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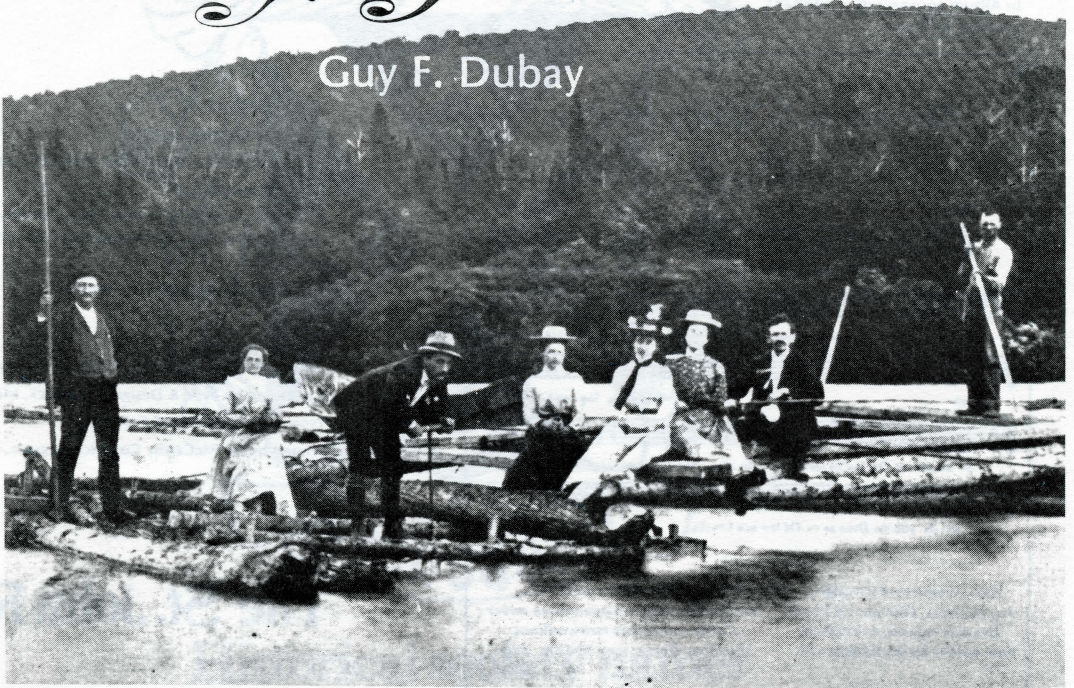
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Chez-Nous: The St. John Valley

Guy F. Dubay



Guy Dubay's work *Chez-Nous: The St. John Valley* is the final product in a three-year project of the same name. This project also resulted in a Maine State Museum exhibit, a travelling exhibit, valuable artifactual research and a heightened awareness and appreciation of the Valley's unique place in the mosaic of Maine's history and culture.

A native of Van Buren and current Madawaska resident, Mr. Dubay writes here with the sensitivity of a person for whom the Valley is home. He also incorporates a scholarly perspective concerning the St. John Valley and the world around it as well as an

educator's gift for forging connections and articulating illustrations.

In taking the reader on a journey through the St. John Valley -- its place, time and people -- Mr. Dubay provides a studied look at the area that begins with a bird's eye view and slowly focuses and builds to the Valley culture at its heart. It is this heart that the "Chez-Nous: The St. John Valley" project, in all its phases, has worked to express. Here it finds special depth.

Sheila McDonald
Project Director

Chez - Nous: The St. John Valley

par/by
Guy F. Dubay

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This song saluting the St. John
Rivière St-Jean" was written by
a parish priest in Van Buren. S
"Chanson de la Rivière St-Jean"
in Album souvenir du centenaire
paroisse St-Bruno.

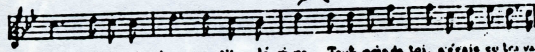
Chanson de la Rivière St-Jean

Moderato

P. G. François, S. M.



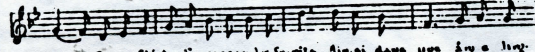
Sa-lut! Sa-lut! dou-ces ri- vi-ères au flut e-ssai bruch, au ri-va-ge ri-



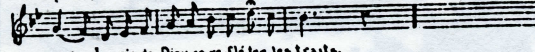
et lig-pou-vois! You-voies, l'Angé-lé-gé-ro. Tout près de toi, a'égaie cy les val-



lact de vois dans les yeux ra-



pi-été, Sa-re-flé-ter les yeux, les fo-rite, lig-si dans une Angé-lyng-



pi-de, de vois de Dieu se-re-flé-ter les te-ante.

Flots, retenez votre enjaye;
Ici, les fleurs, l'air pur, la liberté,
Des guin enfants, le labillage,
Font oublier les bruits de la cité.

J'ai visité les belles ruines
Des grands châteaux accumulés au rucher;
J'aime mieux mes vertes collines,
Mon Van Buren, mon St-Jean, mon
clocher.

Soyez béni, céleste Père,
Qui, sur ces bords, avez mis mon berceau;
Que les flots purs de ma Rivière,
Viennent un jour entourer mon tombeau!



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The St. John River

"A river is something more than a
feature of the landscape. Interesting as it may
be aesthetically, geographically, geologically,
what matters is its relationship to the people
who come upon it and who live beside it.
Who they are, where they come from,
why they come, what use they make of the river,
what kinds of communities they develop,
what they do to the river, what it does to them,
these are the considerations that give purpose
and vitality to the study of the river."

Esther Clark Wright¹

Thibodeau Family Reunion scheduled for June 29-July 1



Historical society names

Thibodeau family 1984 "grande famille Acadienne"

The Thibodeau Family of the St. John Valley, as do Thibodeau's from many parts of the United States and Canada, trace their origins to Pierre Thibodeau (1631-1704), the Seigneur of Chipoudy, who emigrated from France to Acadia (Nova Scotia) in

1654.

The family founder, who married at Port Royal, Acadia (now Annapolis, N.S.) about 1660, fathered 16 children, among them seven sons who gave the Thibodeau family the numerous posterity to whom the invitation has been extended.

Thibodeau Family Reunion



Be it known to all that
We, the Members of the Senate and
House of Representatives
join in recognizing

the Thibodeau family, reunion, honoring
the descendants of Patriarch Pierre Thibodeau
(1631-1704);



Thibodeau

And be it ordered that this official expression
of sentiment be sent forthwith on behalf of the
Legislature and the people of the State of Maine

Given this 13th day of April 19 84

at the State Capitol
Augusta, Maine

Gerard Conley
President of the Senate
Joy A. Brown
Secretary

John C. Went
Speaker of the House
Ed Reist
Clerk



Introduced by Rep. Edward McHenry
Cosponsors: Rep. Hilda Martin
Rep. Raymond Theriault
Sen. Paul Violette

From: Madawaska
From: Van Buren
From: Fort Kent
From: Aroostook



THIBODEAU REUNION COMMITTEE

Seated left to right: Cecile St. Jarre, Sec.; Bertha Gogan, American Co-Chairman; Roger A. Thibodeau, Chairman (General); Marie Jean Emond, Canadian Co-Chairman; Adrienne Lamore, Religion Chairman.
 Standing: Diane Boucher, Scrapbook; Jocelyn Thibodeau, Fund Raising; Elaine Thibodeau, Hospitality; Norman Thibodeau, Thibodeau Tree; Guy Dubay, Genealogy; Larry Thibodeau, M.C.; Alma Thibodeau, Thomas Thibodeau, King & Queen of Thibodeau Reunion. Sally Gagnon, treasurer was absent at the time the photo was taken.

SOLO

**THIBODEAU SONG
 CHANSON DES THIBODEAU**

Musical score for the Thibodeau Song. It consists of four staves of music in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes.

I ci ras-sem-ble's AC ceuil lous a iz fe-Te tous ies Thi-bo-deau
 Here We Are To-gether TO ho-nor The Thi-bo-deaus, The young AND The old
 NOUS AU VONS du bon Temps.
 Let's ALL HAVE A good Time

CHOEUR
 CHANTEZ ET DANSEZ EN bonne franquette LOIN ou PRÈS vous SA LU OUS
 SINGING AND DANCEING AND re-Joi-cing, NEAR AND FAR WE welcome you.

Sou-ri-er, AC-CIA-Mez, Le coeur en fête NOUS SOMM'S Fiers d'être Thi-bo-deau.
 Hearts are filled With Joy AND LAUGHTER, since We're Proud To be Thi-bo-deaus

- 2 - Compose by: Berthe Thibodeau
 Gogan.

Se connaître et s'aimer
 Réunis tous ensemble
 Ce précieux moment
 Que ce soit le plus beau.

- 2 -
 Get acquainted again
 Reunited together
 This precious moment
 Is one to remember.

Town of Madawaska

Proclamation

PROGRAM - PROGRAMME

Whereas Pierre Thibodeau who came from Sarans, Poitou, France established the Thibodeau name upon the North American continent in the year of our Lord 1631, and

Whereas his descendent Jean Thibodeau traveled to the shores of the St.-John River in 1785, and

Whereas his descendants have established themselves over the entire North American continent and

Whereas their efforts and sacrifices contributed greatly to the early development of this community, and

Whereas Pierre Thibodeau obtained the title of "Le Seigneur de Chipoudy" in the year of our Lord 1699 after the development of the region by building houses, mills, a chapel and many more, he also served as a lumber agent for the government during the administration of Governor Villebon.

Whereas his descendent Firmin Thibodeau obtained the title of "Le Seigneur du Madawaska" after contributing to the development of the region, by building mills and obtaining vast properties and also served in the Militia as Captain and

Whereas Blanche Marguerite Thibodeau known in the history as Tante Blanche, of which there is a museum dedicated to her name. She was the angel of mercy heroic who served the needy in the famine of 1797, and

Whereas these same descendants have organized in order to hold a Reunion at Madawaska in the State of Maine, the seat of the first Thibodeau to be established in these United States and

Whereas this celebration will be held in Madawaska on the 29th and 30th of June and the 1st day of July in the year of our Lord 1984

Be it therefore resolved that we, the Selectmen of Madawaska do declare the 29th and 30th days of June and the 1st day of July, 1984 to be known as the Thibodeau Reunion in this community and that said Reunion is a time for celebration and renewal of acquaintances and friendship.

We therefore have caused this document to be duly signed in our presence and proclaim the Thibodeau Reunion throughout the land, and resolve that it be incumbent upon future generations to be likewise.

We have this 16th day of May

in the year of our Lord 1984
Affixed our hand and seal

Beverly A. Madore
Rogers E. Daigne
Richard J. Martin
Elmer J. Albert
Ernest Chase

Family reunion
THIBODEAU
Réunion familiale

1654 - 1984

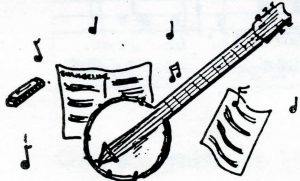
Madawaska, Maine

June/Juin 29, 30 - July/Juillet 1



THIBODEAU

SOIREE DU
BON VIEUX TEMPS



REUNION KING AND QUEEN — Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Thibodeau of Fort Kent were recently crowned as King and Queen of the Thibodeau Reunion.



Thibodeau
Reunion Mass

JUNE 29TH 7:30 PM - 11:30 PM

MADAWASKA HIGH SCHOOL

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MADAWASKA HISTORICAL SOCIETY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

MADAWASKA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
NOVEMBER 11, 1984

EXPENSES:

Postage	122.50
Plaques, Awards	78.77
Printing	280.00
Utilities	206.58
Insurance	138.00
B&A	60.00
Supplies	171.78
Publications	722.88
Photo Project	773.58
Contracted Services	10,702.23
Miscellaneous	247.77
Bad Checks	47.40
TOTAL	13,551.49

INCOME:

Interest Now Account	189.18
Interest Shrine Fund	573.97
Publications	1,264.21
Membership	239.00
Photo Project	724.00
Donations	71.34
Sales	49.00
Shrine Fund	6,245.00
Acadian Week	223.39
Banquet Proceeds	750.00
TOTAL	10,329.09

On Hand 10-14-83 (Corrected Balance)	7,844.74
	<u>18,173.83</u>
Less Expenses	<u>13,551.49</u>
	4,622.34

On Hand Checking 10-15-84	2,977.16
Shrine Fund 10-15-84	<u>3,073.97</u>
	6,051.13
Less Outstanding Checks	<u>1,428.79</u>
	4,622.34

The following donations are gratefully acknowledged:

Fraser Paper Ltd.	500.00	for Photo Project
St. Agatha Historical Society	200.00	for Shrine Fund
St. David Parish	200.00	for Shrine Fund
St. Thomas Aquinas Parish	200.00	for Shrine Fund
Bernette Albert	600.00	for Shrine Fund
Town of Madawaska	4,700.00	for Shrine Fund



Genealogy

Genealogy of Pierre THIBODEAU'S family:

Genealogie de la famille de Pierre THIBODEAU

1st. Generation/1ere Generation

Pierre THIBODEAU m.vers 1660 Jeanne TERRIAU (1644-1726) (1-1)
(1631-1704) res/dem Port Royal, Acadia (Jean TERRIAU & Perrine BOURG)
Miller of/Meunier de la Pre Ronde, Seigneur de Chipoudy

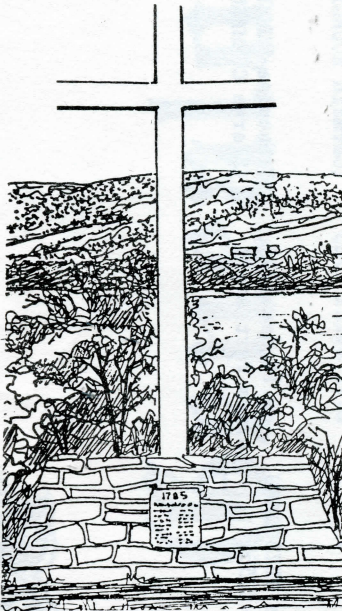
2nd. Generation/2ieme Generation

Children of/Enfants de 1-1 (Pierre THIBODEAU & Jeanne TERRIAU)

1. Marie THIBODEAU (1660-1660) according to/d'apres A. BERGERON VIII-99
2. Marie THIBODEAU m.vers 1681 Antoine LANDRY (1660-) (1661-) res/dem Rivere au Canards (Rene LANDRY & Perrine BOURG)
3. Marie THIBODEAU m.vers 1682 Pierre LEJEUNE dit BRIARD (1656-) (1663-) res/dem La Heve, Port Royal, LaHeve, Pisiquit
4. Marie-Jeanne THIBODEAU m.vers 1686 Charles ROBICHAUD (1667-) (1664-1702?) res/dem Port Royal (Etienne ROBICHAUD & Francoise BOUDROT)
5. Anne-Marie THIBODEAU m.vers 1685 Claude BOUDREAU (1663-1740) (1665-1699?) res/dem Grand Pre (Michel BOUDREAU & Michelle AUCOIN)
6. Catherine THIBODEAU m.vers 1684 Claude LANDRY (1663-1747) (1667-1724?) Port Royal(B.Arsn.1198) (Rene LANDRY & Perrine BOURG)
7. Pierre THIBODEAU-L'Aine m.vers 1690 Anne BOURG () (1670-1723?) res/dem Pisiquit (Jean BOURG & Marguerite MARTIN) B.Arsn. 1474 (Francois BOURG & Marguerite BOUDREAU) A.Berg.8-99 (2-1)
8. Jeanne THIBODEAU m.vers 1689 Mathieu DESGOUTTINS (1663-) (1672-) res/dem Port Royal
9. Jean THIBODEAU m.17 feb 1703 P. Royal Marguerite HEBERT (1681-) (1673-1746) res/dem Grand Pre (Emmanuel HEBERT & Andree BRUN) (2-2)
10. Antoine THIBODEAU m.8 oct 1703 Marie PREJEAN (1684-) (1674-) res/dem Port Royal (Jean PREJEAN & Andree SAVOIE) (2-3)
11. Pierre THIBODEAU m.25 nov 1706 Marie-Anne AUCOIN (1676-) res/dem Port Royal (Martin AUCOIN & Marie GAUDET) (2-4)
res/dem P.Royal 1706-11 Riv au Canards 1711-16 P.Royal 1716-27 Chipoudy 1727-
12. Michel THIBODEAU m.13 nov 1704 Agnes DUCAS (1685-) (1678-1734) res/dem Port Royal (Claude DUGAS & Francoise BOURGEOIS) (2-5)
13. Cecile THIBODEAU m.vers 1698 Emmanuel LEBORGNE de Belle-Isle (1675-) (1680-) (Alexandre LEBORGNE & Marie de LATOUR)
14. Marie-Anne-Louise THIBODEAU Charles D'AMOURS de Louvrieries (1662-) (1682) res/dem Rivere St.Jean (Mathieu D'AMOURS & Marie MARSOLET)
15. Claude THIBODEAU m.5 nov 1709 (Elizabeth COMMEAU (1692-) (1684-) res/dem Port Royal (Pierre COMMEAU L'AINÉ & Jeanne BOURG) (2-6)
16. Catherine-Josephe THIBODEAU (Guillaume BOURGEOIS (1674-) (1686-) m.17 avril 1705 (Germain BOURGEOIS & Marguerite BELLIVEAU)
17. Charles THIBODEAU m.19 dec 1715 Francoise COMMEAU (1693-) (1689-1756) res/dem Port Royal (Pierre COMMEAU L'AINÉ & Jeanne BOURG) (2-7)

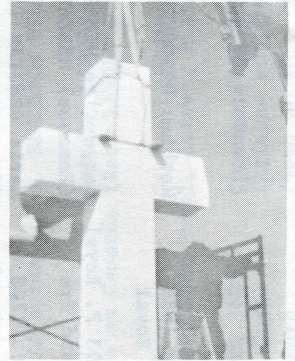
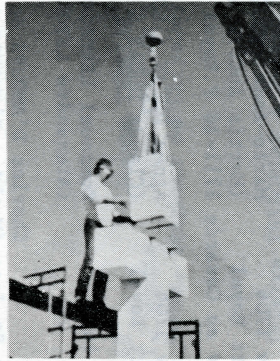


Acadian Shrine Progress



1785 - 1985

The Acadian Shrine is to be dedicated in honor of the Bi-centennial of the arrival of the pioneers to the Madawaska Territory.



ACADIAN SHRINE DONATIONS

Ste Agatha Historical Society
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We wish to thank all who have contributed to the SHRINE FUND in the past.

Genealogy & Resource Center

The Madawaska Historical Society in conjunction with the Madawaska Public Library have acquired genealogical and historical data that is available to the public.

Since 1975 the little research center has attracted students and history buffs from all over the United States and Canada, that are researching their Acadian and French roots. To be found at the Center are:

A microfilm reader and films of the vital records of St. Basile, Madawaska County - N.B. from 1811 to 1869 and 1910, The Maine Census Aroostook County, 1840-1870 and 1900; 123 cassettes of personal interviews with Aroostook County residents. Pioneer family genealogies, donated by reunion families, The Daigles, Cyrs, Heberts, Dufours, and Thibodeaus. Also available are family histories donated by New York State, the Al Campaigne and Charles Le Marquis families.

A map of St. David Cemetery is also available to locate deceased relatives of reunion families and "Root Seekers". With the map are mortuary cards that facilitate the establishing of vital statistics.

The collection also includes several publications about local history and histories pertaining to the development of the Madawaska Territory.

HISTOIRE ET GENEALOGIE DES ACADIENS (Vol. 1 - 6) Bona Arsenault

RECUEIL DES COMTES DE BEAUCE - Dorchester - Frontenac
Vol. 1 - 11, Eloi Gerard

ORIGINE DES FAMILIES CANADIENNE - FRANCAISES - A. Godbout

ACADIEN DESCENDANTS (Vol. 1 & 2) Janet Jehn

DICTIONNAIRE GENEALOGIQUE DU MADAWASKA - REPETOIRE DES MARRIAGE - Henri Langlois & Ernest Lang.

HISTOIRE DES CANADIENS - FRANCAIS (Vol. 1-8) Benjamin Sulte

GENEALOGIE DES FAMILLES ORIGINAIRES DES COMTES DE MANTMAGNY L'ISLET BELLECHASE - (Vol. 1 - 16) Eloi Gerard Talbot

A TRAVERS LES REGISTRES (Vol. 1 - 7) Cyprien Tanguay

ACADIEN EXILES IN THE COLONIES Janet Jehn

On hand for those who's roots are in Ste. Agathe, the Ste. Agathe Historical Society has posted a list of research materials available at the Historical House in Ste. Agathe, Maine.

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Thibodeau

REMEMBER! JUNE 28-29-30, 1985 - THE MADAWASKA ACADIAN
BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION and
MADAWASKA PICTORIAL HISTORY 1785-1985 (Available in June)
DEDICATION OF THE ACADIAN CROSS HISTORIC SHRINE
River Crossing
Mass
Family Reunions, etc., etc., etc.

EVERYBODY IS INVITED AND WELCOMED



SPECIAL THANKS

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Once again in 1984. FRASER PAPER Ltd. has generously supported the Madawaska Historical Society Photo Project. We express sincere thanks for this continuous support.

P R O C L A M A T I O N

Be it known that the year of our Lord 1785 was marked in the annals of mankind. For in that year on the shores of the river St. John in the territory of Madawaska the first Acadian settlers set their roots and

Whereas in the year one-thousand nine-hundred and eighty-five, two-hundred years have elapsed since that happening and

Whereas the inhabitants of the community of Madawaska, the site chosen by these early pioneers to establish themselves, wish to honor these valiant ancestors and

Whereas the Madawaska Historical Society, the pioneer and founding families, with the support of the entire community, have undertaken activities and celebrations in remembrance of these historical events and

Whereas these pioneers and founding fathers were welcomed to this area by the Malacite indian chief, Francois Xavier, with the words "On this day with an open hand, my heart gives you a part of this land"

Be it therefore resolved that

We the selectmen of Madawaska, decree to all who may come by these letters, be they friends, relatives or visitors, that "On this day with an open heart, this community receives you with pleasure and offers you a share of its history, its heritage, its ancestry and its joie de vivre"

Be it also resolved that we declare 1985 the "Acadian Bicentennial Year" throughout the land, and ordain that the year be marked with appropriate celebrations and festivities

We, jointly on this 23rd day of January, in the year of our Lord 1985, affix our hand and seal

Beverly A. Madore
Beverly Madore

Romeo E. Daigle
Romeo Daigle

Richard Marston

Elmo Albert

Richard Corbin
Richard Corbin

Membership

*****SPECIAL*****

\$35.00 Life Membership for the 1985 Bi-Centennial.

NEW MEMBERS

Linda Dube	Madawaska, Maine
Blanche Dufour	Rivière du Loup, Qué. Canada
Lawrence Dufour	Indianapolis, Indiana
Joseph Paul Dufour	Chesterfield, Maryland
Alfred and Marguerite Dufour	Livermore Falls, Maine
Jean Hebert	Bertrand, N.B., Canada
Sally Gagnon	Madawaska, Maine
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Address _____

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Please renew my membership for 198 ____

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