Doiron reunion a celebration of diversity

Anthony T. Hall

LAFAYETTE — J.C. William Doiron welcomed the Doiron family to be represented at the annual reunion so proudly that he was willing to be the only member present.

When he began the membership drive in 1999 to secure the hall, if the hall would be present, Doiron wasn't sure if the man would be able to locate Doiron family would want to build their family a trail home.

"I was concerned initially because I thought we don't have to worry," he said. "To see the support comes from all the family members.

William Doiron worked hard to put the reunion together. He wanted to have this happen every year and he did a great job with it," she said.

Video presentations from family members who were present highlighted the Doiron family. They told the story of the family's history and their journey from Canada and the United States.

Paul Doiron said because so many of the relations came from different areas of the country, the reunion was a revelation of cultures.

"We are cousins that have been separated for years," he said. "It's amazing that we're all a direct link to one descendant."

"Though in family members were present," Doiron said, "family members said that they hope more will come in the future. There are about 1,500 Doiron descendants in Canada and another 1,500 in Louisiana.

J.C. Williams Doiron said despite his brother and daughter not attending this year, he hoped they would attend next year.

"When the opportunity to put this together came around, I decided to go for it," he said. "In God's spectrum, there's no color."