Family gathers to celebrate reunion and recognize Acadian bicentennial

When the Boudreaux, Richard and Dupre families settled near each other in Bayou in 1816, they ended up more than just good neighbors.

Of the Boudreaux's nine children, two married Richard, and two married Dupre. Descendants of these families now inhabit Bayou.

Today, several hundred relatives of the Boudreaux and Richard families will gather in Bayou's Cape, north of Bayou, Sunday, to celebrate the anniversary of the Acadian bicentennial. The appearance of Acadians in America is one of the nation's most significant events.

All attending married locally and many of their children to the Boudreaux and Richard families. Richard, Boudreaux, a youth who was a leading figure in the community, was married.

After living away from the area for several years, he said he was Acadian in a more meaningful way.

As one of those who were hardly bothered, Boudreaux and other family members have traced their ancestry back to the Acadians who arrived in Louisiana and Dupre family history records.

Dupre Library at the University of Southwestern Louisiana will host a photography exhibit on the Acadian Odyssey in October. See coming issues of the Advertiser for more on the exhibit.