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(Subtitle: The story of the Acadians, who founded Louisiana 170 years ago.)

As told in the pages of the 18th century, the Acadian story begins with the founding of Nova Scotia in 1713. In this year, a group of French colonists, under the leadership of Jean-Louis Le Moyne, Sieur de Bienville, established a settlement near the mouth of the St. John River. This settlement, called "Port Royal," was intended as a base for fur trade and to assert French control over the region.

In 1755, however, the British captured Port Royal, and the French were forced to leave. Many of the Acadians, who had been living in the region for several years, were given the choice of remaining in Canada or being deported to Louisiana. Fearing the loss of their land and culture, many chose to join the Acadian exodus to Louisiana.

The Acadian settlements in Louisiana were initially small and scattered. However, with the encouragement of the French government, the Acadians began to spread out and establish larger communities. By the early 18th century, the Acadian settlements had grown into towns and villages that were self-sufficient and prosperous.

The Acadian culture was known for its hard work and dedication to the land. The Acadians were skilled farmers and fishermen, and they were able to sustain themselves in the harsh Louisiana environment. The Acadian community was also known for its strong sense of family and community, and its close-knit social structure helped the Acadians to thrive in their new environment.

As the Acadians continued to spread out, they established new settlements and towns, and their influence can still be seen today in the culture and history of Louisiana. The Acadian heritage is an important part of Louisiana's unique identity, and it continues to be celebrated and honored in the state today.