

Fort Louisbourg: Birthplace of Angelique Pinet and Michel Prosper Leger



Fort Louisbourg, the birth place of Angelique Pinet(1739).
She was probably married here (abt 1756) to Michel dit Richelieu Leger.
Their son, Michel Prosper (abt 1757) was born here.

From here they were expelled to begin their long journey, eventually leading Angelique and her sons to Louisiana, and to all of us.
The docks with gates would have been where they would have boarded the ship to take them away from their home.

Step back in time to 1744!

Experience Louisbourg, a thriving seaport and capital of Île Royale (Cape Breton Island).
The Fortress of Louisbourg was one of the busiest harbours in North America and one of France's key centres of trade and military strength in the New World.

Today, the Site is an exciting and entertaining lesson in history.
In 1961 the Government of Canada began a \$25million project aimed at reconstructing approximately one-quarter of the original town and fortifications. Within this area the buildings, yards, gardens and streets are being recreated as they were during the 1740s, immediately preceding Louisbourg's first siege.

The work at Louisbourg has required an inter-disciplinary research effort. Archaeological excavation has yielded millions of artifacts as well as the ruins of fortifications and buildings. Some 750,000 pages of documents and 500 maps and plans have been copied from archives in France, England, Scotland, the United States and Canada. A faithful re-creation of a town 250 years ago, with impressive walls and majestic gates, quaint homes and formal gardens, comfortable inns and lively taverns. The historical evidence reveals much about life at Louisbourg and provides an excellent base for the study of the French in North America.