Famed Durand Wedding To Be Duplicated May 1

History, which supposedly never repeats itself, will score a near miss when the celebrated Durand wedding is repeated in St. Martinville on May 1. The principal participants, it has been announced, will be two of Charles Durand's great-great-grandchildren, Mrs. Emesto and Mrs. Moby, and the re-enactment of which they will be a part will be closely patterned after the legendary original.

The wedding will be one of the highlights of the three-day pilgrimage to the Mother Church of the Acadians which St. Martinville is staging as part of its Bicentennial observances.

Tents have obscured many of the details of the Durand wedding. Graves, vows will be exchanged at an altar beneath the old and fabulous Angelica tree, the costumes to be worn will be replicas, and even the carriage used by the bridal party will be genuine.

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