'Cajun Odyssey'
A State Story

"Cajun Odyssey" by Beryl Faguer-Sauce Blaise, pub. by Cajun Odyssey, Box 812, Lafayette, La. 70501. 336 pages, $6.95 plus $1.00 mailing.

A seventh generation descendant of the Terre family has written a very personalized version of the Cajun experience from Nova Scotia in 1755 and the long, difficult trek of one group to South Louisiana.

Main characters are drawn from the Terre family, their relatives and friends who were among the original refugees: Joseph Terre, Madeline Bourgeois, Louisa Terre, Debreau, Charles Terre, Madeleine Lavoie, Dena, and many others from the story representing family names now well known in Louisiana.

Beryl Faguer-Sauce Blaise, the author, is originally from Louisiana, Morgan City and Barataria area. Photographs in the book were taken by her in Nova Scotia, where she went to do research for her Odyssey story. Formerly a newspaper column and reporter, she spent five years in preparation for this book and has subtitled it "From Nova Scotia to Louisiana. With Love."

There are maps and sketches, and a color illustration on the soft cover by Beryl "Fina," as the author.

The author's Cajun heritage gives special feeling to her telling of the Acadian story, both tragic and tender, and stranger than fiction. Her careful research makes it authentic, as do the group of Cajuns and historic background.

North Atlantic in crowded ships and left in the American Colony of Maryland, enduring many hardships and the appointments, they come overland through the Appalachian Mountains and make their way to South Louisiana.

This is "a love story, an adventure story, a slice of history" and certainly an important part of Louisiana heritage.