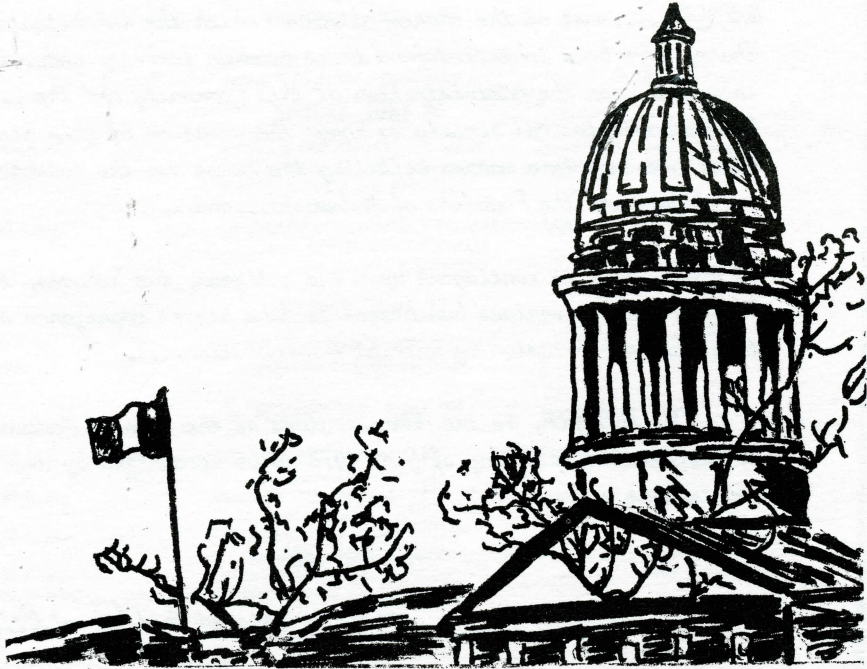


NEWSLETTER

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..... June 28, 1978
The Acadian Flag flies over the state capital in Augusta, in commemoration of the First
Acadian Day observance in Maine.

Acadian Week observance was a cultural and historical milestone for the town of Madawaska and the St. John Valley. Residents, visitors and guests were made aware of Acadian tradition and especially Acadian hospitality.

It was a memorable occasion where an entire community turned out to pay homage to its ancestors and to reminisce its heritage. It was "people celebrating themselves".

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS.....the humble birth of this proud community began with the first Acadian landing in the now Parish of St. David in the now ... municipality of Madawaska...and

WHEREAS.....from this first Acadian presence a prosperous and industrious community now surrounds the site this first landing...and

WHEREAS.....most of the cherished values which the inhabitants now share, have been inherited from these Acadian forbears and...it is incumbent upon the Administration of this Community and the Madawaska Historical Society to honor the occasion of this historic first presence in a manner befitting the honor due the courageous people who are the Founders of Madawaska...and...

WHEREAS.....it is contingent upon the citizens, the Schools, the.. Society and the various businesses to take proper cognizance of this historic occasion by unified commemoration.....

NOW, THEREFOR, We the Administrators of the town of Madawaska do Proclaim the 28th day of June 1978 to be recognized by deed and thought as

ACADIAN DAY

Signed this 13 of MARCH

Dayton Linnan
Gerrard Beaulieu
Eugene G. G. G.
Richard Corbin
Camer. P. P. P.

.....and pray that in its collective wisdom future Councils will see fit to perpetuate this day in a like manner.



Acadian Festival Week

Madawaska, Maine

June 24 through July 1, 1978

"QUE LE BON TEMPS DEROULE"

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

3:00 P.M.

EVANGELINE GOLF TOURNAMENT
Pointe A Bouleaux - Birch Point Golf Course

1979 Officers

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

10:00 A.M.

MASS OF THE ANGELS (1st MASS)

President: Mrs. Cecile Pozzuto

11:15 A.M.

MASS OF THE ANGELS (2nd MASS)

Vice President: Claude (Blackie) Cyr

12:00 NOON

RECITATION OF THE ANGELUS

Treasurer: Msgr. Gilman Chalout

Secretary: Aurele Dube

St. Thomas Church

8:00 P.M.

LA TROUPE FOLKLORIQUE DU MADAWASKA
CEREMONY OF FLAGS
Madawaska High School

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

7:30 P.M.

SOIREE DE MUSIQUE ACADIENNE
Madawaska Bicentennial Park

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

10:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.

ACADIAN FESTIVAL BAZAAR
St. Thomas School

Directors

10:30 A.M.

MASS OF THE ANGELS
St. David Church

3 yrs: Geraldine Chasse
Antoinette Michaud

11:30 A.M.

PROCESSION OF FLAGS

2 yrs: Bernette Albert

11:55 A.M.

St. David Church to Acadian Cross Site

Fernand Dube

12:00 NOON

CEREMONIAL RIVER CROSSING

1 yr: Claude Cyr

RECITATION OF THE ANGELUS

Acadian Cross Site

Guy Dubay

7:00 P.M.

MADAWASKA HIGH SCHOOL BAND CONCERT
Bicentennial Park

7:30 P.M.

ACADIAN DAY BANQUET

Little Violinists of Clair

Madawaska High School

8:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

10:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.

ACADIAN FESTIVAL BAZAAR
St. Thomas School

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

10:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.

ACADIAN FESTIVAL BAZAAR
St. Thomas School

6:00 P.M.

ACADIAN SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT
Madawaska Softball Field

SATURDAY, JULY 1

1:00 P.M.

ACADIAN SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT
Madawaska Softball Field

ACADIAN FESTIVAL

Madawaska, Maine

June 24 - July 2, 1978
auspices of

Madawaska Historical Society and Chamber of Commerce

The Star-Spangled Banner

O say! can you see, by the dawn's early light, What so proudly we hailed
at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight, O'er
the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air, Gave proof thro'
the night that our flag was still there.
Oh say, does that Star-spangled Banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

O Canada!

O Canada! Terre de nos aïeux. Ton front est ceint de fleurons glorieux.
Car ton bras sait porter l'épée, Il sait porter la croix; Ton
histoire est une épopée Des plus brillants exploits; Et ta valeur de
foi trempée, Protègera nos foyers et nos droits. Protègera nos
foyers et nos droits. Protegera nos foyers et nos droits.

Evangeline

Je l'avais cru ce rêve du jeune âge, Qui souriant m'annonçait le bonheur,
Et confiante en cet heureux presage, Mes jeunes ans s'écoulaient
sans douleur. Il est si doux, au printemps de la vie D'aimer d'amour
les amis de son cœur, De vivre heureux au sein de la Patrie, Loin
du danger, à l'abri du malheur, Loin du danger, à l'abri du malheur.

Evangéline, Evangéline! Tout chante ici ton noble nom, Dans
le vallon, sur la colline, L'écho repète et nous répond:
Evangéline, Evangéline.





The
Madawaska Historical Society
 and
 The
Madawaska Chamber of Commerce

“QUE LE BON TEMPS DERoule”

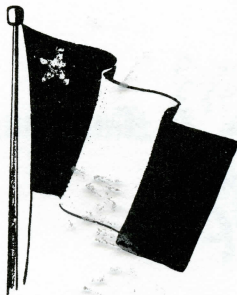
Wish to congratulate and thank the community of Madawaska for its marvelous support and active participation to all the activities of "Acadian Festival Week"

Recognition and good wishes were received from all corners of the State of Maine as well as from Washington, D. C., Louisiana and Prince Edward Island.

The effort and community support of the entire population was of magnificent proportion.

Special thanks are due to the following:

- BIRCH POINT GOLF CLUB
- FRASER
- FRENCH CBC RADIO AND TELEVISION
- 4th DEGREE ASSEMBLY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, Madawaska
- KEYSTONE COPS
- LA TROUPE FOLKLORIQUE, St. Louis-Maillet University
- FOREVER YOUNG - Senior Citizen of Madawaska
- LE MADAWASKA, Edmundston, N.B.
- L'EVANGELINE, Moncton, N.B.
- MADAWASKA BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND TOWN MANAGER
- MADAWASKA FIRE DEPARTMENT
- MADAWASKA JAYCEES
- MADAWASKA JAYCEE WIVES
- MADAWASKA HIGH SCHOOL BAND
- MADAWASKA LIONESSE CLUB
- MADAWASKA RECREATION DEPARTMENT
- MADAWASKA SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
- MADAWASKA SQUARE DANCERS
- MADAWASKA TITLE VII
- MUSIQUE ACADIENNE GROUP
- NORTHERN NATIONAL BANK, Madawaska
- NORTHERN TRADING COMPANY
- OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF MAINE
- OFFICE OF THE U. S. REPRESENTATIVE, 2nd Cong. Dist.
- RADIO CJEM, Edmundston, N.B.
- RADIO STATION WSJR and WLVC
- RICE FURNITURE
- ROYAL AIR FORCE CADET, Edmundston, N.B.
- ST. DAVID and ST. THOMAS PARISHES
- ST. JOHN VALLEY PARISHES
- ST. JOHN VALLEY TIMES
- ST THOMAS CHOIR
- THE ACADIAN CANOE CLUB
- THE BANGOR DAILY NEWS
- THE LITTHE VIOLINIST OF CLAIR, N.B.
- UNIT 147 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
- UNIVERSITY OF MAINE AT FORT KENT
- U. S. ARMY RECRUITING SERVICE, Presque Isle, Maine
- WAGM-TV, Presque Isle, Maine



In 1880, the Société St-Jean-Baptiste of Quebec, wanting to celebrate its national holiday in a special way, invited all the French people of America to the planned festivities. This was the first time the Acadians were to be assembled together since the famous call to the church for the dispersion at Grand-Pré. A committee was formed to see that delegates from Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick were named to convene later to see to their general interests. Conditions having changed considerably, the Acadians had begun to feel somewhat apart from the Canadians and wanted a National Holy Day proper to themselves--a day when they would reunite once a year to talk of their fathers, recall the glories of the past, and reaffirm their faith at the foot of the altar. A lively discussion ensued, and finally the date decided upon was August 15th, with Notre-Dame de l'Assomption as their patroness. The celebration was a complete success.

Three years later, at another assembly, the above Acadian flag was designed. The star is symbolic of Mary, Stella Maris, who guided the outcasts through storms and sufferings. The blue field it rests upon represents to persons consecrated to her; while the papal colors, gold and white, show their inviolable attachment to Holy Mother, the Church. Their chosen hymn was Ave Maris Stella, and their motto, Surge Acadia. The first flag was made by Mrs. Alphée Belliveau (Marie Babineau) and is conserved at the museum of the cathedral Notre-Dame de l'Assomption in Moncton, N.B.

Seeking to strengthen the unifying ties among Acadian groups, the Société Nationale des Acadiens now meets every five years, inquiring into their economic and social standing, coordinating national effort for effective action, promoting the welfare of Acadians everywhere, propagating the French language and Catholic religion and helping isolated minority groups who cannot survive or progress by themselves.

Reminder: 1979 is the 375th anniversary of the founding of the first Acadian Colony in 1604 on Saint Croix Island by Champlain and De Monts. Happy Anniversary to us all!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO US ALL!

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Society News

The Society's 10th Anniversary was observed at the annual meeting. 125 were in attendance. Six benefactors were presented honorary lifetime membership. They are Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Albert, Dr. Reno Fournier, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pinkham, George Beaulieu, Sister Mary Carmel and Scott Michaud, the first baby born in 1969, the year of Madawaska's centennial.

After 10 years of accumulating artifacts at the Tante Blanche Museum, a compound number cataloguing system has been developed.

In conjunction with the 10th Anniversary, the Historical Society by-laws were revised.

The St. John Valley Bilingual Education program placed in the Madawaska Public Library, for in-library use only, a special collection of Franco-Canadian-Acadian geneology:

Arsenault, Bona. Histoire et Généalogie des Acadiens. Six volumes. Paperback. Published by Editions Lemeac, Inc. Quebec, 1978.

Elo-Gerard, Frere: Recueil de généalogies des comtes de Beauce, Dorchester, Frontenac, 1625-1946. Beauceville, P.O. College du Sacre-Coeur (1949-1955). 11 volumes.

Tanguay, Cyprien. Dictionnaire Généalogique des Familles Acadiennes; depuis la fondation de la colonie jusqu'à nos jours. Quebec, 1871-1890. 7 vols.

Talbot, Eloi Gerard: Généalogie des familles originaires des comtés de Montmagny, L'Islet, Bellechasse. Chateau-Richer, Que., Talbot, (19). 10 volumes.

Visitor statistics at the Tante Blanche Museum surpassed the 2,000 mark. Both the Mt. Carmel Cemetery and District #1 Schoolhouse were completed. The roadway to the Acadian Cross was started and is approximately 60 per cent completed.

NEW MEMBERS

Life

Mr. & Mrs. Cyril (Agnes) Beaulieu
Madawaska, Maine
Mr. Robert R. Bisailon
Waterbury, Connecticut
Mr. & Mrs. Jos. N. (Marie May) Caron
St. David, Maine
Honorable Leo G. Cyr
Bethesda, Maryland
Mr. Aril Dube
Madawaska, Maine
John R. Gagnon
Charleston, West Virginia
Mr. & Mrs. Fidele (Maria) Lagasse
Madawaska, Maine
Mr. Philip Leblanc
Madawaska, Maine
Mr. & Mrs. Darius (Rolande) Levesque
Madawaska, Maine
Mrs. Irene Parent
Madawaska, Maine
Martine A. Pelletier
Van Buren, Maine
Mr. & Mrs. J. Simon (Marie Blanche) Savoy
Edmundston, New Brunswick
Rev. D. Wilfrid Soucy
New Port Richey, Florida

Mrs. Odile (Long) Stevens
High Bridge, New Jersey
L. Conrad Vaillancourt
San Bernadino, California

Contributing

Mr. Leonce Blanchard
Bromelea, Ontario, Canada
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald (Verna) Cyr
Madawaska, Maine
Mr. & Mrs. Aurele Hebert
Madawaska, Maine
Mrs. Jeaninne (Albert) Daigle
St. David, Maine
Mr. & Mrs. Charles (Simone) Gagnon
Madawaska, Maine
Ronald R. Madore
Presque Isle, Maine
Mrs. Guy Michaud
Edmundston, New Brunswick
Mrs. Dorina (J. Donald) Morin
Madawaska, Maine
Gerard Morin
St. Agathe, Maine
Mrs. Warrenna (Ronaldo) Morin
Madawaska, Maine

I. Artifacts		Donor	
1.	Brass Desk Plaques, 2 (Gettysburg Address & Declaration of Independence)	Town of Madawaska	Mr. Lester Dumont The Old Homestead, Lille
2.	White 100% Woolen Stockings, 3 pairs	Mr. Fernand Dube	Mr. Forrest Rahrig
3.	Acadian Flag, large size	Mr. Fred Wetmore	Mrs. Felix Albert
4.	Colonial Furniture Miniatures, 3 (Cradle, Hall stand, Rocking chair)	Mr. Marcel Chartier	Rev. Bernard Nicknair
5.	Carved Society Emblem	Mr. George Beaulieu	" " "
6.	Carved Statue of Tante Blanche	" " "	" " "
7.	Bicentennial Banners, 2	Mrs. Rollande Gervais	" " "
8.	Boy Guard Bicentennial Costume	" " "	" " "
9.	Woolen Bed Sheets (loom-woven), 2	Mrs. Elmo Albert	Family of Rev. Msgr. A. Cyr
10.	Crock Jugs, 2 (1 gal. each)	" " "	" " "
11.	Goggles for old open Automobiles, 1 pair	" " "	" " "
12.	Kuyper Gin Bottles, 2 (pt., dark green & qt., light green)	" " "	" " "
13.	Framed Print of Family Concert (Black & white, 12x20)	" " "	Ms. Bernette Albert
14.	Silver Hair Pin	" " "	" " "
15.	Set of Tin Measuring Cups (4 cups)	" " "	" " "
16.	Scale Model of Canoe, c. 1900	Mrs. Bill Parent	" " "
17.	Smoking Pipe, Folding-type	Mrs. Clifford Paradis	" " "
18.	Wooden Folding Plunger	" " "	" " "
19.	Glass Paring Knife	" " "	" " "
20.	Tin Hole Cutters, 3 (kitchen-ware)	" " "	" " "
21.	Forged Iron Hook	" " "	" " "
22.	Copper Spice Bottle	" " "	" " "
23.	Door Latch	Mr. Armand Daigle	" " "
24.	Frog (without handle)	" " "	" " "
25.	Horse-drawn Harrow, c. 1890 (Rolled spokes)	" " "	" " "
26.	Teacher's Desk Finger Bell	" " "	" " "
27.	Rolled Wall Hemisphere Map	" " "	" " "
28.	Hand Clothes Wringer for Tub	" " "	" " "
29.	Holy Water Wall Font	" " "	" " "
30.	Holy Water Hand Sprinkler	" " "	" " "
31.	Wooden Vise, pair	" " "	" " "
32.	Church Wall Wooden Coin Box	" " "	" " "
33.	Framed Picture of Rev. Msgr. Armand Cyr	" " "	Family of Rev. Msgr. A. Cyr
34.	Small Framed Picture of Rev. R. Menard	" " "	" " "
35.	Black Beret, Red Cassock, Cape, Cordons, and Ribbons with White Suplice worn by Rev. Msgr. A. Cyr	" " "	" " "
36.	Schooldesks, 5 (c. 1850-1860-1890-1925-1930)	" " "	" " "
37.	Child's sled, c. 1900	" " "	" " "
38.	Drinking Water Crock Jar	" " "	" " "
39.	Women's Leather High Button Shoes	" " "	" " "
40.	Framed Ten Commandments of Schoolchildren, c. 1900	" " "	" " "
41.	Framed Picture of Presidents	" " "	" " "
42.	Cardboard Pencil Box with drawer	" " "	" " "
43.	Wooden Hand Pump	" " "	" " "
44.	Kitchen Dough Board, c. 1880	" " "	" " "
44 a.	160 Weather beaten logs	" " "	" " "
45.	Singer Foot Pedal Sewing Machine	" " "	Mrs. Clifford Paradis
46.	Jet Rosary (Handmade by Msgr. A.E. Long)	" " "	Mrs. Odile L. Stevens (H.J.)

I. Artifacts

- 47. U.S. Flag (48 Star)
- 48. Portraits of Local Pastors, 5
(Revs. Alme Giguere, Paul Boucher, 2 unk.,
and Bishop J.E. McCarthy (1932-55))
- 49. Infant Baptismal Dress (with slip)

II. Books, Papers and Documents

- 1. Memoires d'une Famille Acadienne
M. Cyr, 3
- 2. Project Brave Bulletin, "Creativite,
Initiative Resultat", 5
- 3. Bound Volumes of "Le Madawaska"
(Printed in Van Buren 1903-19)
- 4. Scrapbook of First Acadian Day
- 5. "Un Siecle de Revendications Scolaires
au Nouveau Brunswick 1871-1971",
Vol. I, A Savoie, 1978
- 6. "Le Pere Lefebvre et L'Acadie",
P. Poirier, 1898
- 7. Public School Methods, Teacher's Guide
Vols. 1,2,4,5,6, and Index; Geography Text
Book

- 8. Rev. Msgr. Armand Cyr Memorabilia
 - a. Layfolk's Ritual, 1916
 - b. Latin Breviary, 1961
 - c. Latin Breviary formerly belongint to
Rev. R. Menard, 1945, 2
 - d. Latin Manual for Feasts, 1931
 - e. Latin Missal, 1925
 - f. Notebook
 - g. Latin Certificate from Holy Land, 1964
- 9. Miscellaneous Elementary Schoolbooks, 20
- 10. A Little Catechism de Quebec, 1912
- 11. History of the Houlton Area, 1976
- 12. Une claquette des Franciscaïn de
Fort Kent, Maine
- 13. Recording; Cassette tape of Town
Meeting Proclamation

- 14. 1909 Certificate of Consecration to
Sacred Heart Family
- 15. 2 Scrapbooks - 40 years & Elevation
for Msgr. A. Long
- 16. 4 Copies of "Fraser's 100th Anniversary
Book, Reflections 1877-1977"
- 17. 2 Photos of Old St. David Church and
Rectory

- 18. Missil Oreati Diem et Vesperal
- 19. Levert Des Fideles
- 20. Nouveau Formulaire de Prierres
- 21. Manual de St. Anne

- 22. Dictionnaire Classique Universal
- 23. Wesselip French Dictionary
- 24. Webster's Primary Dictionary

- 25. 8 Vols. of the 1908 Catholic Encyclopedia
- 26. "Geneology and Emigration taken from the
Archeological Review, Vol I, #1, Spring
1968"

- Donor
- Mrs. Felix Albert
- Rev. Alphy Marquis
- Mrs. Yvonne Mongeau

- Donor
- Title VII, Madawaska
- " "
- " "

- Aroostook County Commissioners
- Madawaska Lionnesses

- Mrs. Elmo Albert
- Mr. Renaud Albert

- Mrs. Felix Albert

- Family of Rev. Msgr. A. Cyr
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- Ms. Bernette Albert
- Odille Stevens
- Charlotte Melvin
- Mrs. Ann Marie Atwell

- Leland Roix

Odile Stevens
Adelard Long

Fraser Paper Company

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St. Thomas Church

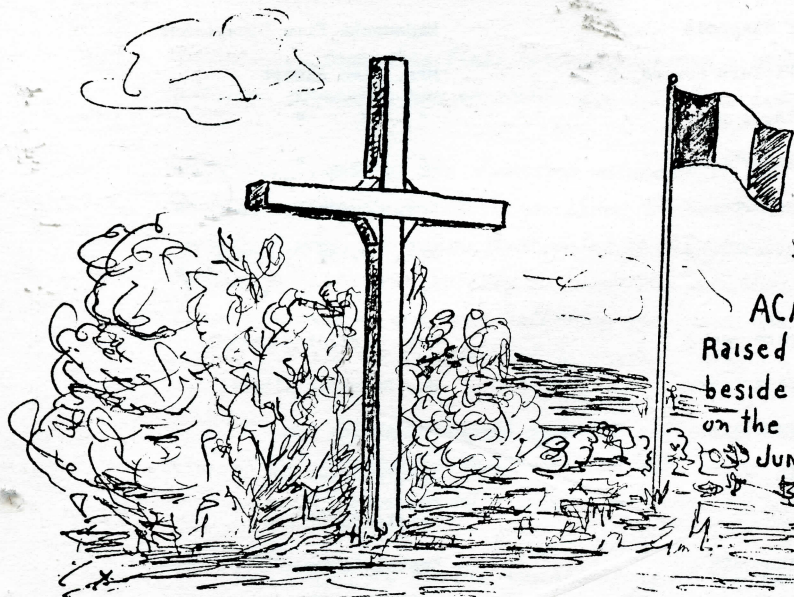
Mrs. Lorraine Stultz



<u>III. Other Donations</u>	<u>Donor</u>
1. Radio Announcements	WSJR - Mr. Ben Talbot
2. Printing	Title VII, Madawaska
3. Flagpole at Acadian Cross Historic Shrine	Fraser Paper Company
4. Installation of Flagpole	Madawaska Fire Department
5. Miscellaneous Picture Frames, 5	Mrs. Elmo Albert
6. Black High Boots, 1 pair	" " "
7. Miscellaneous paperbacks	" " "
8. Miscellaneous paperbacks	Mrs. Claude L. Cyr
9. Miscellaneous paperbacks	Mrs. Louise Gendreau
10. Wigs, 2	" " "
11. Miscellaneous paperbacks	Mrs. Geraldine Chasse
12. Miscellaneous paperbacks	Ms. Bernette Albert
13. Handle for Stove Plate	Mr. Albina Cyr
14. Female Mannequin	Edna's Dress Shop
15. Rug, 5x3	Daigle Furniture
16. Teenage Male Mannequin	Epstein's Department Store
17. Use of Equipment	Mr. Elmo Albert
18. Rocks	" " "
19. Use of Equipment	Town of Madawaska
20. Use of Equipment	Mr. Ernest Chasse
21. Use of Equipment	Mr. Claude L. Cyr
22. Rocks	Ms. Bernette Albert
23. Shruberry (Pines)	" " "
24. Storage Space	Mr. Cyril Beaulieu
25. Storage Space	Mrs. Ann Michaud
26. Storage Space	Mrs. Geraldine Chasse
27. Storage space	Mr. Elmo Albert
28. Storage space	Mr. Gerard Beaulieu
29. Underwood Typewriter, 1940	" " "

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ACADIAN CROSS ~ HISTORIC SHRINE 1785



ACADIAN FLAG
Raised for the first time
beside the historic cross
on the first Acadian Day
June 28, 1978

Site placed in National Register of Historic Places
1973
by the
MADAWASKA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Madawaska, Maine

Flagpole donated by FRASER COMPANIES LTD.
and
installed by the MADAWASKA FIRE DEPARTMENT