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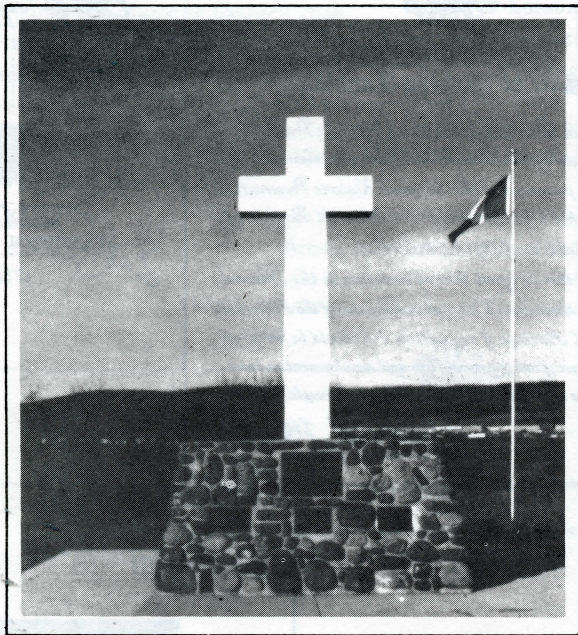
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Newsletter

Geraldine P. Chasse



The Acadian Cross Historic Shrine

The Madawaska Acadian
Bicentennial

June 28-29-30, 1985

1985
EN HONNEUR
PIERRE DUPERRÉ
PREMIER PIONNIER
1785

1985
IN MEMORY OF
ALEXANDRE AYOTTE
1735 - 1806

1980
WITH PRIDE, WE ATTEST
JOSEPH SIMON DAIGLE'S
FAITH, HOPE, AND
PERSEVERANCE

1981
CYR FAMILY REUNION
IN LIVING MEMORY OF
JEAN - BAPTISTE CYR
1710 - 1785

1982
REUNION HEBERT
DESCENDANTS DE
JACQUES ET ETIENNE
1641

1983
IN HONOR
JOSEPH DUFOUR II
1740 - 1783
MILITARY CARRIER

1984
THIBODEAU FAMILY
REUNION
PIERRE THIBODEAU
1631 - 1704

White Marble Cross Marks Landing of Acadian Pioneers

National Register of Historic Places in the State of Maine



*This is to Certify that the
Site of Acadian Landing*

*has been reviewed by the Maine Historic Preservation
Commission and by the National Park Service in Washington, D.C.
and under the provisions of the National Historic Preservation
Act of 1966 has been entered upon the National Register of
Historic Places on Sept. 20, 1973.*

*Be it further certified that by inclusion in the National
Register the above named is recognized as a part of the Historical
and Cultural Heritage of our nation and should be preserved
as a living part of our community life and development in order
to give a sense of orientation to the American people.*

James H. Mundy
State Liaison Officer



1785

ACADIAN CROSS HISTORIC SHRINE

EN HONNEUR
DE
NOS PIONNIERS

ALEXANDRE AYOTTE
CHARLOTTE SAUCIER
ANTOINE CYR
GENEVIEVE VIOLETTE
FIRMIN CYR
URSULE ROI
EUPHROSINE CYR
FRANCOIS CYR
MARIE ANNE GUILBEAU
JACQUES CYR
ELISABETH BELANGER
OLVIER CYR
ANASTASIE LEBRUN
MADELEINE THERIAULT
PIERRE CYR
MADELEINE AYOTTE
JOSEPH DAIGLE
CHARLOTTE LEFEBVRE

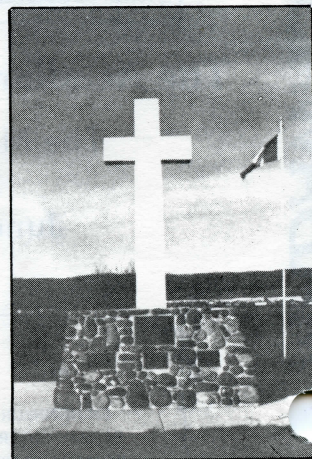
IN HONOR
OF
OUR PIONEERS

JOSEPH DAIGLE, fils - son
THEOTISTE CYR
PIERRE DUPERRE
BAPTISTE FOURNIER
FELICITE MARTIN
MARIE MAZEROLLE
LOUIS MERCURE
MADELEINE THIBODEAU
MICHEL MERCURE
ANGELIQUE POTVIN
PAUL POTIER
JUDITH THIBODEAU
LOUIS SANSAFACON
MAGDELEINE THIBODEAU
MARIE ANN SAVOIE
BAPTISTE THIBODEAU
MARIE LEBLANC

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Fort Kent Historical Society
Saint-Basile, "Berceau du Madawaska"

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Plaque donated by Knights of Columbus Council 2638



KCHIDAMIDPUT — EN HONNEUR — IN HONOR

"Bemkiskok, milowtehmbitin, nmusshun gogimilkoon youd mootkin."

Negoot-Gook Sagam Francis Xavier

"Aujord'hui, la main ouverte, mon cœur te donne une partie de ce pays."

Chef Malecite Francois Xavier

"Today, hand extended, my heart gives you a part of this country."

Malecite Chief Francois Xavier

BICENTENNIAL PROJECT

1785

MADAWASKA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

1985



Proclamation

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 historic events and

Whereas these pioneers and founding fathers were welcomed to this area by the Malecite 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
Richard Marston

Richard Corbin
Richard Corbin

Elmo Albert
Elmo Albert

1985 ACADIAN SHRINE DONATIONS

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Mr. & Mrs Alfred Dufour | Livermore Falls, Maine |
| 2. Mrs. Lenore Michaud | Yarmouth, Maine |
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| 15. Charlotte L. Melvin | In Memorium |
| 16. Rosaire & Judy (Ayotte) Paradis | Madawaska, Maine |
| 17. Leo James & Rena (Ayotte) Bosse | Madawaska, Maine |
| 18. Firmin Dumond | In Memorium |

We wish to thank all who have contributed to the Shrine Fund.

Pelletier Family Reunion scheduled for June 27-28-29, 1986

The Madawaska Historical Society is proud to announce that **1986 is the year for the Pelletiers**. All descendants of the Guillame & Michelle (Mabile) Pelletier 1619, Tourouve (Perche) France, and of Nicolas & Jeanne Roussy, Beauce, France are invited to participate in the planning and attending the June 27, 28, 29, 1986 **NOS GRANDES FAMILLES REUNION LES PELLETIERS**. All sorts of events are being organized and we hope all having Pelletier roots will take an active part in some aspect of the Celebration.

The contact person is Geraldine Pelletier Chasse of The Madawaska Historical Society, Library Building, Madawaska, Maine 04756. This could be a high point in the Pelletier Family History...



Madawaska Historical Society

The milestone year of 1985, the Acadian Bicentennial Year, was marked by your Historical Society with several spectacular celebrations during three memorable days. It all started with the arrival of the descendants of the pioneer and founding families from throughout the U.S. and Canada. The "roots" of everybody were still the utmost interest. It is believed - from their remarks - that they were all highly satisfied.

In the meantime, the Frenchville Boy Scout Troop was bravely canoeing up the St. John River from Fredericton. Each canoe represented a founding family. The Scouts were cheered here and their throughout their "epic" trip by people on both the American and Canadian shores. Their arrival at the Acadian Cross Historic Shrine was an unforgettable moment in our history.

Visitors and participants enjoyed "ploys", a buffet, historical displays at the Albert Homestead, posters by students, a dance, a beautiful Sunday Mass replete with traditional hymns, and a thrilling concert by the renowned Edith Butler.

The culmination of the festivities took place at the Acadian Cross Historic Shrine site where the founding fathers first set foot on the shores of this valley and settled permanently. The symbolic landing by the Scouts representing each founding family was announced by a volley by the Rifle Squad comprised of students under the sponsorship of American Legion Post #147. The highlight of the three-day celebrations was the unveiling of the gleaming white marble cross and historical plaques permanently honoring the founding fathers and organizations participating in the twelve-year project. A small symbolic wooden cross linking the two-hundred-year span was also erected and a time capsule containing letters by American and Canadian third-graders of 1985 to those of 2030 was buried. The finale consisted of the blessing and dedication of the living tree memorials and markers. The Madawaska High School Band provided appropriate music throughout the events.

Although the festivities were momentous, the Society also marked the bicentennial with two other accomplishments that were of equal, if not more, importance to the overall historical efforts. The English translation of "L'Histoire du Madawaska - The History of Madawaska" by Thomas Albert and "Madoueskak", a pictorial history of Madawaska by Cecile Pozzuto, were published in time for the celebrations. The demand was unforeseen, is continuing, and will probably continue for years in the future.

The tribute for the highly successful bicentennial events really belong to the dedicated members of the Society, Bicentennial Committee and their friends, parents, children and other relatives. Nevertheless, none of the Society's efforts would have been possible without the support throughout the years of the faithful citizens of Madawaska, American Legion Thomas O. Cyr Post #147, Knights of Columbus Council 2638, Fraser Paper Limited, Northern Trading Company, other historical societies of the valley, as well as all the individual contributors too numerous to mention.

This report is a joint report by the Madawaska Historical Society and the Madawaska Acadian Bicentennial Committee for the calendar year 1985.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernette Albert
President
Historical Society

Claude L. Cyr
Chairman
Bicentennial Committee

Norman M. Cyr
Co-Chairman
Bicentennial Committee

MADAWASKA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
 FINANCIAL STATEMENT
 NOVEMBER 17, 1985

INCOME:

Publications	5,382.50	(48.60 Can.)
Membership	430.10	(1.40 Can.)
Interest	109.81	
Pictorial History	6,026.80	(50.70 Can.)
Shrine	<u>947.00</u>	(56.00 Can.)
Bernette Albert	400.00	
Fraser for Photo Project	250.00	
Knights of Columbus	<u>397.00</u>	
(Plaques)		
	13,943.21	

EXPENSES:

Publications	1,753.50
Postage	144.36
Supplies	79.89
Printing	3,637.00
Photo Project	742.71
Pictorial History	<u>375.00</u>
Utilities	40.66
Contracted Services	1,663.68
Plaques	1,644.48
Insurance	138.00
Shrine	<u>374.50</u>
	10,593.78

Opening Balance 11-1-84		
2977.16 less 1428.79		
Outstanding -----	1,548.37	Checking
Income	<u>13,943.21</u>	
	15,491.58	
Less Expenses	- 10,593.78	
	<u>4,897.80</u>	
Checking 11-1-85	5,114.86	
Less checks out	- 217.06	
	<u>4,897.80</u>	
Deposits in Transits	671.00	
On Hand 11-1-85	<u>5,568.80</u>	Checking

Shrine Fund 11-1-84	3,073.87	
Interest	113.49	
	<u>3,187.36</u>	Transferred to Bicentennial Committee 2-11-85

We gratefully acknowledge donations from Fraser Companies, The Town of Madawaska, Northern Trading, Bernette Albert, Village St. Basile, Knights of Columbus, and all the members of the Madawaska Historical Society with the citizens and friends of the St. John Valley who have contributed to the success of our 1985 Bicentennial year.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Recapturing The Past
A
PICTORIAL HISTORY

Dedicated to
THE FOUNDERS OF THE MADAWASKA TERRITORY

An Acadian Bicentennial Project
of the
Madawaska Historical Society

Madawaskak



1785

~ 1985

"Fiers d'être Acadiens"

Compiled
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***Dedicated to all
past, present, and future***

***Scholars
of the
Madawaska
Territory***

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THE HISTORY OF MADAWASKA

BY

Thomas Albert



AN
ENGLISH TRANSLATION

BY

Sister Therese Doucette & Dr. Francis Doucette

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Madawaska Historical Society Bicentennial Edition 1985

We believe that Father Thomas Albert's book, "L'HISTOIRE DU MADAWASKA" is far more than a history book. It is indeed a piece of history itself. Its pages contain the spirit and pride that are the seeds of the Madawaskan heritage, which, for two hundred years have been nurtured by an undying Acadian tradition still highly visible in the St. John Valley today.

In translating this book, we were much aware of the old adage: to translate is to betray. We sincerely hope that our betrayal has been minimal and the joy and pride which the original book contains has been, in some way, preserved. Our greatest effort in this labor of love was to offer a translation which would keep the spirit of the book alive, and thus contribute, in some small way, to the preservation of our heritage.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation to the Madawaska Historical Society for bringing this project to fruition.

Francis G. Doucette

Therese Doucette

Madawaska Historical Society Happenings



TO RECOGNIZE the services rendered by the Madawaska Keystone Kops for the past 15 years, a plaque of recognition was presented by the Madawaska Historical Society. Norman Cyr (left), president of the society, presents the plaque to

Henry Myers, a founding member of the Keystone Kops and their present chairman. The Kops was founded in 1969 during the Madawaska Centennial. The award included a \$100 donation to the group. (NEWS Photo by Jeannine Albert)

Historical society bestowed honor

MADAWASKA — The Madawaska Historical Society was honored recently at the 25th Annual Meeting of the Maine League of Historical Societies and Museums in Phippsburg.

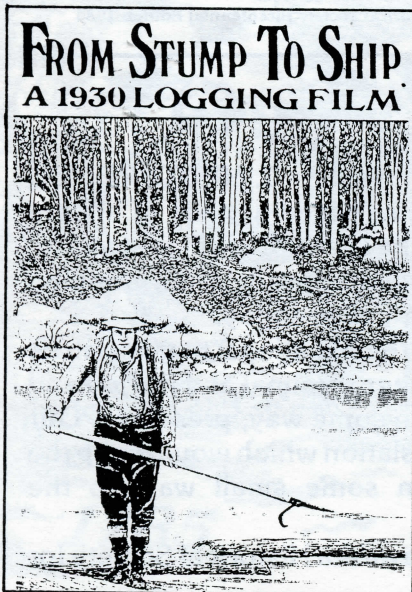
The 1985 Harry W. Rowe Award, a plaque and \$100, was presented by Maine State Historian, Dr. Robert York, to Guy Dubay of Madawaska.

Each year, an historical per-

son, society, or event is recognized for outstanding contribution to state and local history. The Madawaska Historical Society was the fourth recipient of this award since its inception in 1981. Harry W. Rowe was a founder of the Maine league in 1960 and continued to promote the importance of preserving our Maine heritage up until his death in 1981. Dean Emeritus of Bates College, Rowe's contributions to the state are varied and many.

The Madawaska Historical Society was recognized by the American Association for State and Local History in 1980 through the efforts of the Maine league, for its comprehensive research and documentation of the Acadian heritage. These two awards have placed the St. John Valley Society among state and national organizations for the efforts and accomplishments.

Guy Dubay replaces Geraldine P. Chasse as trustee for Aroostook County on the Maine League of Historical Societies and Museums.



History of Madawaska a 'small miracle'



Family
Ties

By Roxanne Saucier

For years my secret wish has been that Father Thomas Albert's 1920 edition of the History of Madawaska would be reprinted in English, and at an affordable price. With the help of a fine translation by Sister Therese Doucette and Dr. Francis Doucette, the Madawaska Historical Society has accomplished this small miracle in cele-

bration of the Acadian Bicentennial. Don't be misled by the word "Madawaska." We're not talking about just the town of Madawaska, but the Madawaska Region, on both sides all along the river. In other words, the St. John Valley, including Fort Kent and Van Buren and everything in between!

Madawaska Maine

*Where Canada
meets the United States
in celebration*

The Acadian Bicentennial Committee

presents

EDITH BUTLER IN CONCERT



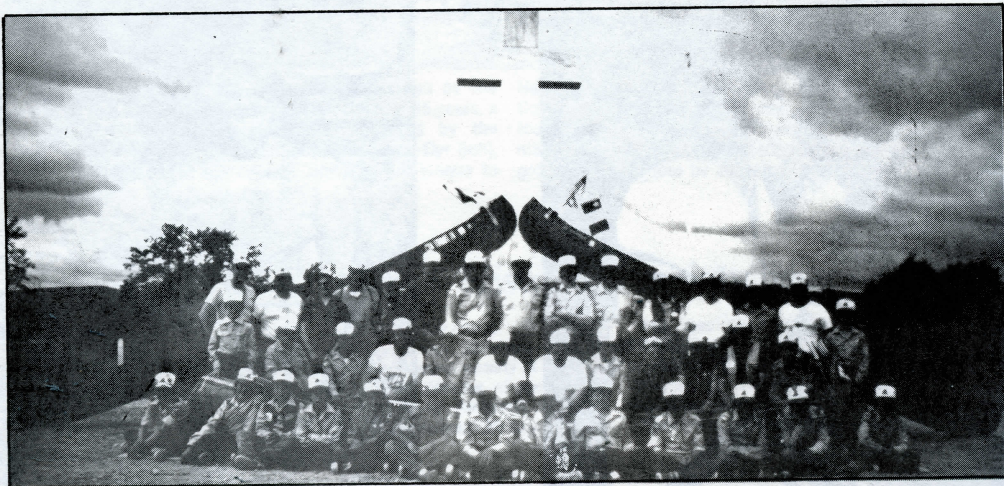
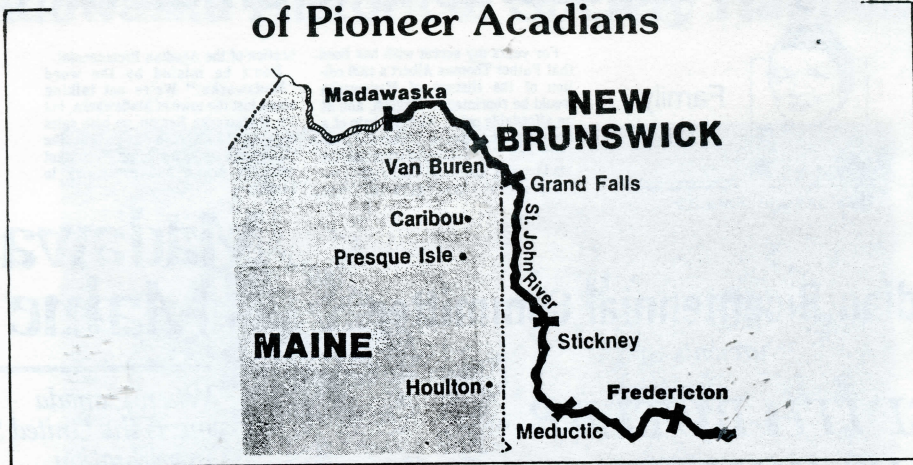
HISTORICAL VISIT — Elizabeth Miller (center), director of the Maine Historical Society of Portland, visited the Tante Blanche Museum in St. David recently on a tour of Aroostook County historical societies and museums. At left is Maxine Michaud, Tante Blanche Museum caretaker, and at right is Jeannine Daigle, director of the Tante Blanche Museum. —Albert photo

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Boy Scout canoeists to retrace voyage of Pioneer Acadians



Boy Scout Troop 270 - Frenchville, St. Agatha & Sinclair Bicentennial Canoe Trip

FRONT ROW:

Scott Marquis, James Killarney, James Pelletier, Jason McGlaughlin, Troy Daigle, Todd Daigle, Bruce Thibeault, J.J. Dugal, Aaron Labrie, Shawn Grogette, Jason Paradis, Michael Ouellette, and Gary Raymond

SECOND (MIDDLE) ROW:

Jamie Berube, Jasin Banville, Darrin Roy, Roland Paradis, Denis Michaud, Paul Raymond, Gary Pelletier, Robert Bouchard, Gilman Roy, Eugene Michaud, Clifford Guerrette, Tommy Paradis, Scott Gagnon

LAST ROW:

Earl McGlaughlin, Bermond Banville, Bertha Pelletier, Leonard Pelletier (Pelky) Rev. Alphy Marquis, James Dugal, Robert Paradis, James Killarney, Duane Paradis, Gary Guerrette, Douglas Michaud, Danny Paradis, Earl McGlaughlin III, Percy Thibeault

A canoe trip from Fredericton, N.B. to the St. David, Maine flats arrived to the dedication of the Acadian Landing on Sunday, June 30, 1985

Boy Scouts, leaders complete canoe trip to honor Acadian Pioneers

ACQUISITIONS 1984

I. ARTIFACTS

1. Hand-Crank Blade Sharpener
2. Wooden Rug Frame
3. Meat Hook (Iron Medium)
4. Wool Carders (1 pr.)
5. Eyelet Stamping Iron for Leather

DONORS

- Mr. & Mrs. Alcide Hebert
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 Mr. & Mrs. Alcide Hebert
 Mr. & Mrs. Alcide Hebert

ACQUISITIONS 1985

I. ARTIFACTS

1. Embroided light wool baptismal cape (61 years old)
2. Embroided cotton baptismal dress with petticoat (made by Mrs. Elonore D. Bellefleur in 1872)
3. Embroided cotton baptismal dress with petticoat plus 1 light wool petticoat (bought by Mrs. Dan Cyr in 1903)
4. Small grey & white silk neck scarf
5. Linen scarf with gold fringe
6. Cotton scarf with fringe (made by Lucie Albert in 1885)
7. Cotton blanket woven by Sophie Dufour
8. Woolen blanket woven by Sophie Dufour
9. Petit point wall hanging
10. Shell frame photo of Fr. Sawron
11. Home soap (homemade by Presilla C. Allen)

DONORS

- Mrs Annie Albert

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 Sr. Laura Maie Dufour
 Mr. Martin Lavoie
 Olive Cyr

II. PAPERS, BOOKS, DOCUMENTS, CASSETTES & PHOTOS

1. Madawaska High School "The Owl" 2 monthly issues (both dated 1937)
2. Madawaska High School Yearbooks (22) - Years: '37,'38 '41 thru '49,'52,'54 thru '57,'59,'61,'64,'65,'69, and '71
3. Picture of Rev. Alexandre Doucette
4. Picture of Jose & Zithe Cyr
5. Picture of Frank Cyr's first marriage to Elinore Pelletier (1873)
6. Picture of Frank Cyr's second marriage to Flavie Michaud (1884)
7. Cassette of Bicentennial Mass
8. Cassette of "La Soiree Dufours"
9. Thibodeau Family Books, Pins, Decals, & Coat of Arms
10. Hebert Family Books, Pins, Decals, & Coat of Arms
11. Cyr Family Books, Pins, Decals, & Coat of Arms
12. Dufour Family Books, Pins, Decals, & Coat of Arms
13. Maine Historical Society Publications (various authors)
14. Annual Photo Fund Donation
15. An English translation for the Thomas Albert, L'Histoire du Madawaska. Manuscript - Sister Therese & Dr. Francis (Bob) Doucette.

- Mrs. Joe Deschaine

 Mrs. Joe Deschaine
 Mr. & Mrs. Adrien Guerrette
 Cecile Pozzuto

 Cecile Pozzuto

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 Mr. & Mrs Adrien Dufour
 Florence Spencer
 Thibodeau Family Committee
 Hebert Family Committee
 Cyr Family Committee
 Dufour Family Committee
 Elizabeth Miller
 Society Ex. Direct
 Fraser Paper Ltd.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Cotton print long costume dress (2 - size 7/8)
2. Pine Trees (36)

- Mrs. Joe Deschaine
 Bernette Albert

1985 Membership

NEW MEMBERS

James G. Albert
Jim Bazinet
Yvette Bellrose
Amanda L. Bond
Gilman Bouchard
Una (Albert) Corriveau
Camilla Cronkite
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