

flag, to enduring the threats and exactions of rulers, who hated their nation and insulted their creed. These Acadians, moreover, came of a race so constituted as admirably to possess many of those qualities which go to fit men for the toils of the pioneer. They were hardy, laborious, frugal, capable of turning their hands to any species of work, light-hearted, and easily made contented. Indeed a minute of council in 1717 initialled by the Regent Louis Antoine de Bourbon and the Marshall D'Estrees, declared the Acadians to be "born blacksmiths, carpenters, coopers and builders." They span the wool, wove the cloth, and shaped and sewed the garments they wore. The land they reclaimed was their own, and it yielded harvests which richly repaid their toils. The sea at their doors swarmed with fish, and the forest land that bordered the newly made fields, abounded in game. Fuel was plentiful, and they trimmed their lamps with the oil of the seal caught on the Magdalenes, or round the shores of the Grand Ance. Luxuries from old France found their way at times into this hardworking and homely colony, and the generous vintages of Bourdeaux, and the warmer products of Cognac, were not unknown among the dwellers of Port Lajoie.

Among the earliest settlers at Port Lajoie were two Acadian families Hache Galland, and Martin. Both bore a high character for integrity, and both were assiduous cultivators of the soil. Michel Galand, and Pierre and Joseph Martin left Acadia and settled at Port Lajoie in 1720. In the succeeding years up to 1724 five of the Gallands and four of the Martin family followed the example of their fathers and left Acadia for the Island. All the Gallands were married and had residences and families; only two of the Martins were householders and married. The members of the two families numbered in all fifty—very nearly one half of the entire population. There were two carpenters in the community, Pierre Jacquemain, from Lorraine, and Louis Desmoulin, a native of St. Onge. Among the settlers at this time we find the names Precieux, Surean, Gourdan, Hebert, Buhot and Pregean, all householders and farmers. Of the Galland family there