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The St John Valley made its mark on the National Scene in 1973 by having three Historical Sites placed in The National Historic Register, The St David Catholic Church, The Mount Carmel Church in Lille, and the Acadian Landing Site, in St David. The Fort Kent Block House was already listed in the Register. The natives of the Valley are proud of this long over due recognition.

NEWS OF THE SOCIETY

The 5th Annual Meeting of the Madawaska Historical Society was called to order by President Guy Dubay, January 31st 1974 at the Madawaska Public Library.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Msgr. Albert Long	1 year	Jeanine Cyr	2 years
Agnes Beaulieu	1 year	Roger Paradis	2 years
Geraldine Chasse	1 year	Bernette Albert	2 years
	A.J. Michaud	3 years	

OFFICERS ELECTED

President: Geraldine Chasse - Vice President: Blanche Savoy - Secretary: Agnes Beaulieu
Treasurer; Msgr. Albert Long

MEETINGS

Six directors' meetings were held in 1973 to discuss and vote upon business and Society policies.

The winter meeting was held in January during which President Dubay outlined policies and plans for the year. Out going President A.J. Michaud was presented with a plaque for meritorious service rendered. Mr & Mrs Simon Savoy of Edmunston, N.B. gave a slide and film presentation of the " 1972 Arts and Crafts Show" and of the "1969 Madawaska Centennial Pageant".

The spring meeting was held in April to discuss and accept the Old Fred Albert Home in St David, donated by Mr Elmo Albert.

Society officials participated in the " Across the Boarder Cam - Am " program held at the University of Maine in Fort Kent, " Ask Your Neighbor " program on the W F S T Caribou Radio, in the filming of the Log Cabin Museum for Educational T V in conjunction with the Bi - Lingual Titel VII Program of the St John Valley. An Older Citizen Day and American Legion Day were hosted by Society members at the Museum.

In July, the membership voted to accept a new Symbol for the Society, designed by Grande Island, New York artist, Mr Albion Ende. President Guy Dubay spoke on the " The Role Geneology Played in History". Mr Patrick P Cyr, of Lille donated the Senator Patrick Therriault Library and papers which will be housed at the Madawaska Public Library until suitable space can be prepared in the Museum.

Mr David Cyr of Glendale, California gave a film presentation of the 1969 Madawaska Centennial Pageant "Deja 100 Ans" at the Madawaska High School with approximately 200 people in attendance.

The complete set of seven volumes of the Dictionnaire Genealogique du Madawaska by Msgr. Ernest Long of St Basil, N. B. and the David Cyr Film and slides of the 1969 Centennial were purchased by the Society in 1973.

In November a Land Acquisition Committee was formed to explore sites for a future Acadian Village. Two sites considered were: The Chasse Lot situated behind the present museum in St David and the Albert Lot, approximately 15 acres south of the U S Highway One about one fourth mile from the museum.

The members agreed to Co - Sponsor with Title VII the Humanities program "The Maine and Valley Traditions" project.

PUBLICATIONS

Ten publications on local history written by local authors were made available to the public for cost price:

The Fort Kent Centennial Book 1869 - 1969 The Madawaska Centennial Book 1869 - 1969
The St David Centennial Book and Pictorial Supplement 1871 - 1971
Cyr Plantation Centennial Book 1870 - 1970 How the Acadians Came to Maine L. Violette
Linguistic and Cultural Heritage of the Acadians of Maine and New Brunswick M. Gauvin
An Acadian Heritage of the St John Valley, A.J. Michaud. In Fair Aroostook, a reprint of the 1902 Bangor and Aroostook Rail Road publication by C Poulin.

FUNDS

Funds were received again from the Town of Madawaska and Aroostook County. A donation made by the friends of Mrs Louise Braultieu Van Stack, of Sandusky, Ohio, in Memory of her mother, Mrs Severine Beaulieu, the remaining of the 4th generation decendent of our Founding Fathers in the Madawaska Territory. A donation by Miss Bernette Albert for the repair of the Fred Albert Home was also received. The usual sale of publications and membership dues were used to reduce our debt and make necessary improvements.

NEW MEMBERS

Life Membership: Mr Renauld Albert
Participating and Contributing Memberships: Mr & Mrs Frank Hopkins, Machias, Maine
Susan Hopkins, California, Rev. Gerard Parent, Mr & Mrs Peter Sanfacon, Grand Isle.
Mrs Elizabeth McDowell, Rye, N.Y. Miss June Pike and Patricia Martin, Mrs Paul Kelly
Mr and Mrs Robert Evans of Fort Kent. Mr & Mrs Paul Marin, Madawaska, Mrs Robert Duplissa,
Mrs David Dubay, and Mrs Robert Bradford, Camden, Maine. Total: Life 33 Contributing 107.

MUSEUM NOTES

The Museum was opened daily from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. from June to September with the help of College Work Study and Neighborhood Youth Corps students. It was open upon request until November. Statistics maintained throughout the year revealed a steady increase of visitors. Total 1476.

Improvements made at the museum include: staining the exterior of the cabin, installation of stone steps at the front entrance, and some landscaping.

NOTES OF INTREST

The weekly column in the St John Valley Times has completed its 5th consecutive year. President Dubay recently compiled a complete index of all articles published that is available for a small fee.

ACQUISITIONS

Donations of artifacts were again unbelievable in 1973. Once more we acknowledge the generosity of the many donors.

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Museum Acquisitions - 1973

I Artifacts

Donor

1. Goosefeather Duster	Mrs. Dan Cyr
2. Carded Wool	"
3. Pair of Knitted Mittens	"
4. Iron	"
5. Statuette of "Evangeline"	Mr. Marcel Chartier
6. Wooden Washboard	Mr. John Casey
7. Wooden Flax Seed Thrasher	"
8. Glass Covered Tray	Mr. Eldon Bouchard
9. Velour Photograph Album	Mr. A.J. Michaud
10. Metallic Creamer	"
11. Jars of Spices	"
12. Flax, Thyme, and Anise	"
13.* Pine Loom (complete) Circa 1865	Mr. Gerard Beaulieu
14.* Thread Counter (ordisoir) with Wooden Board Tool & Wooden Spindle	"
15. Wooden Roller - Clothes Wringers (2)	"
16. Hand Knitting Machine	"
17. Hay Forklift	"
18. Croc Jugs (2--1 gal. & ½ gal.)	"
19. Wooden Tool Box	"
20. Carved Ivory Handle Razor	"
21. Metallic Creamer	"
22. Small Wool Basket	"
23. Wool Thread Holders (Porte Fils) (2)	"
24. Shuttles (6 wooden)	"
25. Cloth Stretchers for Loom (2)	"
26. Singer Sewing Machine, Circa 1910	Mr. & Mrs. Leo T. Cyr
27. Upright "Dividoir"	"
28. Lateral "Tournette"	"
29. Tea Mug (Mustache-type)	"
30. Lye Soap Bricks (4)	"
31. Tin and Glass Washboards (4)	"
32. Child's Potty Chair	"
33. Rolling Stand	"
34. Tabernacle (wooden)	"
35. Miscellaneous Articles for Sale (7)	"
36. Kerosene Stove, Circa 1910	Mr. Robert Michaud
37. Ax Sharpening Wheel	Mr. & Mrs. Simeon Doucette
38. Water Pump	"
39. Horseshoe	"
40. Iron Shoe Form (baby size)	"
41. Wooden China Closet	Mr. & Mrs. Donat P. Cyr
42. Flour Cotton Bag	"

II Books, Documents and Papers

1. Ste. Anne de Madawaska (Centennial Book)
2. School Book, 1924 (The Child: His Nature and His Needs)
3. National Historic Register, 1972
4. Guide Historique et Touristique, M. Michaud
5. School Books (6)
 - a. Metcalf's Elementary English, 1895
 - b. Child's Reader in Verse, 1911
 - c. Barnes's Primary History of U.S., 1918
 - d. Introductory Music, 1923
 - e. Oral English, First Grade, 1924
 - f. Teaching of English to French-Speaking Pupils, 1931

Donor

Mrs. Ronald Lajoie
Mrs. Bertram Berube
Mr. A.J. Michaud
Mrs. Ursula MacDonald
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Marin
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III Other Donations

1. Radio Spot Announcements
2. Storage Space
3. Storage Space
4. Storage Space
5. Trees (2)
6. Ginger Ale, Potato Chips and Paper Cups for Special Activities
7. Publicity in Brochure of State American Legion Convention

Donor

WSJR - Mr. Ben Talbot
Mr. Cyril Beaulieu
Mr. A.J. Michaud
Mr. Elmo Albert
Miss Bernette Albert
First National Store

Post #147, Madawaska

*On Loan

(NOTE: Donations by Mrs. Patrick P. Cyr will be documented in the 1974 listing.)