



Memorable reunion

For the very first time, the Chevaries held a reunion within a “Congrès mondial Acadien”. Close to 120 people from 7 Canadian provinces came to celebrate on August 8, 2009, at the Club du Bel Âge in Caraquet, New Brunswick. Representatives of the three provinces with the largest concentration of Chevarie, i.e., Prince Edward Island, the Magdalen Islands and New Brunswick, brought congratulatory words to the group.

Two presentations were given, one by Donald Chevarie on the French basque region, where our common ancestor, Antoine D’Étcheverry was born. The second was a very informative conference given by the well known Acadian historian, Georges Arsenault, who spoke about the lives of Chevarie on the Island, before and after the expulsion of 1758.

Participants said that they were very satisfied with the reunion. Praises were specially heard about the sumptuous meal provided by Mario Lanteigne and the lively music by the musical group “La Famille Arseneault”. The grand-mother of the group, Bella is a Chevarie from St.-Charles-de-Kent, New Brunswick, her daughter, Linda wrote a beautiful song about the Chevarie, which was well appreciated by the audience. Linda indicated that the song would be recorded soon.

Participants were unanimous in saying that they are looking forward to another such reunion soon.