

# GRAND PRE MEMORIAL AND MUSEUM



In 1755, Acadians from the Minas area were deported from Grand Pre.

The first Acadian Family moved from Port Royal to Grand Pre the in the 1680s. In the beginning of the 18th century Minas was the most heavily populated area in the French colony Acadia.

Similar to today, the area culture revolved around agriculture. Through the building of dykes, the Acadians grew grain on the reclaimed marshlands as well as raised livestock.

After many years of struggle between the French and the British, Acadia became Nova Scotia, a colony under British rule. Even though the Acadians were peaceful, the British grew leery of their ties with the French, and became afraid that the growing Acadian population would turn on them. Early in September 1755, the Acadian men and boys over the age of 10 were gathered at the Church where they were told of their impending deportation. After the boarding of men and their families on the waiting vessels in the Minas Basin, the farms and belongings of the Acadians that remained were burned.