 104 years.³ Her husband Raoul Labine had died earlier. The grand old Labine Hotel is no more, but the memories shared by several generations of guests are vivid and long-lasting.

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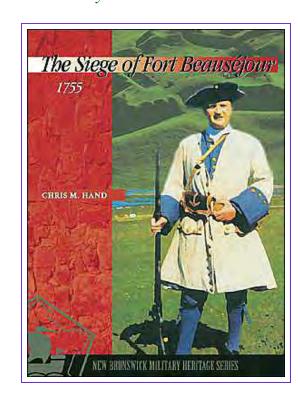


AN UNSETTLED CONQUEST-The British Campaign Against The Peoples of Acadia By Geoffrey Plank

The story of the removal of the Acadians, some of whose descendants are the Cajuns of Louisiana, and the subsequent oppression of the Mi'kmaq has never been completely told. In this first comprehensive history of the events leading up to the ultimate break-up of Nova Scotian society, Geoffrey Plank skillfully unravels the complex relationships of all of the groups involved, establishing the strong bonds between the Mi'kmaq and Acadians as well as the frustration of the British administrators that led to the Acadian removal, culminating in one of the most infamous events in North American history.

The British capture of Fort Beauséjour was the final act in a long struggle between Britain and France for control of Acadia. In The Siege of Fort Beauséjour, 1755, Chris M. Hand outlines the events leading up to the siege and gives a running account of the seige itself. In June, 1755, a combined force of New England volunteers and British regulars captured it after a brief siege. When Beauséjour fell, so too did Acadia, and the great expulsions followed soon after. Major Chris M. Hand, Royal Canadian Regiment, is currently serving overseas, seconded to the British Army, Warminster, England. The Siege of Fort Beauséjour, 1755 is based on his MA thesis in history at the University of New Brunswick. The Siege of Fort Beauséjour, 1755 is Volume 3 in the New Brunswick Military Heritage Series. Published in cooperation with the Military and Strategic Studies Program at the University of New Brunswick and the Canadian War Museum, this series is part of the New Brunswick Military Heritage Project.

The Siege of Fort Beauséjour 1755 By Chris M. Hand



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Les Flibustiers de l'Acadie Coureurs des mers



Les Flibustiers de l'Acadie - Coureurs des mers

By Armand G. Rocichaud

Armand G. Robichaud est un géographe-urbaniste de Shédiac, au Nouveau-Brunswick. Il est co-auteur du livre Les bâtiments anciens de la mer Rouge (Michel Henry, Éditeur, 1988) et auteur du livre Des histoires de Robichaud (Éditions de la Francophonie, 2002).



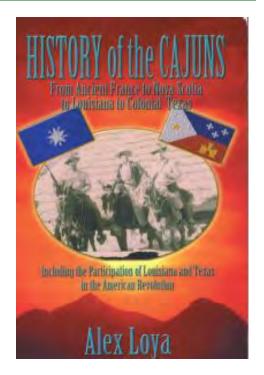
Dans cet essai, Armand G. Robichaud nous présente Les Flibustiers de l'Acadie, un sujet sur lequel peu

d'historiens se sont penché. Il explique la différence entre un corsaire, un flibustier et un pirate et trace un portrait de plusieurs de ceux-ci qui ont participé à la course sur mer en Acadie. Il explique les liens de parentés entre plusieurs flibustiers acadiens et explique dans quels contextes ils ont agit. Ce sont les corsaires acadiens qui sont les derniers à avoir combattu pour la France en Amérique. Il est également question d'incidents du XIX^e siècle, impliquant les corsaires et les pirates de la Nouvelle-Écosse et du Nouveau-Brunswick. Le livre traite aussi brièvement des trésors cachés des pirates, des trésors des Acadiens du Grand Dérangement et de quelques naufrages.

This book (in French) mentions the 1726 trial of Jean-Baptiste Guédry on pages 105-109.

HISTORY OF THE CAJUNS-From Ancient France to Nova Scotia to Louisiana to Colonial Texas By Alex Loya

During the French and Indian War one of the saddest episodes was the expulsion of the French population of what used to be the French Colony of Acadia in present day Nova Scotia. This human tragedy came to be known as the Great Acadian Exile. It was at this time that the people known as the French Acadians were scattered through the 13 British Colonies and to the Spanish Colony of Louisiana, where they became known as Cajuns, and where they gave Louisiana her character. In this thoroughly well researched book, drawing from primary and other sources, Alex Loya examines the incontrovertible evidence that a number of those first Cajuns moved on to Texas where they became a significant segment of the colonial population of Texas and that they participated in every aspect of American history starting with the American Revolution, when the tragedy of the French Acadians turned into victory.



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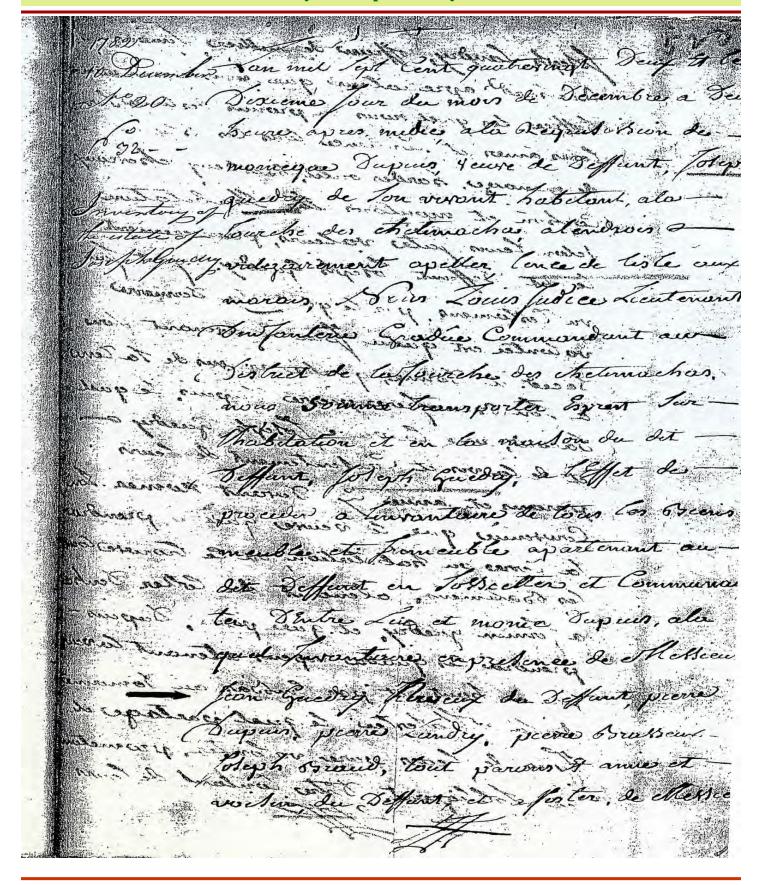
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Inventory of Joseph Guédry's Estate



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TOURIST ATTRACTIONS-NEW BRUNSWICK

VILLAGE HISTORIQUE ACADIEN-CARAQUET, N.B.

In this "living visual workshop" visitors can see how Acadians lived between 1780 and 1890. Museum staff, dressed in the original costumes of the period, perform old crafts such as spinning wool, weaving cloth and making clothes, forging iron, making furniture and wagons, printing books and posters, making soap, drying fish, and preserving vegetables and meats.







FESTIVAL ACADIEN de CARAQUET-August 1-15, 2009

Year after year, thousands of people converge on Caraquet to celebrate the vitality of the Acadian culture. The Acadian Festival is not only a cultural event of Acadia, but one of the most important attractions of the Atlantic. Its mission is to promote Acadian culture in all its shapes and forms, including music, theatre and the visual arts. Join the crowds to celebrate and encourage the approximately 200 artists in Acadia.

http://www.festivalacadien.ca/

VILLAGE de MEMRAMCOOK-Memramcook, NB

From the heights of Lourdes, formerly Village-du-bois, one can see the 15 smaller villages established in this serene valley. The Memramcook ecomuseum provides visitors with an overview of the numerous monuments and historical sites, of the people who made our past great, the customs, traditions and of the historical facts of Memramcook.

Once in the valley, you should not miss: The monument Lefebvre, the Parc LeBlanc Golf Course, the old Gayton covered bridge, Lourdes Church, Indians' Chapel in Beaumont, Belliveau Orchard & Acadian dishes at Leblanc Restaurant or the Au Vieux College Restaurant.



www.village.memramcook.com

2009 GUÉDRY -LABINE & PETITPAS REUNION INFORMATION

Congres Mondial Acadien (CMA) for 2009 will be held on the Acadian Peninsula in New Brunswick from 7 August - 23 August 2009. CMA activities will be centered around Caraquet, New Brunswick. You can click on this website to keep up with the events planned for the 2009 CMA.

http://www.cma2009.ca/

We are having our Guédry-Labine & Petitpas Reunion on Sunday, 16 August 2009 in the Conference Center of Danny's Inn in Bereford, New Brunswick. Beresford is just five miles north of Bathurst, New Brunswick and Danny's Inn is on Highway 134 just south of Beresford. Bathurst has a rich Acadian history that we'll explore in the coming months.

We will begin about 8:30 am and have activities until 5:00 pm. Our agenda, activities and displays will include formal sessions with music, presentations, etc. as well as time to mingle and get to know your cousins. The tentative agenda is:

- 8:30 am Opening Service (Mass) at Holy Family (Sainte Famille) Catholic Church [Opening Procession honoring our ancestors, French Rosary, Mass, Closing Procession] (430 St. Peter Avenue; Bathurst, NB)
 - * 9:45 am Reunion Registration at Danny's Inn Conference Center
 - * 10:00 am Larry Miller and his Cajun Band (two-step & waltz demonstrations)
 - * 10:45 am Break (View displays, meet cousins, sales table, etc.)
 - * 11:00 am Presentation Cultures of Louisiana Cajuns and Maritime Acadians (including a Cajun Mardi Gras Run)
 - * 11:45 am Break (View displays, meet cousins, sales table, etc.)
 - * 12:00 pm Dinner Buffet
 - * 1:00 pm New Brunswick Acadian Musical Entertainment
 - * 1:45 pm Break (View displays, meet cousins, sales table, etc.)
 - * 2:00 pm Petitpas Genealogy Recent Discovery Using DNA Techniques
 - * 2:45 pm Break (View displays, meet cousins, sales table, etc.)
 - * 3:00 pm Presentation History of the Acadians of the Baie-des-Chaleurs Region
- * 3:45 pm Break (View displays, meet cousins, sales table, etc.)
 - * 4:00 pm Presentation Louisiana Cajun French and Acadian French of Canada
- * 4:45 pm Closing Ceremony

There will be a superb buffet lunch. It'll be a Hot & Cold Dinner Buffet that includes roast beef smothered in peppercorn gravy, sweet & sour meat balls, lasagna, chicken wings, potato casserole, coleslaw, tossed green salad, carrot salad, rolls, carrot cake, cherry cheesecake, fresh fruit salad, coffee and tea.

Registration information was sent out in August to those on our distribution list. A copy of the registration form will be attached to the next few issues of this newsletter. Now is a good time to secure lodging.

The website below contains a number of motels, hotels and bed & breakfasts in the Bathurst area.

http://www.bathurst.ca

NEW BRUNSWICK ACCOMMODATIONS - CMA 2009

The Guédry-Labine family reunion is scheduled to take place August 16, 2009, in the town of Bathurst, not far from Caraquet, New Brunswick, CA. Here are a few more links for accommodations in those areas. We'll add more details about our reunion in the next few months.

<u>BATHURST</u> - http://www.bathurst.ca/english/home/

<u>Authentique Bed & Breakfast</u> Enjoy our 4 star B&B in a heritage home of the 20's with 'Arts & Craft's influences, conveniently located in the heart of Bathurst. You are welcome to relax in a cozy atmosphere with personalized service. Spacious rooms with very comfortable beds, cable TV, DVD, MP3, wireless internet, work desk and telephone. Each room has a private bathroom. Breakfast 'A la Carte' will be served in our elegant dining room.

<u>Comfort Inn Bathurst</u> Conveniently located on St. Peter Avenue. Close to shopping and offices. 35 person meeting room available.

<u>John's Motel</u> Our rooms have a full bath and shower, color television with cable, and most importantly comfortable beds! We also boast a swimming pool and an area for picnics. We also have in-room coffee.

<u>Sea'scape Cottage</u> This is our fully equipped beach house located on the beautiful Bay of Chaleur in Bathurst, New Brunswick. Select the virtual tour button to have a closer look.

The official New Brunswick Tourism Website is at the link below. You can learn about interesting locations, sites and activities at this website. By clicking on the word "Guides" in the left column of the page, you can order a free 2008 Experience New Brunswick Vacation Planner" which is excellent.

http://www.tourismnewbrunswick.ca

The 2009 CMA website has an excellent page on accommodations within the Acadian Peninsula. Visit it by clicking on this link:

http://www.cma2009.ca

<u>CARAQUET</u> - http://www.ville.caraquet.nb.ca/

<u>Hotel Paulin</u> "The Pearl of Baie des Chaleurs", Caraquet.

Motel Colibri 12 rooms smoking and non-smoking. 2 double bed. Free breakfast.

Super 8 Motel 50 guest rooms including 18 junior suites.



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Les Guédry d'Asteur

http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~guedrylabinefamily/

The Guédry-Labine Family Genealogical Database

Developed by the Les Guédry d'Asteur, Inc. Genealogy Committee

http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~guidryrm/Guedry-Labine/

The Louisiana State Archives

This is the official website for the Louisiana State Archives. It provides a very nice overview of the archival holdings and services. Although there are no images of original documents at this time, there is a very nice index to Confederate Pension Applications with numerous Guidry records. Click on Research Library under Sections of Organization, then Confederate Pension Applications to the left of the top photograph, then Search the Database.

http://www.sos.louisiana.gov/archives/archives/archives-index.htm

Archives of Canada

http://www.archivescanada.ca/english/index.html

DUES REMINDER

Attached at the back of this issue is a membership application for renewing your membership in Les Guédry d'Asteur. Our dues are very reasonable at \$6.00 for individuals and \$10 for a family.

By joining and paying your dues, you provide us with the financial resources to participate in many projects, one being the CMA 2009 reunion in Bathurst, New Brunswick.

Please take a moment, complete the Membership Application, enclose a check and send it to the address on the application. It will help all of us do so much for the family. And, if you would like to join at one of the Benefactor Levels, it would let us do even more.

Les Guédry d'Asteur

To share your ideas for the newsletter, contact:

Marty Guidry 6139 North Shore Drive Baton Rouge, LA 70817 225-755-1915 guidryrm@cox.net 'GENERATIONS' newsletter is now in its seventh year. We hope to provide our readers with an interesting, informative and entertaining newsletter. Your input is always welcome and we look forward to another year of sharing family history and news with you.

The Guédry-Labine Family Newsletter 'GENERATIONS' serves as a focal point for family members to share and learn about us.

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