

July 5

Fournier book launching

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FOURNIER — If you have roots in Fournier, be sure to get a copy of the soon-to-be-released history of Fournier, published by St. Bernard's Parish.

The 998-page book will be officially launched at a ceremony at the South Plantagenet Municipal Hall on July 5, from 2 to 4 p.m. Everyone is invited to meet with the members of the souvenir book committee, to pick up books already ordered, or to purchase copies.

More than 800 of the 1,600 soft-cover copies of the book have been sold already, and orders are coming in fast, said Neil Parker, editor of the book. There are 200 hard-cover copies available, but orders are coming in quickly for those too, he said.

Soft-cover copies are available for \$35, while hard-cover editions sell for \$45.

It took the committee over a year to compile information for the book, which includes the histories and photos of about 600 Fournier-Riceville area families. Also included in the book are chapters on education, religion, the village of Fournier, ancestral farms and the military. The bilingual book

contains more than 1,000 photos.

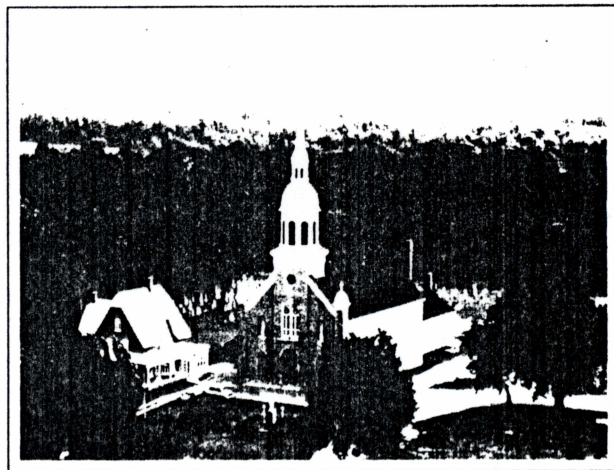
Copies of the book can be obtained from the following souvenir book committee members: Claudette Labrèche, 673-2049; Rachel Lalonde, 673-5080; Gislaine Longtin, 524-5626; Theresa Ryan, 524-5284; Lorraine McKinley, 673-4391; Neil Parker, 524-5248; Patrick

and Barbara Sloan, 524-5215, and Ernest Surch, 524-5356.

The book is published this year to commemorate the 125th anniversary of St. Bernard's Parish in Fournier. Other celebrations will take place throughout the year, with a special homecoming to take place July 19.

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