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SEPTEMBER MEETING

The regular meeting of the Southwest Louisiana Genealogical Society, Inc. will be held on Saturday, September 15th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Carnegie Meeting Room of Southwest Louisiana Genealogical & Historical Library, 411 Pujot St., Lake Charles. Coffee and fellowship begin at 9:30 a.m. Guests are always welcome.

The program will be "Life and Times of ALVARO LeDOUX" presented by WILLIAM THIBODEAUX of Lafayette, La.

PLEASE bring canned goods/monetary contribution for Oak Park Pantry. In June, Oak Park Pantry served 170 families that included 149 children.

NEW MEMBERS

1580/81. MIKE/MARGARET DURACK, 14215 Bitternut Woods, San Antonio, TX 78249

1582. MURRAY D. LAURIE, 2858 SW 14 Dr., Gainesville, FL 32608-2060

1583. SANDRA CRANCHE LOPEZ, 19091 Ed Lopez Rd., Jennings, LA 70546-8317

1584. SCOTT ROLLINS, 2886 Ben Mc Rd., Orange, TX 77632

Membership To Date: 268

1940 FEDERAL CENSUS

The Federal Census of 1940 was released on April 2, 2012. Sites to check the census are:

www.1940censusarchives.gov

www.ancestry.com

www.familysearch.org

www.myheritage.com

As of July 26, 2012 – 96.72% of the country has been indexed.

Louisiana – 100% Texas - 100% Arkansas -100%

Mississippi - 100% Alabama - 100% Florida - 100%

To check on a certain state, go to www.familysearch.org/1940census

OTHER INTERNET RESOURCES FOR GENEALOGY

MAIL LISTS: Usually organized by place, surname or topic can be found at

www.rootsweb.com/roots-1 or [//lists.rootsweb.com](http://lists.rootsweb.com)

MESSAGE BOARDS: Usually organized by place, surname or topic – can be found at the same places as mail lists. Also [//genforum.genealogy.com](http://genforum.genealogy.com) or [//boards.ancestry.com](http://boards.ancestry.com).

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www.calcasieulibrary.org/genealogy gen@calcasieu.lib.la.us

337-721-7110

At their annual conference the Louisiana Genealogical & Historical Society presented a Certificate of Appreciation and a check for \$200 to the Southwest Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Library "in recognition of their valuable contributions to the acquisition, and retention of genealogical materials and providing untiring assistance to those who are researching their ancestors." It is an honor for the library to receive this recognition. The monetary award will be used to purchase microfilm of Louisiana newspapers which will be beneficial to researchers.

Members of the Great Acadian Awakening Committee, on which LINDA GILL and MIKE SAWYER served, received the 2012 Tourism Partner of the Year Award from the Southwest Louisiana Convention and Visitors Bureau. LINDA attributes the success of the Genealogy room to the entire Genealogy Staff.

Two rows of shelves have been installed to allow room for the 246 volumes of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies and Navies, Supplements and Indexes, and Confederate State Rosters for Texas (2 volumes) and Mississippi (3 volumes).

The following programs are held in the Carnegie Memorial Meeting room of the Southwest Louisiana Genealogical & Historical Library, 411 Pujo St., Lake Charles. No reservation necessary.

The Southwest Louisiana Genealogical & Historical Library is continuing its series "Tidbits of History" with the following scheduled programs.

Tuesday, September 4th – "Women of 19th and Early 20th Century Calcasieu Parish" presented by
LINDA K. GILL - 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Tuesday, October 2nd – "Stories of Community, Civility and Compassion" presented by
CLARE COLEMAN - 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, November 7 – "Part, Perspective, and Goals of the Indians During the War of 1812"
presented by Dr. RAY MILES – 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

NEW BOOKS ON THE SHELVES

Tolzman, Don Heinrich. *Abraham Lincoln's Ancestry: German or English?: M. D. Learned's Investigatory History, with an Appendix on Daniel Boone*
Vogt, John. *Bruton Parish Virginia Register, 1662-1797*
Wall, James W. Flossie Martin, and Howell Boone. *The Squire, Daniel, and John Boone Families in Davie County, North Carolina*
Wertenbaker, Thomas J. *The Government of Virginia in the Seventeenth Century*

- Allured, Janet, Jessica Hutchings, and Debbie Johnson-Houston. *Images of America: Lake Charles*
- Bauer, William Rudolph. *The Sineath Family and Affiliated Family Lineages*
- Broussard, Sherry T. *Images of America: African Americans in Lafayette and Southwest Louisiana*
- Burwell, Shirley and Jeanne Farque. *Esclavon: Diggin' for Roots*
- Confederate State Roster: Mississippi Name Roster P-Z and Unit Roster Cav. – Lt. Arty., v.2*
- Confederate State Roster: Mississippi Unit Roster Lt. Arty – Misc., v. 3*
- Confederate State Roster: Mississippi, Name Roster A-O, v. 1*
- Confederate State Roster: Texas Name Roster, v. 1*
- Confederate State Roster: Texas Unit Roster, v. 2*
- Dawson, Sir John William. *Acadian Geology: An Account of the Geological Structure and Mineral Resources of Nova Scotia, and Portions of the Neighboring Provinces of British America (with Maps)*
- Dronet, General Curney J. *A Century of Acadian Culture: The Development of a Cajun Community: Erath (1899-1999)*
- Farque, Jeanne. *Verdine or Verdun*
- A Guide to the Papers of Pierre Clement Laussat: Napoleon's Prefect for the Colony of Louisiana and of General Claude Perrin Victor*
- Herman, Arthur. *How the Scots Invented the Modern World*
- Historical Records Survey (WPA). *Inventory of the Parish Archives of Louisiana, no. 28 Lafayette Parish (Lafayette)*
- Historical Records Survey (WPA). *Inventory of the Parish Archives of Louisiana, no. 35 Natchitoches Parish (Natchitoches)*
- Historical Records Survey (WPA). *Inventory of the Parish Archives of Louisiana, no. 6 Beauregard Parish (DeRidder)*
- Historical Records Survey (WPA). *Inventory of the Parish Archives of Louisiana, no. 44 Saint Bernard Parish (Saint Bernard)*
- Historical Records Survey (WPA). *Inventory of the Parish Archives of Louisiana, no. 8 Bossier Parish (Benton)*
- Historical Records Survey (WPA). *Inventory of the Parish Archives of Louisiana, no. 2 Allen Parish (Oberlin)*
- Historical Records Survey (WPA). *Inventory of the Parish Archives of Louisiana, no. 60 Webster Parish (Minden)*
- Ingmire, Frances T. *Deaf Smith County Texas Marriage Records Book I, 1891-1916*
- J. I. Watson School Yearbook (2011)
- James, Lucas and Norma James. *Lewis-Lyles, Wagner-Williams*
- Jerger, Dr. Jeanette L. *A Medical Miscellany for Genealogists*
- Jones, Michael Dan. *The Tiger Rifles: The Making of a Louisiana Legend*
- Laxton, Edward. *The Famine Ships: The Irish Exodus to America*
- "Louisiana History" *The Journal of the Louisiana Historical Association* Vol. LIII, no. 1 (Winter 2012)
- McNeese State University. *The McNeese Review* Vol. 39 (2001)
- Moss, Marion Riller Corkran. *Corkran Family*
- National Genealogical Society Quarterly* Vol. 99, no. 4 (December 2011)
- New Orleans Genesis*, vol. 1, no. 197 (Jan 2012) (continued next issue)

MAY PROGRAM

The May Program was presented by MARGARET BASS, Member #1469.

VETERAN HOUSES—GRAVE MARKERS OF CALCASIEU

I first discovered the unusual grave markers in Calcasieu Parish cemeteries while TAMMY HILL & I were doing the research for our book, *Lost & Found: Confederate Soldiers Buried in Calcasieu Parish*. We found the unusual markers in every old cemetery in the parish and a few just across the southern border of Beauregard Parish. In fact, we came to depend on the Houses as we searched for Confederate veterans. Not only are our Veteran Houses unique, but, Calcasieu Parish is the only place on earth you'll find them.

But, before I discuss these markers I must first introduce to you a gentleman by the name of LLOYD LORING SQUIRES. In fact, I am providing this information in memory and in honor of Mr. LLOYD L. SQUIRES. Without his caring and great efforts the veteran markers of Calcasieu would not exist.

LLOYD L. SQUIRES was born November 25, 1877 in Churubusco, Indiana. LLOYD served his country in the Spanish-American War as a private from the state of Tennessee in the Hospital Corps.

"LLOYD attended Peabody Normal College in Nashville, TN. He attained the degree of licentiate of instruction, falling only slightly below the qualifications for Bachelor of Science degree. He came to Louisiana in 1901 and taught one year at Merryville with marked success. The following session saw him second assistant to Prof. YEAGER, in the Lake Charles High School; he acquitted himself with such credit in this position that when the high school was separated from the central grade, Mr. SQUIRES was made principal of the latter school and supervisor of all the ward schools of the city."

Lake Charles American Press August 14, 1944 page 1

On October 22, 1903 he married Miss EMMA McNEESE, daughter of JOHN McNEESE and SUSAN BILBO. Their wedding was a beautiful affair as written in the Oct. 23, 1903, *Lake Charles American Press*. They made their first home at 1110 Reid St. They were living at 1902 Hodges St. on August 13, 1944 when LLOYD died.

According to information provided in his obituary LLOYD also taught in Sugartown and Singer. *Lake Charles American Press* August 14, 1944 page 1

LLOYD and EMMA became the parents of four daughters:

1. AMINA – married L. O. RHORER.
2. KEITHA – married first NED ELKINS, then a man with last name of MATTER. EMMA was at KEITHA's home in Ashville, NC when she died Feb. 5, 1959.
3. SUE – married G. L. DOAN. SUE died Feb. 5, 1935 at the age of 28.
4. EMMA HELEN – died 1912 at the age of 3.

LLOYD, EMMA and SUE are buried in Orange Grove Cemetery near EMMA's parents.

According to the 1929-1930 Lake Charles City Directory, LLOYD L. SQUIRES was a delivery man for Lakeside Cleaners for that time frame.

From 1919 until his death on August 13, 1944 he was the local representative for International Correspondence School.

Having served in the Spanish American War, L. L. SQUIRES was a member of Joe Wheeler Camp No. 1 and was a member of their decoration committee.

Joe Wheeler Camp No. 1 decoration committee had about completed its annual pilgrimage on Memorial Day in 1917. They were marking the graves with wooden stakes, which cost 40 cents each. These stakes would rot, fall over or be carried away.

(Note: It would be reported later in the May 15, 1942 Lake Charles American Press that L. L. Squires personally paid for the first markers and later Joe Wheeler Camp No. 1 began purchasing them.)

The committee had marked soldier graves in Orange Grove, Corporation, Catholic, Bilbo, Westlake, Goos and Riley Moore cemeteries. Two "young" Confederates were on the committee; they had been with the committee every part of the way, but SALLIER presented problems for these "young, active, joking" Confederates that they had not encountered that day.

Uncle LEM C. DEES carried a piece of hand axe and Uncle G. M. GOSSETT carried flags. They both knew about where the soldier's graves were, but couldn't get to them for briars, weeds, grass and tree tops. Both of these "young" soldiers were tired out so they decided to drive the stakes and place the flags where they stood, call it a grave and call it a day.

One of the "kid" members of the committee, L. L. SQUIRES said, 'Boys, as long as we have L. C. DEES and G. M. GOSSETT with us to locate Confederates and E. E. HAMMAND to locate the Federals we are alright, but we can't have these men as our guides many more years and these graves are lost without their assistance. There ought to be a card system of some sort, so that these graves could be located when the last of us is in a soldier grave. There ought to be a card system, a part of each cemetery, a permanent marker on each grave and a complete record of each soldier's war record, so that this work could go on by coming generations.' The committee agreed that it should be done. *(American Press, May 26, 1926, page 7)*

In June 1923 an appeal went out for the public to help locate all soldiers' graves. Locating soldier graves was difficult at best. Also not knowing where unmarked soldiers lay made them impossible to locate. Thus, the need for the public's help through a card system. The cards could be picked up at the Red Cross office in City Hall, phone 170, for information according to an article in the *Weekly American Press*, June 8, 1923. Included with this article was a sample of the card which people could fill out and mail to L. L. SQUIRES.

Adjacent to the June 23 article was another article, *Taps*. I have on display a copy of this article. I want to point out how just how serious these men were in locating every veteran buried in

Calcasieu Parish. I also want to note that back then, as now, mistakes could be made in such an undertaking. I have highlighted 4 names in 3 different cemeteries: P. M. ALSTON in Graceland; JAMES D. DEVER and Capt. GREEN HALL in Corporation; W. B. PILLEY in Goss. The correct locations of these men's graves are: ALSTON in Alston Cemetery, Beauregard Parish; DEVER and HALL in Old Orange Grove on Broad St. and PILLEY is buried in the Pilley Family Cemetery in Westlake.

According to an article in the *American Press*, May 26, 1926, page 7, L. L. SQUIRES designed the card for the card system, wrote letters to families and mailed the cards asking for information. Each year produced graves that were lost or forgotten and each year the committee decorated more graves than the year before. This article also states "a permanent marker can be placed at each grave for \$1.00 and a beautiful headstone for \$3.50. They will not rot, burn or fall over. No one can carry them away, as they weigh about 100 pounds and have the initials of the soldier on them."

In May of 1926 Joe Wheeler Camp No. 1 decided to change to concrete markers with a place to put flags. There was to be two different stones. One to be placed on graves with no permanent marker would bear the name of the soldier, the dates of his birth and death and his company and regiment with a place to put flags. The other for marked graves would only have the soldier's initials and a place to put flags. These markers were also to be color coded. Blue for Federals – Gray for Confederates – White for Spanish-American and Khaki for World War. "The object of the concrete markers is to have each soldier's grave so marked that anyone will be able to distinguish his grave from any other." *American Press*, May 22, 1926, page 3
(Note: There is one marker in Orange Grove Cemetery that fits the description given of only having the initials. It is marked UCV and a place on top to put a flag. At first glance it appears to be a grave footstone.)

An article In May 30, 1930 issue of *The American Press*, page 3, written by L. L. SQUIRES states "In the spring of 1917 the memorial committee was marking & decorating 120 graves of veterans. The list of graveyards and the number of graves has increased each year until now it shows 42 white cemeteries in the parish and more than 400 graves – 300 of which are Confederates." He goes on to say that for the first time Mexican War veteran names had been added to the list. One other piece of valuable information in this lengthy article is that the markers were "devised by G. W. JINKS & L. L. SQUIRES."

At some point the original design of the markers was changed. The only 2 that come close to appearing as the first markers were described, that I have seen, are located in Sallier cemetery. All the other markers are shaped in a "house" shape with the following designations:

GAR - Federal	UCV - Confederate	1812 – War of 1812	MEX W – Mexican War
	USWV – Spanish American	WWV – World War	

There is one unique marker in a cemetery, the name & location I cannot remember. This marker was for a Spanish American War veteran. It is marked SP.AM. Should you come across it, please let me know its location.

One 1812 marker can be found in Richie Cemetery, N. Perkins Ferry Rd., Moss Bluff, a 2nd in Doyle Cemetery, Doyle Cemetery Rd. (off Jerry Drake Rd.), DeQuincy and a 3rd in Rigmaiden Cemetery, DeQuincy.

A Mexican War marker is in Corporation Cemetery on Church St., Lake Charles, and one in Bagdad Cemetery on Bagdad Rd., Westlake. All other types can be found in Orange Grove/Graceland Cemetery, Broad St., Lake Charles, as well as most of the old cemeteries through the Parish.

In June of 1930 a new organization was founded to carry on marking and decorating veteran graves. The following article appeared on page 19 of the June 30, 1930 *American Press*.

Memorial Assn. for Parish was Organized Today

"A meeting of the general Memorial committee on veteran graves was held at the courthouse at 9:30 o'clock Tuesday morning. Mrs. J. W. BAKER and Miss LOIS WENTZ represented Daughters of American Revolution; A. M. MAYO, Sons of American Revolution; PHILLIP CHAVANNE, Sons of Confederate Veterans; ALBERT DUFFLE, L. L. SQUIRES, M. D. WENTZ, United Spanish War veterans; JOE PARTRIDGE and FLOYD SOLARI, American Legion; Mrs. HENRY LITTLE, Daughters of Confederacy; Mrs. GEO. B. MONROE, Auxiliary U.S.W.V.

The committee appeared before the Police Jury and secured a \$200 appropriation for purchasing veteran grave markers. Members of the committee organized the Calcasieu Memorial Association with L. L. SQUIRES, chairman; Mrs. HENRY LITTLE, secretary. Resolutions to meet at least twice a year and receive reports on cemeteries, once preceding All Saints Day and once before Memorial Day were adopted. A resolution of appreciation for the work L. L. SQUIRES and of confidence in his future activities was adopted."

In October of 1930 when Mr. SQUIRES gave his President's report to the Memorial Association he recommended the following:

- (1) Shall we order additional markers?
- (2) Shall we aid in securing headstones?
- (3) Do you endorse the Niblett's Bluff project as a Public Memorial park?
- (4) Do you endorse the planting of trees along our highways as memorials?
- (5) Shall we aid local memorial services?
- (6) Do you ratify my actions at the Alston and Hebert cemeteries?
- (7) Shall we have a vice president and treasurer?

American Press, Oct. 22, 1930, page 24

These recommendations show that he had a vision of remembering the veterans of all wars into the future.

Do you remember when Hwy. 90 was lined with oak trees? Number 4 of the above recommendations should tell you who had that idea first – L. L. SQUIRES.

In 1917 the number of graves decorated was 120. According to Mr. SQUIRES' Oct. 22, 1930 report the number had grown to 412 marked on Memorial Day with an increase to 540 by

October 1930. When he wrote his report for the *Lake Charles American Press* May 31, 1941, he reported, "Last year there were 666 soldier graves in Calcasieu Parish."

At the Memorial Day service of May 1931 when L. L. SQUIRES gave his report as president of the Memorial Association he stated that "of the 59 cemeteries in Calcasieu Parish 52 contained dead soldiers and that each one had a concrete marker."

Lake Charles American Press, June 1, 1931

1942 would be the last year that L. L. SQUIRES would attend a Memorial Day service. The article in the *Lake Charles American Press* on May 30, 1942 is well worth the effort to locate and read. It is a great summation of all that had been done over the years for the veterans and cemeteries of Calcasieu Parish. At the service held in 1942 the absence of L. L. SQUIRES was noted.

Services were suspended for the War years of 1944 & 1945, but were resumed in 1946 by the Memorial Association. Though services were continued, there is no mention in newspaper articles about the people gathered at the courthouse leaving to go decorate the cemeteries after 1943. There was at least one house placed in 1944, on the grave of LLOYD L. SQUIRES. Since there are no markers denoting WWII in the cemeteries, it is obvious that the Memorial Association & Joe Wheeler Camp No. 1 discontinued having the markers made and placed.

I have not been able to locate a record of when the "house" shaped marker shape was first introduced or who manufactured it for Joe Wheeler Camp No. 1 or the Memorial Association.

So take a drive or walk through the old, now clean and accessible, cemeteries of Calcasieu and be proud of our veterans and the legacy of L. L. SQUIRES in being able to spot their so uniquely marked graves. Take the time to put a flag in the place provided for it and maybe a few flowers. Do it in the soldier's memory and that of LLOYD LORING SQUIRES.

MAPS. Maps are one of the most important genealogical tools, but are one of the most overlooked sources of information. Not only do maps help you locate the property of your ancestor's residency, by determining in which section, range and township he lived, but some maps show names of land owners, public building, roads, railroads, churches and cemeteries in the area. Since borders and boundaries changed during the history of an area, it is important to know in which county and state (or even in what country, if you are doing European research) the land you are researching was located at that period of time. Old maps can be found in libraries, archives and printed sources. They can be ordered from companies specializing in that field. The Sanborn Fire Insurance maps for your area are also important.

BIOGRAPHIES AND AUTOBIOGRAPHIES. If you are fortunate enough to have found an ancestor or a collateral relation on whom a biography or an autobiography has been written, much vital information will be found. However, do not take the printed word at face value. Always check documentation and research original records for genealogical information. Biographies written about people who lived during the same time period will also provide a historical background information of their lives, and will give you more sources to check.

DEATH RECORDS: A CHECK LIST OF TEN DOCUMENTS EVERY GENEALOGIST SHOULD ACQUIRE

By BILL DOLLARHIDE – www.genealogyblog.com

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1. **Death Certificate.** A rule in genealogy is to treat the brothers and sisters of your ancestors as equals. That means you need to obtain genealogical sources for all of them. For instance, for every ancestor on your pedigree chart, and for every brother or sister of an ancestor, you need to obtain a **death certificate** (assuming they are dead). If there were six siblings in an ancestor's family, a death certificate for each brother and sister will give six different sources about the same parents; places where the family lived; names of spouses; names of cemeteries; names of funeral directors; and other facts about a family. If a death certificate for your ancestor fails to provide the name of the deceased's mother, a sibling's death certificate may give the full maiden name. How do you get a death certificate? Go to the www.vitalrec.com site, where every state and county is listed, and where you can find out where, when and how much. Start with a death certificate, because the names, dates, and places you will find on a death certificate will always lead you to further records. **Dollarhide's Rule No. 1:** Death Certificates are rarely filled in by the person who died.

2. **Funeral Record.** A death certificate may mention the name and location of a funeral director. Find a current funeral home in North America at www.funeralnet.com. This site has the listings from a directory of funeral homes called *The Yellow Book*, a published directory distributed annually to every funeral home in the U. S. and Canada. The current funeral home nearest your location will have a copy of *The Yellow Book*, and if you were to stop by and ask to look up another funeral home anywhere in the U. S. and Canada, they would probably allow it. A funeral record may include names of survivors; names of the persons responsible for the funeral expenses; and often, obscure biographical information about the deceased not available anywhere else. Modern funeral records are full of genealogical information about the person who died anywhere else. Modern funeral records are full of genealogical information about the person who died and may include copies of newspaper obituaries, death certificates, printed eulogies, funeral programs, and other details about the person. A reference to a burial permit, cremation, or cemetery can be found here as well. Even if the old name of a funeral home is not listed in a current directory it should be possible to locate the current funeral home holding the records of an earlier one. These businesses rarely go out of business, but are more often taken over by another funeral director. Funeral directors are also experts on the location of cemeteries in their area. **Dollarhide's Rule No. 2:** When visiting a funeral home, wear old clothes, no make-up, and look like you have about a week to live – the funeral director will give you anything you ask for if he thinks you may be a customer soon.

3. **Cemetery Record.** If the name of a cemetery is mentioned on the death certificate or funeral record, that cemetery is now a source of information about the person who died. There may be a record in the sexton's office of the cemetery, or off-site at a caretaker's home; and the gravestone inscription may be revealing as well. When you contact a funeral home, ask about the cemetery where the person was buried, and whether they have an address or phone number for the cemetery office, or at least know who might be the keeper of records for the cemetery. At the

same time, ask the funeral director for the names of monument sellers/stone masons who cater to cemeteries in the area. As a back-up, a local stone mason may have a record of a monument inscription for the deceased's gravestone. To locate a cemetery anywhere in the United States, a special list can be obtained from the United States Geological Survey (USGS) within their Geographic Names Information System (GNIS). The GNIS contains the names of over two million place-names (map features) in America, of which about 107,000 are cemeteries. The GNIS website is located at <http://geonames.usgs.gov/>. Click on "Domestic Names" to search for any named cemetery. **Dollarhide's Rule No. 3:** The cemetery where your ancestor was buried does not have perpetual care, has no office, is accessible only by a muddy road, and has snakes, tall grass, and lots of bugs...and many of the old gravestones are in broken pieces, sacked in a corner under a pile of dirt.

4. **Obituary.** A newspaper obituary was probably published soon after the person's death. Old newspapers from the town where the person died are usually available at the local public library. They may be on microfilm. Find the website for any library in the U. S. at the Lib-Web-Cats site, a directory of libraries throughout the world. See www.librarytechnology.org/libwebcats/. If the library responds but says it is unable to look for an obituary or make copies for you, then you may need to find a person living in that town to go to the library for you. One way to locate such a person is to write to a local genealogical society and ask if they know someone who can do a bit of research for you. Most genealogical societies have a volunteer who responds to such requests, and there will most likely be a small fee for this service. A good list of American genealogical societies is in Elizabeth Petty Bentley, editor, *The Genealogist's Address Book* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 6th edition, 2009). You may also find your genealogy friend on the Internet. Do a place search for people involved in genealogy in a particular place near where you need help, drop them an E-mail message and promise to do something in exchange for them. A huge collection of historic newspaper obituaries are now on the Internet. The largest sites devoted to newspapers are 1) www.GenealogyBank.com, and 2) www.newspaperarchive.com. Check also www.cyndislist.com under the category "obituaries" for direct links to websites on the Internet specific to actual obituaries transcribed and made available in various sites. Also, use www.google.com to search for obituaries with a keyword for a place or name of a newspaper, which should provide, names, dates, etc, and what may be available. Example of keywords in the Google search box, "Obituaries Topeka." Or "Kansas City Star Obituaries."

5. **Social Security record.** If a person died within the last 35 years or so, the death certificate probably includes the deceased's social security number. With or without a person's social security number, you can write for a copy of any deceased person's original application for a social security card, called a form SS-5. Since 1935, virtually every working person in America has applied for a social security account. The Social Security Death Index (SSDI) needs to be consulted to see if the person is listed. Most people who died since 1962 would be listed there. A free online search services can be found as part of the FamilySearch site. See The SS Death Index at FamilySearch.org.

A search in the SSDI can be made by the surname and first name, or adding other options for a date or place of an event death. With the name and social security number, you can obtain a copy of the deceased's application (Form SS-5) for a social security account, which was filled in

by the person and gives his/her full name, date and place of birth, place of residence, name of parents, occupation, and name of employer. **Dollarhide's Rule No. 4:** A Social Security Form SS-5 is better than a birth certificate because few people had anything to do with the information in their own birth certificate.

6. Probate Records. Details pertaining to a deceased person's estate may be located in a county courthouse. These records may provide important information about the heirs of the deceased. Probate records may include dockets (court calendars), recorded wills, administrator's records, inventories of estates, sheriff's sales, or judgments. Microfilmed probate records for nearly every county in the U. S., are located at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. To find them, go to the www.familysearch.org site. Do a "place search for a state, then click on "Review Related Places" to see a list of the counties for that state. The topics listed include probate records, and a review of what records have been filmed can be located quickly.

7. Private Death Records (Insurance Papers, Medical Records, Etc.) If the deceased had insurance, there is undoubtedly a record of the death within the insurance company's files. There may be much more information concerning the deceased's survivors, and the disposition of an estate. Hospital records are almost always closed, but a close family member may be able to get some information; and records at a Doctor's Office are also usually closed, but again, close family members may be given access. The cover sheet of a patient's file in a Hospital, Nursing Home, or Doctor's Office, is almost always the page containing vital information, including birth, marriage, divorce, occupation, health insurance, and name of closest kin or person to contact in an emergency. A close family member should be able to access that information.

8. Coroner and Medical Examiner Records exist for any person who died under suspicious conditions, or for whom an autopsy was performed, or in most cases for people who died outside of a hospital. Coroner records are public records kept at the county level in virtually all states. In addition to the circumstances of the death, there may be vital details about the deceased. Locating a Coroner or Medical Examiner for a county is not difficult. Many have their own websites, or are part of a county government website. Do a Google search using keywords such as "Coroner King County." The office of a Medical Examiner is used in some counties or cities in lieu of the office or coroner.

9. Military Records for deceased veterans are public records. The National Archives and Records Administration, National Personnel Records Center (Military Records Facility) is located at 9700 Page Ave., St. Louis, MO 63132-5100. Write for a form SF-80 to request copies from any soldier or sailor's military file. Their online website is at www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/index.html. Next of kin to a deceased veteran can access data online. Others need to use the form SF-80 to obtain information about the deceased veteran.

10. Church Records. A death record may be recorded within a church's record, plus information about a burial. Check www.cyndislist.com under the category "Religion and Church" to survey what is available online.

Get the death records! A death certificate is not enough, and may not even be correct.

'FATHER' CARY SOLD SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA

By JIM BRADSHAW

The Welsh Citizen, Tuesday, December 2011

If you drive across the Cajun prairies from Lafayette to the Texas border on old Hwy. 90 and keep an eye on your odometer as you go, you will notice that you will reach a new town every five miles: Lafayette, Scott, Duson, Rayne, Crowley, Eagan, Jennings, Roanoke, Welsh, Lacasine, Iowa, Chloe, Lake Charles, etc.

That's because the prairies were sparsely populated until the railroad came through, established section houses at five-mile intervals, and then began an aggressive campaign to populate the prairies and generate business from them.

Southern Pacific sent agents across the American Midwest in an effort to sell southwest Louisiana as a land of milk and honey, and one of the most successful of them was SYLVESTER L. CARY, who established what he called an "Iowa Colony" in Louisiana, populated by people he recruited from that state.

CARY arrived in Jennings on March 31, 1883, when there were only four buildings and about 20 people there, but he saw the potential of the prairies around the little community and not only settled there himself, but according to a newspaper account some years later, "wrote back to Iowa, and devoted all his energies toward bringing ... his neighbors" to the thousands of acres of government land awaiting the plow.

He was Southern Pacific stationmaster in Jennings until 1886, when Southern Pacific named him Northern Emigration Agent, with headquarters in Manchester, Iowa. Exactly how much credit can be given to CARY is unclear, but an undated article in a New Orleans newspaper reported that more than 10,000 men, women, and children had settled in southwest Louisiana over a five-year period, and there were apparently numbers of others who bought Louisiana land on speculation.

The *New Orleans Times-Democrat* suggested in 1892 that Midwestern speculators "ought to be ... relentlessly taxed" and "be either compelled to sell [their land], or to come here and live on it and improve it."

At the Omaha exposition in 1899, CARY exhibited forest and fruit trees, agricultural products, salt and sulphur, from southwest Louisiana. Meanwhile, the railroad distributed some 30,000 copies of CARY's booklet, *Southwest Louisiana*, around the country.

The propaganda worked. A study some years later found that settlers came to southwest Louisiana about that time from Iowa, Michigan, Texas, Kansas, Canada, Minnesota, Illinois, Missouri, North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, Maryland, Vermont, New Jersey, Indiana, New York, Florida, California, Mississippi, Kentucky, and Nebraska.

And still there was room for more. In 1900, the *New Orleans Picayune* reported "The Southern Pacific Company is seemingly bent upon forcing the agricultural and farming interests of

southern and southwest Louisiana to the front. Although a very considerable portion of this section of Louisiana had been settled with desirable immigration, there yet remains a large area along the line of the Southern Pacific in which farming could be practiced with good both to the individual and to the state."

Because of his efforts, CARY became known as "Father" CARY, in Jennings and the surrounding area. When he died in the early part of 1915, the *Times-Picayune*, reported this:

"There was no dress parade of glittering generalities, no marshalling of unusual crop yields, no trick photography about Father CARY's immigration methods. His circulars told in plain and simple language of actual results achieved. Whenever it was possible, home-seekers were given a chance to see the growing crops or the ripened products themselves. His work for Louisiana was successful, because it bore the stamp of honesty and good faith. While his active work for Louisiana has ended, he leaves as a heritage for those who must assume the task a splendid example of the best and most effective way to secure the kind of settlement for Southwest Louisiana that will stick."

TROOP I, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA IN LAKE CHARLES, 1911

Troop I was the first Boy Scout troop in Louisiana, the first Scout troop west of the Mississippi and one of the first in the South when it was officially organized in Lake Charles in 1911. Only one other troop, in Nashville, Tennessee, had been organized south of the Mason-Dixon line. Boxes of records on Troop I, which went out of existence a number of years ago, are housed at McNeese State University Archives.

The first Scoutmaster of the troop was SEAMAN A. MAYO, who wrote that the troop here was brought about in 1911 through the influence of the Rev. W. W. DRAKE, pastor of the M. E. Church South in the town. The original troop was organized on 30 April 1911, and was composed of twenty-four boys. Their first hike took place in June 1911, with 20 scouts participating. The first patrol leader was MARTIN RYAN. ELMER GUNN was his assistant.

A picture in the *Lake Charles American Press* for 23 May 1904 shows the following members of troop I in 1912: CLARENCE E. LALANNE, WILLIAM B. STEWART, FRANCIS R. SHATTUCK, HENRY C. 'HARRY' CHALKLEY, ALLIE JACKSON, H. MOSS WATKINS, RUDOLPH LAKE, SIM SHATTUCK, ELMER GUNN, MARTIN W. RYAN, ALFRED E. ROBERTS, LISLE PETERS, JOE GUANT, EARL McCAIN, LAMAR CUNNINGHAM, RUDOLPH KRAUSE, RALPH W. PEYTON, SHERDIE JONES, CAROL HISCOCK, JOHN W. COX, CURTIS HICKMAN, HENRY GOODMAN, JOHN TUTTLE, EUGENE WILCOX, SAM KUSHNER, GEORGE HAAR, ED BLUESTEIN, DUDLEY PIPES, FRANK EDWARDS, SOL COHN, CLAUDE MORRIS, CARL BENDIXON, and SEAMAN A. MAYO, Scoutmaster. Not pictured are: HENRY BAKER, HORACE BAUGHMAN, HOWARD JONES, FRANK KELLY, CLIF KUTTNER, KEIGH MORRIS, BERT MUTERSBAUGH and LEE WOOLMAN.

Source: Jones. "Historic Boy Scout Troop I," *Lake Charles American Press* (5/23/2004)

OUR BROUSSARD FAMILY QUEST

By PEGGY DURACK, Member # 1581, and MURRAY LAURIE, Member #1582

It has taken a lot of research and a little luck to learn this much about our BROUSSARD ancestors.....

ALEXANDRE DON LOUIS BROUSSARD was born February 1839 in Lafayette, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana. Through both his mother and father, ALEXANDRE descended from Acadian freedom fighter, JOSEPH 'BEAUSOLEIL' BROUSSARD (1702-1765) and JOSEPH's son, FRANCOIS BROUSSARD (1741-1819), who served with the Attakapas Militia under Louisiana's Spanish Governor, BERNARD de GALVEZ, during the American Revolution. On August 26, 1861, ALEXANDRE married a cousin, ANGELIQUE EMELIE BROUSSARD. She, too, was descended from JOSEPH 'BEAUSOLEIL' BROUSSARD as well as JOSEPH's brother, ALEXANDRE BROUSSARD (1699-1765).

Following that tradition of military service, ALEXANDRE BROUSSARD enlisted in 1862 at Abbeville, Louisiana, and would soon be caught up in the battle to defend Confederate positions along the Mississippi River. The Union Army sought to control the Mississippi River, which would split the Confederacy and isolate the western states. Early in 1862, Union forces captured New Orleans, the largest city in the Confederacy at that time, and battles continued throughout the region.

ALEXANDRE BROUSSARD, then a private in Company E, Fournet's "Yellow Jacket" Battalion from Louisiana, was taken prisoner of war at the Battle of Fort Bisland along the Bayou Teche on April 14, 1863. Due to the difficulty and expense of guarding and feeding large numbers of prisoners, both the Union and Confederate forces relied on the European custom of paroling prisoners. Therefore, on May 2nd, ALEXANDRE "was conveyed to Port Hudson and there delivered to the assistant inspector General, Confederate States Army," as described in a US War Department letter. By that time, Port Hudson, Louisiana, and Vicksburg, Mississippi, were the only remaining Confederate strongholds along the Mississippi River. Simultaneous assaults by Union forces on both cities were repelled, but combined with sieges that lasted from May through July 1863, Confederate forces at Vicksburg were forced to surrender to Union General ULYSSES S. GRANT on July 4th, coincidentally, just one day after General ROBERT E. LEE was defeated at Gettysburg. Port Hudson fell on July 9th, following the longest siege in military history, and control of the Mississippi belonged to the Union Army.

ALEXANDRE survived the battles and returned home, only to rejoin the Army nine months later where he served with Company E, 7th Louisiana Cavalry until the end of the war. Following his company's surrender at New Orleans on May 26, 1865, he was paroled to New Iberia, Louisiana, on June 11th and returned home to his wife, ANGELIQUE, and their first two children: CECILE, born in 1862 and MARIE-ALICE, born in 1865. The 1870 census indicated that they now have two sons, JOSEPH and JEAN. ALEXANDRE is listed as "farmer" and the census also notes that neither husband nor wife can read or write. By 1887, the last of their fourteen children had been born.

In 1903, ALEXANDRE, age 64, submitted his first pension application. When asked how he has "derived support for yourself ... for the last five years," he answers, "by keeping a little Grocery and selling Patent Medicine," but is now unable to continue because "I am old, sick and too poor." The pension is rejected because he is unable to submit proof of service.

Efforts to prove ALEXANDRE's service are finally successful and the misunderstanding is clarified in a letter from the War Department dated May 10, 1911. Union records show no "ALEXANDER (or ALEXANDRE) BROUSSARD," but "the Union records of prisoners of war, however, show that one A. D. BROUSSARD did serve as he reported and a second pension application is filed in 1912. He reports "I am married but am separated with my wife, ANGELIQUE," who owns personal property "worth about \$3,000, but being her own personal property administering her own affairs since 6 years ago by decree of court." ALEXANDRE owns "one horse and buggy, 2 cows and one colt, one pair of mules worth about \$250." He has supported himself as "an agent for the Bliss Native Herbs," but is "prevented from earning a living now [due to] old age, rheumatism and physically unable weighing now 290 pounds." This pension request is approved.

At age 59, ANGELIQUE died in Rice Cove, on the property her family still owns near Abbeville, and she was buried on September 30, 1905. A year later, ALEXANDRE married ARTEMISE HARDY and their marriage is recorded at the Abbeville Courthouse. On April 27, 1924, following ARTEMISE's death, ALEXANDRE BROUSSARD is admitted to Camp Nicholls Confederate Soldiers' Home in New Orleans, Louisiana, where he will stay until his death in 1931, age 92. ALEXANDRE BROUSSARD is buried in Abbeville with one of his sons and daughter-in-law.

ALEXANDRE BROUSSARD Family

1. BROUSSARD, ALEXANDRE, b. Feb. 1839, Lafayette, Vermilion Parish, La.
d. 20 May 1931, New Orleans, La.
m. 26 Aug. 1861, Abbeville, LA
Father: DON LOUIS BROUSSARD
Mother: VIRGINIE EMERENTE BROUSSARD
2. BROUSSARD, ANGELIQUE EMELIE, b. 2 Oct. 1845, Abbeville, Vermilion, La.
d. 29 Sep. 1905, Rice Cove, La.
Father: JOSEPH URSIN BROUSSARD
Mother: ASPASIE TRAHAN

CHILDREN

1. BROUSSARD, CECILE MATHILDA, b. 24 Oct. 1862, Abbeville, La.
m. 15 July 1878, Abbeville, La., FELIX GUIDRY
2. BROUSSARD, MARIE-ALICE, b. 10 Feb. 1865, Abbeville, La.
m. 17 Jan. 1887, Abbeville, La., FRANK MOSS
3. BROUSSARD, JOSEPH CESARIEN, b. 8 Nov. 1866, Abbeville, La.
d. 30 Mar. 1950, New Iberia, La.

- m. 6 Jan. 1892, New Iberia, La., ANTOINETTE PESSON
4. BROUSSARD, JEAN EUBALDO, b. 20 July 1868, Abbeville, La.
d. 17 Nov. 1891
 5. BROUSSARD, BERTIN ULYSSE, b. Sept. 1870, Abbeville, La.
 6. BROUSSARD, ANDRE ANTONIO, b. 30 Nov. 1872, Abbeville, La.
d. 14 Jan. 1950, Abbeville, La.
m. 25 Oct. 1894, Abbeville, La., EVA VAUGHN
 7. BROUSSARD, PIERRE OVEY, b. 30 Nov. 1874, Abbeville, La.
d. 10 March 1961, Abbeville, La.
m. URSULE MEAUX
 8. BROUSSARD, URSULE VIRGINIA, b. 20 Feb. 1877, Abbeville, La.
m. 26 Apr. 1895, SIMON GUZARDO
 9. BROUSSARD, LOUIS GILBERT, b. 4 Feb. 1879, Abbeville, La.
d. 4 Apr. 1948, Abbeville, LA
 10. BROUSSARD, DESIRE LONCENE, b. 3 Feb. 1881, Abbeville, La.
d. 22 Mar. 1967, Abbeville, La.
m. LEONA HEBERT
 11. BROUSSARD, ELEODO ASPASIE, b. 7 May 1882, Abbeville, La.
d. 15 Feb. 1973, New Iberia, La.
m. 28 Oct. 1901, Vermilion Parish, La., RAOUL JOSEPH MONTAGNE
 12. BROUSSARD, MARIE-ANGELE LOITAIRE, b. 23 Mar. 1884, Abbeville, La.
d. 7 Oct. 1964, Vermilion Parish, La.
m. 8 Jan. 1906, Abbeville, La., WHITNEY DUHON
 13. BROUSSARD, VICTOIRE LOIGNE, b. 4 Sept. 1886, Abbeville, La.
d. young
 14. BROUSSARD, URSIN RHULE, b. 4 Sept. 1887, Abbeville, La.

NOTE FROM AUTHORS AND REQUEST FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

ELEODO ASPASIE 'LODO' BROUSSARD was ALEXANDRE and ANGELIQUE's 11th child. Following LODO's divorce from RAOUL MONTAGNE in 1917, her children were not allowed to see her or have any contact with the BROUSSARD family. As a result LODO's grandchildren have no photos of their BROUSSARD ancestors or family stories, so the story is not complete.

We wanted to share a little of our history in the hope that it might be a part of your history, too. We would like to make connections with other descendants of ALEXANDRE &

ANGELIQUE, meet our cousins and learn more about our kin. If you are descended from ALEXANDRE and ANGELIQUE BROUSSARD, we would love to hear from you.
PEGGY DURACK pdurack@satx.rr.com MURRAY LAURIE murraylaurie@bellsouth.net

“HAVE YOU..? I WONDER”

By MICHAEL JOHN NEILL

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Continued from Vol. 36 No. 2

YOU SAY: “I’M STUCK.”

And I wonder:

- Have you checked federal records?
- Have you checked church records?
- Have you checked occupational records?
- Have you checked ethnic organizations?
- Have you checked fraternal organizations?
- Have you researched every organization to which your ancestor belonged (church, fraternal, ethnic, military, etc.)?

Furthermore:

- Have you checked your assumptions?
- Are you researching from the present to the past?
- Have you organized your information?
- Have you double-checked research you did when you were new to genealogy?
- Have you put queries on appropriate bulletin boards?
- Have you posted your question to appropriate listservs?

YOU SAY: “I DON’T UNDERSTAND THIS TOPIC.”

And I wonder:

- Have you attended a relevant workshop or seminar?
- Have you read an article or book on the subject?
- Have you listened to a conference tape?
- Have you read an appropriate reference work?
- Have you subscribed to an appropriate listserv?
- Have you looked for articles on the Internet?

YOU SAY: “I GOT IT OFF THE INTERNET.”

And I wonder:

- Have you contacted the compiler?
- Have you located the original source?
- Have you located records the online source suggests?
- Have you considered the online source might be incorrect?
- Have you considered using off-line sources as well?

Are you using the Internet source as a clue?

YOU SAY: "I CAN'T FIND IT IN THE INDEX."

And I wonder:

- Have you made certain you know how the index is compiled?
- Have you read the compiler's introduction (it might list record problems)?
- Have you considered typographical errors?
- Have you considered transcription errors?
- Have you considered searching the records themselves?

YOU SAY: "I CAN'T FIND IT IN THE PUBLISHED SUMMARIES."

And I wonder:

- Have you considered reading the original records?
- Have you read the published material's preface?

YOU SAY: "I STARTED RESEARCHING A NEW AREA."

And I wonder:

- Have you read research guides to that area?
- Have you located maps of that area?
- Have you contacted the local genealogical/historical society?
- Have you considered joining genealogy listservs for that area?
- Have you seen the USGenWeb page for that county?
- Have you seen the USGenWeb page for that state?
- Have you checked Cyndi's List for that state?
- Do you understand the political boundaries of that area?
- Are you remembering that each area has different records?
- Are you remembering that each area may have different laws?
- Are you aware that each has a different culture?

There are a lot of other things I could wonder too. This listing is not meant to be comprehensive. However, if it makes you wonder about your own research, then it has served its purpose. (After writing this article, I realize I have a lot of work to catch up on as well!)

LAND PATENTS. These were documents which were issued by the federal government to those who received federal land (public domain), whether by purchase, bounty land grants, homesteads, scrip acts, or other pertinent laws which allowed federal lands to be transferred to private owners. Information gleaned from these land patents is interesting and may include the type of transaction, document number, location of the land office, legal description of the property, size of the patent, as well as the patentee's name and other miscellaneous data.

ABSTRACTS OF COURT CASES. These supplementary records, which are found at the county level, are often overlooked by genealogists. Sometimes they offer important information.

A PACK RAT IS HARD TO LIVE WITH, BUT MAKES A FINE ANCESTOR.

**SOME FOUNDERS/CHARTER MEMBERS OF ROBERT E. LEE CHAPTER #305 OF
THE UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY**
Contributed by SHIRLEY CHUMLEY SMITH, Member #980

CAMPBELL, Mrs. EMMA GAYLE **CHARTER MEMBER**
Daughter of Founding Member GEORGIA MUNNS GAYLE

Date of Birth: 17 August 1887, Calcasieu Parish, La.
Date of Death: 02 August 1972
Buried: Orange Grove Cemetery, Lake Charles, La.

Confederate Connection:
Granddaughter of THOMAS E. MUNNS, Private, Company F, Chalmette Regiment,
Louisiana Militia

Obituary from

LAKE CHARLES AMERICAN PRESS
Friday, August 4, 1972
Page 2, Microfilm Reel #639

Mrs. EMMA CAMPBELL

Funeral services for Mrs. EMMA CAMPBELL, 84, of 705 Division St. were to be at 3 p.m. today, Aug. 4, at the first United Methodist Church.

The Rev. GEORGE PEARCE, pastor was to officiate. Burial was to be in Orange Grove Cemetery under the direction of Hixson Funeral Home.

Mrs. CAMPBELL died at 9:20 p.m. Wednesday in a local hospital.

She was a native of Lake Charles.

Survivors are one son, GAYLE CAMPBELL of Lake Charles; two daughters, Mrs. T. P. COMERFORD of Lake Charles and Mrs. J. L. TISSUE of Rialto, Calif.; one brother, FRED L. GAYLE of Lake Charles; two sisters, Mrs. O. J. GILL and Mrs. W. H. LEAKE, both of Lake Charles, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Obituary for CLAUDE J. CAMPBELL, husband of Founding Member EMMA GAYLE CAMPBELL, from

LAKE CHARLES AMERICAN PRESS
Monday, May 29, 1933
Page 1, Microfilm Reel #182

DEATH STRIKES C. J. CAMPBELL, FURNITURE HEAD
Member of Berdon-Campbell Firm Prominent in Business here 25 years.

CLAUDE J. CAMPBELL, 51, prominent Lake Charles furniture man and member of an old and prominent family of Concordia parish, died at 11 o'clock last night while visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. CAMPBELL, in Vinton. Mr. CAMPBELL had been in failing health

the last two years and had not been actively connected with Berdon-Campbell Furniture company, of which he was secretary-treasurer since January 1 this year.

Services will be held at the family residence, 618 Bilbo, at 5 o'clock this afternoon, with the Rev. E. C. GUNN and the Rev. W. WINANS DRAKE officiating. Burial will be in Graceland cemetery, with Burke & Trotti in charge.

Active pallbearers will be RUSSELL CAMPBELL of Jennings and R. L. CLINE, ARTHUR L. GAYLE, and CHARLEY BUNKER, EDWIN F. GAYLE, and TOM BARNES, all of Lake Charles.

Honorary pallbearers will be A. W. BERDON of New Orleans, F. S. HEMINGWAY of Alexandria, W. H. LEE, R. J. GREEN, W. C. BRADEN, CHARLES T. GAYLE, FRANK ROBERTS, FRANK POE, J. W. MARTIN, M. J. MULLER, Dr. BEN GOLDSMITH, Dr. R. G. HOLCOMBE, and Dr. T. H. WATKINS, all of Lake Charles, and W. D. GORDON of Beaumont and Dr. W. F. BROOKS of Vinton.

Born in Mississippi

Mr. CAMPBELL had been in the furniture business here 25 years. He was born at Black River, Miss. on Nov. 18, 1881. The family moved to Concordia parish when CLAUDE was a small boy.

For some time before coming to Lake Charles, Mr. CAMPBELL was a rice broker at Crowley, and attended the world's fair in St. Louis as a representative of the rice industry.

In 1908 Mr. CAMPBELL was one of the incorporators of the Hemingway Furniture company on Broad Street, the other incorporators being AUGUST W. BERDON, F. S. HEMINGWAY, W. H. BERDON, CLARENCE E. BERDON, and LOUIS AUTHEMENT. The company was chartered by these incorporators June 20, 1908.

The charter was amended July 30, 1913, to change the name to Berdon-Campbell Furniture company, and Mr. CAMPBELL was secretary-treasurer of this firm from that time until his active work in the company ceased January 1 this year because of failing health.

Mr. CAMPBELL married Miss EMMA GAYLE of Lake Charles June 2, 1909. He was a charter member of the Rotary club and the Association of Commerce.

Surviving are his wife; two daughters, LOU ANN CAMPBELL of Lake Charles and Mrs. THOMAS COMERFORD of Baton Rouge; a son, GAYLE CAMPBELL of Lake Charles; parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. CAMPBELL of Vinton; a sister, Mrs. FLORENCE GAILEY of Vinton, and a brother, W. P. CAMPBELL of Beaumont.

WARE, Mrs. JAMES A.

CHARTER MEMBER

(JOSEPHINE McPHERSON GARDINER)

Date of Birth: ca 1831
Date of Death: 26 February 1907
Buried: Catholic Cemetery, Lake Charles, La.

Wife of Dr. JAMES A. WARE, Lieutenant-Major, Regimental Surgeon.
Brigadier General, Brigadier Surgeon, 16th Louisiana Infantry,
Volunteer surgeon, Field and Staff.
Member UCV Camp #62

See *The Civil War Veterans of Old Imperial Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana*,
page 328.

Obituary from

LAKE CHARLES DAILY AMERICAN PRESS
Wednesday, February 27, 1907
Page 4, Microfilm Reel # 3-12

Death of Mrs. JAMES WARE

Mrs. JAMES WARE, wife of Dr. WARE, the veteran physician, died this afternoon at 4 o'clock after a week's illness.

The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. The Daughters of the Confederacy are requested to meet and attend.

Also, Obituary from

LAKE CHARLES DAILY AMERICAN PRESS
Thursday, February 28, 1907
Page 12, Microfilm Reel # 3-12

Gone to her Final Reward

Death Yesterday Afternoon of Mrs. JAMES WARE after Brief Illness.

Yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock Mrs. JOSEPHINE WARE died at the family residence on Python street. Mrs. WARE had been ill only a short time and the shock of her death has completely prostrated Dr. WARE.

Mrs. WARE was the daughter of SAMUEL C. McPHERSON, of Maryland and was 76 years and 3 months old at the time of her death. She was married in early womanhood to Mr. GARDINER, one child being born them, S. W. GARDINER of Avoyelles, father of Messrs. JAMES, SAM and WILLIE GARDINER of this city.

Mr. GARDINER lived only a few years after their marriage and a few years afterward Mrs. GARDINER married Dr. JAMES WARE. They have resided in Lake Charles for about 20 years and have a large circle of friends who sympathize with the family in their bereavement. Mrs. WARE was a member of the Robert E. Lee Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy and a devoted member of the Catholic church. Mrs. WARE will be sadly missed by her many friends as she was also interested in charitable affairs and anything which tended toward development and improvement.

The funeral services were conducted at the family residence this afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by Rev. Father CRAMERS, the interment taking place at the Catholic Cemetery.

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Mrs. JOSEPHINE McPHERSON WARE.

Mrs. JOSEPHINE WARE, wife of Dr. JAMES WARE, Surgeon of Calcasieu Camp, Lake Charles, La., died on the 27th of February, at the age of seventy-six years. She was born in Maryland and of Scotch-Catholic stock, her parents having emigrated to this country at the time of religious persecution in Scotland. She was married to Dr. WARE in 1865, and had been a resident of Louisiana, and of Lake Charles since 1887.

Mrs. WARE was a woman of remarkable strength of character, and she lived and died an ideal wife, mother, and friend. Her husband was surgeon of the 16th Louisiana Regiment, Gibson's Brigade. As a member of the U.D.C. Chapter of Lake Charles, she was actively interested in its good work, and the pallbearers at her funeral were all Confederate Veterans. Her husband and two sons survive her.

Obituary for Dr. JAMES WARE, Confederate Veteran and husband of Mrs. JOSEPHINE McPHERSON GARDINER WARE, from

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**Dr. JAMES WARE PASSES AWAY
Venerable Physician Received Final Summons Last Night.**

**SPENT EIGHTY USEFUL YEARS ON EARTH
Native of Ohio, and Sixty Years a Physician---
Grief over Wife's Death Hastened the End.**

Dr. JAMES WARE is dead. The wise, kindly, gentle man who has been a familiar figure in Lake Charles for many years breathed his last at 7 o'clock last evening and passed from earth to receive the reward of a well-spent life at the hands of Him who gave it. After the death of Mrs. WARE a short time ago, the venerable doctor made an effort to rally, but the shock of her death was too great. His health, already precarious, declined day by day, and for the past week it was known that the end might come at any time.

Eighty years is a longer span of life than is vouchsafed to most men, but it is not too long when the years are filled with kindly, generous words and deeds. Literally Dr. WARE's life was spent in doing good, and kindness was the keynote of his character. The long years he spent in the active practice of his profession, the occupation of his later years, the thousands of unselfish acts he performed were all directed to the alleviation of misery and trouble, and even in the great war where he bore a man's part his mission was not to destroy, but to save.

In all the relations of life, Dr. WARE was courteous, kindly and helpful. He was a devoted husband and father, a steadfast friend, a man of great skill in his profession and a faithful member of his church. He was a man of deep learning and wide range of reading.

Dr. WARE was born in Chillicothe, Ohio, in the year 1826. He made two trips to Louisiana, coming here first in 1856, after practicing his profession for a number of years in Ohio and Illinois.

In 1857 he returned to Illinois and married Miss LAURA BARKER. One child was born to this union, JAMES H. WARE, now of Dallas, Tx. Dr. WARE's first wife died in 1861, and Dr. WARE, with his infant boy, returned to Louisiana.

As the civil war broke out about this time Dr. WARE enlisted in the 16th Louisiana Volunteers as a private in the ranks. It was not long before the higher officers of the regiment learned of his great skill as a surgeon and appointed him as assistant regimental surgeon, with the rank of lieutenant. He was shortly promoted to the position of regimental surgeon with the rank of major, and within two years had attained the highest rank possible in the regiment as a surgeon, being made brigade surgeon with the rank of brigadier general. In this capacity he remained until the close of the war.

While Dr. WARE was born in the north and spent the greater part of his early life there, he was an ardent southern sympathizer even before coming to the south, and after coming here enlisted at the earliest possible moment in the southern cause. His great bravery and benevolence are even yet subjects of comment by his old comrades, some of whom live in Lake Charles at this date.

In 1865 Dr. WARE returned with his regiment to Louisiana, locating in St. Landry parish. In the fall of 1866 he married Mrs. JOSEPHINE GARDINER, who lived until February 27 of this year, and whose death was one of the greatest blows Dr. WARE ever sustained.

Dr. WARE, with his wife and grandson, JAMES W. GARDINER, now parish clerk, moved to Lake Charles and took up their residence. They have lived here ever since.

One son, JAMES H. WARE of Dallas, and three grandsons, JAMES W., SAM W. Jr., and WILLIE GARDINER of this city, survive him.

The funeral was held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Church of the Immaculate Conception, under the auspices of Calcasieu Camp, United Confederate Veterans, and Robert E. Lee Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy.

1903 - U. S. Statistics

The average life expectancy in the United States was 47 years.

One in ten American adults couldn't read or write.

Only six percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.

The average worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year. An accountant could make up to \$2000 per year, a dentist \$2500 a year and a veterinarian between \$1500 and \$4000.

Alabama, Mississippi, Iowa and Tennessee were each more heavily populated than California.

With a mere 1.4 million residents, California was only the 21st most populous state in the Union.

Only 14 percent of American homes had a bathtub.

Only eight percent of the homes had a telephone. A three-minute call from Denver to New York City cost \$11.00.

There were only 8,000 cars in the U. S. and only 144 miles of paved roads. The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

Sugar cost four cents a pound. Eggs were 14 cents a dozen and coffee cost 15 cents a pound.

The five leading causes of death 100 years ago were: Pneumonia and influenza; Tuberculosis;

Diarrhea; Heart disease; Stroke.

Source: *American Press*, 4/1/2003

MURDER ON THE EVANGELINE PRAIRIE

Submitted by WILLIAM J. THIBODEAUX, Lafayette, La.

One of the most brutal murders ever committed in Louisiana was perpetrated on May 19, 1924. The victim was ROBERT LEO WIGGINS, Jr., the 27-year old son of Evangeline Parish Sheriff WIGGINS. According to Dr. Y. ARDOIN, Evangeline Parish coroner, who was also the gunshot victim's father-in-law, said WIGGINS had been shot just below the right shoulder and the bullet had exited behind the victim's left shoulder. A second gunshot entered WIGGINS' right temple and exited on the opposite side. The shooting launched one of Louisiana's largest manhunts.

WIGGINS had gone to Mamou on a business trip around three o'clock in the afternoon and was returning to Ville Platte at about 6:00 p.m. The coroner said it appeared that WIGGINS was shot while opening the door of his Ford coupe. After fatally shooting WIGGINS, the killer had apparently stolen the automobile belonging to the victim but had only driven it a short distance before bogging down. A young man wearing a "blue serge suit" was being sought. According to an eyewitness, the individual was seen in the vicinity where the body of WIGGINS was found. The unidentified man was approximately five-feet, nine inches tall and weighed about 160 pounds.

Bloodhounds and hundreds of men from surrounding parishes searched all throughout the night for the unidentified person wearing the blue serge suit. At five o'clock the following morning the baying dogs led authorities to the home of EUZEBE VIDRINE. Inside, law enforcement officers found 24-year old VIDRINE sound asleep and on the floor lying next to his bed with the infamous blue serge suit. A loaded 38 caliber revolver was also found along with "scores of cartridges" matching the bullets found at the WIGGINS' crime scene. It was considered an overwhelming amount of evidence against VIDRINE, who vehemently denied killing ROBERT WIGGINS.

On May 21, 1924, the day after capturing EUZEBE VIDRINE, Sheriff-Elect PUCHEU held a signed statement from VIDRINE where he claimed to have acted alone in the killing of ROBERT WIGGINS, an old schoolmate of VIDRINE. According to a *Times Picayune* article, VIDRINE said, "I killed LEO WIGGINS. I had been drinking. I asked WIGGINS for a ride and as he opened the door of his coupe I shot him in the breast and he fell. Then I shot him in the head. I didn't know it was LEO WIGGINS until after I had dragged the body behind a tree. I mistook him for an old enemy." After VIDRINE's confession he pleaded: "Don't hang me, but sentence me to a life term in the penitentiary. Have mercy for the sake of my good old mother."

Unbeknownst to nearly everyone in Louisiana, except of course VIDRINE and perhaps law enforcement agents in other parts of the country, this wasn't VIDRINE's first rodeo. He had murdered before; however, this one would certainly be his last.... In 1924, no one in the United States, much less Evangeline Parish, had ever heard the term "serial killer." It would be several decades into the future before the term would enter the American lexicon. It was first used in 1958, when PIERCE BROOKS, a Los Angeles homicide detective, coined the term. Later, BROOKS helped to develop a national database for unsolved crimes around the country. It was called VICAP, The Violent Criminal Apprehension Program. One year earlier, in 1957,

psychiatrist JAMES BRUSSELL became the first modern criminal profiler in the United States. He described many of the criminal's personality traits, habits, and quirks including their taste of clothing. BRUSSELL was known as "the Sherlock Holmes of the couch."

Today, science, intuition, and hope are used to catch the most notorious killers. It's referred to as the art of personality profiling. Back in the day before EUZEBE VIDRINE was apprehended, there were several unsolved murders in Louisiana, Texas, and Oklahoma. According to newspaper reports, VIDRINE was suspected of killing a man in Lafayette and another in Eunice on the same night, but they had insufficient evidence to convict him said authorities. Since VIDRINE's capture they now had sufficient evidence to convict him for the Lafayette murder. Monday, May 26, 1924, Lafayette Parish Sheriff FELIX LATIOLAIS made an unexpected visit to Ville Platte. He had positive identification from relatives of the dead man from Lafayette that the pocket watch, which was in EUZEBE VIDRINE's possession at the time of his arrest belonged to the deceased man.

EUZEBE VIDRINE had more bad news when it was learned that his fingerprints were matched with prints taken from an Oklahoma murder scene. According to newspaper reports, VIDRINE had been in Oklahoma at the time of the killing and had the fingerprints to prove it said experts. VIDRINE's fingerprints had also been positively identified by experts after lifting them from the steering wheel of the automobile owned by WIGGINS.

VIDRINE admitted that an alcohol induced mania or rage was the motive for killing ROBERT LEO WIGGINS. Sheriff-Elect PUCHEU asked, "How did it feel after you killed a man?" VIDRINE replied, "It felt fine. It seemed to take a load off my mind." PUCHEU challenged, "Then you must have killed someone else?" VIDRINE hesitated then said, "No, I never killed anyone before."

Judge PAVY set the trial for EUZEBE VIDRINE to begin on Thursday, June 29, 1924, as VIDRINE entered a not guilty plea. His court appointed defense attorneys were J. HUGO DORE and CLEVELAND FRUGE, both from Ville Platte. The District Attorney was LEE GARLAND and assisting him was AUSTIN FONTENOT, who had been retained by R. L. WIGGINS, Sr., to assist with the prosecution. VIDRINE asked Judge PAVY to allow him to represent himself during the court session, which was allowed.

VIDRINE wanted to address the jury to explain his actions as to why he had killed WIGGINS. He continuously believed that he would get a life sentence instead of death. His final words to the jury were: "Please save my life. I'm sorry I killed LEO." If VIDRINE had hoped to move the jury to tears, he was wrong. At exactly ten minutes after the jury had began their deliberations, the verdict "Guilty as charged!" was read by ARNOLD ROUGEAU, the jury foreman.

In 1924 a book was written about EUZEBE VIDRINE's life. It was written by AURELIS MAYEAU, V. L. DUPUIS, and J. HUGO DORE of Ville Platte, La. Before the trapdoor opened EUZEBE VIDRINE's last words were reported to be: "Do not gamble. Do not drink whiskey." You'll end up like EUZEBE VIDRINE if you do."

Non-fiction

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Information gathered by MICK HENDRIX, Member No. 1296

STREET GOSSIP. Items of Interest Picked Up In Passing and Given to the Public for What They are Worth.

"A gentleman from a northern state was in town a few days ago," said a citizen to a reporter this morning. "After he had been all over town, and had taken a ride on the dummy and once across the lake, I asked him what he thought of our city. "Well," said he, "you have a very nice city. Your location is good, you have three railroads, and the Calcasieu river, besides I understand that there is another talking of coming here soon. Your lake is worth quite a bit to your city. It not only affords amusements for both young and old but gives a large coast on which you can erect wharves which will give anchorage for many vessels. Besides all this you have other advantages which will help to make this town the largest and most popular in the south. But I notice that your walks are not paved, and that the streets are not named and numbered.

"I started out only yesterday to find the home of a prominent gentlemen, and had great difficulty in finding it.

"This is one thing that we northerners dislike about your city, - you are behind the times.

"You have plenty of lumber here that goes to waste every year, to pave your streets with, and the cost of putting it down will be but a trifle. It will add greatly to the appearance of your town and will raise the value of property.

"Yes sir, Lake Charles is a good town, but that is one thing that keeps some northern people out of here, but I am going to bring my family down next fall and be one among you."

"Well," said a well known young lady this morning, "they are going to have a big celebration at Iowa today, and quite a number of Lake Charles people are in attendance. Among them is one couple - whom I think want to marry and before night I believe they will be one. They thought they would surprise their friends. Congratulations are in order after the dance tonight." Who are they?

Everybody knows PAUL SULLIVAN, the old "8th regiment Missiourian." But everybody does not know that he has the most ingenious method of lighting his pipe heard of lately. He never bothers about carrying matches. When he wants the solace of his pipe he fills it, steps out into the sunlight, pulls off his spectacles and uses them as a sun-glass. In a few moments he is smoking comfortably.

IN THE CHURCHES. Services that will be held in the various houses of worship. The Fourth of July will be celebrated by appropriate sermons in many of the churches.

Following are the announcements of the services to be held in the various houses of worship tomorrow.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Services at the Episcopal Church of The Good Shepherd, Rev. JOSEPH R. SPEARING, rector, tomorrow will be as follows: Holy communion and morning prayer with sermon at 11 a.m. Evening prayer and sermon at 8 p.m. Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. All persons are most cordially invited to all services.

FIRST M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH.

At the First Methodist Church, Broad street, Rev. R. J. HARP, pastor, Sunday morning, July 4, the subject is "The Essential Unity of Patriotism and Piety, and the Power and Duty of Christian Electors in the Popular Government." 9:30 Sunday School, superintendent, A. M. MAYO; 3:30 p.m., Young People's Missionary Meeting; 4 p.m., Junior League; 7:30 p.m., devotional exercises of Epworth League, subject "Christian Citizenship;" 8:15, sermon by the pastor.

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Father VAN De VEN, Priest in charge. Services at 6:30 a.m. and 9 o'clock a.m., and 5 p.m. Meeting of the Altar Society after high mass.

HODGES STREET M. E. CHURCH.

Rev. J. H. CAMPBELL, Pastor. A Fourth of July sermon will be given at the Hodges St. M. E. Church Sabbath morning. Subject, "Liberty and the Great Liberator." Evening subject: "Crowned Heads in the Spiritual Realm."

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Rev. CLAUDE I. JONES, Pastor. The subject of the morning service, "The Soldiers of Christ Should Know no Despair." In the evening, "The Strength of our Republic," will be the subject of the sermon.

MARINE NEWS. Considerable Activity in the Way of Shipping Lumber.

The schooner *Clara Ida* cleared this morning for Mermonteau loaded with lumber from Perkins and Miller's mill.

Schooner *Mae Dees* left this morning with a load of lumber for Leesburg from Perkins and Miller's mill.

The schooner *Marie Isabel* is loading from W. B. Norris's mill for acc. Drew & Powell. She leaves next Tuesday for Point Isabel.

Schooner *Mary F. Lynch* cleared this morning for Corpus Christi, with her cargo of lumber from Drew & Powell's mill.

Schooner *George Lock* cleared this morning for Lake Arthur loaded with cord wood from up the river.

Sloop *Bettie* came up from the Pass this morning.

PERSONAL. The Comings and Goings of People You Know.

Mr. HEWITT, of Roanoke, is in the city today.

Miss LYOLA CHARTIER is spending the day in the city.

Mr. C. S. McRILL, of Shreveport, is in the city today.

Mr. H. HAZLER, of Shreveport, spent last night in the city.

Mr. ADELIA ARCENEUX, of Welsh, was in the city last night.

N. A. JONES, is a pleasant caller from Sugartown today.

Mr. E. C. WILLARD returned to his home in Fenton this morning.

J. R. LYLES, Jr., of Oberlin, is a business caller in the city today.

Mr. H. BRYANT, of Baton Rouge, is transacting business in the city.

Mr. JOHN McFATTER, of Oberlin, shook hands with friends on our streets this morning.

Mr. HUTCHINS, the popular fruit dealer on Ryan street, is spending the day at Bon Air.

Mr. C. J. BROWN and Prof. J. E. KEENY and family left for the Chautauqua at Ruston this morning.

Mr. WARD ANDERSON, who has been attending the Teachers' Institute here left for his home in Fenton this morning.

Rev. Father PINARD, of Lecompte, La., was the guest of Father of VAN de VAN. He left on the Watkins train this morning.

Mr. C. S. FENTON left for his home in Fenton this morning to help the people of that little berg to celebrate the Fourth.

CALCASIEU FRUIT GROWERS. Meeting this Afternoon was Well Attended by Those Interested.

The Calcasieu Fruit and Truck Growers' Association met this afternoon in Drew's hall, Prof. S. A. KNAPP presiding and C. D. OTIS officiating as secretary. A good number of prominent fruit growers were present.

Secretary C. D. OTIS read several communications relative to the workings of the national 'fruit growers' Association, refrigerator care, etc. Messrs. C. D. OTIS and FRANK HOWARD were appointed a committee on by-laws. President S. A. KNAPP suggested that an active canvass be made of all the fruit and truck growers of Calcasieu and that they should find out who were intending to plant and to urge all to get in their crops early.

He said the work now before the association was: first, to increase the membership; second, to agree on the lines of planting; and third to get crops planted early.

Mr. OTIS offered as a suggestion that since others, not actual fruit and truck growers, were very much interested in the success of the association that upon payment of \$2 initiation fee, they be allowed to become associate members. Hereafter it is intended that at each meeting there shall be talks, etc. on the subject of fruit and truck growing.

WILL BE MARRIED.

The engagement of Rev. HARRIS, formerly pastor of the Hodges street M. E. Church, to a young lady of Crowley, has been announced.

MAYOR'S COURT.

The mayor's court was rather dull this morning. Only two offenders were fined. WILLIAM McDONALD, drunk and down, fined \$1.50; TOM CLARK, for being drunk, was fined \$1.50.

OTHER THINGS MAY CHANGE US, BUT WE STAND AND END WITH FAMILY.

CITY DIRECTORIES

These directories give a record of every business place and house in a town. They give the name of the owners of the business and the street address for the business. For residences, names of the inhabitants and the address for the house are given, along with the occupation of the male head-of-household, and sometimes for all the working people in the household. You can see how long a family lived in a particular house and how long they stayed in the town. If you do not find the male in the city directory for the next period of time, but find his family there, you may assume that he died. This gives you a time period to check for obituaries, cemetery record, etc. If you do not find the family listed in the next city directory, you may assume they moved on. By checking these city directories and finding the part of town in which a family lived, you will find clues to their economic lifestyle.

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LEVY, ARMAND (Mrs), prop White
Front, r 604 Hodges
LEVY, SAML (Mrs), insurance, Viterbo
Bldg, r 618 Moss
LEWIS, AARON (ALICE) (c), millman,
r 915 Church
LEWIS, FANNY (c), r 826 Sixth
LEWIS, GEORGE (DORA) (c), millman,
r 1525 Fournet
LEWIS, GEORGE (VIOLA) (c), musician,
r 1619 Fournet

LEWIS, JAMES (ANNIE) (c), lab, r 206 St. Joseph
LEWIS, JASPER (POLLY) (c), lab,
r 721 Hutchinson
LEWIS, JOHN (NANCY) (c), lab, r 203 Lyons
LEWIS, LULA (c), cook, r 321 Boulevard
LEWIS, MARY (c), washerwoman, r 819 Clarence
LEWIS, M. T. (Mrs SALLIE), lbr inspector,
r 1219 Opelousas

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LEWIS, PAUL (c), lab, r 203 Lyons
LEWIS, PHILLIP (CAROLINE) (c), lab,
r 637 Franklin
LEWIS, RENE (c), lab, r 203 Lyons
LEWIS, RICHMOND (c), lab,
r 606 Hutchinson
LEWIS, SARAH (c), r Boulevard
LEWIS, STELLA (c), serv, r 657 Franklin
LEWIS, SIDNEY (c), lab, r 606 Hutchinson

LEWIS, VIRGINIA (c), r 637 Franklin
LEXIS, ROBERT (FELICIA) (c), lab,
r Goos Boulevard
LEXIS, ROBERT, Jr. (c), lab, r Goos Boulevard
LEXIS, THOMAS (c), r Goos Boulevard
LEYDEN, MART (Mrs KATE), merc,
r 711 Railroad
LIDDELL, Mrs _____ (wid), r 724 Division
LILLEY, Mrs A. M., seamstress, r 1040 Iris

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LIMBACHER, A. M. (Mrs), mgr
commissary, r 416 Pruitt
LINIGAN, ARTHUR (c), pressing
chop, 1223 Railroad ave
LIPON, PAUL (Mrs), fruit vendor,
r 307 Ford

LIPSCOMB, C. C. (Mrs), salesman Texas Oil Co,
r 324 Miller
LITTLE, H. C., agt Wells Fargo Express Co,
r 1545 West Common
LITTLE, Miss _____, mgr Western Union Tel &
Tel Co., r 605 Hodges

Advertisements: The Life Insurance Company of Virginia; F. A. Toce; Richard, Wasey &
Company; Kirby Street Grocery.

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LITTLE, ROBERT, clk, Murray-Brooks
Hdw Co, r 1545 Common
LITTLE, Mrs R. W. (wid), r 1545 W. Common
LIVINGSTON, FRANCES (c), laund,
r 1009 Front
LIVINGSTON, R. M., millwright,
r 427 Peake
LIVINGSTON, R. M. Jr, tailor, 833 Ryan,
r 427 Peake
LIVINGSTON, RANSOM (OLIVIA) (c),
lab, r 1308 Railroad ave
LOCK, GEORGE (Mrs),
pres First Nat Bank, r 825 Broad
LOCK, Miss ROSALIE JESSIE,
r 825 Broad

LOCKE, LEON (Mrs), mgr Interstate Inland
Waterways League, office Coml bldg,
r 1617 S. Ryan
LOCKWOOD, H. (Mrs), carp, r 829 Bilbo
LOFASO, JOHN, shoemaker, 736 Railroad ave
LOGAN, L. P., clk Majestic Hotel, r same
LOGAN, MARTIN (ANNIE) (c), lab,
r 100 Blake Alley
LOMBARD, A. (MELINDA) (c), lab, r 113 Nix
LOMBARD, LAWRENCE (c), lab, r 113 Nix
LOMBARD, WHITNEY (c), lab, r 113 Nix
LONG, J. L., butcher, r 333 Nix
LOOMIS, C. W. (Mrs), physician, r 915 Broad,
office Rigmaiden bldg.

Advertisements: Leon & E. A. Chavanne; Calcasieu Building and Loan Association; Hemenway
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LORANE, J. B., car inspector, r 333 Nix
LORDEN, WILL (MARGARET) (c),
millman, r Goos Boulevard
LOREE, CHAS (Mrs), retired, r 710 Pujo
LOREE, CHAS R. (Mrs), with Cauc Nat
Bank, r 709 Kirby
LOREE GROCERY CO, J. T. LANDRY,
C. E. HICKMAN, A. E. HICKMAN,
r 210 Pujo
LOREE, WM., retired, r 704 Pujo
LOUVERE, LOUISE (c), cook,
r 130 Boulevard
LOUISIANA MATTRESS & FURNITURE
CO, Ltd. 210 Division

LOUVAN, J. R. (OPHELIA) (c), porter Long Bell
Lbr Co, r 205 Boulevard
LOVAN, RICHARD (ROSE) (c), lab,
r 401 Boulevard
LOVAN, WM. (c), lab, r 401 Boulevard
LOTT, E. (Mrs), painter, r 802 Seventh
LOVE, SAM (ELIZA), (c), lab, r 1612 Gallagher
LOVE, WM. (CEDONIA) (c), lab, r 1325 Fournet
LOVELY, ADELINE (c), r 131 First
LOVOI, G. (Mrs ANNA), mere, 832 Railroad ave
LOVOI, JASPER (Mrs MARY), barber,
830 Railroad ave
LOY, BERT S. (Mrs MINNIE), tinner,
r 1421 Bank

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LOY, Miss ANNA FERN,
r 1155 Hodges

LOY, MARVIN J., r 1255 Hodges

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LOY, W. H. (Mrs), tin shop, Pithon back
of Loree Gro Co, r 1155 Hodges
LOYD, ROBERT (NITA) (c), millman,
r 925 Lyons
LOYD, SALLIS (MARIE) (c), millman,
r 932 Lyons
LOZ, LEON (VINIE), lab, r 1529 Cessford
LUBIN, PAUL (EVALINE) (c), lab,
r 1110 Opelousas
LUCAS, KING (Mrs), lab, r 2017 South
LUDGATE, W. R. (Mrs CLARA), r r man,
r 326 Blake
LUMPKIN, FRANK (c), lab,
r 317 St. Andrew
LUMPKIN, JOHN (c), lab, r 810 Sixth
LUMPKIN & ANDRUS, grocers,
Ryan and Lawrence

LUMPKIN, R. L. (Mrs PEARL), grocer,
r 417 Kirkman
LUPFER, Mrs M. E. (wid), r 823 Common
LUPFER, W. E., city slsmn, Ware Grocery Co,
r 823 Common
LUTCHY, SUSIE, r 427 Boulevard
LYLES, W. C. (Mrs), bagger, r Moeling and
Boulevard
LYONS, V. (ANNIE) (c), rest, 321 Franklin,
r same
LYONS, Mrs A. C. (wid), r 134 East
LYONS, ALBERT (Mrs), prop Lyons Bottling
Wks, r 209 Belden
LYONS BOTTLING WORKS, 312 Ryan
LYONS, DANIEL (Mrs), engr S P R R,
r 1438 St. John
LYONS, Dr D. E. (Mrs), phys, r 612 Church

Advertisements: Eddy Bros. Dry Goods Co.; Hemenway Furniture Company, Leon & E. A. Chavanne.

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LYONS, Dr E. J. (Mrs GRACE), retd,
r 204 Pujo
LYONS, J. L. (Mrs MOLLIE), Lyons
Lubr Co, r 416 Pone
LYONS, J. PRESTON (Mrs JESSIE),
enr, r 804 Lyons
LYONS LUMBER CO, K C S tracks,
Office Kaufman bldg
LYONS, RALPH (Mrs), shingleman,
r 1136 Ryan
LYONS, S. S. (Mrs), chief enr, Long
Bell Lbr Co, r 1602 Commercial
LYONS, Mrs V (wid), r 513 Belden

MACK, FOSTER (c), millman, r 514 Hutchinson
MACK, ELVINA (c), cook, r 514 Hutchinson
MABRY, EARL (Mrs EVA), clk Muller's,
r 313 Hodges
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Location: This is a large cemetery that is on both sides of Beaufort Street. The south side seems to be the older with a lot of unmarked graves. To get to this cemetery from Hwy 90, turn North on South Adams St., cross the railroad track, turn right on 2nd street that should be Beaufort St. The cemetery is down a few blocks. We started on the north side of the road going left to right starting on the southeast corner. This cemetery was done by HERMAN & MAXINE SCHEXNAYDER, Member #No. 1446, in October of 2007. We apologize in advance for any mistakes we may have made.

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12. SMITH, LOWRY L. C., b. 13 Feb. 1891, d. 18 March 1967
13. SMITH, LOWRY L. C., b. 19 July 1892, d. 18 March 1977

ROW #27

1. McLEAN, MARY CARTER, b. 6 Jan. 1926
2. STUBBS, REUBEN W., b. 1890, d. 2 May 1968; LA Cook 52 Infantry WWI
3. ROYLE, MYRTLE FAYE COMEAUX, b. 19 Feb. 1940, d. 7 Apr. 2005
4. New - no info
5. VANICOR, REED MARSHALL, b. 26 Sep. 2003, d. 28 Nov. 2003

ROW #28

1. SANDERS, SUSAN C., b. 28 Dec. 1959, d. 26 Oct. 2004
2. STUBBS, REUBEN W., b. 1 Jan. 1890, d. 2 May 1968
3. STUBBS, EVA J., b. 19 March 1900, d. 14 March 1970
4. MECHE, VOREST ANDREW, b. 23 Dec. 1924, d. 6 May 1965;
LA Sgt 764 Baes Unit AAF WWII
5. CARINGTON, IRENE M. (born SENSAT), b. 5 March 1920, d. 16 July 1975
6. SENSAT, MARIE LAVERGNE, b. 20 August 1895, d. 30 Nov. 1981
7. SENSAT, PHILIP, b. 8 Aug. 1898, d. 2 Jan. 1993
8. SENSAT, WALTER, b. 18 Nov. 1923, d. 19 May 1988
9. SENSAT, THERESA M., b. 29 Jan. 1932, d. 20 May 1985
10. SCOGGIN, TIMOTHY LEE, b. 28 June 1951, d. 23 Dec. 1992
11. MOTT, JOSEPH L., b. 8 Oct. 1918, d. 2 Aug. 1983
12. WATKINS, WILBER CULPEPPER, b. 27 May 1911, d. 31 Oct. 2003
13. WATKINS, AUDREY JONES, b. 23 Nov. 1911, d. 8 Jan. 1996
14. JOHNSON, AMY ELIZABETH, b. 27 Feb. 1972, d. 23 Dec. 1984
15. WATKINS, JANE, b. 11 Jan. 1953, d. 23 Dec. 1984
16. KIMBALL, RUBY WATKINS, b. 25 Sep. 1920, d. 18 March 2002
17. WATKINS, CLAUDE C., b. 31 July 1915, d. 23 Dec. 1984
18. WATKINS, JAMES L., b. 13 Nov. 1883, d. 24 Nov. 1974
19. WATKINS, DORA R., b. 7 Jan. 1889, d. 16 March 1982
20. WATKINS, LUCILLE WALLACE, b. 9 Jan. 1914, d. 15 Aug. 1992

21. WALLACE, WILLIAM B., b. 21 July 1912, d. 17 May 1993
22. WATKINS, CHARLIE MARSHAL, b. 31 July 1915
23. WATKINS, ELAINE PUGH, b. 4 Apr. 1920, d. 17 Apr. 2006

ROW #29

1. LOVE, BENNIE, b. 1909, d. 1974
2. No Headstone
3. COLES, MARY LEE, b. 23 Jan. 1944
4. SNYDER, WILLIAM A., b. 29 May 1911, d. 6 Feb. 2007
5. SNYDER, ARTIE DAVIS, b. 8 Jan. 1914
6. MYERS, JAMES C. 'J.C.', b. 13 Sep. 1937, d. 8 June 1991
7. HOLLIS, WAYFORD 'Buck', b. 10 Aug. 1933, d. 7 Nov. 2005
8. HOLLIS, REBA JAYNETTE FUSSELL, b. 14 June 1938
9. HOLLIS, CAROL JANELL, b. 21 Apr. 1964
10. GARNER, CHARLES Jr., b. 9 March 1934, d. 27 Aug. 1994
11. GARNER, JEANETTE (born MANUEL), b. 4 March 1936, d. 21 Jan. 2005
12. MANUEL, LENA F. L., b. 14 April 1915, d. 4 Feb. 1998
13. LELEAUX, JOSEPH, b. 21 Dec. 1910, d. 12 Feb. 1970
14. FOLKLAND, RAY, b. 6 March 1909, d. 2 Dec. 2005
15. FOLKLAND, EVA (born LOPEZ), b. 24 March 1914, d. 11 July 1998
16. FOLKLAND, CARL, b. 24 June 1897, d. 3 July 1968
17. FOLKLAND, ERNESTINE, b. 1 Aug. 1884, d. 24 March 1970
18. HINCHEE, DUKE FORREST, b. 8 Feb. 1890, d. 25 Aug. 1982; Vietnam WWI
19. HINCHU, IRENE NOFSINGER, b. 20 Aug. 1901, d. 11 Jan. 1986
20. No Headstone
21. No Headstone
22. PUGH, GROVER C., b. 19 March 1892, d. 12 April 1925
23. HARRIS, ETHEL PUGH (born SHOVE), b. 3 April 1894, d. 17 June 1966
24. PUGH, DOROTHY HARRIS, b. 13 Feb. 1930, d. 7 July 1999

ROW #30

1. COLES, DENNIS WALTON, b. 3 Sep. 1910, d. 17 Oct. 1977
2. COLES, MATTIE LOU CALDWELL, no info
3. COLES, KEITH E., Sr., b. 20 Apr. 1924, d. 26 Feb. 1986
4. No Headstone
5. GUIDRY, SHANE, b. 13 Aug. 1975, d. 16 July 1980
6. GUIDRY, JOSEPH R., b. 1922, d. 1988
7. DAVIDSON, JOSEPH P., b. 17 Aug. 1927, d. 25 Feb. 2001; Cpl US Army WWII
8. DAVIDSON, ELMA B., b. 15 Jan. 1931
9. DAVIDSON, CHARLIE R., b. 23 Dec. 1931, d. 18 Apr. 1999; SSgt US Air Force Korea
10. DAVIDSON, GERALDINE ANN (born MOTT), b. 8 Jan. 1936
11. No Headstone
12. No Headstone
13. MOHON, KENNETH R. (Kenny), b. 24 May 1932, d. 19 May 2000
14. McMILLEN, HAZEL BERTRAND, b. 14 Aug. 1917, d. 14 Sep. 2005
15. McMILLEN, HUGH RAYMOND, b. 22 Aug. 1917, d. 14 Oct. 1969

16. TRAHAN, AVERY, b. 25 Dec. 1917, d. 20 Sep. 1990
17. TRAHAN, RITA (born GRANGER), b. 22 July 1913, d. 22 Jan. 1997
18. TRAHAN, WILBERT LEE, b. 31 July 1913, d. 29 Jan. 2006; US Navy Vietnam
19. TRAHAN, JOSEPH NOLAN, b. 14 Dec. 1940, d. 13 Aug. 1984

ROW #31

1. MONKS, BILL Jr., b. 4 Feb. 1930, d. 22 June 1974
2. WRIGHT, DUGAN D., b. 21 Feb. 1892, d. 22 Dec. 1978
3. No Headstone
4. SIMON, WALLACE, b. 28 Feb. 1917, d. 18 Feb. 1997; Pvt US Army WWII
5. SIMON, SARAH MANUEL, b. 14 Apr. 1920, d. 19 Feb. 2002
6. CHALINE, ELRAY J., b. 7 Feb. 1937, d. 28 Feb. 1990
7. FLEMING, ALICE M., b. 10 May 1908, d. 9 Jan. 1976
8. FLEMING, JAMES R., Sr., b. 8 Dec. 1899, d. 21 Sep. 1975
9. FONTENOT, DORCEANUS, b. 8 Sep. 1915, d. 27 May 1981
10. FONTENOT, NAZEL A., b. 10 Nov. 1909, d. 19 March 2006
11. BOOTH, ELTON E., b. 8 Nov. 1905, d. 23 Feb. 1993
12. BOOTH, OPAL F., b. 18 Oct. 1912, d. 15 May 2001
13. No Headstone
14. No Headstone
15. No Headstone
16. SHELL, JIMMY L. (Buddy), b. 4 June 1949, d. 21 Aug. 1998
17. SHELL, OLA MAE, b. 25 Jan. 1923, d. 29 June 2007
18. LATHAM, LOUISE CARR, b. 26 Dec. 1915, d. 5 June 1987
19. THOMPSON, RUTH ARLEEN, b. 8 April 1913, d. 4 June 1994
20. THOMPSON, LOTHAN ANSEL, b. 18 Sep. 1903, d. 4 Dec. 1996
21. VALLEE, VIDA MOSS, b. 14 Nov. 1909, d. 13 Dec. 1983
22. VALLEE, MARION, b. 25 Oct. 1910, d. 17 March 1997
23. FREELAND, FLORENCE H., b. 26 Aug. 1914, d. 14 Jan. 2003
24. FREELAND, JOHN ED, Sr., b. 2 Jan. 1910, d. 11 Sep. 1984
25. PRAGUE, HARRY T., Jr., b. 19 Oct. 1905, d. 5 May 1975

ROW #32

1. GRANGER, JOSEPH W., Jr., b. 10 Jan. 1920, d. 3 Dec. 1969; WWII Korea
2. MEYER, HENRIETTA E. SLAUGHTER GRANGER, b. 15 May 1920, d. 14 Dec. 1998
3. ARDOIN, HENRY E., Jr., b. 1931, d. 1974
4. CHALINE, LAURA, b. 6 Oct. 1916, d. 4 Oct. 1994
5. BUCKLIN, RALPH W., b. 18 Feb. 1902, d. 25 Oct. 1982
6. BUCKLIN, LEONA J., b. 20 Sep. 1904, d. 8 May 1979
7. VICTOR, LACOUTURE, b. 25 Aug. 1915, d. 21 Nov. 1988
8. _____, LULA, b. 17 Feb. 1915, d. 30 June 1997
9. TAYLER, HELEN BUCKLIN, b. 3 Sep. 1925, d. 7 Apr. 1998
10. HAYES, VIRGINIA CHRISTIAN, b. 13 Nov. 1942
11. HAYES, IRVING V., b. 29 July 1939, d. 29 July 1994; 1st Lt US Army Vietnam
12. HAYES, HAROLD GLENN, b. 3 Sep. 1930
13. HAYES, PAULINE PANZARELLO, b. 16 Dec. 1931

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Crossroads, Issue 241, 2012. Allen Genealogical & Historical Society, Kinder, LA

"The War of 1812: An Introduction" by DAVID A. NORRIS

"Tartan Tangles: Unraveling Scots with the Same Names" by AMANDA EPPERSON, Ph.D
Family Chronicle, Vol. 16 #3, Jan/Feb. 2012

"Using Common Records to Overcome "Same Name" Problems by MICHAEL HAIT

Family Chronicle, Vol. 16 #4, March/April 2012

"Signs of the Times – Figuring Out When a Photo was Taken – Show How Hidden Clues Can Help You – Date Family Photos – 1850 through 1930" by MAUREEN A. TAYLOR and the Editors of Family Tree Magazine.

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"Finding Your Ancestors in Old Newspapers" by LISA LOUISE COOKE

Family Chronicle, Vol. 16 #5, May/June 2012

"THERIOT Families in Louisiana" by KAREN THERIOT READER

Acadian Genealogy Exchange, Vol. XLI, May 2012

"1780 Galveztown Census" by JUDY RIFFEL. Galveztown was one of four Canary Island settlements established by Spain in Louisiana in 1779.

La Raconteur, Vol. XXXII, No. 2 – June 2012. Le Comite des Archives de la Louisiane, Inc., Baton Rouge, LA

"Pass It On" by DENISE MAY LEVENICK. Create and organize a family archive of heirlooms generations will cherish. 1. Keep only what's important. 2. Preserve and Protect. 3. Make homes for heirlooms. Decisions: Save; Skim, then trash; Trash.

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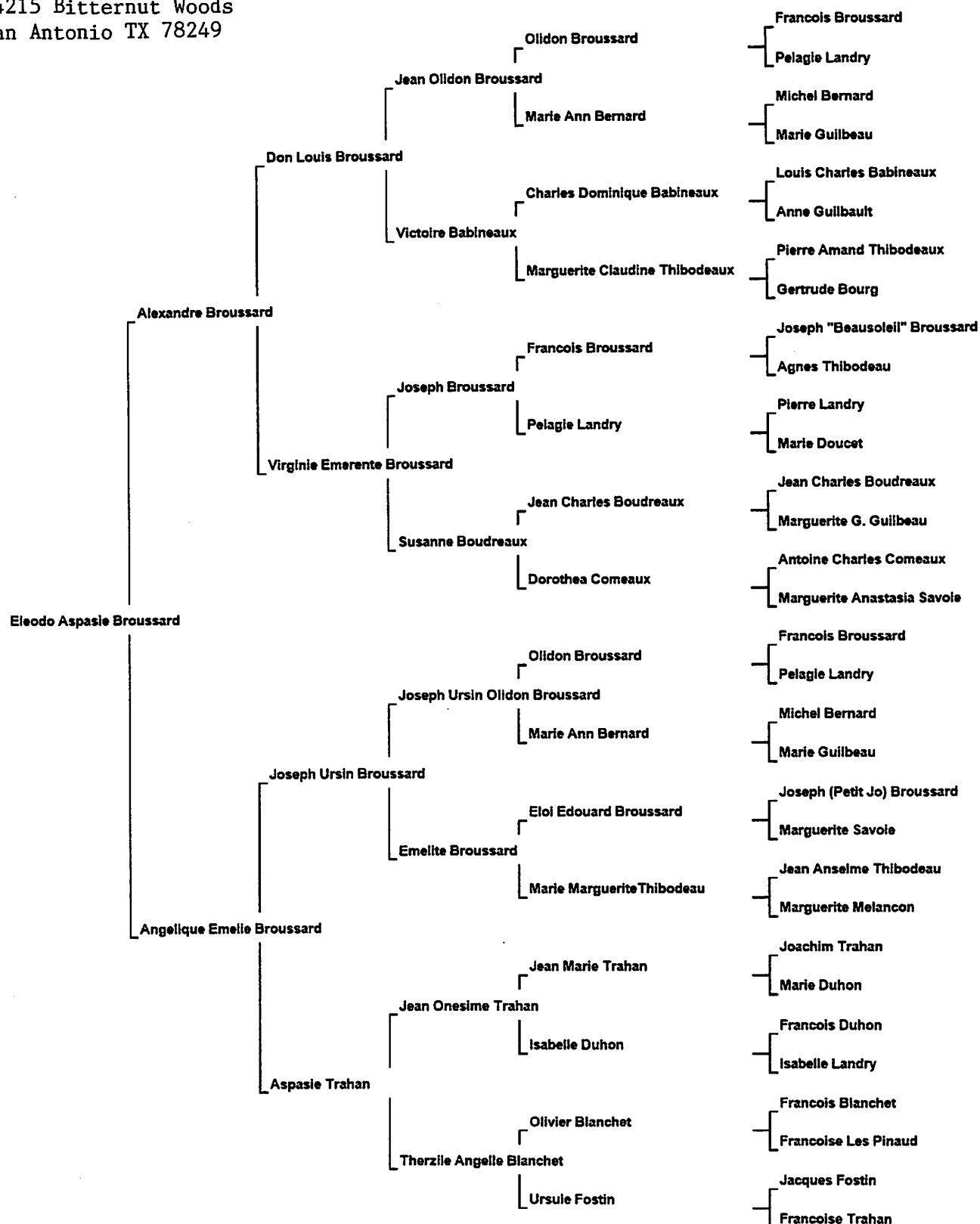
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Family Tree Magazine, Vol. 13 No. 5, July/August 2012

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The regular meeting of the Southwest Louisiana Genealogical Society, Inc. will be held on Saturday, November 17th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Carnegie Meeting Room of Southwest Louisiana Genealogical & Historical Library, 411 Pujó St., Lake Charles. Coffee and fellowship begin at 9:30 a.m. Guests are always welcome.

The program will be "A Savage Wisdom" presented by Dr. NORMAN GERMAN of Lake Charles. "A Savage Wisdom" was inspired by the life, crimes and legends of TONI JO HENRY – the first and only woman executed in Louisiana's electric chair. This is a fictionalized account of the true crime. Who was TONI JO HENRY? What led her to kill a Houston businessman on Valentine's Day in 1940? Come to the meeting to hear this presentation. Also *The Word on Words*.

Dr. GERMAN is an English professor at Southeastern Louisiana University and is fiction editor of *Louisiana Literature*. He has written a few "Louisiana" novels and they will be for sale at a special price. *Switch-Pitchers* (based on the old Lake Charles Lakers baseball team); *No Other World* (about Coincoin, the ex-slave slaveholder who founded Melrose Plantation near Natchitoches); and *A Savage Wisdom* (mentioned above). Checks will be accepted. Books make good Christmas gift.

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- 6:00 Lecture "The Founding of New Iberia" – Jose Manuel de Molina and genealogy display of founding Spanish families: Segura, Viator, Lopez, Miguez, Romero, Gary, Prados – Shadows-on-the-Teche Visitors Center.
- 7:00 Unveiling "Spanish Founding of New Iberia" Exhibit – Bayou Teche Museum
- 7:30 Spanish Gala (a ticketed event) – Sliman Theater (Evangline)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

- 10:00 Mayor's Welcome & Opening ceremony – Clara Roy Steamboat Pavilion
- 10:30 Spanish Arrival on the Teche – IPAL (behind the Pavilion)
- 11:00 Paella/Jambalaya Cook-off – Bouligny Plaza
- 11:00 Genealogy display of founding Spanish families – Sliman Theater
- 1:00 Food Demonstrations - Bouligny Plaza
- 3:00 Artwalk – Downtown
- 11:00 am to 9:00 pm Live Music – Clara Roy Steamboat Pavilion (Bouligny Plaza)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

- 10:00 Mass dedicated to the Spanish founding families and visitors from Spain:
Segura, Viator, Lopez, Miguez, Romero, Gary, Prados –
St. Peter's Catholic Church, E. St. Peter St.
- 1:00 Dedication of the New Iberia Trilingual Historical Markers featuring guest speaker
Lt. Governor JAY DARDENNE, followed by Jose Manuel de Molina
Sugar Cane Festival Building, 600 Parkview Drive

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PLEASE mark your calendar to show the upcoming SWLGS meetings and events of other societies.

2013

JANUARY 12 - SATURDAY – SWLGS REGULAR MEETING – 10:00 a.m.

CARNEGIE MEETING ROOM, 411 PUJO ST., LAKE CHARLES, LA

“SHOW & TELL” presented by SWLGS Members

**(If you would like to be part of this program and show some of your
ancestors' memorabilia, please contact Pat Huffaker.)**

MARCH 16 - SATURDAY – SWLGS REGULAR MEETING – 10:00 a.m.

CARNEGIE MEETING ROOM, 411 PUJO ST., LAKE CHARLES, LA

“WOMEN OF EARLY LAKE CHARLES” presented by LINDA K. GILL

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The Southwest Louisiana Genealogical & Historical Library is continuing its series "Tidbits of History" with the following scheduled programs.

Wednesday, November 7 – "The Part, Perspective, and Goals of the Indians During the War of 1812" presented by Dr. RAY MILES – 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

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Tuesday, January 8 – "Louisiana's Jewelry Box" presented by Dr. FLORENT HARDY, Jr., State Archivist and Director of the Louisiana State Archives.
10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

In June, the Calcasieu Parish Public Library welcomed Dr. GABRIEL MORLEY as the new Director. Dr. MORLEY holds a doctorate in education and a master's degree in Library Science from the University of Southern Mississippi. Dr. MORLEY was director at the Lincoln Memorial University Library in Tennessee. He previously served as director of the Pike-Amite-Walthall Library System in McComb, Mississippi, and the Washington Parish Library System in Franklinton, Louisiana. Before receiving his master's in Library Science, Dr. MORLEY worked as a newspaper editor in Bogalusa.

NEW BOOKS ON THE SHELVES

Pallon, Mary Duck. *The Duck Book*

Phares, Frances D. *East Feliciana Parish Louisiana: Marriage Record Index 1834-1982, Vol. I*

Phares, Frances D. *East Feliciana Parish Louisiana: Marriage Record Index 1834-1982, Vol. II*

Prince, Cindy. *Hixson's Funeral Home Index 1934-1950 Beauregard Parish*

Riffel, Ann D. *1898-Voters Registration: West Baton Rouge, Point Coupee*

Roberts, Sir Charles George. *The Forge in the Forest; Being the Narrative of the Acadian Ranger, Jean de Mer, Siegnier de Briart*

Schweitzer, George K. *Illinois Genealogical Research*

Southwest Arkansas Genealogical Society. *Biographical Family Histories of Southwest, Arkansas Vol. I*

White, Gifford. *First Settlers of Harris County, Texas, vol. 2*

Wiltshire, Betty C. *Madison County, Mississippi Will Abstract*

Shepard, Dr. Nancy B. *The Legacy Continues: Contributions of First African Americans in Lake Charles, Louisiana*

Grider, Jane N. Woodall and Ethel Woodall Grider. *McGeehee Descendants*

Adams, Donna Burge. *Post Office Records: 1832-1900, Vol. 6 (Vernon, Rapides, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Allen, Evangeline, St. Landry, and Point Coupee Parishes, LA)*

Berry, Brian J. L. *Westward: The American Shapleys*

Davis, Robert Scott Jr. *Quaker Records in Georgia: Wrightsborough 1772-1793, Friendsborough 1776-1777*

DeVille, Winston. *The 1795 Chimney-Tax of New Orleans: A Guide to the Census of Proprietors and Residents of the Vieux Carre*

Gates, J. Y. and H. B. Fox. *A History of Leon County: With Informal Sketches and Interviews*

Lake Charles High School. *The Catalog*, 1959

Leon County Genealogical Society. *Leon County Texas 1880 Census Supplement: Additions and Corrections*

Leon County Genealogical Society. *Leon County Texas 1880 Census, 1890 Tax Roll*

Louisiana State University. *Gumbo*, 1957

McNeese State University. *The Log*, 1983

McNeese State University. *The Log*, 1984

Mier, Betty, et al. *Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist: Cemetery and Burial Records Supplement*

Miller, Mark K. *The Louisiana Courthouse Directory*

St. John Cemetery, established 1821: Burial and Funeral Records 1821 through April 2010

Shull, Karen, and Shannon Bellard-Amy. *Prove It! Vol. 1: A Collection of Death Certificates for Family Members included in the Following Books: The Beliles and their Kin, the Farques and their Kin, the Grangers and their Kin, and the Mahaffeyes and their Kin.*

Terrebonne Genealogy Society. *South LA Vital Family Records V. 1 (1902-1905)*

Terrebonne Genealogy Society. *South LA Vital Family Records V. 3 (1910-1913)*

Terrebonne Genealogy Society. *South LA Vital Family Records V.4 (1914-1917)*

Westerman, Audrey B. *1860 Ascension Parish, LA Census*

Westerman, Audrey B. *LaFourche Parish, LA Census 1850*

Melancon, Doris Millet and Elsie Moore Little. *Cemeteries of East Ascension Parish, LA*

Terrebonne Genealogical Society. *St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery*

LaFourche Heritage Society, Inc. *Stories My Grandparents Told Me: Student Essays on Lafourche Heritage*

Westerman, Audrey B. *First Land Owners and 1810 Annotated Census of LaFourche Interior Parish, LA (LaFourche and Terrebonne)*

Terrebonne Genealogical Society. *Cemeteries of Houma, Louisiana*

Morrison, Phoebe Chauvin. *1840 Census of Terrebonne Parish, LA*

Robertson, Billie Earp. *Sleeping by the Bayous*

Terrebonne Genealogical Society. *Terrebonne Parish 1860 Census*

Terrebonne Genealogical Society. *Terrebonne Parish 1870 Census*

Terrebonne Genealogical Society. *1870 Census of Assumption Parish, LA*

Toups, Kenneth B., compiler. *Assumption Parish, LA: Original Cahier Records Books 1 thru 5, 1786-1813*

Toups, Kenneth B., compiler. *1850 Census of Assumption Parish, LA*

Olivier, Jane, compiler. *The Church of St. Charles Index of Marriages, 1917-1975*

Adams, L. Harvey, compiler. *1850 Census of Lafayette Parish, LA*

Adams, L. Harvey, compiler. *1860 Census of Lafayette Parish, LA with Annotation*

Adams, L. Harvey, compiler. *Burnt Remnants of Vermilion Parish, LA with Annotation*

Adams, L. Harvey, compiler. *1880 Census of Lafayette Parish, LA*

Conrad, Glenn, compiler; "Attakapas Gazette" *1900 Census of New Iberia, LA*

OTHER THINGS MAY CHANGE US, BUT WE START AND END WITH FAMILY.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

The September Program was presented by WILLIAM J. THIBODEAUX of Lafayette, LA.

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF ALVARD LeDOUX

This presentation is part of ALVARD LeDOUX's autobiography, which was transcribed in 1987 by his grandchildren when ALVARD was in his eighties. GERCIE D. DAIGLE, a genealogist, writer, storyteller and local historian from Church Point, who also happens to be a relative of ALVARD LeDOUX, has graciously given me a copy of ALVARD's unpublished manuscript. GERCIE is a member of Southwest Louisiana Genealogical Society.

1. ALVARD lived through two world wars, the Great Depression, and he witnessed Halley's Comet in 1910 and again in 1986. He also witnessed the digging of the Intracoastal Canal in 1925.
2. ALVARD was born on August 30, 1906. He was the first of five children born to ADAM and LYDIA (MATT) LeDOUX. ALVARD's parents were sharecroppers; they farmed on ALVARD's grandmother LeDOUX's property in northwest Acadia Parish, at a place called Grand Coulee, which is about 12 miles southwest of Church Point. ALVARD's grandfather died before ALVARD was born and as long as he can remember, his grandmother lived alone with her dog, Sheriff. Her first house was constructed of logs and mud, and it had a dirt floor. In the late 1800s Grandma LeDOUX had another house built on her farm. She sent OSCAR BREAU, her favorite son-in-law, to Crowley with eleven gold pieces to purchase the lumber to build her house.
3. Grandma LeDOUX's new home was built near what was called the Branch Oil field. The house was built by four or five of her sons and sons-in-law. Her house was one of the first homes to be built with metal nails instead of wooden pegs, which was customary for that time period. The house attracted people from far and wide; they wanted to see the house with the metal nails. The older folks said the metal nails would soon rust and rot. They also said it would cause the building to eventually crumble to the ground. Apparently she was decisive and didn't care what others said. She was determined and knew what she wanted. Her fireplace was constructed of brick while everyone else's was made of mud.
4. Grandma LeDOUX'S house was built with porches that extended on three sides of the house. The porch floor was constructed of 12-inch rough cut lumber with one-inch spacing between the planks to allow for expansion. The barn and the fence around the barn were built with three-inch diameter logs harvested on Grandma's adjoining property, which was purchased for that express purpose. The rafters, ceiling joist, partitions, and the feed storage area were also built with the harvested logs.
5. Most of the people back then were superstitious, especially of things they didn't comprehend. ALVARD remembered seeing Halley's Comet streak across the southern sky in May of 1910. He was only four years old. It happened just as the sun began to set. ALVARD's grandmother

saw it first while she was facing east. ALVARD ran to the side door and noticed the ground was lit up from the comet's glow, and by the time he looked up it was quickly disappearing in the west. Some of the older folks in the area said it was a sign or an omen indicating the end of the world was near. ALVARD said for a long time afterward people in the area would gather every night at his grandmother's house to pray.

6. ALVARD attended a two-room school named Light and Tie, located in the northern part of Acadia Parish, ALVARD thought it was a funny name for a school. Its name implied that you light from your horse and tie it to the hitching rail. ALVARD was like most of the other kids in the area—they didn't speak a word of English, which was common in those days. Many of the children didn't have shoes to wear. They attended school barefoot, even during the winter months.

7. ALVARD's mother would put his lunch in an old half-gallon syrup bucket. The food was hot which caused the bucket to sweat, thus creating a soggy lunch. ALVARD complained to his mother about it. She remedied the situation by puncturing holes in the lid. Times were tough. If you didn't watch your lunch someone would eat it, so everyone kept their lunch under their desk. ALVARD's feet were usually cold, and his lunch was hot so kept his feet on top of his lunch pail. The dirt, sand and grit would sometimes fall from his feet onto his food through the tiny holes in the lid.

8. ALVARD's family slept on two mattresses on each bed. This was before innersprings became commonplace on the prairie. The top mattress was made of moss while the bottom was made of corn shucks. The mattress cover had two slits, one on each side to allow access for someone to "fluff" the corn shucks. Each night before going to bed someone had to fluff the mattress or else you were going to have a bad night's sleep. The corn shuck mattress was noisy and "It was aggravating to say the least," said ALVARD.

9. When ALVARD was about eight years old his sister, CECILE, who was three-years younger than ALVARD suffered with asthma. In an attempt at improving her health his family spent several weeks at Leesburg (Cameron) along the gulf coast. ALVARD's dad said the warm sea breeze had a beneficial effect and would improve CECILE's health. There were no roads south of Lake Charles, so they boarded the *Rex*, a large seagoing boat, which made the trip every other day to the gulf coast.

10. CECILE's health improved and when they returned home everyone within the community came by to hear about the excursion. ALVARD said as far as the eye could see there was nothing but sparkling blue water. There were giant porpoises as large as horses playfully swimming around the boat. The gulf coast was so healthy they reported seeing numerous century old citizens enjoying long walks along the beach, ALVARD also said people there spoke French; however, it was somewhat different from what they spoke in Acadia Parish.

11. When ALVARD was about nine years old his Grandmother sent him outside in the middle of the night to fetch a bucket of water from the well. ALVARD stepped out a few feet from the house and unbeknownst to him, Grandma also went out, but through a different door. ALVARD saw the old pot and called out, "Is that you black pot?" Just as he grabbed the dark water bucket

he heard someone say, "Yes, that's me!" He threw the bucket down and ran into the house as his grandmother laughed hysterically.

12. ALVARD's grandmother was fearless. Her neighbors once reported seeing a "ball of fire" every evening coming from the direction of the "old Wesley Young store" and landing in her yard. Unbeknownst to Grandma LeDOUX, her neighbors would gather and watch the strange phenomena each evening just before sunset. One day after she was informed about the mysterious light, she sat in her rocker on the front porch and waited for the encounter. She eventually saw the strange ball of fire approaching from a distance. Slowly the ball of fire kept coming toward her. Grandma stood up when the strange ball was close. The old woman was terrified. The ball of fire quickly headed straight for her. Well, I'll wait to tell the rest of the story...

13. ALVARD was 12 years old when his family moved from Grand Coulee to Sweetlake, south of Lake Charles, in Cameron parish. He and his family loaded all their worldly possessions onto four wagons drawn by long-maned Creole mules. The furniture was old, most were homemade; and many of the chairs had cowhide bottoms. ALVARD followed behind on horseback for the entire four day trip. ALVARD's job was to feed and water the eight mules each day when they made camp. Every night they slept on blankets under the wagons, gazing up at the stars while continuously swatting mosquitoes.

14. There were plenty of wild horses and cattle that roamed freely in the area said ALVARD, who loved to break the wild horses. When they were first captured, the horses would not eat or drink for weeks. And when they finally began eating it was grass they preferred over feed. ALVARD was paid \$5 for every horse he broke. He was thrown to the ground frequently and several times he was dragged around the pen. Sometimes he was given a wild horse for everyone that he broke, and at one point ALVARD had a herd of about 25 wild horses. According to ALVARD, the wild horses were scrawny, not very pretty and too wild to be used for plowing or any type of farm work.

15. When ALVARD was 18 he married the love of his life, 21 year old EVELINA BEAUGH from Sweetlake. The date was December 23, 1924; she had eight brothers and one sister. In the winter when visiting her large family everyone sat near the open door of a little wood burning stove. EVELINA's father would sit on a cowhide chair with his feet propped on the door of the stove, chewing tobacco, occasionally spitting in the spittoon that was seemingly always full. Without exception, the spittoon was emptied into the chicken's nest to keep the lice under control.

16. In 1919, unbeknownst to ALVARD and nearly every resident in and around the community of Sweetlake, the United States Government had authorized the creation of the Intracoastal Waterway. The dredging operation for the new waterway had reached southwest Louisiana in 1925, at about the time that ALVARD began his career as a full-fledged sharecropper. ALVARD worked a 40-acre tract of land owned by HARRY CHALKLEY, who according to ALVARD owned nearly all of Cameron and Calcasieu Parishes.

17. The dredging worked twenty-four hours a day and it cut through the center of Sweetlake; thus creating saltwater intrusion into the freshwater lake, which had been the source of water to irrigate the farmer's rice fields. Needless to say, the saltwater killed or severely burned the rice crop. In 1925, the saltwater intrusion was so severe, no one harvested rice in Cameron and Calcasieu Parishes.

18. Sometimes a tragedy is actually a blessing in disguise. After the rice crop failure of 1925, ALVARD and EVELINA moved to Eunice where ALVARD took a job at the Red Rose Bakery. Sometime later they moved to Lake Charles, ALVARD took an electrical course at the Sowela Technical School. He eventually became an electrician's helper and then a journeyman electrician for the chemical plants at Westlake. Sometime after WWII began, they purchased a house on 16th Street, which at the time was a dirt road. ALVARD and EVELINA had six children. In August of 1987, when ALVARD was 81 years old his grandchildren transcribed his autobiography.

19. Grand Rond

20. The following is a story of knife wielding thugs and bullies from Pointe Noir that predates the First World War. MENTOR BABINEAUX and his wife, ALVARD's aunt and uncle, had 11 children. The oldest were two boys, MOISE and AUGUST, who were much older than ALVARD. When the boys were in their teens, they were invited to a house dance. Nonc MENTOR knew Pointe Noir had an abundance of knife fighters. He also knew his sons would not back down from anyone, so MENTOR went to the dance with his boys. According to ALVARD LeDOUX, one of the most notorious knife fighters during that time period was OLEN THIBODEAUX. According to tradition, OLEN sharpened his knife daily, twice on Sundays, and especially before going to a dance. Marais Bouleur was just as dangerous as Pointe Noir, which made Acadia Parish one of the most dangerous places to live.

21. When the dance ended *ces maudits* THIBODEAUX were waiting outside for the BABINEAUXs. MENTOR was quick to notice the THIBODEAUX brothers approaching his sons. MENTOR grabbed his oldest boy MOISE, around the midsection including his right arm. MENTOR believed if he held MOISE it would prevent a fight. He was wrong. It just made it easier for OLEN THIBODEAUX to hurt Nonc MENTOR's boys.

22. According to Dr. BARRY ANCELET, professor of folklore at the University of Lafayette, back in the day when someone had a score to settle someone shouted "Grand Rond" and available members of the community formed a circle around the fighters and they served as official witnesses on several issues:

One: The reasons for the fight were appropriate.

Two: Both parties consented to the fight as a fair resolution.

Three: The fight was fairly fought, with no cheating.

Four: They witnessed the eventual declaration of settlement or of yielding.

Five: To insure that the fight ended when that declaration was made.

Six: To serve later as witnesses to any concerned that a resolution had been reached.

23. No one shouted "grand rond" when the "fight" began between the THIBODEAUXs and the BABINEAUXs. After a brief period of trying to prevent the fight MENTOR noticed that he had been cut on an arm by OLEN. MOISE was finally turned loose to defend himself, but it was too late. MOISE had been badly sliced open and unable to stand. MOISE fell to the ground helplessly trying to hold in his innards. Bed sheets were used to wrap around MOISE's midsection. He was then loaded onto a buggy and taken to the hospital in Eunice. Someone rushed to Dr. T. T. CHACHERE's house in Church Point for him to come quickly to see about MOISE. AUGUST BABINEAUX had been cut on his backside, but it wasn't as severe as his older brother's wounds.

24. When the doctor arrived at the hospital MOISE was still breathing. Dr. CHACHERE stitched MOISE's stomach and did what he could for the young man. MOISE survived the ordeal by staying in the hospital a long time. When the day finally came for him to be released, there was a large group of able bodied men in attendance. They weren't there to say goodbye, they were there to literally carry MOISE home. Back then there weren't any ambulances and MOISE couldn't sit up in a buggy or lie down due to insufficient space available. Wagons were built to haul heavy loads of material. They had no springs, thus making it very uncomfortable to say the least.

25. When MOISE was released to go home, he was carried home in a stretcher made by ALVARD LeDOUX's father. The stretcher was constructed of wood with eight handles. ALVARD remembered seeing two wagon loads of men taking turns walking and carrying MOISE the ten miles from the hospital to his uncle's house, each clutching a handle with MOISE lying on the stretcher. When the men finally arrived at Nonc MENTOR's house the group stopped to rest under the shade of a large China ball tree. This event made a lasting impression on ALVARD. OLEN THIBODEAUX and his brother were never charged for the crime.

26. ALVARD died on Thursday, February 19, 1998, at the age of 91. He was buried at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 21, 1998, at the Grand Lake Community Cemetery in Grand Lake. ALVARD lived in Lake Charles most of his adult life. He was a member of the electrical brotherhood local 861, and served as an electrician with 50 years of service.

27. At the time of ALVARD's death his survivors were four sons: CHARLES HORMAN LeDOUX and LOUIS LeDOUX, both of Moss Bluff, WILBERT LeDOUX of Carlyss and CHESTER LeDOUX of Lake Charles; two daughters, Mrs. J. J. "LOIS" TROUARD of Lake Charles and Mrs. DON "GENEVIEVE" WEASE of Baton Rouge; one brother, JOHN IRA LeDOUX of Lake Charles; one sister, Mrs. LENA GWYN of Lake Charles; 17 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

28. Incidentally, UL has a copy of ALVARD's manuscript. I gave a copy to Dr. BARRY ANCELET.

29. Oh, by the way, you remember the bright light coming after Grandma LeDOUX when she was standing on the porch, right? Well, when the big bright light finally got to Grandma, she quickly removed her apron and "swatted the thing." After close examination it was determined to be a huge firefly.

KINDER CEMETERY GOES HIGH-TECH

By DORIS MARICLE

American Press, August 1, 2012

The days of trudging through Kinder McRill Memorial Cemetery searching for the graves of ancestors or loved ones are over.

Quick response code plaques placed on the brick entry columns at the north and south gates can now help visitors locate graves, said DON LADNER, a member of the Kinder Cemetery Board of Directors.

“As folks drive into the cemetery they can point their Smartphone or iPad at the QR code plaque affixed to the brick columns and it will link them to the Kinder Cemetery website,” he said.

On the site – <http://fpl.centurytel.net/KinderCemetery> - visitors can find the names of their loved ones and their burial locations in the cemetery. The site features a link to a QR code app for iPhone.

LADNER and his wife, LEAVON, walked the cemetery and recorded all the information engraved on the headstones and put it – names, birth and death dates, and burial locations – in a loose-leaf binder as a reference for all burials in the cemetery.

A website was later created with the information to help people find graves.

“Soon, I was getting emails from folks, near and far, thanking me for placing information on their ancestors, relatives and loved ones where they could access it,” LADNER said.

Many of the people who located relatives’ burial locations on the website visited the cemetery to pay their respects.

“Others who had never seen the website drove to the cemetery looking for their relatives’ graves without knowing where they were buried,” he said.

The LADNERs thought about placing a copy of the binder at the cemetery, but feared it would be removed by those wanting a complete record of the cemetery burials. Also, the copy would have to be updated regularly to remain accurate.

The thought of placing a computer for people to access and look up burial sites was also dismissed as infeasible due to the possibility of theft.

“Now, with the advent of QR codes, there is a way for individuals coming to the cemetery with a Smartphone, iPad, etc. to immediately link to the cemetery’s website where they can find the exact location of the individual’s burial place,” LADNER said. The cemetery has more than 1,100 grave sites dating to the late 1890s.

[EDITOR’S NOTE: DON and LEAVON LADNER are patron members of our Society.]

**PLACES FOR FINDING A WOMAN'S MAIDEN NAME:
A CHECKLIST OF 90 SOURCES**

By WILLIAM DOLLARHIDE – www.genealogyblog.com

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Discovering the maiden name of a female is often the biggest problem we have in genealogy. Whether you are researching your families in person, through the mail, or by Googling the Internet for sources, the basic search is still the same. As in all research tasks, we need to identify the possible places where such a record exists, but in particular, find the place where an actual document may exist that mentions the birth name of a woman. Here is a basic checklist of some places to look:

BIRTH RECORDS

- Birth Certificates
- Delayed Birth Records
- Corrected Birth Records
- Affidavits for correcting birth records
- Newspaper birth announcements
- Oral histories
- Published Biographies
- Personal diaries & Journals

MARRIAGE RECORDS

- Marriage Applications & Licenses
- Marriage Certificates
- Newspaper announcements
- Family Bible

DIVORCE RECORDS

- Newspaper announcements
- Court proceedings
- State or County-wide Vital Records Indexes

DEATH RECORDS

- Burial permits
- Death Certificates
- Newspaper Announcements
- Obituaries
- Funeral records
- VA burial database online

CEMETERIES

- Sexton's office
- Tombstone inscriptions
- Cemetery maps and indexes

CENSUS RECORDS

Names of Father-in-law included in a family grouping

Brother-in-law included in a family grouping

1890 Veteran's census including widows of veterans

1925 Iowa State Census (only U.S. census with the question, "Maiden Name of Mother?" for every person listed).

1870 Manitoba Census (only Canadian census with the question, "Maiden Name of Mother?" for every person listed).

Names of neighbors, as clues to sibling's names

Clues from parents birthplace, leading to further census work

MAJOR DATABASES & INDEXES

Google searching

FamilySearch.org searching

Ancestry.com, et al

RootsWeb family name searching

Name indexes on the Internet

VITAL RECORDS INDEXES AND COMPILATIONS

Kentucky birth/death index (as an example of several states available on the Internet)

The Barbour Collection (for Connecticut, as an example of published compilations)

New England Vital Records (as an example of published town reports)

County-wide indexes, such as the many RootsWeb county pages on the Internet

BIBLE RECORDS

State-wide collections, such as those at Virginia and Louisiana state archives

Home and relatives sources

Church collections (Bibles donated to churches for Sunday School)

PROBATE RECORDS

Wills

Administration records

Appointments of administrators/executors

Dispositions and judgments (naming heirs)

Estate settlements

CHURCH RECORDS

Confirmations

Marriages

Christenings

Baptisms

Burials

Death Notices

Church Membership Lists

Vestry Records

MEDICAL RECORDS (may be accessible to close relatives only)

Doctor's office
Hospital
Nursing Home

MISCELLANEOUS

Civil War Soldiers & Sailors online index
Correspondence
Miscellaneous home sources
Oral Interviews
Patriotic Society Membership Applications
Funeral Home Records
Hospital Records
Soldier Home Records
Land Ownership & Deed Records
Civil Court records
Criminal Court records
Newspaper articles
Social Security Applications
Social Security Job History Records
Draft Registration record
Driver's License
Frakturs and needlepoints (family names)
Fraternal club record
Homestead record
Immigration record
Insurance papers
Military personnel records
Military medical records
Military burial records
Military pension applications (Widows)
Naturalization records
Personal Journals and Diaries
Professional license applications
Passport applications
Pensions
Queries at mags/websites
Voter registrations
Who's Who/compiled biographies

Always make a "hard copy" to back up the research you store on a computer. Computers become obsolete quickly, and, in the future, even if your disks survive, there may be no compatible computer to run them. There are many unsolved problems regarding long term storage of electronic material.

REMEMBER CAJUN TRAITEURS?

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The Cameron Parish Pilot, December 22, 2011

“What did we do before doctors or hospitals?” Well, here in Southwest Louisiana we first had the Indians with their homegrown remedies for different diseases then came the Cajun Traiteurs, who took many of their treatments from the Indians.

The first Cajun Traiteurs we know about was JOHN the Baptist GRANGER, who staked out a home site near Vinton in 1837. Known as the “fire doctor” GRANGER traveled miles on horseback through Cameron and Calcasieu Parish to stop bleeding, rid fever and cure snake bites. With his secret prayers and herb concoctions, plus a great belief in the Almighty, he was a “Traituer”, pronounced “trature.”

Traiteurs are a big part of our medical heritage and although their prayers were originally Catholic based, they eventually traversed all religion. Their method of treatment was spoken of by the French-Cajuns as “gris-gris” – meaning mystery, spell, or charm.

Although there are very few Traiteurs left in Southwest Louisiana, many were known in the past, long before other medical treatment was available.

Several of the well-known traiteurs around was WILSON “GRO” HEBERT, STEVEN CROCKER and Mrs. CARMELIAN (ARMALISE) FARQUE of Big Lake. Their method of treatment relied almost exclusively on the laying on of hands, secret prayers, spiritual, and healing beliefs.

Some traiteurs had specialties such as getting rid of warts, treating sore throat, coughs, and burns, headaches, shingles (la ceinture), grippe, blood poisoning and earaches. They were also called upon to cure snakebites, which were quite prevalent at that time.

THE TRAITEUR AND TRAITEUSE

On a personal note, many years ago our family was picnicking at an area park, when an older man walked up and started talking to us. He noticed the warts on the fingers of my 10 year old son and said, “Would you like me to get rid of those?” Of course, we would! He took my son’s hand, rubbed the warts and whispered some words over them. Three days later the warts were gone and he never had warts again.

Since the traiteurs prayers were secret, no one knows exactly what was said over most ailments, but many people bragged that they owed their lives to traiteurs. Some used a magical talisman, such as a necklace or ribbon. One traiteur cured babies with trench mouth by breathing into their mouths.

CARMELIAN FARQUE of Big Lake said that his mother, ARMALISE FARQUE, who was a well-known traiteuse in Cameron Parish, once treated an infant for an infected naval cord by the use of laying on of hands and secret prayers.

She saved the baby's life. He also remembered his mother treating someone's knee infection, using an herbal remedy. But most commonly she only used hands and prayers to treat ailments such as shingles, grippe, warts, colds, and blood poisoning.

Beside her work as a *traiteuse*, ARMALISE also did work as a healer, using some old Cajun Folk Remedies, such as sassafras tea and whiskey for colds, and mentholatum for grippe.

Their healing seems a blend of ancient Greek herbal and homeopathic medicine. The use of sulfur in water to purify the blood dates back to Greek time. Like the ancient Greeks, the French and modern Cajuns use alum to cure cold sores; fats to warm and mollify the body; egg whites as a cure for eye troubles; and bags of salt to ease the pain of toothache.

Certain plant cures, such as tobacco for infections, and sassafras for blood purifications, are derived from Native American traditions, such as tobacco poultices for bee stings, headaches, snakebites, and boils.

Most of these Cajun Folk Medicine Cures came in response to isolation in Louisiana. But even when professional medical help was available to the common folk, to rural Cajuns, folk cures were considered superior to those of the professional physician because folk medical practitioners met more special needs – like spiritual and emotional requirements in a more satisfying manner. Because the *traiteurs* believed that their healing gift came from God, they would not charge for treatments, although they would accept donations.

LEGENDS ABOUT TRAITEURS

Among legends about *traiteurs* is the one which says that a male *traiteur* could only pass his technique and secret prayer down to a female (*traiteuse*) descendant, and the female to a male – like mother to son to daughter to son.

Another story says any child born after their father had died had the power to be a *traiteur*. Still another belief is that any baby born with the embryonic membrane, or veil over its face, is destined to be a *traiteur*.

A myth said that the healing from a *traiteur* would not cross a body of water. Both the *traiteur* and patient must be on the same side of a river, bayou, or lake.

There are not as many working *traiteurs* today but they can still be found in outlying villages, only by word of mouth or from testimonies of patients who have been healed by them.

DR. MILLEDGE McCALL

It is believed that in 1837, Dr. MILLEDGE McCALL moved his family by ox cart or wagon, from St. Martinville, to the Mermentau River, then down the river on poled flat-boats to Grand Chenier. Here he built their first home with cypress boards fastened with pegs, which lasted 70 years.

Cotton was the only money crop of that day, but gardens and fruit orchards provided for family and livestock.

There were no medical facilities in Grand Chenier, and almost no medicines. Shortly after his arrival, Dr. McCALL was called upon to amputate the arm of a friend, JOHN WM. SWEENEY that had been badly mangled in a cotton gin accident. McCALL's only surgical tools were the ordinary instruments found within the home of that day – a sharp razor, sewing needles, waxed thread and common carpenter's saw. The only anesthetics available were strong whiskey and laudanum.

But the amputation was done successfully and JOHN W. SWEENEY lived to praise the courage and skill of his lifelong friend, Dr. McCALL.

Dr. McCALL was married to SARAH BANIE MARTIN, and the couple had 12 children. One of their sons, WILLIAM HARRISON McCALL went into the Civil War as a Confederate soldier and he died of pneumonia at Mansfield. The second son, MILLEDGE, was killed by Jayhawkers at age 24. A third son, ALBERT HENRY McCALL was a member of a posse hunting a culprit accused of trying to poison the JESSE McCALL family and during a confrontation, he was killed by a member of his own posse who mistook him for the fugitive.

MORE DOCTORS ARRIVE

Dr. STEPHEN O. CARTER arrived in Creole in 1893 and became a hero to other pioneers who were settling in this area as he treated patients, traveling by horseback through the isolated, rough swamps and marshlands, until he was 84 years old. At that time he was joined by a grandson, Dr. STEPHEN E. CARTER who continued the legacy of early medical doctors in the area.

FAMILY STORIES are interesting and usually contain a grain of truth. Those that have been handed down through several generations have often been distorted or changed as to time period or actual fact. Sometimes they are a generation or two removed from the actual event or person involved. Check for any possibilities that these stories contain and investigate these possibilities. But don't ever confuse family stories with actual facts. They may be quite different!

OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES. Many professional people, such as doctors and engineers are required to be licensed by the state, and sometimes by the city of their residence. Check local and state records. Also check professional certifying boards, such as the American Medical Association, Louisiana Board of Engineers, Louisiana Teachers Association, etc. for registration or licensing.

ACADEMIC, COMPANY OR TRADE PUBLICATIONS. These publications contain newsworthy items, sometimes birth and death of the person or family members, residence, marriage, etc. and are often accompanied by pictures. Yearbooks, alumni publications, company newsletters, trade magazines and industrial or business archives, contain much genealogical information.

DeFLAUGEAC – A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS

By JIM BRADSHAW

The Welsh Citizen, January 10, 2012

JEAN LAFITTE was probably the most famous French speaker at the Battle of New Orleans, fought 197 years ago today. But there were some others – mostly former Napoleonic soldiers – who fought well and bravely to turn back the invading British.

One of the most noted of them was JOSEPH PAUL ANTOINE GARRIGUES de FLAUGEAC, who returned to his home in St. Landry Parish after the fight with the rank of brigadier general in the state militia and, as a souvenir, the field glasses of the fallen British leader, Major Gen. EDWARD PAKENHAM.

De FLAUGEAC was born in 1780 into an aristocratic family in southern France. He became captivated by NAPOLEON's grand schemes as a young man and joined the army when he was only 17 years old. He fought during a victorious Italian campaign, then volunteered to join an ill-fated expedition sent to Santo Domingo to try to put down a slave rebellion there.

He survived the yellow fever that decimated NAPOLEON's troops in the Caribbean, but was wounded, captured by a British landing force, and jailed in Cuba.

He thought his troubles were over when he and two companions - VAN HILL and DeBAILLON – were released and set sail for France. But there was more adventure in store.

Their ship sank early in its voyage back to France and the three were half-dead, floating on a make-shift raft, when they were rescued by a merchant ship bound for New Orleans.

De FLAUGEAC and his companions were working as longshoremen on the New Orleans levee when they met GRAND LOUIS FONTENOT, a man of some distinction in St. Landry Parish. FONTENOT invited them to St. Landry Parish. They accepted the invitation and liked what they saw – particularly the three FONTENOT daughters. De FLAUGEAC married MARIE LOUISE FONTENOT and settled near Opelousas, becoming a trusted surveyor and judge. His friends married two other FONTENOT daughters.

By December 1814, GARRIGUES and MARIE LOUISE were the proud parents of two daughters, CELESTE and CLAIRE, and of a newborn son, ADOLPHE. He had been elected to the state senate when Louisiana became a state and the legislature was in session when news came that the British were about to attack New Orleans and that Gen. ANDREW JACKSON was desperate for fighting men to make a defense.

De FLAUGEAC, then in his middle 30s, could have evaded service because legislators were exempt from fighting. Further, Gen. JACKSON didn't trust Louisiana's French Creoles. De FLAUGEAC took neither excuse. He volunteered for the fight, in which he was placed in command of an artillery.

The venerable historian CHARLES GAYARRE described de FLAUGEAC's role.

"A little before daybreak ... as soon as there was sufficient light for observation," GAYARRE wrote, "a rocket went up. It was the signal for attack. The British, giving three cheers, formed into [a] close column of about sixty men in front and advanced in splendid order, chiefly on the battery commanded by GARRIGUES de FLAUGEAC, which consisted of a brass twelve-pounder, supported on its left by an insignificant battery. ... On the right was a battery commanded by United States officers. An oblique movement was made to avoid the terrible fire of the de FLAUGEAC battery, from which every discharge seemed to tear open the column, and sweep away whole files."

After the battle, JACKSON commended the gallant Frenchman for refusing the legislative exemption and "rendering essential service to his country."

GAYARRE says the flattery didn't turn his head. Rather, "after the battle he disappeared from the city and merged his interests again in the life of his plantation."

De FLAUGEAC served in the senate for 18 years, retired from public office, and was sent back to the legislature, where he was serving as a state representative at the time of his death on June 25, 1845. He is buried in the St. Landry Church Cemetery.

REDEMPTION

By WILLIAM J. THIBODEAUX

At exactly seven minutes past 2:00 o'clock on the afternoon of April 2, 1897, Lafayette Parish Sheriff ISAAC BROUSSARD adjusted the hangman's noose around the necks of the two brothers. The old lawman made certain the eight-coil knot was directly behind the right ear. In the remaining few moments before their long-drop demise, the two condemned murderers must have reflected on how they had reached this juncture in their lives. Violence seemed to besiege some of the old communities of southwest Louisiana during that era. Many of the communities that once dotted the landscape of the vast prairies of Cajun country are now lost in time.

There are some 300 lost communities statewide in Louisiana, according to MIKE LeBLANC, an anthropologist with Lafayette Parish government. In the late 1800s until well into the 1930s *Marais Bouleur* and *Pointe Noir* were two of the most notorious lost communities, which effectively made Acadia Parish one of the most dangerous places to live. The residents of the two communities were clannish and suspicious – they didn't trust outsiders. The inhabitants were notoriously known for their love of guns, knives, and fighting. The *Marais Bouleurs*, as they were called were easily recognized according to UL Professor BARRY ANCELET. They usually dressed in long black coats, with tall black hats on their heads, and red handkerchiefs tied around their necks. They would often hang their hats and coats on knives, which they stuck in the walls and support posts upon entering buildings. The community of *Pointe Noir* was equally as bad, if not worse.

During that era, southwest Louisiana was still very much a wild frontier. OCTAVE and AUGUSTE THIBODEAUX were a pair of unsavory characters from Pointe Noir. They made

their living as cattle rustlers. On Saturday, November 16, 1894, the two brothers got the notion to break the railroad switch lock that led into Mallet Siding, which was located in St. Landry Parish between Opelousas and Eunice. OCTAVE cocked the switch points and for good measure, inserted blocks of wood behind the switch points to make certain they would not return to their normal position. Unfortunately, the first train to come by the siding at Mallet was a passenger train. The ensuing derailment killed a 26 year old fireman, seriously injured other trainmen and several passengers on the eastbound train.

The THIBODEAUX brothers were soon captured, and on Friday, March 28, 1895, after deliberating for less than three hours, the jury found the outlaws guilty. OCTAVE and AUGUSTE found themselves sequestered from society in the Acadia Parish jail behind steel bars and iron doors. Meanwhile a double trapdoor gallows had been constructed and stood ready for the THIBODEAUXs long drop to eternity. Not everyone felt the same about the brothers. Friends and neighbors began a letter writing campaign to Governor MURPHY FOSTER in hopes of stopping the execution.

According to local historian, GERCIE DAIGLE, a former resident of Pointe Noir, OCTAVE's friends and neighbors had been grateful for his supplying them with beef, because without it, many would have gone hungry. They perceived the outlaws to be serving a great and noble cause. Some folks regarded OCTAVE sort of like a Robin Hood. Remember the American epic outlaw heroes FRANK and JESSE JAMES, the COLE YOUNGER gang, and Billy the Kid? The one thing they had in common, besides being outlaws, was the fact that newspapermen like JOHN EDWARDS of Kansas and other journalists wrote glamorous articles about them in yellow-backed or dime novels. Some say OCTAVE was very much like Billy the Kid of the Wild West.

On December 1, 1895, nine months after their court date, OCTAVE managed to escape from jail. According to *The Crowley Signal*, OCTAVE stole a horse and made his way to Leesburg, now named Cameron. Acadia Parish Sheriff LYONS and a deputy tracked OCTAVE to the gulf coast. Like Billy the Kid when Sheriff PAT GARRETT urged him to go to Mexico, OCTAVE probably thought about going South too. However, for unknown reasons he headed back to Acadia and St. Landry Parish.

CLEMILE JAUNICE, a friend and relative of the outlaw, allowed the fugitive to hide out in his barn. At 8:00 a.m. on Friday 8, 1896, the day before OCTAVE was to leave for the Atchafalaya River with plans of going to Mexico, he noticed a large posse of lawmen surrounding the JAUNICE home. OCTAVE went out back into an open field taking his Winchester rifle with him. The lawmen were hesitant to approach OCTAVE. They stayed out of rifle range. After a long standoff, OCTAVE surrendered without firing a shot.

Back during the THIBODEAUX brothers' court case of March 1895, OCTAVE was found guilty of murder in the first degree and sentenced to be executed. Fortunately for him, it was an election year, so his sentence was commuted to life in prison. AUGUSTE, on the other hand, was charged with manslaughter and sentenced to 14 years in the state penitentiary.

On October 25, 1898, at the age of 35, OCTAVE THIBODEAUX died of pneumonia in Angola. AUGUSTE THIBODEAUX served out his time and then moved his family to a small farming community near Nome, Texas. He continued his life of crime in the cattle rustling business until 1926 when AUGUSTE was shot and killed by a Texas Ranger.

The gallows that had been built for the THIBODEAUX brothers was dismantled and kept in Crowley after it was learned that OCTAVE's sentence was commuted to life in prison. A year later on April 2, 1897, the same gallows was loaned to Lafayette Parish for the execution of two Frenchmen, ERNEST and ALEXIS BLANC. The two brothers had savagely tortured and killed MARTIN BEGNAUD, the proprietor of a general store in Scott, by plunging a three-sided file fifty-two times into his body after robbing him of thousands of dollars. Incidentally, they were the same two outlaws standing on the gallows at the beginning of this article.

Non-fiction

NATCHEZ INDIANS IN SANTO DOMINGO

In 1729 the Natchez Indians massacred the French colonists of Fort Rosalie and the St. Catherine concession (near present-day Natchez, Miss.) In 1730 an unsuccessful French retaliatory force drove most of the Indians into hiding along the Black (Washita) River. Another expedition was mounted against the Natchez in Jan. of 1731. This time the chief, forty warriors and nearly 400 women and children surrendered and were sold into slavery in the West Indies, for the benefit of the Company of the Indies. (Information from *The Jesuit Relations and Allied Documents*, edited by Reuben Gold Thwaites, Vol. 68, Notes.)

This incident is also mentioned in *Sketches of Early Texas and Louisiana* by Frederick Gaillardet (p. 103), who states that the Natchez who surrendered were "brought back to New Orleans as slaves: the females distributed to various households, the males deported to Santo Domingo."

No one is sure what happened to the Natchez Indians in Santo Domingo. Where were they sent? Where are the records of their arrival and sale? Did they perish in the climate? Did they become the ancestors of the slaves who fomented the uprisings of 1791?

From *Newsletter of the Saint-Domingue Special Interest Group*, Jefferson Genealogical Society, Metairie, LA.

MEMORIALS. When the ownership of the land passed from the British Lord Proprietors to the King, it was required that a land record be presented to Auditor's office. These records contained much the same information as a land grant and were known as "Memorials." These records are useful in pre-Revolutionary War research.

THE GREATEST GIFT OF ALL IS FAMILY.

**SOME FOUNDERS/CHARTER MEMBERS OF ROBERT E. LEE CHAPTER #305 OF
THE UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY**
Contributed by SHIRLEY CHUMLEY SMITH, Member #980

GAYLE, Mrs. WILLIAM J. (GEORGIA MUNNS)

CHARTER MEMBER

Date of Birth: 19 April 1870
Date of Death: 10 January 1964
Buried: Graceland Cemetery, Lake Charles, La.

Confederate Connection:

Daughter of EDWARD THOMAS MUNNS, Private, Company F, Chalmette Regiment,
Louisiana Militia

Obituary from

LAKE CHARLES AMERICAN PRESS

Saturday, January 11, 1964

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Mrs. GAYLE, 93, DIES FRIDAY; RITES SUNDAY

Mrs. GEORGIA MUNNS GAYLE, 93, of 614 Bilbo street, died in a local hospital about 9:15 p.m. Friday. She was the wife of the late WILLIAM J. GAYLE.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the First Methodist church with Rev. GEORGE POMEROY officiating. Burial will be at Graceland cemetery.

The body will remain at the funeral home until 1 p.m. Sunday when it will be removed to the church for services.

Mrs. GAYLE was a charter member of the First Methodist church of Lake Charles and a charter member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Mrs. GAYLE is survived by one son, FRED L. GAYLE of Lake Charles; three daughters, Mrs. EMMA CAMPBELL, Mrs. O. J. GILL, and Mrs. W. H. LEAKE, all of Lake Charles; one sister, Mrs. DAISY RYAN of Branden, Florida; five grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-great grandchildren.

Relatives and Friends of the family may make contributions to the First Methodist church or Boy's Village in memory of Mrs. GAYLE.

Obituary for WILLIAM J. GAYLE, husband of GEORGIA MUNNS GAYLE, from

LAKE CHARLES WEEKLY AMERICAN PRESS

Friday, March 28, 1919

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WILLIAM J. GAYLE, born April 19, '56, Died March 25, '19 (from Tuesday's *Daily*)

The many friends of WILLIAM J. GAYLE will regret to learn of his death at seven o'clock this morning after a long illness extending over the great part of the past two years.

Mr. GAYLE was born at Letsworth, in the parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana, on the 12th day of April, 1856, being the fourth son of JAMES R. GAYLE and SARAH ANDERSON.

Mr. GAYLE came to Lake Charles from Pointe Coupee parish 36 years ago and has lived in Lake Charles and Calcasieu parish continually since that time. During his life in this community Mr. GAYLE has identified himself with every movement for the progress and upbuilding of the city and parish. He served several terms on the city council of the city of Lake Charles and took an active interest in public affairs.

He was actively engaged in commercial pursuits and was associated with many of the oldest established mercantile firms of Lake Charles. In 1904, in association with Mr. JULIUS FRANK and others, he organized the J. Frank Hardware Co., Ltd., being elected the first president of that company and continuing in that office till the name of the company was changed from J. Frank Hardware Co., Ltd., to the Gayle Hardware Co., Ltd., and still continued as the president of the Gayle Hardware Co., Inc. up to the time of his death.

Mr. GAYLE has been for many years a member of the Masonic fraternity, and has always manifested a most profound interest in free masonry, being a member of Lake Charles lodge No. 165, F. & A. M.; of Lake Charles chapter No. 47, Royal Arch Masons; the Calcasieu council No. 49 of Royal and Select Masters, and of Ruth chapter No. 16, Order of the Eastern Star.

Mr. GAYLE was reared in the Presbyterian church and was one of the charter members of the Presbyterian church of Lake Charles.

Two years after his arrival in Lake Charles Mr. GAYLE married Miss GEORGIA R. MUNN (sic), of which marriage the following children were born: Mrs. CLAUDE J. CAMPBELL, Mrs. WORLAND BURKE and Miss FLORENCE GAYLE, all of whom reside in Lake Charles, and FRED L. GAYLE, who is a sugar chemist at Gamercy (sic), La., all of whom were at his bedside when he died.

Besides the above, Mr. GAYLE leaves a brother, J. F. GAYLE of Lake Charles, and a sister, Mrs. E. V. BATCHELOR who resides in New Orleans.

The funeral will take place at Graceland cemetery tomorrow morning at ten o'clock. There will be services at the residence conducted by Rev. W. W. HOLMES and will be under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity.

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**MEMBERS OF ROBERT E. LEE CHAPTER 305
UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY
LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA
CHARTERED MAY 1, 1899**

And

**DESCENDANTS OF RECIPIENTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS OF HONOR
BESTOWED BY THE CHAPTER**

ANDRUS, LENA MOSS (Mrs. VAN ANDRUS)

Member No. 7096

Received into Membership of Chapter December 5, 1944

Date of Birth: 25 December 1901, Lake Charles, La.

Date of Death: 26 April 1966

Buried: Sallier Cemetery, Lake Charles, La.

Confederate Connection:

Grandniece of OLIVER RYAN MOSS, Sergeant, Company K, 10th Louisiana Infantry
Member UCV Camp #62,
See *The Civil War Veterans of Old Imperial Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana*,
pages 222 and 223.
See *Southern Cross of Honor*, pages 175 and 176.

Obituary from

LAKE CHARLES AMERICAN PRESS
Tuesday, April 26, 1966
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Rites Set for Wife of Press Ad Director

Mrs. LENA M. ANDRUS, 64, of 712 Sixth St., wife of VAN ANDRUS, advertising director of the *Lake Charles American Press*, died at 9:15 a.m. today in a local hospital.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday from the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Rt. Rev. Msgr. LOUIS BOUDREAUX officiating.

Burial will be in the Sallier Cemetery.

A Rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. today in the Hammer Funeral Home Chapel.

The former LENA MOSS, Mrs. ANDRUS was a descendant of CHARLES SALLIER, a pioneer in the founding of Lake Charles.

She had held membership in the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Catholic Daughters of America, and was at one time district officer in the Lake Charles Garden Club.

Survivors are her husband; one daughter, Mrs. JAMES A. WAINWRIGHT, Jr. of Jackson, Miss.; three sisters, Mrs. PEARL MOSS VINCENT, Mrs. PAUL F. CARMOUCHE and Mrs. JAMES C. BAKER, all of Lake Charles; three brothers, JOE J. MOSS of Sulphur and ROBERT M. and JAMES W. MOSS, both of Bayou d'Inde, and four grandchildren.

Obituary for VAN M. ANDRUS, husband of LENA MOSS ANDRUS, from

LAKE CHARLES AMERICAN PRESS
Tuesday, January 3, 1989
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ANDRUS services scheduled today.

Funeral services for VAN M. ANDRUS, 82, longtime advertising manager of the *Lake Charles American Press*, will be held at 2:30 p.m. today, Jan. 3, from Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

The Revs. PAUL PERRIN and VINCENT SEDITA will officiate. Burial will be in Prien Memorial Park cemetery under direction of Hixson-Guardian Chapel.

Mr. ANDRUS died Sunday in a local hospital.

A native of Crowley, he attended Port Arthur Business College and the University of Texas before moving to Lake Charles in 1925 to work in the circulation department of the *American Press*.

He later transferred to the advertising department and was advertising manager of the newspaper when he retired 46 years later in 1971. He and his wife operated the Cooperative Advertising Service, which assists newspapers in preparing weekly church pages.

ANDRUS had been a member of the Lake Charles Kiwanis Club since 1934. He was a past president of the club and had a record of 49 years of perfect attendance.

He served as a member of the Democratic State Central Committee and the Calcasieu Parish Democratic Committee and was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1972.

He was also a past president of the Calcasieu National Farm Loan Association and served six years as a member of the Housing Authority of Lake Charles.

Active in the Knights of Columbus after being initiated into the order on Nov. 22, 1925, he was a senior past grand knight of Calcasieu Council 1207. He was the council's grand knight from 1933 to 1935 and Knight of the Year for the 1966-67 Columbian Year.

He was a member of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, and had been a member of the Parish Finance Committee and active in promoting public observance of the Feast of Christ the King.

He was one of the organizers and a counselor for the first Squires Circle in Louisiana which was organized by Council 1207 in February 1929. In 1982, he was invested a Companion of the Order of St. Charles by the Most Rev. JUDE SPEYRER, Bishop of Lake Charles, in recognition of his services to the church.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. BEZZ A. ANDRUS; one daughter, Mrs. JOYCE A WAINWRIGHT of Montgomery, Ala., three stepsons, RON WILLIAMS of Fort Worth, MONTE WILLIAMS of Lafayette and RANDALL WILLIAMS of Houston; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

WHEN OLD IMPERIAL CALCASIEU PARISH was carved up into five parishes, a conflict arose between the towns of Welsh and Jennings as to which town should be named the parish seat. Jennings acquired the position by only 79 votes. Then arose the problem of naming the new parish. The honor of selecting the name was given to the United Daughters of the Confederacy, who named the new parish Jefferson Davis, much to the consternation of the large number of new settlers from the Midwest.

GENEALOGISTS should be aware that methods of writing dates are often confusing. The most common method is to write the month first, followed by the date and the year, as Aug. 10, 1992 or 8/10/92. The second system, usually preferred by genealogists, is to first write the date, then the month and the year as 10 Aug. 1992 or 10/8/92. Regardless of the method you prefer, genealogists are urged to write the complete date. To avoid further confusion, be sure to include all four digits in the year --- not just '92', which might be wrongly interpreted as 1792 or 1892.

DON'T OVERLOOK MORTALITY SCHEDULES in your research. These were special enumerations taken in 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880 and will give valuable information if your ancestor died between 1 June 1849, 1859, 1869, or 1879 and May 30 of the following year. Mortality schedules for 1890 and 1900, the last year they were taken, were destroyed by fire.

THE DAILY AMERICAN (5 JULY 1897)

Information gathered by MICK HENDRIX, Member No. 1296

PERSONAL. The COMINGS and GOINGS of People You Know.

Mr. McRILL, of Kinder, was a visitor in the city Sunday.

PAT MOORE, of Kinder, was in our city yesterday taking in the sights.

DAVID LYONS, father of Sheriff LYONS, is in the city for a few days.

Capt. THOS. HANSEN has taken his family to Beaumont, Texas, where they will make their home hereafter.

Mrs. ALADIN VINCENT and daughter of Vinton spent yesterday in the city.

Mr. VINCENT, one of our popular police jurors, is in the city today on business.

J. M. McCORKLE, of Lake Arthur, is transacting business in this city today.

J. W. WATSON and family spent yesterday in the country at the home of M. H. BAKER.

Messrs. F. LESTER, I. USHBAUGH and G. D. ALLEN were visitors from Woodworth yesterday.

Mr. A. F. BOLTON went to Ruston this morning to attend the wedding of L. B. McDONALD.

T. A. SKEIN who spent Sunday in the city, returned to his home in Longleaf this morning.

Miss BERTHA BAKER spent Sunday with her cousin Miss DAISY BAKER at her home south of town.

J. W. MOORE, of Oberlin, was in town yesterday. He returned home on the excursion train.

Mrs. U. S. SCARBROUGH and baby RUTH, came over from Crowley to spend yesterday with her husband.

Miss JENNIE CLARK left this morning for New Orleans, where she will be the guest of her sister, Mrs. DeREMER.

Miss MAY HILL, who has been attending the Teachers' Institute here for the past week returned to her home in Kinder this morning.

Miss ELLA NEWHOUSE returned to her home in Fenton last evening, after a pleasant visit with her brother, of the NEWHOUSE market.

JESSE EDMONSTON returned Saturday from the Nashville, Tenn. Exposition, and brought home some beautiful souvenirs of the occasion.

ED T. LEHMAN, foreman of *The Daily American*, arrived home from Houston yesterday morning, where he was called to see his sick sister. Mr. LEHMAN says she was much improved when he left.

A DAY AT MOSS BLUFF. A jolly crowd of young people took skiffs and rowed up the river to Moss Bluff, where they spent the day at the farm of O. E. MILLS. The day was very pleasantly spent. Those composing the party were: Misses STELLA DAVIDSON, LAURA BILBO, JACUELINA and EVELYN MALCHOM, STELLA MILLS, Messrs. ROBT. and GUS THOMPCKINS, PRESTON RYAN and J. G., O. H. and S. A. MILLS.

THE DAILY AMERICAN (6 JULY 1897)

Information gathered by MICK HENDRIX, Member No. 1296

PERSONAL. The COMINGS and GOINGS on People You Know.

Mr. JONES is in from Sugartown.

JOHN McFATTER is a business caller from Oberlin today.

Mr. GUIDRY, of Merryville, is in the city today.

E. HAMAND returned yesterday from Little Rock, Ark.

Messrs. C. F. and Z. B. JONES came in from Bear last evening.

JOHN CHAMOUNT, of Oberlin, came down to Lake Charles yesterday evening.

Mrs. L. W. KENNEDY and daughter INEZ are spending a month with Mrs. KENNEDY's brother at Kinder.

Miss EDNA KING returned home this morning from Vinton after several days visit with her sister, Miss KELLY.

U. S. SCARBROUGH and Miss RUTH, who have been visiting in the city for several days returned to their home this morning.

H. A. WATSON left for Newton, Kansas, this morning, where he will spend about a month in visiting old friends and the scenes of his boyhood days.

Prof. A. THOMSON returned yesterday evening from Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he has been attending the commencement exercises of the University of Michigan and a reunion of his old classmates.

POLICY JURY MET. Parish Printing Awarded to the *Commercial* – New Move in the Charter Muddle.

The Policy Jury met today. President ADOLPH MEYER and Treasurer ROSTEET were re-elected. Mr. COLUMBUS PITRE was elected secretary.

The parish printing was given to the *COMMERCIAL*, the *COMMERCIAL* receiving 4 votes, *The American* 2, and the *Press* 2.

A resolution, it is said, will be offered in the Jury this afternoon to place all the additions to Old Lake Charles on the parish tax list. This will present a new phase to the trouble over the city charter for if it passes, it will virtually recognize the illegality of the existing charter.

THE DAILY AMERICAN (July 7, 1897)

Information gathered by MICK HENDRIX, Member No. 1296

PERSONAL. The COMINGS and GOINGS of People You Know.

JULIUS FRANK is transacting business in Oberlin today.

Mr. RICHARDS, of Mermentau, is spending the day in the city.

Rev. E. L. WELLS is visiting his son-in-law Mr. J. L. LOVELL.

DAVE WILLIAMS, a mill man of Roanoke, was in the city last night.

CHARLES BLAIR is moving into a house on north Ryan street today.

A. J. LOVELL is confined to his bed with an abcess which is extremely painful.

Mrs. BAILEY VINCENT left for Lafayette yesterday to make a visit with friends for a few days.

JUDSON WILLIAMS, a prominent sheep man, has moved to Mr. BARKER's farm, a few miles south of town.

A. O. KINGSBURY, accompanied by his wife and Miss MATTIE, of Grand Lake, spent yesterday in the city.

A. O. DIVOURNET, representing the A. MACKIE Grocery Co., of New Orleans, is transacting business in town today.

Prof. J. G. HAUPT, an applicant for the Lake Charles schools, has gone to Milwaukee to attend the National Educational Association.

Miss MAMIE KNIGHT and her two little nieces, CAMILLE and DEMMY SCHWING, have gone to New Iberia to spend the summer, visiting with friends and relatives.

COMMERCIAL CLUB MEETING. Nothing of Importance Came Up Last Night Before Lake Charles' Most Energetic Association.

The Commercial Club met last night in Market Hall, Pres. ARAD THOMPSON presiding. The majority of the committees failed to report. Several communications relating to the work of the club were received.

President THOMPSON read the articles about Lake Charles in the *Chicago Chronicle*, which had been contracted for by the club. President THOMPSON made some pointed remarks about the necessity of the members paying their dues regularly and of keeping the club in a good financial condition. Nothing of particular interest was brought up at the meeting.

BORN to Mr. and Mrs. LYMAN BRYAN, Monday, July 5, a daughter.

AMERICAN PRESS (September 25, 2012)

OUR PAST (September 25, 1937)

By MIKE JONES

GOLD STAR MOTHERS.

Eleven local Gold Star mothers – mothers who lost sons in the World War – will be entertained by the auxiliary of the local American Legion post Monday which has been designated by President ROOSEVELT as National Gold Star Mothers' Day.

The meeting will be held at 3 o'clock at the home of Mrs. G. B. HINES, who is one of the Gold Star mothers. Others are Mrs. D. H. BUSINICK, Mrs. E. C. PHILLIPS, Mrs. WM. PETERS, Mrs. FRED ROTHKAMM, Mrs. ALBERT DOBERTINE, Mrs. LUKE CASCIO, Mrs. S. PINTA, Mrs. A. J. KUTTNER, and Mrs. W. H. EDDLEMAN, all of Lake Charles and Mrs. JAMES BAKER of Westlake.

Mrs. CLYDE BLACK, first vice president, will be in charge. The entertainment committee is composed of Mrs. BLACK, chairman, Mrs. T. L. HERLONG, Mrs. E. C. THOMAS, and Miss LOU ANNE HINES. Mrs. CHARLIE CLINE, auxiliary president, is out of the city.

Members of the auxiliary were urged to attend.

LUTHERAN LADIES.

Mrs. WALTER BAUMGARTEN and Mrs. PETE BRAMMER were hostesses to the Lutheran Ladies' Aid. Mrs. THEO. WEGENER, the president, presided. The meeting opened with prayer by Rev. WEGENER.

Lovely plates were served to Rev. and Mrs. THEO. WEGENER, Mrs. GEO. MASSIVE, Mrs. JOHN HETZEL, Mrs. JOS. MADL, Mrs. MAX MILLER, Mrs. JOHN REESE, Mrs. M. H. JESSEN, Mrs. V. V. BLEVIS, Mrs. GEORGE KNAPP, Mrs. H. SIDAN, Mrs. CHARLES FISHER, Mrs. WALTER BAUMGARTEN, Mrs. L. CAMPBELL, Mrs. L. WHEELER.

Mrs. H. HANSON, Mrs. THEO GROSZA, Mrs. PETE BRAMMER, Miss ANN BRAMMER, Mrs. FRED GERDSEY, Mrs. CHRIST BRAMMER, Miss JABURACH of Crowley, Mrs. A. SMIDTH, Mrs. CHAS. CARLSON, Mrs. A. HOLLANDER, Mrs. O. BACKLUND, Mrs. E. A. CARLSON, Miss HELEN SMITH of DeQuincy.

CITY DIRECTORIES

These directories give a record of every business place and house in a town. They give the name of the owners of the business and the street address for the business. For residences, names of the inhabitants and the address for the house are given, along with the occupation of the male head-of-household, and sometimes for all the working people in the household. You can see how long a family lived in a particular house and how long they stayed in the town. If you do not find the male in the city directory for the next period of time, but find his family there, you may assume that he died. This gives you a time period to check for obituaries, cemetery record, etc. If you do not find the family listed in the next city directory, you may assume they moved on. By checking these city directories and finding the part of town in which a family lived, you will find clues to their economic lifestyle.

CITY DIRECTORY LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA 1911-1912

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MacLEOD, Mrs AGNES (wid), r 712 Hodges	MAGGIORE, MARY (c), laund, r 733 Franklin
MacLEOD, Miss EDNA, clk, r 712 Hodges	MAGGIORE, NANCY (c), r 430 Boulevard
MacLEOD, Miss GERTRUDE, stenog, r 712 Hodges	MAGGIORE, ONEAL (LORENA) (c), lab, r 633 Franklin
MacLEOD, J. A., clk K C S r 712 Hodges	MAHAFFEY, G. M. (Mrs LAURA), clk Bolton Co r 731 Common
MacLEOD's MILLINERY STORE, Miss C. A. MacLEOD, prop, 318 Pujo	MAHER, Mrs MARY (wid), r 1116 Bank
MACKENZIE, J. B. (Mrs), wks S P Ry, r 727 Pine	MAJESTIC HOTEL, WORSHAM & MICHIE, props, Pujo and Bilbo
MADISON, PETE, watchman S P Ry, r 323 Pruitt	MALLORY, JOHN (MARGARET) (c), lab, r 1628 Gallagher
MAGEE, A. E. (Mrs), r 813 Hodges	MALLOY, JOSEPH (Mrs), rice buyer, L. C. Rice Milling Co., r 706 Kirby
MAGEE, C. T. (Mrs), miller, r 107 St. Joseph	MALONE, NATHAN (MARY) (c), lab, r 1109 Rock
MAGGIORE, FELIX (c), r 430 Boulevard	MANCUSO, B., confectionery, 408 Frank
MAGGIORE, JOSEPH (c), lab, r 633 Franklin	

Advertisements: Leon & E. A. Chavanne; Eddy Bros. Dry Goods Co., Ltd.; Mathieu's Drug Store; G. T. Rock Hardware Company, Limited.

MANCUSO, B. (Mrs JOSEPHINE), conf,
r 506 Boulevard
MANCUSO, JOHN, conf, 400 Boulevard
MANDELL, T. H. (Mrs), civil engineer,
office Chavanne bldg, r 531 Kirby
MANELLE, Miss CORINNA, r 1920 Ryan
MANELLE, L. (Mrs), r 1920 Ryan
MANITHAN, L. (Mrs), merc,
1104 Railroad ave, r same
MANLEY, Mrs W. H., r 427 Broad
MANSFIELD, GEORGE (c), lab,
194 Blake Alley
MANSFIELD, JOHN (LUVINIA) (c),
lab, r 194 Blake Alley
MANELLE, S. A. (Mrs), engr L R & N
r 403 Incline

Advertisements: Calcasieu Building and Loan Association; Hemenway Furniture Company, Ltd.; Watson & Company; H. M. Graham & Son.

MARSHALL, ARTHUR (LIZZIE) (c),
millman, r 1627 Gallagher
MARSHALL, EDW (CORDELIA) (c),
lab, r 153 Shattuck
MARSHALL, JOHN (Mrs), editor,
Daily Times, r 907 S Division
MARSHALL, Mrs M. C. (wid),
r 1648 Hodges
MARSHALL, WM. (EMMA) (c),
Porter, r 123 Franklin
MART, PIERRE (c), millman,
r Goos Boulevard
MARTIN, ALBERT (EUGENIE) (c),
cook, r 415 Boulevard
MARTIN, CHAS P. (Mrs), merchant,
Martin store, r 702 Python

Advertisements: Muller's; Mathieu's Drug Store; Leon & E. A. Chavanne; G. T. Rock Hardware Company.

MARTIN, Miss SARAH, r 319 Hodges
MARTIN's STORE, dry goods, millinery,
etc., CHAS P. MARTIN, prop,
cor Ryan and Broad

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MANSFIELD, WASH (SALLIE) (c), lab,
r 1632 Commercial
MANUEL, CHARLES (c), pressing and dyeing,
r 624 Railroad ave
MARCHETTA, TONY, shoemaker,
1022 Railroad ave, r same
MARCKS, J. D. (Mrs ANNA), foreman,
r 1028 Lyons
MARCUS, WM., boiler maker Geiser Mfg Co,
r 118 St. Joseph
MARKS, STEPHEN (ESAURA) (c), lab,
r 223 Blake Alley
MARKEY, M., mech K C S, r 528 Kirby
MARMILLION, Dr M. J. (ALIDA) (c),
physician, office and r 201 Boulevard

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MARTIN, C. P. (Mrs), machinist, r 714 Reid
MARTIN, EDW. (Mrs), blacksmith, r 430 Bilbo
MARTIN, ED. (CORA) (c), lab, 505 Boulevard
MARTIN, EDW. (Mrs), r 1508 Ryan
MARTIN & HOLCOMB, physicians, Bloch bldg
MARTIN, Dr. J. G. (Mrs), physician,
MARTIN & HOLCOMB, r 825 S Division
MARTIN, JOHN (c), lab, r 415 Boulevard
MARTIN, L. R. (Mrs), salesman, r 518 Kirkman
MARTIN, OLLIE, r 524 Boulevard
MARTIN, PAUL (Mrs ANNA), butcher,
r 536 Railroad ave
MARTIN, PAUL (c), lab, r 517 Boulevard

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MARTIN TRAM CO, W. J. MARTIN,
office Kaufman bldg
MARTIN, WM. J. (Mrs), Martin Tram Co,
r 805 Division

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MARX, Mrs JULIA (wid), r 511 Hodges	MATTERN, CHAS. (Mrs ALICE), lumberman,
MARX M., mgr Muller's Dept Store,	r 318 Nix
r Majestic Hotel	MATTHIEU's DRUG STORE, J. H. MATTHIEU,
MASCARLE A. (Mrs LINA), merc,	prop, 722 Ryan
1701 Fournet, r same	MATTHIEU, J. H., druggist, r 622 Mill
MASONIC TEMPLE, Hodges St., op PO	MATTHIEU & MOSS, J. H. MATTHIEU -----,
MASON, W. A. (Mrs), engr Mo Pac,	802 Railroad ave
r 406 Hodges	MATTHIEU, P. J. (Mrs), with S P Ry,
MASSCENI, LAWRENCE, barber,	r 529 Railroad
834 Railroad Ave	MATHIS, FRANK (Mrs EMMA), foreman,
MATHERS, Miss ETHEL, stenog	r 1922 Hodges
Calc B & L Assn, r 801 Hodges	MATTHEW, AMELIA B. (c), cook, r 727 Clarence

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MATTHEWS, ALFRED (FRANCES) (c),	MAYO KNAPP ABSTRACT CO, Calc Nat Bank
lab, r 518 Hutchinson	bld
MATTISON, E. E. (Mrs), engr S P Ry,	MAYO, A. M. (Mrs), pres Mayo-Knapp Abstract
r 1326 St. John	Co, r 519 Pujo
MAUREAUX, JOHN B., hostler,	MAYO, CLAUD H., r 519 Pujo
r 509 Belden	MAYO, SEAMAN A., r 519 Pujo, abstractor office
MAXWELL, Mrs M. E., r 624 Division	Mayo-Knapp Co.
MAXFIELD, W. W. (Mrs STELLA),	McARTHUR, Miss ALLIE, r 1140 Hodges
ship carp, r 1222 Common	McCABE, JAMES (Mrs BRIDGET), sawyer,
MAY, CHARLES, prop Hotel Pisayune,	r 1114 Reid
Goosport	McCABE, JAMES, Jr., clk Palace Gro, r 1114 Reid
MAYENS, LOUIS, stenog,	McCABE, Miss LILY, r 1114 Reid
T. C. PLAUCHE	McCARROLL, T. A. (Mrs), mere, Goosport,
MAYER, A. W. (Mrs BESSIE),	r same
fire insurance, office Kaufman	McCAIN, A. B. (Mrs)
bldg, r 707 Bilbo	

Advertisements: A. W. Mayer; Muller's; Harmon, Thee Fashionable Tailor.

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McCAIN, CLIFFORD G., r 911 Common	CcCLESTER, A. B. (c), undertaker, 219 Franklin
McCAIN, Rev. H. H. (Mrs BETTIE),	McCORMICK, E. R. (Mrs), with <i>Amer-Press</i> ,
minister, r 911 Common	r 1609 Winkle
McCAIN, H. H., Jr, r 911 Common	McCORMODALE, CHAS, Transfer Co,
McCALL, SAM (NANNIE) (c), lab,	r 795 Railroad
r Libby	McCORMODALE, E. L. (Mrs), painter, Broad,
McCLAIN, JAMES (JESSIE) (c), lab,	r 414 Belden
r 615 Franklin	

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OAKLAWN CEMETERY
Welsh, Jefferson Davis Parish, La.

Location: This is a large cemetery that is on both sides of Beaufort Street. The south side seems to be the older with a lot of unmarked graves. To get to this cemetery from Hwy 90, turn North on South Adams St., cross the railroad track, turn right on 2nd street that should be Beauford St. The cemetery is down a few blocks. We started on the north side of the road going left to right starting on the southeast corner. This cemetery was done by HERMAN & MAXINE SCHEXNAYDER, Member #No. 1446, in October of 2007. We apologize in advance for any mistakes we may have made.

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14. DAVIDSON, WANDA J., b. 14 Aug. 1942
15. DAVIDSON, MARY KAYE, b. 30 March 1945
16. DAVIDSON, DONALD W., b. 10 Jan. 1940, d. 3 Oct. 1993
17. ARDOIN, EDWARD ETIENNE, b. 2 May 1927
18. ARDOIN, MELBA 'nee BROUSSARD', b. 16 Dec. 1929
19. HENNING, RENA BELLE, born TAYLOR, b. 31 May 1920
20. HENNING, OLIVER O. 'Chick', b. 16 Jan. 1917, d. 8 Dec. 1987; m. 25 May 1938
21. NOTESTINE, FRANK L., b. 27 Jan. 1918, d. 26 Aug. 1989
22. NOTESTINE, BETTY T., b. 8 Jan. 1919, d. 20 Feb. 1989
23. COMPTON, FRED EDWIN, b. 22 Dec. 1906, d. 19 Nov. 1995
24. COMPTON, ALTA EUGENIA, b. 7 Sep. 1897, d. 24 March 1968
25. CARTER, LAVINIA L., b. 19 Feb. 1917, d. 27 Feb. 1976
26. CARTER, IRVIN L., b. 8 July 1913, d. 18 July 2006

ROW #33

1. HAYES, RALPH L., b. 24 Jan. 1909, d. 27 April 1986
2. HAYES, EVA S., b. 19 July 1910, d. 22 April 2001
3. HAYES, WALTER F., b. 19 June 1917, d. 5 Nov. 1969
4. ROBINSON, ALMA LEE, b. 26 Aug. 1915, d. 2 Jan. 1991
5. ROBINSON, CARL ELMER, b. 13 March 1918, d. 17 Feb. 1984
6. BREITHUPT, KEVIN M., b. 14 April 1967, d. 6 Aug. 1971
7. ROBINSON, GLEN H., b. 8 July 1920, d. 23 Sep. 1972
8. PATTERSON, WILBUR H. (Pat-Pat), b. 20 Dec. 1909, d. 28 Nov. 1997
9. PATTERSON, A. LOUISE (Lu-Lu), b. 30 Nov. 1911, d. 6 June 1987
10. HORNE, EARL WILSON, Sr., b. 11 Nov. 1916, d. 21 Oct. 1997
11. HORNE, FLORENCE PETERS, b. 22 Jan. 1914, d. 28 March 1995
12. PETERS, V. MONDELL, b. 1911, d. 1986
13. PETERS, RUBY B., b. 1911, d. 1991
14. SCHEXNAYDER, ROY, b. 3 June 1924, d. 2 March 1996; Pvt US Army WWII
15. SCHEXNAYDER, NATALIE SIMON, b. 2 Aug. 1892, b. 20 Feb. 1978
16. SHORTRIDGE, KIMBUL C., b. 12 Feb. 1930, d. 15 Nov. 2003;
US Army WWII Korea Vietnam

17. WALTERS, JAMES L., b. 4 June 1931, d. 6 Feb. 1977
18. ESTES, NELL, b. 20 July 1925
19. ESTES, WINSTON, b. 26 Nov. 1924, d. 10 Oct. 1976

ROW #34

1. GREER, EMILE - no info
2. GREER, EARLE - no info
3. WOODWARD, FLOYD W., b. 3 July 1896, d. 6 Feb. 1970
4. WOODWARD, ELLA SARVER, b. 8 May 1895, d. 30 Jan. 1980
5. RAMEY, VINNIE AGUILLARD, b. 30 Aug. 1905, d. 19 Jan. 1997
6. RAMEY, PAT ROBERT, b. 3 Jan. 1899, d. 15 Dec. 1970
7. GRANGER, ELOI, b. 21 March 1901, d. 21 Feb. 1993
8. GRANGER, LAURA, b. 30 March 1910, d. 21 Feb. 1993
9. No Headstone
10. SMITH, MARJORIE R., b. 19 Jan. 1924, d. 18 May 2001
11. SMITH, FRED MIMS, b. 18 Aug. 1916, d. 29 Aug. 1988; Lt. US Navy WWII
12. ROBINSON, MARGUERITE born TRAHAN, b. 2 Aug. 1918, d. 21 Oct. 1993
13. ROBERTS, KATHELINE M. LEGER LECKOLT, b. 21 July 1958, d. 28 Aug. 2004
14. No Headstone
15. LARSON, NELLIE B., b. 27 June 1903, d. 12 Dec. 1986
16. LARSON, EDWARD E., b. 17 March 1888, d. 24 May 1973
17. McCOWN, J. A., b. 24 Jan. 1927, d. 21 Feb. 1998
18. ONKEN, AUGUST EMILE, b. 3 Oct. 1941, d. 6 July 1967
19. McCOWN, ROLLANDE JAMES, b. 6 July 1931
20. McCOWN, LORRAINE HART, b. 8 Oct. 1944

ROW #35

1. OSBORN, RALPH P. 'Boots', b. 19 Nov. 1911, d. 7 Nov. 1992
2. OSBORN, M. INEZ born WORSHAM, b. 7 Nov. 1914, d. 18 Dec. 1991;
m. 16 May 1936
3. EWALT, CARL E. 'PaPa', b. 12 May 1911, d. 13 June 1990
4. EWALT, LUCILLE EARL, b. 16 July 1915, d. 25 Aug. 2000
5. STANLEY, RALPH L., b. 6 Aug. 1915, d. 7 July 1997
6. STANLEY, MAXINE A., b. 16 July 1918
7. No Headstone
8. No Headstone
9. STUBBLEFIELD, KATHLUN M., b. 13 July 1939, d. 19 Jan. 1993
10. STUBBLEFIELD, BELLA ANN
11. STUBBLEFIELD, Mrs. JOHN C., b. 11 Feb. 1974
12. STUBBLEFIELD, EDITH MARY MILLER, b. 8 March 1909, d. 13 Feb. 1995
13. STUBBLEFIELD, LUTHER CALVIN, b. 19 Oct. 1908, d. 25 July 2002
14. LEGER, ETHEL F. born FONTENOT, b. 5 July 1928, d. 28 Aug. 2002
15. LEGER, OBREY, b. 22 Oct. 1924
16. DRUILHET, ERIC H., Jr., b. 15 Aug. 1927, d. 17 Dec. 1990
17. MOTT, BEAULAH TAYLOR, b. 9 Nov. 1909, d. 9 July 1984
18. MOTT, OLIDE J., b. 22 May 1908, d. 1 Oct. 1984

19. FONTENOT, CALVIN J., b. 28 Jan. 1934, d. 28 Mar. 2006
20. DESHOTEL, ATSON G., b. 17 Jan. 1927, d. 19 March 1988
21. FONTENOT, JOY B. DESHOTEL, b. 19 Jan. 1934
22. DESHOTEL, BATHILDE F., b. 6 Dec. 1903, d. 5 Apr. 1982
23. DESHOTEL, MARCENA, b. 14 March 1894, d. 27 June 1984
24. ARCENEUX, NOEL LEE, b. 12 April 1936, d. 11 Nov. 1994
25. HEBERT, NORAH B., b. 10 Dec. 1921, d. 9 Dec. 1968
26. ROSTROM, ERMAN WILLIAM, b. 9 July 1921, d. 31 March 1996; m. 2 Nov. 1947
27. ROSTROM, ALLIE JUANITA born BAKER, b. 29 April 1924
28. FABIAN, SOPHIA born ALLEN, b. 31 March 1890, d. 16 Nov. 1981

ROW #36

1. BACCIGALOPPI, JOSEPH M., b. 1 Feb. 1922, d. 24 Oct. 1997
2. BACCIGALOPPI, ELLA born DUGAS, b. 20 Nov. 1928
3. BLACK, ANTHONY LEE, b. 12 June 1961, d. 20 Jan. 1977
4. COMPTON, FLOYD N., b. 2 Jan. 1923
5. COMPTON, ORA BELLE M., b. 2 Jan. 1926, d. 24 March 2006
6. ANDERSON, Dr. EMILE, b. 13 July 1890
7. ANDERSON, MATTIE GREEN, no info.
8. STUBBLEFIELD, FRANCES B., b. 23 Feb. 1908, d. 10 Sep. 1984
9. STUBBLEFIELD, JAMES W. Jr., b. 13 Jan. 1907, d. 25 Dec. 1977
10. STUBBLEFIELD, MYRTLE BELL, b. 6 Feb. 1911, d. 14 Dec. 1991
11. STUBBLEFIELD, BELLE HERRINGTON, b. 24 May 1886, d. 3 June 1972
12. STUBBLEFIELD, JAMES WYATT, b. 8 Nov. 1876, d. 9 Dec. 1954
13. CORMIER, CERIL, b. 15 Aug. 1904, d. 20 Feb. 1983
14. CORMIER, HAZEL M., b. 22 Feb. 1911, d. 15 Dec. 1998
15. MOTT, AMY born CORMIER, b. 12 June 1902, d. 22 Sep. 1983
16. MOTT, OVELIAN, b. 24 Oct. 1902, d. 9 Sep. 1987
17. BROUSSARD, DARRELL, b. 30 Nov. 1952, d. 14 Feb. 1988
18. MOTT, R. A., b. 18 Feb. 1924, d. 21 May 1990
19. MOTT, LEE born BROUSSARD, b. 7 Sep. 1923, d. 2 Nov. 1992
20. ROYER, LOUIS E., b. 30 July 1911, d. 13 March 1988
21. ROYER, VERNIE L., b. 23 Aug. 1909, d. 17 Feb. 1983
22. BENOIT, LENA JANE H., b. 11 Apr. 1936
23. BENOIT, EARL JOSEPH, b. 23 March 1930, d. 11 May 1994
24. EPPERLY, HATTIE MAY, b. 24 June 1919, d. 15 April 1992
25. EPPERLY, JAMES R., b. 1919, d. 1987; Pfc US Army WWII
26. WILLIAMS, AUSTRALIA A., b. 28 March 1900, d. 8 April 1982
27. WILLIAMS, VERBA W., b. 19 Nov. 1899, d. 26 Sep. 1977

END OF NORTH SIDE OF OAKLAWN CEMETERY, WELSH, LA

**SHARING THE HOLIDAYS WITH FAMILY
IS ONE OF LIFE'S GREATEST BLESSINGS.**

**GENEALOGICAL GLEANINGS FROM ABSTRACT #143.142
(LeBLEU SETTLEMENT AREA)**

Submitted by SANDRA FISHER MIGUEZ TAVENEY – Member # 334

- May 26, 1899 U.S.A. to FRED T. MOORE, Certificate No. 20149.
(containing 161.40 acres). Ret. & Cancelled Jan. 16, 1902.
- January 16, 1902 U.S.A. to THOMAS LAFRANC, Certificate No. 23999.
(containing 161.40 acres).
- May 4, 1908 U.S.A. to THOMAS LeFRANC. Patent. Official survey,
filed Oct. 29, 1910.
- April 5, 1909 THOMAS LAFRANC to Calcasieu Naval Stores Co.
Turpentine Lease.
- August 25, 1911 THOMAS LeFRANC, a married man by first and only marriage
with LOTTIE GUIDRY, now living, of the Parish of Calcasieu,
La., to FRANCOIS HEBERT, Jr., a married man by second
marriage with PAMELA LE BLEU, now living, of the Parish of Calcasieu, La. Sale of Land.
(Consideration: \$323.00 with right of redemption). Witnesses: LEWIS J. MAYEUX and
THOS C. PLAUCHE. Notary: A. M. BARBE.
- August 25, 1911 FRANCOIS HEBERT, Jr. to THOMAS LEFRANCE. Quit Claim.
FRANCOIS HEBERT, Jr., a married man, by 2nd marriage to
PAMELA LE BLEU, with whom he is now living, a resident of
Cal. Par., La. (Consideration: \$323.00) to THOMAD (sic) LEFRANCE, a married man by 1st
and only marriage with LEONIE GUIDRY. Witnesses: LEWIS J. MAYEUX and I. R.
MURREY. Notary: T. ARTHUR EDWARDS.
- February 8, 1916 THOS. LeFRANC, of Lake Charles, married but once and then to
LOTTIE GUIDRY whom I am now living and there being no
change in the community existing under the law, to ARTHUR
HOLLINS, of Par. Of Cal., La. Warranty Deed. (Consideration: \$304.55). Witnesses: SAM
KUSHNER and DANIEL GOODMAN.
- January 13, 1917 Quit Claim Deed. ARTHUR HOLLINS, married but once and
then to LIZZIE HOLLINS, born GREEN, with whom I am now
living and there being no change in the community existing under
the law, to THOMAS LeFRANC, a married man now living with his first and only wife,
LEONIE LeFRANC, born LEONIE GUIDRY, residents of Iowa, La. (Consideration: \$550.00).
Witnesses: SAM KUSHNER and WADE E. PLAUCHE.
- May 29, 1917 Correction Deed. ARTHUR HOLLINS to THOMAS LEFRAC
(sic). Witnesses: LOUIS D. LeFRANC and K. E. ALFORD.

Nov. 12, 1921 Succession of THOMAS LeFRANC. #2881. Died in Cal. Par., La. On 16 day of May 1917. Heirs: Mrs. LEONIE LeFRANC, spouse; children, Mrs. MARY E. JOHNSON, wife of R. J. JOHNSON, a resident of Sulphur, La.; ALLEN LeFRANC; LOUIS LeFRANC; CATHERINE L. LeBLEU, wife of ARSENE LeBLEU; HELEN LeFRANC; and GEORGE LeFRANC, all residents of Cal. Par., La. Attorney: ROBERT R. STONE.

February 17, 1922 Partition Deed. Mrs. LEONIE LeFRANC, widow of THOMAS LeFRANC; Mrs. MARY E. JOHNSON, wife of R. J. JOHNSON; ALLEN LeFRANC, a single man; CATHERINE LeBLEU, wife of ARSENE LeBLEU; HELEN LeFRANC, a single woman; GEORGE LeFRANC, a single man; and LOUIS LeFRANC, a married man living with his wife, HELEN LeFRANC, born HEBERT, all residents of Cal. Par., La. Witnesses: ED J. RUSILLON and DOROTHY DUNNING. Notary: ROBERT R. STONE.

April 25, 1922 Cash deed from LEONIE LeFRANC to HELEN LeFRANC.

April 25, 1922 Cash deed from Mrs. LEONIE LeFRANC to GEORGE LeFRANC.

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