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\* The Claude Picard painting that appeared on the Madawaska \*  
 \* Centennial Book was purchased and donated to the Society \*  
 \* by the Northern National Bank of Madawaska. It will be \*  
 \* on display at the bank for a period of time, then it will \*  
 \* be placed at the Madawaska Public Library until we have \*  
 \* a permanent museum. \*  
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## NEWS OF THE SOCIETY

The first annual meeting of the Madawaska Historical Society was held August 21, 1969, at the Madawaska Public Library. President Geraldine Chasse and Treasurer Rev. Albert Long were reelected for a second year. Sr. Vivian Bond and Miss Marie Blanche Albert were elected Vice President and Secretary respectively. Outgoing Secretary, Mrs. Cecile Pozzuto, read the annual report.

The Madawaska Historical Society was organized August 7, 1969, to bring together people interested in local history. Committees organized with respective chairmen were: Folklore and Legend, A. J. Michaud; Folk Dance, Mrs. Lil Marquis; Folk Music, Sr. Alberta Chasse; Historical Sites, Geraldine Chasse; Old Building Restoration, Cecile Pozzuto and Rev. Albert Long; Librarian, Agnes Beaulieu; Bibliography, Gilman Hebert; Genealogy, Guy Dubay; Publications, Judy Cayer; Historian, A. J. Michaud; Sr. Citizens, Mrs. Ernest Chasse; Membership, Geraldine Chasse; Youth, Mrs. George Pozzuto; Museum, Renault Albert, Ann Michaud and Winnie Page; Antiques, Winnie Page and Ann Michaud; Religion, Sr. Alberta Chasse and Sr. Vivian Bond; Agriculture, Mrs. Ernest Chasse; Industrial, Marie Blanche Albert; Educational, Guy Dubay; and Military, Mjr. Bernette Albert.

The Society subscribes to the Maine League of Historical Societies and Museums and is a member of the American Association for Museums.

A symbol, designed and donated by Mrs. Gilman Hebert and several Jr. High school students, was accepted by the membership to be used on all printed material.

Donations received were: Fraser Paper, Ltd. donated paper for all printing of Founding Member Certificates, enrollment slips, membership cards, doner forms, and letterheads. Attorney Rudy Pelletier donated legal advice and time. Gabriel Dugal and Rev. Albert Long donated rubber stamps. Forest Rahrig of the St. John Valley Printers donated free printing. Marie Ange Fongemie donated a scrapbook of all Centennial publicity. Mrs. Cecile Pozzuto and Miss Phyllis Perreault donated a design for the Founding Member Certificates. Lee's School of Dance donated \$15.

A sign marking the landing site of the Acadians on American soil, designed by Herman Picard and paid for by the Chamber of Commerce, was erected.

Guest speakers for the year were: Mr. Robert L. Damm, director of the Maine State Museum, Augusta; Dr. Roger Paradis, Professor of History at Fort Kent State College; and Sr. Mary Carmel, Principal of the John Bapst Regional High School in Bangor.

The Society ran a weekly column in the St. John Valley Times on local history and human interest stories.

Through the untiring efforts of Mrs. Geraldine Chasse, the Mt. Carmel Cemetary in St. David has been placed into nomination for the National Register for Historic Sites; and, as a result, may be eligible for federal funds for restoration.

All committees of the Society became involved in the following Centennial activities: Sponsored a Senior Citizen Day. Prepared an Antique window display that won first place but was not eligible for prizes. Made and displayed a float in the Fourth of July parade. Sponsored, wrote, and produced the Centennial Historical Pageant--DEJA 100 Ans--Already 100 Years. Located and interviewed the oldest life-long residents for the New Years' Ball. Sponsored the Centennial Baby & Treasure Chest. Entertained the residents of the Security Home with a Good Ole Days Soiree. Researched and prepared a three-page history for the American Legion Convention brochure. Helped prepare and participated in an outdoor Mass at the Acadian Cross in St. David. Prepared the Centennial Week program for the Centennial Committee. Conducted a tour of local historical sites for the tourists during Centennial Week. Distributed free Centennial books to Senior Shut In Residents. Awarded 150 Honorary Founding Member certificates to Senior members. Sponsored an Ole Timers Day as town officials. Mailed complementary copies of the Centennial book to: Maine Historical Society in Portland, Maine; Maine League of Historical Societies in Lewiston, Maine; The Acadian Historical Society, Muncton, N. B.; American Association for Local Historical Societies, Nashville, Tenn.; Northeast Folklore Society, Orono, Maine; Maine State Library, Augusta, Maine; Acadian Historical Society, New England Branch, Fairhaven, Mass; Louisiana State Library; Louisiana Historical Society; University of Maine Library; The New Brunswick Museum, St. John, N. B.; The Dept. of Cultural Affairs, Province of Quebec; Public Archives of Canada, Ottawa, Canada.

#### FOUNDING MEMBERSHIP

Special Centennial Founding Membership Certificates were given to all who became members during the first year.

The Life Members are: Mr. and Mrs. John Vollmann of Madawaska, Maine; Rev. Clarence J. d'Entremont of Fairhaven, Mass; Attorney Rudolph Pelletier, Madawaska, Maine; Mr. and Mrs. Forest Rahrig of Madawaska, Maine.

Honorary Life Members are: Sr. Mary Carmel, Bangor, Maine; Rev. Wilfred Cyr, Three Rivers, Quebec; Centennial Baby Scott James Michaud, Madawaska, Maine; and 150 Seventy-year-old-plus residents of Madawaska, Maine.

The contributing membership is: Rev. Albert Long, Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Cyr, Mrs. Harry Van Stack, Mrs. Levite Rossignol, Renaud Albert, Bernette Albert, Joel LeBlanc, Mrs. Lillian Pelletier, and Mrs. Marilyn Klein. All other members are paid up participating members. Total membership is 264.

### ACQUISITIONS

The printed material received by the Society is as follows: Major Dicky Champion of Madawaska...Major Dickey A Sketch of His Life...History of Fort Kent...50 Years Anniversary of the Aroostook Farm Bureau...St. John Valley Conservation Booklet...Paroisse de St. Hilaire, N. B...Un Portage Le Detour Notre Dame du Lac...Limestone Centennial Book...Farming in Maine, 1860 - 1940...History of Agriculture in Aroostook...Histoire du Madawaska...Acadians of Madawaska...Sur Le Chemine de L'Acadie...The Fraser Story...1969 Report de La A Society National Des Acadians...The 39th World War One Book...The Madawaska Centennial Book...The American Legion 51st Annual Convention Book...History of the Dufour Family...Education in the St. John Valley...Organizing a Historical Society...La Litterature Francais de Nouvelle Angleterre...St. Agatha Diamond Jubilee 1889 - 1964...Centenaire de St. Luce 1843 - 1943...History of the University of Maine...How the Acadians Came to Maine...Supplement to Le Histoire du Madawaska, T. Dufour...Our Acadian Heritage--Let's Keep It...Le Drame du Peuple Acadian, Rev. Jego.

### MUSEUM ARTIFACTS

We have not made an appeal for artifacts due to the lack of exhibiting facilities, but hope to make some arrangements soon. However, we have in our possession religious items donated by the St. David Church--two tudder shuts (lumbering relics), several agricultural implements, and some hand-made night caps and chemises. Now that the rush of Centennial year is behind us, we may have more time to devote to artifacts--a museum, developing historic sites, and all other programs.

### NOTES OF INTEREST

If the weekly column in the St. John Valley Times is to be continued after the end of Centennial year, more members will have to contribute material for publication.

This is our first attempt at publishing a Newsletter. Please have patience while we learn the ropes. All volunteered advice will be appreciated.