

# *The Richelieu Leger Family Association, Inc.*

*We're Proud of Louisiana, Our Country  
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*The people of Louisiana are a proud breed. Their forefathers  
came here to this land to settle when they were expelled from  
Canada. The Acadians build a land almost with their bare  
hands. They came here with a little of nothing and made  
something in which to be proud.*

*These people believed in their own efforts and made this  
country what is today, even though the deck was stacked  
against them. Their efforts counted. They had no one to count  
on but their own ingenuity. They forged their own future.*

*These are the people who built our homeland. They came to  
a wilderness and dared to build their homes, plow the fertile  
lands and carve out a future for generations to come. They  
dared to fight for their beliefs and freedom. They dared to  
take a chance.*

*These values, these beliefs, may seem old fashioned, but they are the values and beliefs that made this land what it is today.*

*Let's take a moment to remember these forefathers and have pride in our land, its people and the brave pioneers who gave us this land.*

*Lucy Leger*