Acadians Reached Louisiana 200 Years Ago

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LAFAVETTE — This year marks the completion of the second century of Acadian culture in Louisiana.

It was two hundred years ago and ten years after their cruel exile from their once peaceful valley in the east of Nova Scotia, that the first official group of displaced Acadians arrived in Louisiana.

They were a mixture of two Acadian groups which had come from Acadia (the area of Nova Scotia) to the west of Nova Scotia to plant the culture of old France in still another part of the new world.

Of Acadian Louisiana, we read that we are the descendants of the first French colonists in the new world. Fort Royal, in old Acadia, now Nova Scotia, was settled in 1604.

That was two years before the founding of Jamestown, fifteen years before the landing of the Mayflower, and one hundred and fifteen years before New Orleans became the capital of Louisiana.

Following their exile from Nova Scotia, the Acadians had been scattered all over the world. They settled in the United States and the West Indies. Acadians arrived in Louisiana in 1810 and have since been a part of this state.

In the early years of the Louisiana Purchase, the Acadians were scattered all over the state. They settled in the parishes and became part of the Louisiana population.

Today, the Acadians are scattered all over Louisiana and are an important part of the state's population. They have contributed much to the culture and history of Louisiana.

The Acadians have been an integral part of Louisiana's history for the past two centuries. They have contributed much to the state's culture and have played a significant role in the development of Louisiana.

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