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## **SOCIETY NEWS**

**SWLGS Web Site – <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~laslgs/swlgs.htm>**

### **SEPTEMBER MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Southwest Louisiana Genealogical Society will be held on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. in the Carnegie Meeting Room. Coffee and fellowship begin at 9:30 a.m. Guests are always welcome.

“Acadian House and Acadian Heritage” will be presented by REVA JONES CHESSON of Lake Charles.

PLEASE bring canned goods/monetary contribution for Oak Park Pantry. In June Oak Park Pantry served 160 families with 106 children.

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### **NEW MEMBERS**

- 1595. MARY EASON BIONDILLO, 389 VZCR 1606, Unit 2, Grand Saline, TX 75140
- 1596. CAROLYN THIBODEAUX, PO Box 4171, Lake Charles, LA 70606
- 1597. HILDA CRAIN, 101 Elaine Ln, Lake Charles, LA 70607
- 1598. KEVIN J. DOIRON, 1249 Tan Tara Circle, Lake Charles, LA 70611
- 1599. FREDERICK A. ROSTEET, 2113 Constance Ln., Lake Charles, La 70605
- 1600. DONALD ROSTEET, 2365 Highway 52, Tuscumbia, MO 65082

Membership To Date: 251

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### **TV PROGRAMS TO WATCH.**

“Who Do You Think You Are”, The Learning Channel (TLC), Tuesday, 8:00 p.m. (central time zone).

“Genealogy Roadshow”, PBS, Monday, Sept. 23 thru Oct. 14, 8:00 p.m. (central time zone).

FAMILYSEARCH.ORG announced in July that it has added 205,349 index records from the U.S. Social Security Death Records.

*KINFOLKS* is always seeking new material. Please share any old genealogical records with us.

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### **IN MEMORIAM**

**THOMAS POLLET, III**  
**1929 – 2013**

## SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL LIBRARY NEWS

[www.calcasieulibrary.org/genealogy](http://www.calcasieulibrary.org/genealogy)    [gen@calcasieu.lib.la.us](mailto:gen@calcasieu.lib.la.us)

337-721-7110

The Southwest Louisiana Genealogical & Historical Library is continuing its series "Tidbits of History" with the following scheduled programs. Meetings are held in the Carnegie Meeting Room of the Southwest Louisiana Genealogical & Historical Library, 411 Pujo St., Lake Charles, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. No reservation is necessary.

Tuesday, September 3 – "The Calcasieu Tigers at the Siege of Vicksburg"  
presented by MICHAEL DAN JONES

Tuesday, October 1 – "Researching Historic Properties"  
presented by ADLEY CORMIER

Tuesday, November 5 – "Herman Frasch: The Sulphur King"  
Presented by RUSSELL KEENE, II and Dr. WILLIAM R. SUTTON

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### NEW BOOKS ON THE SHELVES

Webster County (Iowa) Genealogical Society. *Webster County, Iowa, Baptisms, Corpus Christi Church 1880-1884, 1885-1889*

Webster County (Iowa) Genealogical Society. *Webster County, Iowa, Baptisms, Corpus Christi Church, 1890-1894, 1895-1899, 1900-1904*

Webster County (Iowa) Genealogical Society. *Webster County, Iowa, Baptisms, Corpus Christi Church, 1905-1909, 1910-1914, 1915-1919*

Webster County (Iowa) Genealogical Society. *Webster County, Iowa, Cemeteries, Jackson Township Cemetery and St. Patrick's Church Cemetery (Updated)*

Webster County (Iowa) Genealogical Society. *Webster County, Iowa, Cemeteries, Otho.*

Webster County (Iowa) Genealogical Society. *Webster County, Iowa, Census, State 1895, Elkhorn, Fulton, Gowrie, Hardin, Jackson, Johnson & Lost Grove Townships*

Webster County (Iowa) Genealogical Society. *Webster County, Iowa, Deaths, Bruce's Funeral Home Records 1949-1972*

Webster County (Iowa) Genealogical Society. *Webster County, Iowa, Deaths Fraternal Herald Obituaries Index, 1940s-1960s*

Webster County (Iowa) Genealogical Society. *Webster County, Iowa, Deaths, Guenther & Koeper Funeral Homes, 1935-1972, Index.*

Webster County (Iowa) Genealogical Society. *Webster County, Iowa, Deaths Index, 1921-1953*

Webster County (Iowa) Genealogical Society. *Webster County, Iowa, Deaths, Palmer & Sons Funeral Home, 7 Jan 1950-4 Aug 1991*

Webster County (Iowa) Genealogical Society. *Webster County, Iowa, Divorces, 1856-1924, Index.*

Webster County (Iowa) Genealogical Society. *Webster County, Iowa, Jail Calendar, Book 1, 1871-1903*

Webster County (Iowa) Genealogical Society. *Webster County, Iowa, Marriages Index, 1890-1900*



- Webster County (Iowa) Genealogical Society. *Webster County, Iowa, Marriages, 1901-1909*
- Webster County (Iowa) Genealogical Society. *Webster County, Iowa, Newspaper Index, 18 Jul 1872-4 Jun 1874, 1 Jan 1890-25 Dec 1890, 2 May 1905-2 May 1906.*
- White, Gifford. *First Settlers of Bastrop and Travis Counties, Texas*
- Yurechko, John Otto. *Christ Church Parish Register, Middlesex County, Virginia, 1653-1812*
- Adams, Donna Burge. *Baptist and Methodist Records of the Florida Parishes of Louisiana, Vol. 6*
- Adams, Donna Burge. *Fires, Feuds, and Floods in the Florida Parishes of Louisiana*
- Adams, Donna Burge. *Livingston-St. Helena Genealogical Records*
- Adams, Donna Burge. *Officials of the Florida Parishes of Louisiana*
- Adams, Donna Burge. *Women in the Florida Parishes, Vol. 1*
- Ainsworth, Fern. *Private Land Claims of Mississippi and Missouri*
- Arps, Walter E. Jr. *Heirs and Orphans: Anne Arundel County, Maryland Distributions, 1788-1838*
- Burgess, James M. *Chronicles of St. Mark's Parish, Santee Circuit and Williamsburg Township, South Carolina, 1731-1885*
- Calcasieu Parish Public Library. *Reminiscent Writings: 2012 Contest Entries*
- Campbell, T. E. *Colonial Caroline: A History of Caroline County, Virginia*
- Collins, Herbert Ridgeway. *Cemeteries of Caroline County, Virginia, Vol. 2: Private Cemeteries*
- Conner, David William. *York-Hampton Parish History since 1632*
- Davis, Virginia Lee Hutcheson. *Jamestowne Ancestors, 1607-1699*
- Gravois, Roland Anthony. *deGeneres and Allied Families: Abat, Antonini, Claiborne, Daboval, Damare, deLesseps, Derbes, Druilhet, Gravois, LaCour, Malarcher, Marye, Morrison, Petit, Story, and Theriot*
- Hanson, Joan Search and Kenneth L. Hanson. *Marriages from Venango County (Pa.) Sources, 1795-1885 (all), 1886-1921 (outside the county)*
- Harris: *Family History with Name Origin and Lineage Lines from Genealogical Records*
- Hatcher, Patricia Law. *Researching Your Colonial New England Ancestors*
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- Head, John C. and Wanda V. Head. *Cemetery Inscriptions of Webster Parish, Louisiana, Vol. IV*
- Hempstead County Genealogical Society. *Hempstead County, Arkansas: United States Census of 1870*
- Hester, Gwendolyn Lynette. *Sumter County, Alabama Wills, 1828-1872; Mortality Schedules, 1850-1880*
- Hinde, Thomas. *The Domesday Book: England's Heritage, Then and Now*
- Hofmann, Margaret M. *Colony of North Carolina 1735-1764: Abstracts of Land Patents, Vol. 1*
- Huxford, Folks. *Pioneers of Wiregrass Georgia, Vols. 2-8*
- Itawamba Settlers (Mississippi), Vol. 10, No. 2-4; Vol. 12, No. 1, 3-4; Vol. 13, No. 1-3*
- Iwanski, Steve. *Census Index 1860, Tallapoosa County, Alabama*
- Johnston, Hugh Buckner. *Deaths and Marriages from Tarboro, North Carolina Newspapers, 1824-1865*
- Joyner, Peggy Shomo. *Abstracts of Virginia's Northern Neck: Warrants and Surveys, Vol. 3*
- Kukla, Jon. *Speakers and Clerks of the Virginia House of Burgesses, 1643-1776*
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terms; or using capitalization or common words such as *the*, *a*, or *an* to designate proper nouns. These tricks will not work with *Chronicling America*.

Instead users should utilize the limiters provided and a combination of the search boxes available to construct their searches. Users may select specific states, newspapers, or years from the limiters available. Users may also designate their search date ranges, while keeping in mind that events that happened on a specific day may not be reported in these historical newspapers for days or weeks afterwards. Finally, users may wish to select from available languages or limit their search to a particular page of a newspaper.

Before attempting to limit a search to a particular page, users should keep in mind that the format of newspapers has changed greatly over the last two centuries (see the DLNP page on Louisiana Journalism, 1836-1922 for a more detailed account of the development of Louisiana newspapers). This feature is best saved for users who are familiar with the particular layout and content of a specific newspaper they want to search.

There are four search options that can be used individually or in combination to query *Chronicling America*. To demonstrate the differences between the search options, all of the example searches will be looking for information on yellow fever. For all of these example searches, the limiter for the state will be Louisiana; no specific newspaper will be selected; and, the date range will be set from 1853-1922. The only changes in search will be which search box option is utilized.

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## MAY MEETING

The May program was presented by LAURA CHARNEY and GINA COSTELLO of LSU Libraries Special Collection, Baton Rouge, La.

### SEARCHING FOR PAST LIVES: DLNP & CHRONICLING AMERICA IN GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

By the end of 2013, over 220,000 historical Louisiana newspaper pages will be freely available on the Library of Congress's *Chronicling America* online database. Equipped with two successive two-year grants from the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP), the Digitizing Louisiana Newspapers Project (DLNP) at LSU Libraries Special Collections has been processing and digitizing historical Louisiana newspapers for contribution to this national newspaper database. Additionally, both the NDNP and DLNP have developed supplementary resources to assist researchers in constructing searches, locating digitized and non-digitized newspapers, discovering the history newspaper publishing in the U.S., and utilizing historical newspapers in research.

But before digitizing a single page, DLNP first had to choose which historical Louisiana newspapers would be selected to make up the approximately 100,000 digitized newspaper pages to be submitted to *Chronicling America* for each two year grant-cycle. Selection began by determining which newspapers met the NDNP digitization specifications. In the 2009-2011 grant cycle these specifications restricted digitization to newspapers published between 1860 and 1922, not previously digitized, not under copyright, and with English-only content. Beginning in the 2011-2013 grant cycle when *Chronicling America* was finally able to support multiple languages, specifications were expanded to allow for content in French, Spanish, Italian, and German. The 2011-2013 grant cycle specifications also expanded the span of publication dates to 1836-1922. Restrictions against digitization of newspapers previously digitized or still under copyright remained.

Out of 1,052 historical newspapers published in Louisiana, approximately 937 were eligible for digitization in either the 2009-2011 or 2011-2013 grant cycle. An advisory board composed of historians, teachers, archivists, journalists, and genealogists ranked each of the eligible newspapers based on research value and diversity. The highest ranking titles were selected. In the 2009-2011 grant cycle, 58 titles from 25 parishes were selected. An additional 20 titles from 14 parishes were selected for the 2011-2013 cycle. By the end of 2013, 78 titles from 34 parishes will be available on *Chronicling America*. //chroniclingamerica.loc.gov

In addition to offering searchable digitized newspapers, the *Chronicling America* site offers a number of other resources that range from basic information on the project to a comprehensive bibliography of all newspapers published in the U.S. between the years 1690 and 2013. Researchers can access information About Chronicling America, About the Site and API, Recommended Topics for research and Help via the links in the sidebar of the homepage. It is highly recommended that new users read the *Chronicling America* Help page before beginning their search. Users will find specific information on this page for Basic Searching, Advanced



Searching, Search and Browsing Tips, Searching by Language, and Searching the U.S. Newspaper Directory, 1690-Present.

The US Newspaper Directory, 1690-Present provides a comprehensive descriptive bibliography of newspapers published in the U.S. and the current location of copies. The US Newspaper Directory, 1690-Present can be browsed alphabetically or searched using the limiters provided. For example, if a user wanted to retrieve newspapers identified as having been published in Lake Charles, they would select Louisiana as the state, Calcasieu as the county, and Lake Charles as the city. This search would generate 27 results. Selecting any of the linked titles will retrieve its associated bibliographic record.

Each bibliographic record details information about the place of publication, and information on any preceding or succeeding titles. To locate a copy of the newspaper, select the Libraries that Have It link for a detailed listing of holding institutions and available formats.

For users interested in only those digitized newspaper available on *Chronicling America*, the All Digitized Newspapers, 1836-1922 tab offers a complete list of titles in HTML and PDF. Users can also search for digitized newspapers by limiting their search by State, Ethnicity, or Language. For example, if the State selected was Louisiana and the Language selected was French, six results would be retrieved. Results detail the State, Newspaper title, Number of Issues, Earliest Issue, Latest Issue, and the option of finding out More Info. Whenever a newspaper's title link, a Yes link under More Info, or an About link is selected on *Chronicling America*, the user will always be taken to the bibliographic record for that newspaper.

The difference between the bibliographic record of a non-digitized newspaper and digitized newspaper is the inclusion of a contextual essay and links to browse issues for the digitized title. Selecting any Browse Issues link or Calendar View link will always retrieve the calendar view of digitized issues for that newspaper title. Clicking on any other linked dates in the calendar view will retrieve the full issue for that particular date. To closely inspect a single page, the user must click on the desired page to be taken to a single page viewing window.

In the single page viewer users can adjust the zoom and placement of the page by dragging with their mouse or selecting from the navigation buttons in the upper left corner of the viewer. The features on the top bar also allows users to drop-down to particular pages, page forward, view all pages, browse to previous or next issues, view all issues, view the text, download a PDF, download a JPG, or clip an image to download.

In addition to allowing for easy browsing, *Chronicling America* offers two options for searching the digitized historical newspapers. The first is the basic search found right on the homepage. While it appears Google-esque in its simplicity and minimalism, it is an inefficient and imprecise means of running a search. Users should always choose the second option for searching – the Advanced Search.

Experienced researchers may already regularly employ some tricks when searching other sites and databases such as placing quotes around search terms for exact searching; using *and*, *not*, or *or* operators; including the diacritic marks and special characters for foreign language search

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To ensure that the search terms are within proximity to each other on the page, the "...with the words...within X words of each other" search should be utilized. Users can designate whether they want the search terms to be within 5, 10, 50, or 100 words of each other. This search can be more or less precise than the "with the phrase" search as it will allow users to designate how close the search terms need to be but will not ensure the order they appear on the page. In this case searching for "yellow" and "fever" within 5 words of each other draws in 2,229 results.

A well-constructed search will combine limiters and search options for optimal precision and relevancy. For example, while still searching for newspapers from Louisiana published between 1853 and 1922, we can alter the search for either "Algiers" or "Orleans" using the "...with any of the words" search *and* the terms "yellow" and "fever" **in that order** using in the "...with the phrase" search. This would result in 2,162 pages, the fewest number of results yet but these results should be more precise than previous searches.

It should be noted that in addition to strategically building searches, users will also have to carefully use search terms. For example, misspellings or typos such as "yellow fever" will result in 0 results. Unlike with Google ([www.google.com](http://www.google.com)) users will never be prompted to correct spellings nor be offered additional recommended search terms. Savvy users will incorporate information like this from Google and other resources when building their searches.

Other recommended resources include Wikipedia ([www.wikipedia.org](http://www.wikipedia.org)) which is a great resource for a quick summary of a particular topic and also for cultivating potential search terms, dates, and locations to build searches around. It should also be noted that Wikipedia regularly cites newspapers from *Chronicling America* in the References section of many of its historical entries, making it another point of access to these historical newspapers. Because language has evolved over the centuries, a historical thesaurus such as the one provided online by the Oxford English Dictionary ([www.oed.com/thesaurus](http://www.oed.com/thesaurus)) is also recommended for developing search terms using anachronistic language.

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A well-constructed search will combine limiters and search options for optimal precision and relevancy. For example, while still searching for newspapers from Louisiana published between 1853 and 1922, we can alter the search for either "Algiers" or "Orleans" using the "...with any of the words" search *and* the terms "yellow" and "fever" **in that order** using in the "...with the phrase" search. This would result in 2,162 pages, the fewest number of results yet but these results should be more precise than previous searches.

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The Newspaper Histories page is a centralized listing of essays available for newspapers currently on *Chronicling America*. Clicking the Read History link will take you directly to a contextual essay that provides background information on the history of that newspaper's publication including biographies on notable editors, discussions of significant themes, and identification of major events covered in the newspaper.

The Louisiana Journalism page provides a more General Overview on the history of newspaper publication in the state. Additional information such as a Timeline of Significant Events Reported, a link to a page on the evolution of the Front Page of the Louisiana Newspaper, and a page on Editorial Cartoons, 1914-1922 can also be found here.

To find out more about DLNP, users have several options to choose from. The Outreach Events page serves a dual-purpose of notifying users of upcoming events while also making available past presentations for viewing. Selecting any of the hyperlinked presentation titles should retrieve past presentation slides in a PDF document. The DLNP in the Press page showcases an online gallery of past write-ups and public relations announcements. Users wanting to know about the development of DLNP can find that information on the About DLNP page.

DLNP also provides a number of topic guides related to events and themes documented in digitized Louisiana newspapers. Each Topic Guide has a listing of Significant Dates, Suggested Search Term, and Sample Articles to help researchers kick start their project.

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The efforts of the Digitizing Louisiana Newspapers Project have not yet reached their final conclusion. We hope that the resources made possible by the National Digital Newspaper Program, *Chronicling America*, and DLNP will in some small way help users in their research endeavors. Please continue to check back for updates on this and related projects.

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SHERMAN and LAUREN YOUNG (Members #1449/1449A) attended the SWLGS meeting on May 18, 2013, about "Searching for Past Lives" by using *Chronicling America*: Historic



American Newspapers. LAURA CHARNEY and GINA COSTELLO from the LSU Libraries, Special Collection in Baton Rouge, La. presented an excellent program about how previously microfilmed historic newspapers are being digitized in a format available on line. LAURA told about how the digitized historic newspapers are stored in the Library of Congress National Digital Newspaper Program (<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov>). She gave concise but detailed information about how to search and receive data from digitized newspapers in this program.

As soon as I got home I opened the *Chronicling America* website to search for information about family members that might have been in newspapers. Since most of my relatives came from rural areas where there were few or no local newspapers I thought it would be a difficult search with few results. I also had to remember that, due to copyright laws, the only newspapers available in the program are prior to 1922 (at the date of this writing).

My first search was for my maternal grandfather, MARVIN JOSIAH ROGERS, seeking information about his birth, marriage to WILLOW BELL BRITT, or incidental information about him that may have been in newspapers. I limited the search to his full name, the state of Louisiana, and the dates from his birth year to 1922. Unfortunately, I found no information.

The next search was for MARVIN's daughter, my mother, HAZEL CLOTEAL ROGERS. This time I was pleased to find an article written about HAZEL in *The Bienville Democrat*, November 24, 1921. Ironically, the date of this newspaper was only five weeks before the 1922 copyright limitation. The article was about some sort of oration contest which HAZEL participated in along with nine boys and twelve other girls. HAZEL was one of the winners, along with eight other boys and girls, who were selected to participate in a program to represent the local school. HAZEL was born September 1, 1916, so this made her only five years old at the time of the competition. I don't know what type of oration she did but perhaps it was a poem or rhyme that she had memorized since this was more likely before she could read anything. This was something I didn't know about my mother and since she was so young at the time, she may not have remembered it as an adult.

I am really impressed with the *Chronicling America* program and I am excited about being able to much more easily retrieve data from historic newspapers which were previously stored on microfilm.

SHERMAN YOUNG

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**DID YOU KNOW??** There were three official Confederate flags. They were the Stars and Bars (which was often mistaken for the battle flag of the U.S.), the Battle Flag (which was also known popularly as the Bonny Blue Flag and bore the Blue Cross of St. Andrew on a red background with 13 white stars) and the Second Battle Flag (called the Stainless Banner, which was a white flag with a small design at the tip). The Second Battle Flag resembled a flag-of-truce, so in March 1865 the Confederate Congress added a red bar across one end of the flag. The Battle Flag (the Bonny Blue Flag) is known today as the official Confederate flag.

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### **Quit Claim vs Deed Release**

A similar record to a Quit Claim Deed is called a Deed Release, which is used in about the same way as a Quit-Claim Deed. The difference is usually determined by whether a deceased property owner died testate or intestate. It was common for a Deed Release to be filed as part of the testate papers by an heir who was relinquishing his claim to a parcel of property devised to him by the deceased in a will undergoing probate. A probate judge would accept a deed release from one or more of the heirs, if by agreement, the heirs decided to have the property divided differently than the will specified. Each deed release was then recorded the same as a transfer of property in the deed records of the county, and the names of the persons involved were included in the grantee-grantor index.

Both the Quit Claim Deeds and the Deed Releases are normally indicated in the "Type of Conveyance" column in the Grantee/Grantor index. Genealogists will find these two special types of deeds particularly interesting because they very often provide you with relationships. From experience, I have learned to spot a potential list of heirs, either from Quit Claims or Deed Releases by the phrase "et al" (in Latin, "and others"). If an entry is for Quit Claim or Deed Release conveyances, and one name is in the Grantee/Grantor Index with "et al" after the name, I go to that deed first – this is how a list of heirs is indexed. A release of claim to property between brothers and sisters, for example, is an uncommon occurrence in land records - but when you find these types of deeds, you will be given a new confirmation for the existence of God (because they are often gifts from the blue).

### **Examples of Quit Claim Deeds**

In doing research on my Rumbaugh family of Fulton County, Indiana, the Grantee/Grantor index had a very simple line that read, "William Rumbaugh, et al". Going to the book and page in the deed transcripts led me to eight (8) Quit Claim Deeds, all for the same date in 1856, all in the same hand, and all starting with this type of phrase:

"...William Rumbaugh, heir of David Rumbaugh, Deceased, and Susan Holton (formerly Rumbaugh), of this County, does Quit any Claim to the land described as...."

"...Nancy Wiles, intermarried with William Wiles, and an heir of David Rumbaugh, deceased, and Susan Holton (formerly Rumbaugh), of Union County, Iowa, does Quit any Claim to the land described as...."

...and another similar entry for each of the six remaining brothers and sisters...

The use of Quit Claim Deeds, in this case, was a convenient way for heirs of David Rumbaugh to transfer their share of the inheritance to just one of the brothers. Even though David Rumbaugh's will has devised the property to each of the heirs equally, most of the siblings had left the area, so the heirs decided to combine the property back again for a home for one family, in this case, William Rumbaugh, the oldest son, who was living on his father's farm with his own

family at the time of David Rumbaugh's death. Note that each Rumbaugh heir's quit-claim entry established a name and place of residence. The entries also gave maiden/married names, and even the surname of a remarried widow. This is genealogical evidence at its best – a written proof of names and relationships.

Because of this land-swapping, a complete list of the heirs of David Rumbaugh was found - not in the probate office, and not even in the family Bible. This list of children was taken from the Deed Books of Fulton County, Indiana!

**Dollarhide's Genealogy Rule No. 1: Treat the brothers and sisters of your ancestor as equals...even if some of them were in jail.**

### **After Finding a Deed**

With a deed in hand, you always have a property description. That means that a map showing the exact location of that property could be found next. With a map as a guide, locate and mark the spot for the land. Now look for the nearest cemetery on the map. How about the nearest church? Now find the records for that cemetery or church. A map can also give clues about the location of the land in relation to the nearest courthouse. Was the courthouse for an adjoining county closer to the family farm? If the family members could travel more easily to a different courthouse (for a marriage license, perhaps) you may have some more research options. See my archived article, [Find A Place – Find an Ancestor](#) for details on the best maps for genealogical research.

### **Why Not Look at Deeds First?**

I used to check land records only after going through every published source for a county. I have discovered that deed records can provide the most important information we need in genealogical research: the place where a person lived. And, in some cases, genealogical treasures may be revealed in special deeds, such as Quit Claims or Deed Releases. Because of this, I now do deed research first, not last.

### **Here are five reasons why deeds are so valuable to genealogists:**

1. Deeds are indexed in cumulative form, sometimes spanning over decades. They may be listed in only a few large volumes, while marriages and other county records may be spread across many, many volumes. Going through the grantee-grantor indexes does not take as long as going through other county records.
2. For early periods, deed indexes act as a list of residents in a county to give you a good review of who lived there, including neighbors you have noted from censuses or tax lists. It is a way of getting a "yes" or "no" answer to the question of the right county where a person lived. It is an excellent way to retrace the trail your ancestor followed. This is based on a ninety percent chance that your ancestor owned land. If a man is not listed in a deed index, the chances are great that he did not live in that county.
3. Deeds sometimes make reference to a "case number" for some civil action regarding property or a probate court action. Probate and civil court case files are excellent sources of genealogical



information – but poorly indexed. Therefore, going through the deeds first may present the only clue that other records exist in another part of the courthouse.

4. Deeds often give the name of a man's wife. Because of the English common law of Dower Rights for a widow, a man's wife may not have been able to own land in her own name, but she did have veto power over the sale of the land due to her dower rights. For that reason, a wife's name is often included in a deed transcript.

5. Deeds are more complete and go back further in time than other type of records for genealogists. Land ownership evidence was so important that they were the first records reconstructed after a courthouse fire or other natural disaster.

Finally, to get more information about using deed records in your genealogical pursuits, go to the GenealogyBlog archives for "Dollarhide Columns" and click on any of the following titles:

Dower Share, Dowery, and Dower Rights

If He Owned Land, There's a Deed

Using Deed Records

Follow-up to Using Deed Records

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### **OUR PAST – *AMERICAN PRESS*, MAY 30, 1938**

By MIKE JONES

**Breakfast at the Majestic.** Miss LUCY MARTIN and Miss MAY NAVARRA entertained with a breakfast of beautiful appointment at the Majestic Hotel Friday morning complimentary to three spring graduates, Misses MARIE MARTIN, JOSIE NAVARRA and ROSE NAVARRA.

A blue and gold theme was reflected in the beautiful appointments. The centerpiece was designed of blue hydrangeas and yellow zinnias clustering in a flag crystal bowl.

Covers were laid for Misses MARIE MARTIN, JOSIE NAVARRA, ROSE NAVARRA, MARIE THERESE LEVEQUE, MAVIS THERIOT, ANNA MAY LOUVIERE, THELMA ISAACKS, GLADYS DUFRENE, JOYCE POINBOEUF. Misses JEAN WELSH, ANNIE LAURIE YOUNG, LORRAINE DUHON, ALICE JOYCE DARBY, DOROTHY MARTIN, MARY ALICE LeBLANC, FRANCES STELLY, YVONNE STELLY, MARGARET MARY McCANN, JUNE BRODIE.

**Seniors entertained.** The seniors of LaGrange high school were delightfully entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. IHLE near Prien Lake Thursday in honor of the graduation of their daughter, ALBERTA.

Attending were Misses EUGENIA SWEENEY, IRMA SCOTT, DOROTHY GIOVANNONNI, HELEN KENDALL, LEANNA MANUEL, RUTH HOOPER, SHIRLEY BRAMMER, KATHERINE DOESCHER, JUANITA KENT, MARJORIE DALTON, JULIA LOUISE HUNTER, LYDIA BABINEAUX, ANNA BELLE ASH, WILLIE RAY SUMRALL, INA MARIE WILLIAMS, JUANITA SLOCUM, WANDA NEWCOMER and ALBERTA IHLE. Also Messrs. FRANK TRITICO, JOHN HERDON, TITUS ABNEY, CARL JACKSON, ED

## DUSON BROTHERS WERE PIONEER BUILDERS

By JIM BRADSHAW

*The Welsh Citizen*, July 17, 2012

C. C. (CURLEY) DUSON and his brother, WILLIAM W. DUSON, would likely be remembered in Acadiana even if they hadn't been colorful characters. They founded four towns – Crowley, Iota, Eunice, and Mamou – and had a fifth, Duson, named for them.

CURLEY was born in 1846. He became one of the most influential politicians of his time. WILLIAM was born in 1853. He achieved equal stature as a businessman.

CURLEY was born Aug. 31, 1846, the eldest of the five children of CORNELIUS DUSON and SARAH ANN WEBB. W. W. DUSON was the fourth child, born on Oct. 5, 1854. The brothers had three sisters, MARY ANN, ELLEN, and LAURA.

W. W. DUSON made his first money running a general store. He grew rich selling real estate. He made his legend drilling for oil. CURLEY DUSON participated in most of his brother's ventures. But his fame came as an old-time, gun-totin' lawman who always got his man. He made his name during his 14 years as sheriff of St. Landry Parish, in the days when the parish stretched from the Atchafalaya River to the Sabine and was one of the roughest sections of the country.

CURLEY began as a 21-year-old deputy to Sheriff JAMES G. HAYES, with whom he'd served in the Civil War. From the start, CURLEY believed his business was to hunt criminals. Historian and biographer WILLIAM HENRY PERRIN reported one of the early incidents: "With two other deputies, [DUSON] tracked the GUILROY brothers... who had long defied the law, to Catahoula Parish. There a fight ensued, in which eight shots were fired – three by the GUILROYs and five by the deputies, terminating in the death of both GUILROY brothers."

PERRIN tells us that when CURLEY became sheriff in 1874, "One of the first things he accomplished was the breaking up of organized bands of outlaws who for years had scourged the country. He followed criminals to the border of Mexico, into the mountains of the Indian Territory (Oklahoma), and as far north as Illinois. He had three desperate fights in his attempts to capture fugitives ... (and) was at different times the target for the bullets of those whose only chance of escape ... lay in his removal from their path."

It helped that CURLEY was a crack shot. A report in May 1882, noted that, shooting from a boat near Morgan City, CURLEY had killed 96 alligators with 96 shots.

DUSON retired as sheriff when he was 41 years old to join his brother in promoting the new Acadia Parish. In the late 1880s, the W. W. DUSON & Bro. Real Estate Co. helped bring hundreds of new families to the area, many of them to settle on DUSON land.

The brothers were among the first stockholders in the Louisiana Irrigation and Milling Co. organized in 1904. They were also officers of the Abbott-Duson Canal System, companies whose canals irrigated more than 20,000 acres of farmland. Eventually, W. W. held interest in a

bank, a newspaper, four rice mills, three canal companies, and the largest rice farm in southwest Louisiana. But his most romantic enterprise was in a race to find oil. In 1901, he was made president of the Crowley Oil and Mineral Co. which began drilling on a 640 acre tract on the same day the HEYWOOD brothers began the famous well near Jennings that was the first in Louisiana.

DUSON's derrick was completed and pipe was on hand by early June.

The HEYWOODs were also ready to drill just next door. DUSON broke ground first. The HEYWOODs got started an hour later. The race was on.

The HEYWOODs had to move their well when drilling pipe broke in the first one. The same thing happened to the Crowley well, and it too was moved. Drillers worked at a feverish pace. DUSON ran out of time and luck on Sept. 21, 1901. The HEYWOOD well gushed oil. DUSON's drillers were still finding dust.

It wasn't until a year later, on Sept. 11, 1902, that Crowley Oil and Mineral finally got its gusher. It was less than 100 feet from the HEYWOOD well.

That first strike brought better luck. By the end of 1904, DUSON's company owned 14 producing wells. By 1905, the field was being called "the greatest in the history of the oil business." The good news was just one well in that field produced a million barrels of oil that year. The bad news was that oil sold for only 13 cents a barrel.

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#### **OUR PAST – *AMERICAN PRESS*, June 18, 1938**

By MIKE JONES

**ST. JOHN'S 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY.** Elaborate plans have been made for the celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. John's Lutheran Church at Ford and Mill Streets. The church, school and parsonage have been thoroughly renovated for the occasion.

"We have all heard of the landing of the Pilgrims, but how many people in Lake Charles know that about the year 1886, under the leadership of Captain DANIEL GOOS, there was also a landing of 'pilgrims' right here on our own lake shore? These 'pilgrims' came from the Island of Foer, North Sea, Germany, and were brought over on the four masted schooners that plied between Lake Charles and foreign ports. They were called 'Foeringers' because they came from the Island of 'Foer.' A large majority of these 'pilgrims' constituted the original St. John's German Lutheran Church," said the Rev. THEO H. WEGENER.

"Among those who came from the Island Foer we find the following names recorded in the church records: JOSINE CORSDEN, DIETRICH JESSEN, DORA JACOBSEN, NIC ARFSTEN, MORINA LANAGAN, JOHANNA JESSEN, PETER REIMERS, MARTIN JESSEN, MARIE ANDERSON, DANIEL GOOS, AMALIA SIEBERT, HARDINE HINRICKSEN, INGE RICKERTS, MATYTHILDA BAHNSEN, JOHANN JACOBSEN, CARL BENDIXEN, ED. BENDIXEN, ANNA CHRISTIANSEN. These were some of the charter members of the congregation" WEGENER said.

## THE OLIVE

Submitted by WILLIAM J. THIBODEAUX, Lafayette, La.

The *Olive* was a 160-foot-long sternwheeler that plied the waters of the Mermentau River in the late 1800s and well into the second decade of the next century. The paddle-wheeler worked the cattle and freight trade between Mermentau and Grand Chenier. The *Olive* was probably built sometime after Reconstruction near the Mermentau Ferry landing of long ago. DANIEL SWEET, a Jennings banker, owned the *Olive*. She was named after SWEET's wife, MARY OLIVE, and it was captained by DANIEL's son, HENRY SWEET. The Engineer was GEORGE POPE and the fireman was PIERRE LeGROS of Jennings.

According to an old newspaper article, datelined Jennings and written in the late 1960s, said PIERRE LeGROS' mother died when he was a very young boy living in Andrus Cove. His grandmother raised him in a house just a few yards away from the Mermentau. PIERRE would peek out the window of his bedroom in the early-morning hours as the double-decked paddle-wheeler chugged up and down the Mermentau. "I loved to hear the old whistle on the boat," he recalled when interviewed by G. S. CARLSON, a newspaperman from Jennings.

PIERRE's first job wasn't on the river. Instead, he worked on the Norwood Plantation near Andrus Cove. One day PIERRE walked into the bank to cash a \$19 check. DANIEL SWEET informed young LeGROS that a job was open on the *Olive* and it paid \$25 per month including room and meals. With a raise in pay and a thrill in his heart, he went down to the wharf where the sternwheeler was tied up. He met SWEET's son, HENRY, the Captain of the boat. It was soon apparent to both Captain SWEET and GEORGE POPE, the *Olive*'s engineer, that young LeGROS knew what he was doing when he began firing up the boiler after being asked to get up a head of steam. That began a long love affair between the young fireman and Captain SWEET's *Olive*.

After DANIEL SWEET's death in 1902, the *Olive* was passed to HENRY. Although the *Olive* was a freighter, back in the day when water travel was just about the only way to get around due to the lack of good roads, the *Olive* served as an excursion schooner several times each year. The busiest holiday for the old sternwheeler was Independence Day; people seemed to come from everywhere to take a "holiday ride" on the Mermentau. During those excursions, people crowded both decks and enjoyed the ride.

Reports show that beginning in 1874 LAURENT STURLESE, a wealthy merchant from Grand Chenier, sent his three young daughters to Mount Carmel of Lafayette. The girls often rode the *Olive* from Grand Chenier to Lake Mermentau, today's Lake Arthur. From there it was a day's travel by stagecoach to Lafayette where the girls attended school. The railroad was still a few years into the future.

However, the day came when the *Olive* was too old to ply the river trade any longer – authorities had condemned her. The old steamer was sold to GEORGE W. CALDWELL. He tore off the decks and converted the *Olive* into a barge, but the effort failed. She was too heavy for CALDWELL's small tug boats. The *Olive* was then sold to a Texas company, which had tugs of sufficient size and power to propel the craft.



In 1927, PIERRE married CELESTE CASHAT of Rayne. She had cared for PIERRE LeGROS' first wife during an illness which eventually took her life. He had three children and she had one child from a previous marriage. One more son came from his marriage with CELESTE. PIERRE tried once more to work on the river this time on tugs but it wasn't the same. After a few months he took a job as engineer at the Mermentau River Mill until his retirement in 1958. According to family members, PIERRE LeGROS lived in Jennings dreaming of SWEET's *Olive*, telling fascinating stories of an era now gone, but not forgotten. PIERRE M. LeGROS died at age 92 on February 4, 1970.

DOUG LeGROS, PIERRE's grandson, had fond memories of meeting his grandfather at the rice mill. PIERRE perfectly timed when the youngster was allowed to pull the cord, which blared out a loud, harsh honking sound sending the men home at five o'clock. Special thanks go to 86 year old Ms. LORICE LeGROS of Andrus Cove for providing information on the LeGROS family.

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### **FINDING ACADIAN RESOURCES IN BOOKS AND ONLINE**

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If you have Acadian forebears, you will want to know the name of STEPHEN A. WHITE, widely respected for his two-volume *Dictionnaire Genealogique des Familles Acadiennes*, published in 1999 as a project of the University of Moncton's Centre d'Etudes Acadienne, or Center for Acadian Studies. The resource covers 1636-1714.

My husband's THERIAULT ancestors are outlined in a 22-page section on the family of JEAN THERIOT and wife PERRINE RAU. WHITE carries the family through the children and grandchildren of the emigrant ancestor, including excellent source information and historical notes. The books are in French, but I found that I could follow a good bit of the genealogy with my high school French from the late 1960s. In addition, the set-up of the genealogies makes it clear who are the parents and who the children.

When it comes to WHITE's notes about various family members, I did consult my husband, a lifelong French speaker, when it came to phrases I didn't recognize.

(You may have the surname WHITE stored in your head with those of the Pilgrims who came over on the Mayflower. Right you are, but there also are numerous WHITE descendants whose ancestors were originally LEBLANC, French for WHITE.)

WHITE's two-volume set is available at the Maine State Library in Augusta, and at the Acadian archives in the library at the University of Maine at Fort Kent.

There is also a one-volume English supplement available at Maine State Library and Bangor Public Library.

WHITE also has done a section on the 37 host families of Homecoming 94, available online at [www.umoncton.ca/umcm-ceaac/node/55](http://www.umoncton.ca/umcm-ceaac/node/55).

The 37 Acadian families which have summaries online are: ALLAIN, ARSENAULT, BABIN, BABINEAU, BASTARACHE called BASQUE, BELLIVEAU, BOURDAGE, BOUCHER, BOUDREAU, BOURGEOIS, BOURQUE, CAISSIE, COLLET, CORMIER DAIGLE, DEVARENNES (GAULTIER de VARENNES), DOIRON, GAUDET, GAUTREAU, GIROUARD, GOGUEN, GOSSELIN, HACHE called GALLANT, LANDRY, LEBLANC, LEGER, MAILLET, MARTIN, MELANSON, PETITPAS, POIRIER, RICHARD, ROBICHAUD, SAVOIE, SURETTE, THIBODEAU and VAUTURE.

Generally, the term French Canadian describes those with Quebec ancestry, while Acadian refers to the French who occupied what is now Nova Scotia and parts of New Brunswick until the British deported them in Le Grand Derangement of 1755.

One of the families that will hold a reunion during World Acadian Congress 2014, scheduled for August that year, is the DAIGLE family. Holding their gathering in St. Agatha, the DAIGLES trace their ancestry back to OLIVIER DAIGRE, born about 1643, who was in Port Royal (Annapolis Royal) about 1666.

OLIVIER and wife MARIE GAUDET, the daughter of DENIS and MARINE (GAUTHIER) GAUDET, had children JEAN, JACQUES, BERNARD, LOUIS, OLIVIER, JEAN, MARIE, ANNE and PIERRE. GAUDET also is an Acadian name and the family plans a reunion in New Brunswick during WAC 2014.

You may think there are a lot of DAIGLE descendants, and there are, but this family also was deeply affected by the deportation. For example, ANNE DAIGLE had been married twice, to ETIENNE POITEVEN called PARISIEN, and to MATHURIN TENNER (THENIERE).

WHITE says in his *Dictionnaire*... "that ANNE and many of her descendants were lost at sea on two English transports" in 1758.

The title page of WHITE's book credits the work of Father HECTOR HEBERT, a Jesuit, and ABBE PATRICE GALLANT, with preface by Father ANSELME CHIASSON, a Capuchin priest. Without the work of numerous priests and brothers, including Monsignor CYPRIEN TANGUAY, Brother ELOI-GERARD TALBOT, Monsignor HENRI LANGLOIS and Father YOVILLE LABONTE among them, the amount of Franco-American genealogy available would be but a fraction of what it is.

What makes WHITE's work doubly a treasure are his references and bibliography, including the location of original records. At the end of the 1,600 page work is a good listing of names and their alternates. THERIOT, sometimes spelled TERRIOT and THERIAULT, also was called BERNARD, for example.

Another well-known work is BONA ARSENAULT's *Histoire et Genealogie des Acadiens*, which is available at the University of Maine's Fogler Library in Orono, University of Maine at

Presque Isle, University of Maine at Fort Kent, University of Southern Maine and Maine State Library in Augusta.

JANET JEHN's book of corrections and additions to ARSENAULT's work is available at MSL and UMFK.

For the location of other books on Acadian resources, visit the URSUS website at [ursus.maine.edu](http://ursus.maine.edu). For information on more than 100 family reunions scheduled for Aug. 8-24, 2014, during the World Acadian Congress, visit <http://cma2014.com/en>

For information on researching family history in Maine, see Genealogy Resources under Family Ties at [bangordailynews.com/browse/family-ties](http://bangordailynews.com/browse/family-ties). Send genealogy queries to Family Ties, Bangor Daily News, P. O. Box 1329, Bangor, ME 04402, or email [familyti@bangordailynews.com](mailto:familyti@bangordailynews.com)

[EDITOR'S NOTE: The Southwest Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Library in Lake Charles, La. has STEVEN WHITE's 2-volume *Dictionnaire Genealogique des Familles Acadiennes* and the 1-volume English supplement. Also BONA ARSENAULT's *Histoire et Genealogie des Acadienes* plus JANET JEHN's book of corrections and additions and the book by Monsignor CYPRIEN TANGUAY].

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### **LaBOVE FAMILIES FLOURISH IN CAMERON PARISH**

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According to census records, CHARLES LeBAUVE (LaBOVE), was already in Canada in 1725 and he married MARIE HEBERT. They both died in Canada. However their son JEAN BAPTIST LaBOUVE, who married FRANCOISE BROUSSARD, daughter of the famous JOSEPH BROUSSARD and AGNES THIBODEAUX, was said to have died in the U.S., while his wife FRANCOISE BROUSSARD LaBOVE died in Louisiana.

In different records, the name LaBOVE is spelled many different ways: LeBOUVE, LeBEAUVE, and maybe even LeBOEUF, so in order to simplify this account we will use the spelling LaBOVE.

FRANCOISE BROUSSARD and JEAN BAPTIST LaBOVE were probably in the group led by her father, JOSEPH BROUSSARD, who spent some time in jail in Halifax, and later voyaged via St. Dominique to the Attakapas country in South Louisiana, where they died and were buried, in what is now St. Martinville.

### **TWO DISTRICTS**

When the LaBOVEs and BROUSSARDs reached South Louisiana, it was divided into two districts. According to a noted historian of the Acadian, CARL BRASSEAU in his book *The*

*Founding of New Acadia* both districts were named for Indians in the area – the Attakapas and the Opelousas area,” he wrote.

“Each had a military post as its headquarters. The Attakapas post was near today’s St. Martinville. The Attakapas were known as man-eaters, and this area encompassed all of, or some of, the present day parishes of Iberia, Lafayette, St. Martin, St. Mary, and Vermilion.

“Crops could be started right away on those prairie lands and since Louisiana’s Governor AUBRY was also interested in developing cattle farming in this area, he made a contract with eight of the Acadians to raise cattle.

The Acadians were supposed to work for a large landowner named DAUTERIVE for six years and then in return, they got the land and half of the increase in life-stock. JOSEPH BROUSSARD’s group were the first Acadians in those areas and were joined by 38 more Acadians.”

The Acadians were given supplies – salt pork and beef, rice, hardtack and flour – to last them for six months. They were also given seed – rice and corn – and farming tools to sustain themselves in the long run. They were led to the new land in the Attakapas District by a military engineer, LOUIS ANDRY, who was to help them select their new home.

He was supposed to talk them into laying out a central village, as they traveled along the waterways to the Bayou Teche and on to the Attakapas area, where they would be given grants – the bigger the family the larger the grant.

However, the Acadians did not want a central village, preferring to build their homes in the land of their farming grants. Eventually the Acadians talked ANDRY into giving them the area between Fausse Pointe (Loreauville) and LaManque (Breau Bridge). This was to be their “New Acadia.” They spread out all along this area while other Acadians settled in the nearby Opelousas District at Prairie des Coteaux.

“When the Acadians got to DAUTERIVE’s land,” according to BRASSEAU “they found that the neighbors considered them trespassers. So instead of raising cattle for DAUTERIVE, the Acadians bought some cattle from JEAN BAPTISTE GREVENBERG at Fausse Pointe. But when they tried to patent the land, GREVENBERG got upset since he considered the land on the east bank of Bayou Teche between the Vermilion River and Fausse Pointe as his land. He wrote Gov. AUBRY, asking for a patent to the land he had held for 14 years. But the government allowed the Acadians to stay on the land.”

#### **OTHER DESCENDANTS OF BAPTISTE LABOVE**

FRANCOIS LaBOVE was born in St. Landry Parish, and married MARGUERITE ELOISE HEBERT in 1795. He died and is buried in St. Martinville historic Catholic Church, while his wife’s record only says she died in Louisiana. After MARGUERITE died, LaBOVE married ANNA ANGELA FOSTIN TRAHAN in 1802.



PLACIDE LaBOVE, the son of FRANCOIS LaBOVE and MARGUERITE (MARIE) ELOISE HEBERT married Sept. 14, 1817 to ANNETTE or EMERANT THIBODEAUX who was the daughter of JEAN ANSELM and ANN TRAHAN THIBODEAUX. Anselm Bayou south of Lafayette is named for him. Then PLACIDE and ANNETTE LaBOVE moved to Oak Grove in Grand Chenier to a place called "Happy Ridge".

In those early years Grand Chenier area was nothing but solid forests of Oak Trees, many of which were cut down for lumber, and others chopped down to clear land for planting sea cotton. Still other trees were lost to hurricanes, disease, and animals.

Besides the sea cotton that flourished in Oak Grove, there were also great orange groves, which were later wiped out by winter ice storms. Here was also the beginning of a great cattle industry.

It was said that PLACIDE LaBOVE purchased 320 acres of land near where the STEPHEN CARTER home was, for \$240 in 1864. Happy Ridge was also the name of the cemetery PLACIDE and his wife are buried in. In the 1850 census PLACIDE's property was listed on the census record with a value of real estate \$800. In the 1860 census PLACIDE's value of real estate was \$1000, and his personal estate was a handsome \$15,000. He was also listed as a patriot in the militia for Louisiana.

PLACIDE and ANNETTE EMERANT LaBOVE's children, most of whom lived in present day Cameron Parish were: PLACIDE, DAVID, MARIE DOMITILLE, ELOISE, EMILE, DESIRE, TOUSSANT or THEOGENE, BELIZIRE, MARY OLIVE, CELIBATE, NANNETTE, EMERANT and DESIRE LaBOVE. DESIRE and MALIZAR are the parents of another DEMOSTANE LaBOVE.

#### **PLACIDE LABOVE**

The following article about PLACIDE LaBOVE was published in the *Lake Charles Echo* in June 1884, written by Judge ANDREW KEARNEY.

"I returned last Monday from Cameron Parish," KEARNEY wrote, "where I met an old gentleman by the name of PLACIDE LaBOVE. He has been residing on the road leading from Leesburg to Grand Chenier for 76 years and says he is 103 years old. He has been married for 79 years and has 12 children. He can still mount his pony and lope around with astonishing youthfulness. Mr. LaBOVE is a pensioner of the War of 1812."

PLACIDE LaBOVE's age might be disputed by church records in Saint Martin Church, which indicated that he had been about 14 at the time of the War of 1812.

DEMOSTANE LaBOVE, son of DESIRE LaBOVE and MALIZAR BENOIT, married in 1904 in Creole to ANASTASIE BROUSSARD. Legend says DEMOSTANE LaBOVE died "from drinking whiskey that was not made right." He and his wife had eight children who all grew up in Cameron Parish.

#### **WELL POPULATED BY LABOVES**

The descendants of the LaBOVES married into other Cameron Parish families like RICHARD, WILFORD, SONNIER, RUTHERFORD, BENOIT, BOURQUE, MURPHY and TOUCHET.

**Notes about some of the LaBOVE families:**

ADAM DORESTAN DORAY LaBOVE married PEARLINE WILFORD, and he worked very hard pushing crews in the oilfield. Later he became a Constable in Cameron Parish.

His wife, PEARL, worked for the school, and both of them enjoyed dancing with each other, and were quite good at it. DORAY had a special tap dancing step he would do. They were the parents of GEORGE D. LaBOVE.

DANIEL "JOE" LaBOVE married ALBERTA RUTH RUTHERFORD, and because of his poor eye-sight, his wife took over driving their school bus.

JOHN "UNCLE CAP" LaBOVE married NATALIE RICHARD and he was a crossing guard deputy for the parish. Children found him fascinating because he walked with a cane and while they were trying to cross a road, if a car seemed not about to stop he would hit it with his cane.

ARCENEUX LaBOVE served on the Cameron Police Jury.

AUSTIN STANLEY LaBOVE, Sr. was a sheriff's deputy, and his son AUSTIN, Jr. was a school principal in Hackberry.

TAVIE RUTHERFORD was a member of the 8<sup>th</sup> generation of LaBOVES and also of the RUTHERFORDs. TAVIE often spoke of the past, and said that because her father, JAMES, who was a merchant, he was able to give his children store bought dolls and gifts for Christmas. Because TAVIE was the oldest girl, she had to take care of the younger of her five siblings.

She married EUGENE MARK TRAHAN first and they had a son JIMMY TRAHAN. After this marriage dissolved she married O. B. CARTER, who was Sheriff of Cameron during the devastating Hurricane Audrey and helped his people get through the terrible aftermath of that storm. TAVIE lived to be 102 years old.

The LaBOVES have been and still are, an integral and worthy part of Cameron Parish history.

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**LITTLE KNOWN RECORDS:** In 1898 a list of the names, residences and ages of all able-bodied male citizens subject to military duty was made and submitted to the governor (Spanish-America War). Some of these men were veterans of the Civil War.

In 1908 an enumeration of ex-Confederate veterans and widows of deceased Confederate soldiers was sent to the state auditor.

In 1911 the parish tax assessor RICHARD stated that there were 170 Confederate veterans living in Calcasieu Parish and 57 widows of veterans, making a total of 227. Of these, 157 enlisted from Louisiana; 20 from Texas; 19 from Mississippi and 9 from Alabama. The remaining were from North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Virginia and Arkansas.

## AN INTERESTING ANCESTOR – MARTHA C. NEWTON

By SHERMAN YOUNG and LAUREN MITCHELL YOUNG, Members #1449/1449A

MARTHA C. NEWTON was LAUREL MITCHELL YOUNG's paternal great, great, great grandmother. On September 4, 2011, LAUREN's cousin, MIKE CARRINGTON, sent her by email, a scanned copy of a letter hand-written by MARTHA C. NEWTON.

The letter was written in neat, ruler-straight lines of script in precise, beautiful, but difficult to read, 19<sup>th</sup> century style handwriting. The letter was one continuous run-on sentence with no punctuation at all and no capitalization of the words at the beginning of the "sentences". There were also numerous misspelled words. In copying the letter I added a period to the end of the sentences to make the letter easier to read but left everything else as she wrote it, including misspelled words.

The Ramsey Station mentioned in the letter is in Sumter County, Alabama located on the west side of the state and is now called Emelle, Alabama. We searched for the Bellville mentioned in the letter and found a Belleville, Conecuh County, Alabama located in southwest Alabama.

We noticed that at the beginning of the letter MARTHA referred to her son as BILLY and in the rest of the letter as BILLIE.

We used the internet to find information about the medical terms and medicinal mixtures that were mentioned in the letter. The chills that were mentioned several times were likely malaria since it was treated with quinine and the symptoms were on-going and recurrent, typical of malaria. Copperas is the crystalline form of ferrous sulfate [*moderate usage is as a disinfectant and deodorizer*]. We searched the internet for any reference to "pills made of hot steel and brimstone" and couldn't find any information. Pine top tea is made by steeping pine needles in boiling water. It was a remedy used by American Indians and slaves and is a source of antioxidants, vitamin C, and vitamin A.

This letter makes us realize how difficult life could be in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

The letter is as follows:

*[The envelope had no address and no postage and had the following written on it:]* A letter from grandmother Mrs. MARTHA C. NEWTON [written in pencil], Grandmother of CHARLES R. NEWTON, to her son BILLY, father of C. R. M. [written in blue ink].

Ramsey Station Dec. 10, 1871

My Dear Children

I attempt this beautiful morning to tri to answer your very affectionate letter which was received by us some time ago. I feel ashamed that I have neglected to answer it so long ago but I beg you to tri to excuse me as letter writting have become such a task to me. This leaves us all on foot hoping it may reach you & find you all enjoying the great blessing of good health. Billy I am sorry to tel you that your poor old father is suffering a great deal all of the time and have been for the last 15 months. sometimes he is taken

all of a sudden and we think he can t live but a few hours. he has not been able to do any thin for sometime but sit by the fire and read. the Bible is his daily companion. my dear children I have been dreding to answer your last letter for some time. I know that I can truly sympathise with you in your soar bereavement. oh I know that I can feel the heart rending pangs for you but I am so much like poor old Jobs comforters that I can t write what I feel. I often thought of your dear little Thomas & wondered if I ever should see him. oh dear sweet name it is with me. yes one that I neve can forget but we must tri to submit to Gods will for he doath all things right though his will in many instances are heart rending to us my dear children. I read a letter from you to Mary a few days ago. we were very glad to hear from you again but very sorry to hear that you are having chills so much. Let your old Mother prescrib for you. take equel portions of quinine, cayann pepper, & copperas. Grind the copperas very fine. the pepper you can get at the drug store. put enough of this mixture together to make 240 common size pills. then Billie do you take half of these. give Sally the other half. take one Pill before eating three times aday and I think you will be will by the time that you are done take them. Please tri it. *[end of first page]*

Joseph has been having chills off & on this year he tred a great many thing. nothing did him any good but a little while at a time. at last I gave him this mixture. he has nt had a chill since he commenced taking the Pills but on the other hand he has been infirming all the time. Billie if John should ever be threatened with dropsy any more do get him to commence in time with the Pills made of hot steel & brimstone. also to bathe and swet over strong pine top tea. the health of the Neighborhood has been tollarable good this year. crops are very sorry indeed. we will be very hard put to it if we get along on what corn we made. we made a very good crop Potatoes. have a right smart of small grain sowed. our little crop cotton is not gined yet. have entirely too many horses to feed for the hard times. brother Farrar have been Preaching for us this year. don't know that we can get him the next year Billie tel your Aunt Mary brother Philip lost his dear son Frank a few Weeks ago. the dear sweet boy had just worte a letter to me and started to Bellville to school to Charley Newton. had been there only 2 or 3 Weeks when after School one Eve he got into a Waggon that had a wild horse hitched to it. the horses ran away and poor Frank jumped out to make his escape and died in forty five minutes. I understand that our poor brother & sister is almost heart broken. they had only 2 children both boys and very promising. oh I can sympathise with them so much. brother never tried to have Negroes about him. he didnt appear to want any thing more than he and his two dear sons could wourk for and he was making a good living with them alone. this Wourld is made up of trials troubles & disappointments on every hand my dear children. relitives here are well except Mary. her health has been bad a long time. I must close. my dear children pray that we may all to the last of our posterity meet in a better Wourld to part no more. write soon & often. the family all joins me I love to you all. to sister Mary & family also. dearest ones farwell, your Mother M C Newton.

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**PATRIOTIC SERVICE** of an ancestor is one of the requirements for belonging to organizations such as the D.A.R., but patriotic service is not based solely on military service.

Other assistance to soldiers and war efforts also qualify as patriotic service. One of our members stated that her ancestor, MARY BOONE BRYAN, had carried water to the soldiers at Bryan's Station in Kentucky during the Revolutionary War. She also told of another woman who based her claim on her ancestress' service of providing 2 bushels of corn to the Revolutionary soldiers. Both acts were deemed patriotic services.

**GENEALOGICAL GLEANINGS FROM ABSTRACT #115086,  
LOT 10 OF HOME ACRES (MOSSVILL/WESTLAKE), PARISH OF CALCASIEU,  
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

Submitted by SANDRA FISHER MIGUEZ TAVENEY – Member #334

- April 17, 1872      U.S. of A. to GEORGE W. WOELFER,  
Certificate #2904, cancelled. Containing 161.63 acres.
- April 17, 1893      U.S. of A. to Miss ELLEN SMITH,  
Certificate #14745. Patent dated Feb. 27, 1901. Containing 162.44 acres.
- September 22, 1900    Sale of Land. Filed Nov. 16, 1910.  
ELLEN SMITH, "Femme Sole", of the Par. of Calcasieu, State of La. to  
NICHOLAS SMITH, of same parish and state. Consideration: \$100.00 cash.
- February 27, 1901    Patent, U.S. to ELLEN SMITH, filed Nov. 16, 1910.  
Homestead Certificate No. 9140, Application #14745
- June 12, 1901      Transfer of leases. Consideration: Royalty 1/8 Gas \$100.00.  
J. M. GUFFEY CO., by J. M. GUFFEY, JOHN H. GALEY and  
A. F. LUCAS to J. M. GUFFEY PETROLEUM CO., composed of J. M. GUFFEY, JOHN H.  
GALEY and A. F. LUCAS, Transfer of leases.

M. N. & J. REEVES	March 5/01	560 acres
J. H. POE	2/27/01	80 acres
J. J. OBERMAN	3/7/01	165 acres
M. RAYON (RATON)	3/13/01	161 acres
N. SMITH	2/28/01	487 acres
P. JOHNSON	3/01/01	163 acres
P. PRATER	3/13/01	11 acres
H. C. GILL, JR	3/14/01	161 acres
J. JONES	3/5/01	85 acres

J. JONES name does not appear on records as giving lease. This probably should be J. MOSS as per Bk 36-85.

W. B. PILLEY	3/07/01	163 acres
A. LE DOUX	3/05/01	86 acres
H. PERKINS	5/05/01	82 acres
J. DESHOTEL	2/28/01	162 acres
F. & H. TRIPLETT	2/21/01	314 acres
N. REON & H. HEBERT	3/29/01	160 acres
L. REON	4/12/01	200 acres
T. STEVENSON	4/22/01	60 acres
A. W. MILLER	4/16/01	160 acres
M. E. HUTCHINSON	3/28/01	188 acres
J. KAOUGH	3/28/01	161 acres
G. LANDRY	3/28/01	240 acres
N. REON	3/26/01	322 acres

A. BENOIT	4/11/01	120 acres
P. GRANGER	3/28/01	160 acres
A. BENOIT	3/26/01	324 acres
J. KAOUGH	3/26/01	223 acres
J. H. GRANGER	3/28/01	240 acres

August 13, 1906      Succession #1547, NICHOLAS SMITH.

He died July 26, 1906. Heirs: LEVISA SMITH, born ROYER, surviving widow; ELLEN, wife of FRANK C. CHURCHILL; WILLIAM ALBERT; POCAHONTAS; BEULAH, GEORGE; ROY and LUNER, all majors except LUNER who is 15 years old. Inventory: 162.71 acres, appraised at \$650.84 and other land (162.44 acres), appraised at \$1,137.08 and personal property. Natural Tutrix, LEVISA SMITH. Under tutor, JACOB SIMMONS.

August 16, 1906      Judgment of Possession in succession of No. 1547, NICHOLAS SMITH.

15<sup>th</sup> Dist. Court, Par. of Cal., La. Ordered and decreed that LEVISA SMITH be recognized as the widow and survivor in the community of NICHOLAS SMITH, deceased, late of this parish, and that ELEN SMITH, wife of FRANK C. CHURCHILL, WILLIAM \_\_\_\_\_ ALBERT \_\_\_\_\_ POCAHONTAS, ROY \_\_\_\_\_ GEORGE (sic) and BEULAH SMITH and LUNER SMITH, minor, be recognized as the only children and sole heirs of the deceased. Community consisting of land, 150 head of stock cattle, more or less, branded thus...on the left hip, 8 head of Creole Ponies branded same as cattle; one wagon, one lot of household furniture, kitchen utensils, etc., one mower and hay rake; one plow and cultivator. Two sets of wagon harnesses, cash in 1<sup>st</sup> National bank, \$1,207.80. Property being valued in less than \$10,000.00 and the interest of the said heirs being greatly less than said amount, heirs are dispensed from payment of any inheritance tax. Signed by A. D. MILLER, District Judge.

March 11, 1911      Right of Way. From LEVISA SMITH, VIC THORNTON, JACK BRAXTON, E. VINCENT, AMY LYONS, RICHARD LEDEOUS, RAS LYONS, JAMES MOSS, HENRY PRATER, MARY L. SMITH, JACK REEVES, Krause & Managan Lumber Co., Ltd., R. KRAUSE, President to S. M. LYONS, President of Cal. Par. Police Jury. Purpose, Mutual benefit & Profit there from to be derived & for the general good. Granting a right-of-way over, in and through their respective lands for public road. (This was later canceled in 1956, by the Police Jury due to the fact that a road was never developed along this section line).

July 20, 1915      Warranty Deed from ROY SMITH, a single man of Westlake, La. conveys his undivided one-sixteenth interest in and to all real and personal property inherited from his father, NICHOLAS SMITH, deceased to Mrs. LEVISA SMITH, widow of Westlake, La. Consideration: \$450.00  
N.P. ROBERT R. STONE.

August 30, 1915      Warranty Deed from GEORGE SMITH, married to ROSA SMITH, born JOHNSON, residents of Westlake, La. conveys his entire undivided one-sixteenth interest in and to all real and personal property acquired from his deceased father, NICHOLAS SMITH to Mrs. LEVISA SMITH, containing 487 acres, more or less. Consideration: \$200.00. That at the time he acquired said inheritance, he was married but once



and then to ROSA SMITH, born JOHNSON, with whom he is now living.

January 31, 1925      Warranty Deed. From LEVISA SMITH, widow of NICHOLAS SMITH, resident of Westlake, La., to GEORGE SMITH, married and living with his wife, ROSA SMITH; and LEROY SMITH, married and living with his wife, EDITH SMITH, all residents of Cal. Par., La. An undivided one-eighth interest to each of the above named vendees to property containing 325 acres, more or less. Consideration: \$500.00 cash.  
N.P. ROBERT R. STONE.  
Witnesses: ETHEL H. ROLLO and LEOTA KIRKPATRICK.

July 2, 1925      Succession #3225 of Mrs. LEVISA SMITH. She died June 15, 1925.  
Heirs: WILLIAM SMITH, ALBERT SMITH, GEORGE SMITH, Miss. BEULAH SMITH, Mrs. FRANK CHURCHILL, born SMITH, all residents of Cal. Par., La.; ROY SMITH, resident of Orange, Texas, and Mrs. LUNA MAYES, born SMITH, resident of Tulsa, Okla.; and EUGENE BOLSUIS, a minor and resident of Westlake, La., both of the union of his mother, Mrs. POCHANTAS BOLSUIS, born SMITH, deceased wife of EMMANUEL BOLSUIS.

October 30, 1933      Affidavit from RUDOLPH KRAUSE. That he is now 70 years of age and has resided since Dec. 1882 in the vicinity of Westlake and Lake Charles, La. that he personally knew NICHOLAS SMITH and his wife LEVISA SMITH, born ROYER and their children from and after the summer of 1883. That it was commonly accepted that NICHOLAS SMITH had been married but once and then to LEVISA SMITH, born ROYER, with whom he lived until his death in 1906.  
N.P. GILBERT E. DEROUEN

February 16, 1936      Affidavit of S. P. ARNETT. That he is a resident of Westlake, Cal. Par., La. and has been for a period of approx. 36 years. That he is well acquainted with LEE ROY SMITH, a resident of Cal. Par., residing near Westlake, and knows that he is often referred to and his name is written and signed "ROY SMITH", instead of the full name of LEE ROY SMITH, and that his name is often spelled LEROY SMITH, and affiant knows that all three names and spelling refer to one and the same person.

March 29, 1956      Affidavit of LEE ROY SMITH. That when he married his wife she had one son, whose full name was ARCHER BLANCHER SMITH and who was 8 years old. That affiant legally adopted the said child and has never had any other children. That his said adopted son, ARCHER BLANCHER SMITH is now deceased. That neither affiant nor his said adopted son ever lived in the town of Welsh, or in the parish of Jefferson Davis, La. Signed in Pauls Valley, Okla. before N.P. ROBERT REYNOLDS.

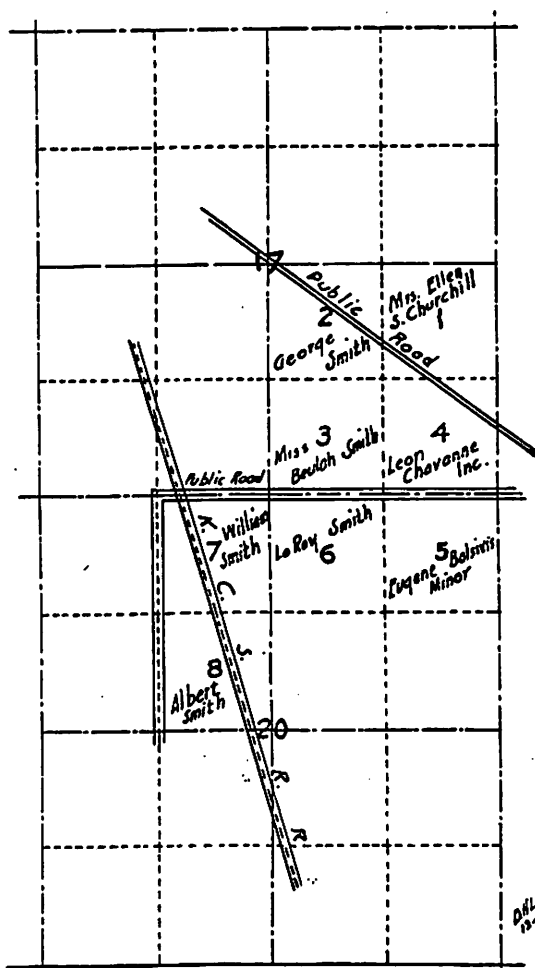
October 19, 1958      Affidavit of ROSA SMITH. That she made the following declarations from family history and records. NICHOLAS SMITH and Mrs. LEVISA SMITH, born ROYER, were married but once and then to each other. That NICHOLAS SMITH died on or about July 25, 1906. The following children were born of this marriage: WILLIAM SMITH; GEORGE SMITH; ALBERT SMITH; BEULAH SMITH; ELLEN SMITH, wife of FRANK CHURCHILL; ROY SMITH, sometimes known as LEROY SMITH, husband of EDITH SMITH, born PARKER, having married her in the approximate year of 1924, and that

they are still married and living in St. Paul Valley, Oklahoma; Mrs. LUNA MAYES, born SMITH, also sometimes known as LENAR SMITH; POCAHONTAS SMITH, wife of EMMANUEL BOLSUIS, that she died on or about August 28, 1917, leaving as her sole heir of this marriage, one child being EUGENE BOLSUIS. That two (2) children pre-deceased NICHOLAS and LEVISA SMITH; one child died in infancy and was not named. The second child died at approximately the age of 3 and bore the name DOLLY SMITH.

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# PLAT Smith Estate

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**THE DAILY AMERICAN (10 JULY 1897)**

Information gathered by MICK HENDRIX, Member No. 1296

**LITTLE LOCALS. Gathered Here and There for the Perusal of Our Readers.**

Bargains in clothing. LEVY & BENDEL are selling out.

Work on L. KAUFMAN's residence is progressing rapidly.

S. DELMOULY, who has been very sick, is now reported to be much better.

Dr. H. L. HUBBELL and family have moved from the college to the Horridge residence. Dr.

HUBBELL intends to leave soon for the north, and does not like to leave Mrs. and Miss HUBBELL out at the college by themselves.

**A PAINFUL ACCIDENT.** H. D. SUMRALL, day before yesterday, met with a painful accident out in Goosport. He was sharpening the knives of the planer, when his wrench slipped, causing the knives to cut his arm just above the wrist almost to the bone. Dr. T. G. WATKINS attended to the wound, and he is now on the road to recovery.

**A SAD DEATH.** Little EUGENE FAULKNER, who died at his home in Goosport Friday morning, at 2 o'clock, was interred in Orange Grove Cemetery yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The funeral service was conducted by Elder JONES, who made a short talk at the home and concluded the service at the grave. EUGENE was a remarkable boy, both for his manly conduct and mental-attainments, and his sudden death has not only prostrated his parents with grief but has thrown a cloud over the entire community.

**CARD OF THANKS.** Mr. and Mrs. J. C. FOARD desire to express to their many friends and acquaintances their heartfelt appreciation of the sympathy and kindnesses so generously extended to them in their recent bereavement.

J. H. JESSEN's horse broke through the MILLIGAN-MARTIN wharf this morning. JOHN had driven him on the wharf to deliver some goods and had almost reached his destination when one of the boards gave way letting the horse's hind legs through. The horse was not badly injured, only scratched on the legs.

**QUITE A PARTY** left last night for Grand Lake, to spend to-day and Sunday there.

**A SCHOOL RUMOR.** It was rumored yesterday that the public schools here would not start until the First of January. At Superintendent McNEESE's office, however, nothing was known of the report, and unless the Police Jury bring matters to a new turn the schools will start in September.

About 30 schools will run in the summer on Sixteenth Section money. The successor of Prof. J. E. KEENEY has not yet been elected. Prof. W. B. LANDIS is one of the leading applicants for the position.

**MARINE NEWS.**

The Schooner *D. Hebert* arrived in ballast this morn'ng from Mermentau.

Schooner *Abbie Dees* came up in ballast from Galveston.

The Schooner *Marie Isabel* clears today for Point Isabel with 70 thousand feet of lumber from

NORRIS' mill and 40 thousand shingles from the JNO. H. POE mill.  
The stern wheel steamer *Aetna*, belonging to the North American Land and Timber Company, brought up a dredge boat from Mermentau to Choupique bayou, and arrived here today. She is now loading with lumber from the BEL Lumber Co.'s mill for up the Mermentau. Sloop *Buneter*, of Galveston, is up today with a load of watermelons. The sloop *Gypsy Queen* is up today with a load of watermelons, which are being unloaded at the ferryboat wharf.

#### **PERSONALS. The Comings and Goings of People You Know.**

J. M. ANDRUS is spending the day in this city.  
R. H. ODOM is transacting business at FORD's mill today.  
MILO HUNT went to Jennings this morning to transact business.  
LIONEL BERTRAND, a prominent citizen of Jennings, is in the city today.  
CHARLES MILLER, from Sabine, was in town yesterday on business.  
Capt. GEORGE LOCK, of Lockport, came over this afternoon from Westlake.  
Mrs. C. A. DURBRIDGE and children, of Section 2, spent last night in the city.  
T. C. SKEEN, of Forest Hill, was transacting business in the city last evening.  
N. A. and L. J. SMITH, of Barnes Creek, are transacting business in the city today.  
Miss AGNES BREAU, of Lafayette, who has been visiting her brother PHILIP for the past two weeks will return to her home next Tuesday.

#### **JENNINGS**

Your correspondent has just returned from a pleasant trip to the gulf via the Mermentau river. A large party went on the excursion and everything was made pleasant by the managers, ably assisted by Capt. LOUIS MICHON, the owner of the boat.

All of the young ladies, who attended the Institute at Lake Charles from this place passed a successful examination. Misses LULA HOAG and JESSIE BLACKSHEAR were the only two from here that received a first grade certificate.

MRS. JOS McFARLAIN is enjoying a visit from her son and his daughter, of Missouri.

E. O. CLAYTON, of Lake Arthur, and A. L. DeROSS, of this place, went to Lake Charles Thursday.

#### **MEADOW PRAIRIE**

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. SCOGGINS came up from WINN's plantation on a week's visit to his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. TOM THOMAS visited at WM. THOMAS' Monday.

Miss ANNA GOODRICH, of Iowa station, spent a week with Miss ANNA FOTHERGILL.

Mr. DIVIGANS attended the dance at HARRY BRYAN's Thursday night.

A. B. LAIDLAW was up on his bike Wednesday.

Miss LOUIE HUTCHENSON spent Sunday evening at Mr. PAYNES.

Mr. and Mrs. WM. THOMAS, visited his mother Monday near Roanoke.

Misses AGNES LAWSON and STUART McLEOD, was the guest of Mrs. DAVIS, Wednesday.

M. L. FULLER's new house is nearly completed.

## 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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MUSTAIN, J. R., city pass and ticket  
Agt K C S, office Commercial bldg  
MUTERSBAUGH, Miss ALICE, stenog  
Gayle & Porter, r 744 Kirby  
MUTERSBAUGH, GRANT, mgr L C  
Planing Mill, r 744 Kirby

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MEYER, LUCILLE, r 226 Boulevard  
MYERS, Mrs Beulah (wid), r 1712 Granger  
MYERS, Mrs FANNY (wid), r 208 Ann  
MYERS, Miss DOLLY, r 208 Ann

Advertisements: Leon & E. A. Chavanne; Mathieu's Drug Store; Eddy Bros. Dry Goods Co.

MYERS, G. W., r 1712 Granger  
MYERS, R., r 1712 Granger  
NAEGLE, Miss CHRISTINA,  
r 605 Lawrence  
NAEGLE, Miss CLARA,  
r 605 Lawrence  
NAEGLE, FRED, r 650 Lawrence  
NAEGLE, HUGO (Mrs), iron moulder  
r 605 Lawrence  
NAGEMS, ALESE, ice cream parlor,  
631 Ryan

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NASA, S. (Mrs), r 625 Railroad  
NASA, T., wks LABAUVE's hotel,  
r 652 Railroad  
NASH, J. C. (Mrs KATIE), asst engr power house  
r 714 Jackson  
NASH, JOHN, railroad work, r 713 Lyons  
NATIONAL PACKING CO., Ltd., Front and  
Broad  
NAUMAN, WM. (Mrs), r 424 Bank  
NAVAVRO, JOSEPHINE, r 201 Franklin  
NAVAVRO, SAMUEL (Mrs MARY), merch,  
r 201 Franklin  
NAVARRO, THOMAS, clk, r 201 Franklin

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

NEALY, GEO., bkpr First Nat Bank,  
r 722 Common  
NEALY, W. G. (Mrs M.), brakeman  
S P Ry, r 714 Lawrence  
NECTOUX, L. (Mrs), sawyer, r 534 Bank  
NEELY, Miss SADIE, r 811 Lawrence  
NELSON, Mrs A. A., r 1000 Clemmonts  
NELSON, Miss ADA MAY, stud,  
r 1212 Boulevard  
NELSON, Miss ANNIE, stud,  
r 1212 Boulevard  
NELSON, Mrs C., r 609 Gray  
NELSON, C. M. (Mrs VICTORIA),  
blacksmith, r 1631 Opelousas  
NELSON, H. W. (Mrs JERUSHA)  
Foreman, r 820 Blake

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NELSON, JOHN (MARY) (c), millman,  
r 219 Lyons  
NELSON, Miss MARY, r 1631 Opelousas  
NELSON, W. J. (Mrs), real estate,  
r 1212 Boulevard  
NEWHOUSE, E. S. (Mrs), frt agt Rock Island,  
r 1127 Hodges  
NEWMAN, AXLE, prop Lake City Hotel,  
r 118 Pujo  
NEWMAN, PHILLIP (ANNIE) (c), lab,  
r 1220 Belden  
NEWMAN, WM. (Mrs), r 424 Bank  
NEWS, WAYMAN (EVA) (c), millman,  
r 125 Gray  
NEWTON, E. K. (Mrs), contr, r 924 Iris  
NEWTON, Miss M., telephone opr., r 1411 Ryan  
NICHOLAS, ANNA (c), r Libby

Advertisements: Leon & E. A. Chavanne; Muller's; Mathieu's Drug Store

NICHOLSON, A. B. (Mrs), dairyman,  
r 320 East  
NICHOLSON, Miss EVA, r 320 East  
NISHOLSON, Miss SELMA, r 320 East  
NIX, J. E. (Mrs ISAURA), with Hodge  
F & L Co., r 714 Kirby  
NIXON, J. D., logger, r 1437 Cessford  
NOBLE & GARDINER, CHAS. NOBLE,  
J. W. GARDINER, oil operators,  
Office Majestic Hotel  
NOBLE, CHAS (Mrs), oil man,  
r 722 Common  
NOLDEN, ED (OLIVIA) (c), lab,  
r 323 St, Andrew  
NOBLE FURNITURE, Ryan  
NORMAN, E. E. (Mrs IPHELIA), filer,  
r 709 Belden

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NORTH, N. E. (Mrs), cash First Nat Bank,  
r 611 Broad  
NORTH AMERICAN LAND & TIMBER CO,  
Calc Bank bldg  
NORTHERN, E. H. (VICTORIA) (c), transfer,  
r 329 Rock  
NORTHERN, JOSEPHINE (c), restr, 634 Railroad  
NORVEL, TOM (BESSIE), barber,  
1334 Railroad, r same  
NORWOOD, H. W. (Mrs), r 302 Reid  
NOTT, ED, sawyer, r 930 Lawrence  
NOURMAN, WM. (EFFIE), r 424 Bank  
NUGENT, Miss LOTTIE, opr Cumb Tel & Tel Co,  
r 1732 Elm  
NURN, H. (c), lab, r 2424 Shattuck

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**ST. EUGENE CEMETERY**  
**Grand Chenier, LA**

Located on 5035 Grand Chenier Hwy, Grand Chenier, La.

This cemetery was read April 1998 by PETIE LaBOVE, LEE GRANGER and BEVERLY DELANEY.

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MHIRE, ADAM, b. 13 Dec. 1924, d. 14 Dec. 1924  
MHIRE, ANGELINE M., b. 7 Nov. 1901, d. 16 Nov. 1993  
MHIRE, APOLINAIRE, b. 9 Aug. 1877, d. 13 Nov. 1954  
MHIRE, ARGENAUULT R., b. 3 Feb. 1926, d. 28 Apr. 1927  
MHIRE, CLEMENTINE THIBODEAUX, b. 24 May 1910, d. 27 June 1957  
MHIRE, DOROTHY MAE, b. 13 Jan. 1934, d. 2 Apr. 1962  
MHIRE, EDISON R., Sr., b. 24 Sep. 1911, d. 25 Feb. 1986  
MHIRE, EDISON ROBERT, Jr., b. 30 June 1952, d. 10 Sep. 1994  
MHIRE, ERNEST, b. 12 Feb. 1907, d. 3 Aug. 1960  
MHIRE, EVANS PERCY, b. 29 Aug. 1940, d. 12 Dec. 1985  
MHIRE, HORACE PERVIS, b. 17 June 1903, d. 8 Sep. 1980  
MHIRE, LISE MILLER, b. 7 July 1891, d. 27 June 1957  
MHIRE, MARIE OLGA, b. 15 Aug. 1927, d. 3 Aug. 1934  
MHIRE, MARY ALICE BONSALE, b. 26 June 1881, d. 14 May 1919  
MHIRE, NELSON "BICK", b. 8 Mar. 1904, d. 28 Nov. 1946  
MHIRE, OLIVE TRAHAN, b. 28 Feb. 1894, d. 20 July 1958  
MHIRE, OWENS N., b. 20 Sep. 1937, d. 15 Dec. 1937  
MHIRE, PEGGY BERTRAND, b. 2 June 1941, d. pre-need  
MHIRE, ROBERT BIENVENUE, b. 2 Oct. 1875, d. 3 Oct. 1925  
MHIRE, ROSA T., b. 11 Sep. 1904, d. pre-need  
MHIRE, TELECIA THERIOT, b. 6 Dec. 1877, d. 18 July 1940  
MHIRE, WILSON, b. 13 June 1903, d. 11 Sep. 1953  
MILLER, ADAM, b. & d. 9 Nov. 1921  
MILLER, ADELIA, b. 1886, d. 1924  
MILLER, ADRIEN, b. 15 Feb. 1834, d. 11 Feb. 1941  
MILLER, ALICE L., b. 20 June 1883, b. 5 Dec. 1969  
MILLER, ALVINAH, b. 16 Aug. 1897, d. 27 June 1910  
MILLER, ANDY, b. 1887, d. 1956  
MILLER, ANGELINE STURLESE, b. 16 Sep. 1863, d. 1 July 1944  
MILLER, ANNIE TABACHIEK, b. 20 May 1888, d. 2 June 1966  
MILLER, ASPASIE, b. 19 Nov. 1894, d. 7 May 1982  
MILLER, ASLINA DUPUY, b. 12 May 1899, d. 11 Sep. 1911  
MILLER, AUGUST, b. 1863, d. 1939  
MILLER, AZELIE DUPRIE, b. 1872, d. 1940  
MILLER, AZENA SWIRE, b. 23 July 1913, d. 1 May 1989  
MILLER, BELLE NUNEZ, b. 29 Aug. 1894, d. 18 Nov. 1924  
MILLER, CAMILE, b. 3 Jan. 1884, d. 28 Jan. 1968

MILLER, CELESTE, b. 25 Dec. 1887, d. 27 Oct. 1967  
 MILLER, CELMA BERTRAND, b. 1 Oct. 1892, d. 18 Mar. 1975  
 MILLER, CLESTINE, b. 1873, d. 1939  
 MILLER, CLEVELAND JOSEPH, b. 22 Mar. 1923, d. 7 Feb. 1993  
 MILLER, CLIFFORD ADAM "DEAN", b. 15 Mar. 1925, d. 22 Nov. 1993  
 MILLER, CLODIA BOUDOIN, b. 6 Oct. 1894, d. 20 Sep. 1975  
 MILLER, DAMON, b. 17 Sep. 1901, d. 14 Jan. 1984  
 MILLER, DAMON, b. 11 Sep. 1901, d. 1 Sep. 1945  
 MILLER, DIAMOND (DAMOND), b. 1 Aug. 1834, d. 1 Oct. 1919  
 MILLER, DOMINGUE, b. 30 Apr. 1891, d. 23 Mar. 1912  
 MILLER, DOMINIC JOSEPH, Sr., b. 25 Dec. 1912, d. 15 Apr. 1997  
 MILLER, DONALD LEE "CHURCHILL", b. 7 Dec. 1934, d. 6 July 1995  
 MILLER, DORCELAIN, b. no date, d. 27 June 1957  
 MILLER, DROZAN, b. 1847, d. 1902  
 MILLER, DROZAN J., b. 21 May 1898, d. 14 Jan. 1984  
 MILLER, EDOLIA BROUSSARD, b. 6 Feb. 1903, d. 10 June 1967  
 MILLER, ELIZABETH, b. 16 July 1898, d. 10 Feb. 1977  
 MILLER, ELIZABETH, b. 12 Apr. 1853, d. 18 Apr. 1923  
 MILLER, ELLEN, b. no date, d. 27 Jan. 1940  
 MILLER, EMANUEL, b. 2 Dec. 1882, d. 13 Feb. 1968  
 MILLER, EMMA, b. 11 Dec. 1898, d. 3 July 1901  
 MILLER, EMMA, b. 4 Apr. 1884, d. 31 May 1951  
 MILLER, EMMA B., b. 14 Dec. 1904, d. 1 May 1968  
 MILLER, ERNEST JEAN, b. 1913, d. 13 Mar. 1991  
 MILLER, EUGENE, b. 2 Feb. 1858, d. 13 Dec. 1930  
 MILLER, EUGENE, b. 1 July 1930, d. 14 Mar. 1948  
 MILLER, EUGENE E., b. 15 June 1886, d. 12 Nov. 1931  
 MILLER, EURENIA, no dates  
 MILLER, EVE, b. 13 Mar. 1919, d. 16 Aug. 1937  
 MILLER, EVE MECIDA, b. 17 Jan. 1931, d. 13 Oct. 1937  
 MILLER, FRANK, b. 15 Nov. 1910, d. 30 July 1981  
 MILLER, GILFORD MARTIN "MUSKEY", b. 1 Oct. 1922, d. 6 Aug. 1995  
 MILLER, GLENN A., b. 16 Oct. 1956, d. 29 May 1982  
 MILLER, HIACINTHE LEJEUNE, b. 19 Nov. 1808, d. 17 Jan. 1903  
 MILLER, HIRMAN ARCENEUX, b. 30 Mar. 1879, d. 6 Nov. 1966  
 MILLER, Infant son of WATKIN, b. & d. 22 Jan. 1935  
 MILLER, JOHN (JEAN) F., b. 1 Aug. 1842, d. 1 Aug. 1912  
 MILLER, JOSEPH, b. 22 Apr. 1890, d. 25 Oct. 1961  
 MILLER, JOSEPH B., b. 1858, d. 1931  
 MILLER, JOSEPH ISREAL, b. 19 Mar. 1889, d. 10 Nov. 1905  
 MILLER, JOSEPH RAY, b. 17 Apr. 1945, d. 26 June 1945  
 MILLER, KLEMENTINE, b. 27 Dec. 1875, d. 27 May 1935  
 MILLER, LAURANT, b. 28 Nov. 1905, d. 16 Jul 1981  
 MILLER, LAURANT, MD, b. 13 Jan. 1881, d. 18 Aug. 1949

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## INFORMATION FROM EXCHANGES

The SWLGS exchanges periodicals with more than 50 other genealogical societies. These publications are excellent research tools and are housed at the Southwest Louisiana Genealogical & Historical Library, 411 Pujo St., Lake Charles. The following information has been gleaned from some of these periodicals.

“The Outlaw Britches Smith and The Fight Between the Southern Lumber Operators Association and the Brotherhood of Timber Workers” by KEAGAN LeJEUNE, McNeese State University.  
Source: *Louisiana History* (Louisiana Historical Association), March 22, 2013

“Help With Brick Walls – identify sources in which your brick wall ancestor could appear. Records Checklist.

Source: *Family Tree Magazine*, Vol. 14 #2, March/April 2013

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Queries are free to our members and will be printed as space permits. Write or print each query clearly so that all names, dates, and pertinent information can be easily understood by the transcriber. Queries should be brief, clear, concise and easily understood: do not ramble with unnecessary details. Give **full names** of the person; the **exact date**, if known, or an **approximate time period** (ca); and a **location**. State **exactly** what information you are seeking ... a birth, parents, marriage, or death date. Be specific. Always enclose an S.A.S.E. (self-addressed, stamped envelope) and offer to reimburse for the cost of copies and postage when answering. Thank the respondent, even though you did not profit by his answer. Writing a better query may produce an answer to your problem!

### ALPHIN, GRANGER

Am researching the ALPHIN family that lived in your area. JOHN QUINCY ALPHIN (had property in Bel 1860. Lived in Pinchburg/Starks and Lake Charles 1860-1884. Married NANCY \_\_\_\_\_, 1865, d. 1880. Married SEDALICE GRANGER). JOHN A. ALPHIN, ABNER/HARRIET J. ALPHIN (1880, Sugartown), MARY ALPHIN, DANIEL ALPHIN (JESSE DANIEL), b. 1836, Sabine Pass, Tx. Had property in DeRidder.  
MARY EASON BIONDILLO, 389 VZCR 1606, Unit 2, Grand Saline, TX 75140

### HOLLIDAY

Would like info on the HOLLIDAY line. Have info on grandparents, but can't seem to find anything else about them.

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# Ancestor Chart

Person No. 1 on this chart is the same person as No. \_\_\_\_\_ on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_.

Chart No. \_\_\_\_\_

b. Date of Birth  
 p.b. Place of Birth  
 d. Date of Marriage  
 p.d. Date of Death  
 p.d. Place of Death

4 **SHOUMAKER, Roland Michael**  
 (Father of No. 2)  
 b. 16 May 1932  
 p.b. Bossier City, La.  
 m.  
 d. 11 Aug. 2005  
 p.d. Plain Dealing, La.

2 **SHOUMAKER, Clinton Lee**  
 (Father of No. 1)  
 b.  
 p.b.  
 m.  
 d.  
 p.d.

5 **WILSON, Alma Jean**  
 (Mother of No. 2)  
 b.  
 p.b.  
 d.  
 p.d.

1 **SHOUMAKER, Brandon Michael**  
 b.  
 p.b.  
 m. **PRIMEAUX, Erin Camille**  
 d.  
 p.d.

6 **EVANS, James Thomas Sr.**  
 (Father of No. 3)  
 b. 20 June 1932  
 p.b. Clark County, Ar.  
 m.  
 d. 6 Sep. 2012  
 p.d.

3 **EVANS, Pamela Jean**  
 (Mother of No. 1)  
 b.  
 p.b.  
 d.  
 p.d.

7 **WILLIS, Mattie Olivia**  
 (Mother of No. 3)  
 b. 10 Sep. 1936  
 p.b. Thomas County, Ga.  
 d. 10 Apr. 2008  
 p.d. Meigs, Ga.

(Spouse of No. 1)  
 b. d.  
 p.b. p.d.

8 **SHOUMAKER, Berry William Sr.**  
 (Father of No. 4)  
 b. 17 Aug. 1893  
 p.b. Port Gibson, Ms.  
 m.  
 d. 9 July 1967  
 p.d. Benton, La.

9 **JONES, Virgie Mary**  
 (Mother of No. 4)  
 b. 13 June 1895  
 p.b. Simpson County, Ms.  
 d. 17 May 1995  
 p.d. Bossier City, La.,

10 **WILSON, James Dave Sr.**  
 (Father of No. 5)  
 b. 23 May 1883  
 p.b. Red River County, Tx.  
 m. 25 Sep. 1927  
 d. 17 Aug. 1945  
 p.d. Caddo Par., La.

11 **GILES, Nora Bell**  
 (Mother of No. 5)  
 b. 2 May 1911  
 p.b.  
 d. 15 May 1994  
 p.d. Bossier City, La.

12 **EVANS, Joseph Washington**  
 (Father of No. 6)  
 b. 28 Feb. 1900  
 p.b. Alpine, Ar.  
 m. 18 July 1926  
 d. 6 Oct. 1972  
 p.d. Houston, Tx.

13 **HUGHES, Mamie Lela**  
 (Mother of No. 6)  
 b. 12 Jan. 1906  
 p.b. Clark County, Ar.  
 d. 28 June 1978  
 p.d. Lake Charles, La.

14 **WILLIS, Herbert Esmer**  
 (Father of No. 7)  
 b. 17 Oct. 1907  
 p.b. Thomas County, Ga.  
 m. 21 Feb. 1930  
 d. 9 Sep. 1990  
 p.d. Meigs, Ga.

15 **PEEK, Grace Leona**  
 (Mother of No. 7)  
 b. 18 July 1912  
 p.b. Thomas County, Ga.  
 d. 28 Aug. 1998  
 p.d. Meigs, Ga.

16 **SHOEMAKER, Benjamin G.**  
 b. — Sep. 1871 (Father of No. 8,  
 m. 1 Dec. 1892 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 d.

17 **SUMRALL, Martha Gatsie**  
 (Mother of No. 8,  
 b. May 1878 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 d.

18 **JONES, Allen Jordan**  
 b. 16 May 1862 (Father of No. 9,  
 m. 12 Sep. 1881 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 d. 4 Nov. 1941

19 **BARRON, Mary Jane**  
 (Mother of No. 9,  
 b. Abt. 1858 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 d. — 1906

20 **WILSON, James**  
 b. Abt. 1859 (Father of No. 10,  
 m. Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 d.

21 **ARNOLD, Sarah Mattie**  
 (Mother of No. 10,  
 b. 24 Sep. 1859 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 d. 17 Aug. 1907

22 **GILES, Jeremiah**  
 b. — Sep. 1874 (Father of No. 11,  
 m. 17 Feb. 1895 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 d.

23 **WALRAVEN, Ida**  
 (Mother of No. 11,  
 b. — Dec. 1873 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 d.

24 **EVANS, David Monroe**  
 b. 5 June 1857 (Father of No. 12,  
 m. 7 May 1893 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 d. 20 Nov. 1923

25 **FENDLEY, Eula Jeanetta**  
 (Mother of No. 12,  
 b. 31 July 1876 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 d. 15 May 1953

26 **HUGHES, John R.**  
 b. 2 June 1880 (Father of No. 13,  
 m. 19 Nov. 1905 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 d. 11 Jan. 1962

27 **SHEPHERD, Cora Emma**  
 (Mother of No. 13,  
 b. 15 Nov. 1886 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 d. 11 Feb. 1936

28 **WILLIS, William Thomas**  
 b. 5 Dec. 1867 (Father of No. 14,  
 m. 19 Dec. 1898 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 d. 30 Aug. 1944

29 **PAGE, Martha Cella**  
 (Mother of No. 14,  
 b. 17 Feb. 1867 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 d. 21 June 1952

30 **PEEK, Hillard Henry**  
 b. 15 Aug. 1875 (Father of No. 15,  
 m. Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 d. 22 Apr. 1933

31 **LAW, Lilla Olivia**  
 (Mother of No. 15,  
 b. 22 Apr. 1883 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 d. 28 Apr. 1957

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The regular meeting of the Southwest Louisiana Genealogical Society will be held on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. in the Carnegie Meeting Room. Coffee and fellowship begin at 9:30 a.m. Guests are always welcome.

“An Exile of Hope and Heartbreaking Tragedies through the Eyes of Pierre Guedry (1741-1825)”. Presentation in period dress of an Acadian during the mid-1700s. Mr. R. MARTIN GUIDRY of Baton Rouge will be our speaker.

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Tuesday, November 5 – "Herman Frasch: The Sulphur King"

presented by Dr. WILLIAM SUTTON

December – No Tidbits Program

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Tuesday, January 7 – To Be Announced

Tuesday, February 4 – "Stories in time: Reminiscent Readings"

Tuesday, March 4 – "A Brief History of Moss Bluff," presented by HARVEY DOWNS

Tuesday, April 1 – "The History of the Jewish People in Southwest Louisiana"

Presented by DIANE MCCARTHY

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Neill, Edward D. *Virginia Carolorum: The Colony Under the Rule of Charles the First and Second, 1625-1685*

*The North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal, Vol. 16, No. 1, 3-4*

Our Lady Queen of Heaven School. *Spirit, 1978-80, 1983-85, 1987*

Polk City Directories. *2011 Polk City Directory, Lake Charles, LA*

Pollard, Una. *The 1880 U.S. Census of Clay County, Arkansas*

Powell, William S. *The North Carolina Gazetteer: A Dictionary of Tar Heel Places*

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 Hanger, Kimberly S. *Bounded Lives, Bounded Places; Free Black Society in Colonial New Orleans, 1769-1803*  
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## SEPTEMBER MEETING

The program for the September meeting was presented by REVA JONES CHESSON of Lake Charles.

### ACADIAN HERITAGE

This is a talk about the Acadian Heritage that is common to many who live in Louisiana. It is also about a copy of an Acadian house. The talk is personal because it is about my husband and our Acadian house.

My husband, JOHN CHESSON, had three of the common Acadian names in his heritage – BENOIT, CHIASSON, and VINCENT. All three families have been researched, but there is still much to be done on the CHESSON family. There is a book on the BENOIT family, and a very comprehensive one on the VINCENT family.

The VINCENT family and the RYAN family came to the west bank of the Calcasieu by schooner in 1817. They came from Perry, LA, which is across the Vermillion River from Abbeville. This branch of the VINCENT family was deported from "Acadie," and the family was separated. The mother and her young son and daughter were on a ship destined for Virginia. However, this state did not allow the ship to land, so the ship went on to England to Liverpool. The family (and others) were there for ten years and were not treated well. They asked to be sent to France and were sent to a rocky island in the Bay of Biscay, the western side of France. The island was Bell Isle in Mare near Nantes (pronounced "naught"). They were very poor, and the island was not good for farming. They then went to the mainland in France in 1769 because of tax problems with Brittany.

Spain had become the owner of Louisiana and they wanted families to immigrate there to make a useful colony. The Acadians petitioned the Spanish government to relocate to the colony. In 1785 three ships were provided and about 400 Acadians left for Louisiana. The young VINCENT boy, now a man 40 years old was number 40 on the register of the ship *LeBeaumont*. On the voyage he met AGNES BROUSSARD POTIER and they married in 1788. However, she died shortly after the marriage in the Attakapas country.

Upon arriving in New Orleans, the Spanish government provided the Acadians with some money and provisions for six months, and farm tools. The Acadians looked for places to settle. Some remained near New Orleans, some went to the Baton Rouge area, and some further west. PIERRE VINCENT and several families came to the Attakapas country, St. Martinsville. After AGNES died, PIERRE met CATHERINE GALMAN, who was the widow of BENOIT HARGROVE. She had a daughter and had been in Virginia. PIERRE and CATHERINE married on April 20, 1790. PIERRE raised cattle and ten children.

PIERRE and CATHERINE's second son, PIERRE, Jr. migrated to Perry and he married SARAH RYAN. The couple came with the large RYAN family to the west bank of the Calcasieu. PIERRE, Jr. and SARAH had ten children in their family.



The son of PIERRE Jr. and SARAH, LASTIE, married OLIVE BENOIT and they lived near the marshes in Toomey, southwest of Vinton. He also raised cattle and twelve children.

Their daughter ANELINE married ALEXANDER CHIASSE from Scott, LA. This marriage produced only five children; one was JOHN BAPTISTE CHESSON, my husband's father. This is a recording of a family for eight generations from a JOSEPH VINCENT in "Acadie" from 1730 to our grand daughters.

## ACADIAN HOUSE

You might ask, what makes an Acadian house an Acadian house? It is a continuation of the type of house the Acadians knew in "Acadie," and it is also in the pitch of the roof. The high pitch gave room for attic rooms for sleeping. In "Acadie" it let the snow fall off and in Louisiana the rain could run off. Early houses were on cypress logs above the floor area, made of available wood, like cypress. The pitch of the roof also came down to make a porch. The porch was extended living space for a small house. It could be a workspace, a social place to gather, a dining area and even space for dancing. The houses often faced a bayou because this was their transportation. They had shutters that closed against the wind, rain and cold, and were also protection. Small houses had one front door open to the porch, and as houses got larger, a house may have three front doors. Open doors and windows were the air conditioning of the time. The stairs were often on the outside to save space, to gain access to the attic where the boys slept. Acadian boys probably left early to go hunting and did not disturb the family. Also courting often meant traveling a distance by horse, wagon, or buggy, and Mama would not know if you came home very late. Often only the front was painted, but cypress weathers beautifully. The yards may not have grass, and were swept. The common tree in a yard would be a chinaberry tree.

Now the question is why do I live in a copy of an Acadian house? My husband, JOHN, like to build anything. In my 59 years of being married to him we were always under construction.

One day he came home from work as usual and told me he had bought eleven sinker cypress logs. I was probably cooking supper and may have said, "That's interesting." I had no idea where he found the logs, and what he would do with them.

JOHN had the logs cut into lumber and stored the lumber in my father's barn. My father died a few years later, and the lumber was moved to a friend's barn. Our son was big enough to help move the lumber and he was not very happy.

In the meantime the children grew up, graduated from LSU and found work. So JOHN got interested in Acadian houses, and we traveled around Acadiana on back roads looking for existing Acadian houses. We had a good time, and I knew for sure that the cypress lumber would be in an Acadian house. This was house number three for us, and he had built a house for his parents, three camps (one a log cabin), boat house, workshops, additions to our houses, and countless other projects.

JOHN was now 65 years old, and I said no more building by himself. He had to get a contractor with a crew. JOHN worked for 40 years for Dunn and Quinn as a construction consultant, and he knew a good contractor who needed work for his crew. Also, it was 1984. Construction was down and the men in his office had time to design Acadian houses. We had eight versions and we selected the one that fit our life style, interest, and pocket books. JOHN had a wonderful time as the house was under construction, since it was on our land next door to our home.

I had a great time, too. I selected the colors, furnishings, carpet, and so on, and went traveling. I went to Central Europe: Yugoslavia, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, East Germany, and Austria. I hoped he would move in before I got back, but it did not happen.

There is cypress everywhere in the house – in three front doors, inside doors, the wainscot, the dining table, door facings, window facings, and moldings. JOHN had also fenced in, on my orders, where all of this was stored. My long time neighbor said he collected enough stuff to build a house, and it is true.

It was built on land we already owned, and is our retirement home. It was also built to use all that cypress lumber and his vast collections.

It is a lovely house on about an acre of land facing Contraband Bayou. It is in the woods, right in the middle of town. JOHN got to live in his home for 23 years, and I still live there. Ya'll come – I'll make coffee in my antique 2-cup coffee pot. I may even have some sweet dough cookies.

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### **OUR PAST – *AMERICAN PRESS*, October 14, 1938**

By MIKE JONES

### **L. C. CONFEDERATE VET**

Baton Rouge. A 92-year-old Confederate veteran, S. T. SEAGRAVE, of Lake Charles, today voiced a demand for back pensions at the opening session of the annual Louisiana reunion of veterans of the War Between the States.

"They've got the money, why don't they give it to us?" SEAGRAVE said, "HUEY LONG promised us that we'd get \$60 a month."

Other veterans, their ages and residences, attending the convention were: NATHAN S. SMART, 93, Lake Charles; JAMES BLOUNT, 93; JOHN ALPHONSE, 93; H. C. TURCK, 88; CHARLES HERTSOG, 88; and FRANK POWELL, 100, all of New Orleans; W. E. DARK, 90, of Dodson; A. T. FULLER, 92, Dubach; Col. W. C. STEWART, 93, Farmerville; E. P. THOMPSON, 93, Plaquemine; S. H. WYATT, 93, Jackson; THOMAS LOFTINS, 94, Plattenville; MARTIN GUIDRY, 97, Rayne; and JOE BERRHILL, 93, Ponchatoula.

The opening session featured an address by General JOHN R. KENNEDY, commander of the Army of Tennessee, which includes Louisiana. He is also division commander for Alabama.

## **TRACKING GENEALOGICAL EVENTS**

By WILLIAM DOLLARHIDE – [www.genealogyblog.com](http://www.genealogyblog.com)

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**DOLLARHIDE's Genealogy Rule No. 16: A good genealogical event is learning that your parents were really married.**

The discovery and collection of recorded events from a person's life is the foundation for all genealogical research. It is how we connect people from father to son, and it is how we prove that what we say is true. Before we can put together a family, we need to collect the genealogical events for each member of the family. Before we can extend a pedigree, we need to identify the genealogical events that are used to connect a person to his or her parents.

### **What are Genealogical Events?**

Any written account of a person, however slight, is a genealogical event, and adds valuable knowledge about a person's life. The significant genealogical events of a person's life begin with a birth event, followed by a marriage event, and end with a burial event. But in-between these basic vital statistics are a myriad of events in a person's life. We are talking about recorded events, which includes anything that happened in a person's life at a certain time and place, and anything that can be recalled from memory or from written accounts. These in-between events include, for example, a baptism, a christening, or an event in which a person was recorded in history of some noteworthy deed, good or bad. The day someone entered school is a genealogical event, as is the graduation day.

Certain documents may contain multiple events for multiple persons. For example, a name of a person mentioned in an obituary as a survivor is a genealogical event, perhaps confirming a date and place where a person lived, as well as a relationship to the deceased. In addition, finding a record such as a land deed showing the residence for a person and the date of the land transaction is a genealogical event.

### **Name – Date – Place**

Each genealogical event should have at least three elements: 1) a name, 2) a date, and 3) a place. For a birth event, we need the person's full name, the exact date of birth, and the exact place of birth, right down to the city, county, state, or country. As we go back further in time, fewer of the recorded events exist, but even with sparse historical references, it is still possible to find recorded events for people. Clearly, the more events we can identify for a person, the more we learn about them.

Of the three elements for each genealogical event in a person's life, the most important one is the place. The reason for this is that the location/residence of a person in the past is the same place where you will find a recorded event today. A birth record will be found residing in a state or county where the birth took place. The same is true of marriage records, death records, burial records, obituaries, land records, and virtually every other recorded event in a person's life. I have a great uncle who was born on a wagon train en route from Iowa to California in 1860.

Although the exact location of the birth was never recorded on a birth certificate, a death certificate gave his place of birth as "...along the Platte River," which places the birth somewhere in present-day Nebraska or Colorado. That genealogical event has a place attached to it, although it is not very precise. Virtually all genealogical events have a place attachment, even if it may be as general as "at sea," or more narrow, such as, "USA," or "Germany," or very precise such as "21 Thatcher Street, Boston, Massachusetts."

### **Whose Genealogical Events?**

As genealogists, we collect historical data about people's lives, and we sift and organize the data based on categories of relationship. We are interested in three specific categories of human relationships, which are 1) ancestors, 2) collateral people, and 3) suspicious people:

1. Our ancestors are those people directly connected to us through our parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, and so on. For each ancestor, we collect all the genealogical events we can find, because this is the group that gets our attention the most.
2. The collaterals are those people indirectly connected to us. e.g., brothers and sisters of our ancestors, along with their offspring. We collect information about these people because understanding their genealogy helps us with our own lines. Since each collateral shares an ancestor with us, they can provide an alternative route of lineage to discover more ancestors.
3. The suspicious are those people we find in our research who have the right name, and lived in the right time and place – which makes them highly suspicious of being an ancestor or at least closely related. Most of us collect facts about these people in great quantities, mainly because we never know if they will turn out to be our ancestors or not.

### **A Genealogical Event Database**

Virtually all of the historical references we find relating to an ancestor, collateral, or suspicious person are individual genealogical events. Sometimes we find events for all three categories of people in the same record we are searching. As we collect these genealogical events, it might be possible to group them all together by making a list of them. And if the issue of relationships is not clear, the list could provide a method of controlling all of the facts about one person, and allowing for judgments to be made about ancestors, collaterals, and suspicious people – all in the same list of events.

As an example from my own family research, I found an 1836 land deed for my ancestor, JOHN DOLLARHIDE, while visiting the Tippecanoe County Courthouse in Lafayette, Indiana. A few pages later in the same book I found another deed for JESSE DOLLARHIDE, JOHN's younger brother. On a nearby page was an 1832 deed record for a PHILIP REYNOLDS, who I suspected to be JOHN DOLLARHIDE's father-in-law. In the same courthouse, I found a marriage record for JOHN DOLLARHIDE and LUCY REYNOLDS dated 1836, and another one for JESSE DOLLARHIDE and NANCY MURPHEY dated 1837. Earlier, I had found an 1850 census entry for Jasper County, Indiana, which listed the household of JOHN DOLLARHIDE, age 35, born IN, including LUCY, age 30, born OH, plus several children. An unexpected bonus was finding a PHILIP REYNOLDS, age 62, born VA, living with the JOHN DOLLARHIDE household in 1850.

The research for the people mentioned above accounted for thirteen separate genealogical events. I recorded all of the events as single items, including those found for ancestors, collaterals, or suspicious persons. The method I used to record these events was in the form of a Genealogical Event Database (GED). Each of the thirteen events could be identified separately, capturing the names, dates, and places for each. For example, for one event you could write, "Per a land deed dated 1836, JOHN DOLLARHIDE lived in Tippecanoe County, Indiana in 1836," or, "per an 1850 census listing from Jasper County, Indiana, JOHN DOLLARHIDE was born in Indiana ca 1815.

### **Computers Love Databases**

For a computer version of the GED, formalizing the elements within each genealogical event became necessary, plus adding a few extra fields. In addition to the name, date, and place of each event, I added a citation of the source document, the type of event, and a name of any person linked to the subject (if that event item had one). In designing my GED database entry for a typical genealogical event, I decided to use the following elements:

#### **GED Elements:**

1. Source Code (a reference to the document).
2. Subject's Full Name (ancestor, collateral, or suspicious person)
3. Type of Event (b=a birth reference, m=marriage, r=residence, d=death)
4. Year of Event (exact year or range of years)
5. Place of Event (state, county, city, township, etc. where the event occurred)
6. Type of Record (census, deed, marriage license, birth record, history, etc.)
7. Person Linked to Subject (sp:=spouse, fa:=father, mo:=mother, dau:-daughter, etc.)

**Note:** (1) A source code refers to a document or page number from my notes and document files. In my system, I use a two-letter code for a state, followed by a page number. So, all the notes and documents are separated by the origin of the records, e.g., a marriage that took place in Indiana may be given the code IN39 to indicate that a copy of the marriage record/document is in the Indiana section, page 39.

#### **Example of a GED Designed for Computers:**

The table below shows each of the genealogical events found in my Tippecanoe/Jasper County research, as well as the method I used to organize them. I entered each event into a simple computer database, which became a comprehensive index to all of my documents.

The GED list is an abbreviated one. A database can contain thousands of entries, representing the name and events of all ancestors you can identify as well as events for collaterals and suspicious people, regardless of surname or relationship to you. Adding a "Linked Person" as a field is the only possible relationship entry – you can use the GED as way to see possible relationships before you know them for sure. The list is also an indication of genealogical evidence. Using the genealogy rule of "Preponderance of Evidence," the GED list demonstrates that you have done your homework, have multiple documents, and can prove every statement of relationship you have presented on Family Group Sheets or Pedigree Charts. The following is an example:

Genealogical Event Database					
Source Code	Surname, Given	Type and Year of Event	Place of event	Type of Record	Linked person
IN36	Dollarhide, John	r 1836	IN Tippecanoe Co	Deed	
IN36	Dollarhide, Jesse	r 1836	IN Tippecanoe Co	Deed	
IN12	Reynolds, Philip	r 1832	IN Tippecanoe Co	Deed	
IN39	Dollarhide, John	m 1836	IN Tippecanoe Co	Marriage Rec	sp Lucy Reynolds
IN39	Reynolds, Lucy	m 1836	IN Tippecanoe Co	Marriage Rec	sp John Dollarhide
IN40	Dollarhide, Jesse	m 1837	IN Tippecanoe Co	Marriage Rec	sp Nancy Murphey
IN40	Murphey, Nancy	m 1837	IN Tippecanoe Co	Marriage Rec	sp Jesse Dollarhide
IN41	Dollarhide, John	b 1814-16	IN	1850 IN Census	?sp Lucy (---) Dollarhide
IN41	Dollarhide, John	r 1850	IN Jasper Co	1850 IN Census	?sp Lucy (---) Dollarhide
IN41	Dollarhide, Lucy	b 1819-21	OH	1850 IN Census	?sp John Dollarhide
IN41	Dollarhide, Lucy	r 1850	IN Jasper Co	1850 IN Census	?sp John Dollarhide
IN41	Reynolds, Philip	b 1787-89	VA	1850 IN Census	
IN41	Reynolds, Philip	r 1850	IN Jasper Co	1850 IN Census	

### Let the Computer do the work

The GED list can now be an index to the Preponderance of Evidence items found in your documents and notes. As a computer file, the power of the GED database is in the ability to organize or reorganize the file in different ways. For example, the entire GED database can be sorted by source code, event, date, place of event, or type of record. An arrangement of the complete list by Surname, Given Name, for instance, will give a list of all genealogical events for one person. A list sorted by Source Code will give the contents of each document, and a list sorted by Place of Event will show what records apply to a particular place. These are functions of any database manager software, but they are also available in most Word Processor software systems.

By entering all genealogical events into this kind of database, a genealogist would have a tremendous index to every person they have found in their research. It doesn't matter if the person is an ancestor, collateral, or suspicious person. The purpose of the list of names/dates/places is to understand what you have and what you know. But, in addition, the list becomes your documentation list, and a method of citing your sources.

For example, on any family group sheet or family narrative I may prepare for JOHN and LUCY (REYNOLDS) DOLLARHIDE and family, I can add the list of genealogical events for each member of that family. The same is true for pedigree charts, ancestor tables, or descendancy reports. As it turns out, a GED is an excellent way to cite your genealogical sources, because it can list events separately for each person of interest to a family, pedigree, or descendancy.

### What Database?

Excel works, and is easy to use. But, being basically a lazy person when it comes to learning new software, I created my first computer Genealogical Event Database using my word processor. (Yes, word processor!) Word works beautifully. Create a list of items in Word, tab to the next column, and Word interprets the info as a database. You may now sort any column top to bottom, bottom to top, alphabetically, or numerically – just like any database software. And, since all you really need is a list that can be looked at in different ways, the word processor file works quite well. However, custom reports may require the use of a database manager, such as

Excel. This is where reports from the database can be unique to a certain place, time period, or surname, such as a report that asks for all persons named Reynolds living in Ohio between 1820 and 1840. One technique is to start small using Word. Then, after the GED file gets larger, a database can be transferred from Word to Excel. Just make sure the new Excel file is set up with at least one line of data, and has columns the same as the word file. I have gone from word files to Excel files just using Copy/Paste commands.

Finally, did you ever get mail from a long lost cousin wanting everything you have on their family? I used to send them copies of pedigree charts and family group sheets, sometime dozens of them. But now, I just send a print-out of my Genealogical Event Database with a note, "This is everything I have on this family – let me know which ones you want copied."

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### **TEN BRICKWALL STRATEGIES**

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Review and organize your research. Make a family tree chart to see the holes in your research.

Stick to realistic goals. Don't set yourself up for failure with overly broad and too ambitious research objectives.

Make a timeline of the brick wall ancestor's life. It will be easy to see where the empty spots are.

List all the records your ancestor might appear in. Create a to-do list of sources you haven't checked. Consult a genealogy how-to guide to make your list.

Find out if the records you are using have gaps in them that our ancestor might fall into. Example: Newspaper microfilm might have a number of missing issues in the time period that an obituary should appear.

Look for alternate sources and substitute records. Rarely is there only one source for a genealogical event.

Research your ancestor's friends and relatives – children, siblings, cousins, in-laws and neighbors. Their records might have the clues you need.

Challenge your assumptions. Formulate alternative scenarios from what you believe to be true. Research your new theories.

Don't give up after checking online databases, indexes, and other obvious places. You may need to browse an entire record.

See the problem with fresh eyes. Explain the brick wall to someone else or research another line for awhile. You can always go back to this problem later.



## **SILENT DISEASE**

### **Many Have Never Heard of Usher Syndrome, A Disease That Makes Cajuns Deaf From Birth**

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**USHER SYNDROME** is one of the little-known diseases that's far more common among people of French-Acadian descent than among the general population.

Usher Syndrome is marked by hearing loss and a type of eye disease (retinitis pigmentosa or RT) that causes the gradual degeneration of the retina. This damage of the retina harms night vision and peripheral eyesight and eventually causes tunnel vision.

Usher syndrome patients can also have mild to serious problems with balance.

The most severe form of the disease is Usher Syndrome Type 1. With Type 1, the child is deaf at birth. Hearing aids may not benefit a child with Type 1. In Type 1, problems with night vision usually begins by the age of 10. Blindness will eventually be complete.

The longer a Type 1 child can see, the easier it will be to intervene in the development of his disorder. However, the child will lag behind other children in certain developmental areas. For instance, difficulties in maintaining balance cause babies with Usher Type 1 to take 18 months or longer to learn to walk.

Usher Syndromes Types 2 and 3 are less extreme forms of the illness. Most children with both of these types of Usher will be able to benefit from hearing aids. Children with Type 2 shouldn't have any problems with balance. Vision problems develop a few years later with both types. A Type 3 child can be born with normal hearing (although the hearing will eventually deteriorate).

Although Type 1 children can't benefit from hearing aids, some may get positive results from cochlear implants.

In February, television station KATC of Lafayette reported on an infant with Usher Type 1, HUNTER FAUCHEAUX, who had regained his hearing by means of cochlear implants. You can follow the development of this case at [angelicears.blogspot.com/](http://angelicears.blogspot.com/). He recently celebrated his second birthday, which was his first birthday with hearing.

## **WHEN USHER BECOMES COMMON**

In the most general statistical terms, in the U.S., there is a one in 25,000 chance a baby will be born with Usher syndrome. One in every 1,000 infants in the country is born with hearing loss.

The chances of being born with Usher syndrome increase dramatically among the Cajuns of Louisiana and the Acadians of Canada. One of every 20 children born to people of French-Acadian descent has Usher Type 1.

Rates of the disease are also high among Finns, Northern Swedes and Ashkenazy (East European) Jews.

### **HOW USHER IS TRANSMITTED**

Usher Syndrome is a genetically inherited disease. One can only get it by being born with it.

It's caused when a single defective gene is carried by both parents of the affected child. If there is a group, such as Cajuns or Finns, that has an above-average incidence of the defective gene; and members of this group have children with each other; the incidence of the disease goes well above the norm.

If both parents have the defective gene that causes Usher Syndrome, there is a one in four chance that their child will be born with Usher Syndrome.

Note that the parents under discussion don't have Usher Syndrome themselves; they just have the defective gene that causes it. Such parents are called "carriers." Since they have the same sort of hearing and vision as everyone else, it usually doesn't occur to them that they could be carriers of Usher Syndrome. They may not even know of the disease.

Mutations among at least half a dozen genes can cause Usher Syndrome Type 1. In Acadians, there is one defective gene – called USH1C - that's considered to be responsible for the disease. When this gene is healthy, it produces a protein called harmonin. Among Acadians who have Usher Syndrome, the gene doesn't produce the protein associated with it.

Information about the USH1C gene disorder is relatively new; the gene disorder was discovered in 2000. Researchers at the Center for Acadiana Genetics and Hereditary Health Care at the LSU Health Sciences Center are trying to discover a genetic test that detects USH1C.

There are some genetic tests that may detect the presence of the defective genes that cause Usher Syndrome. If you want to learn more about these tests, visit [www.GeneTests.org](http://www.GeneTests.org) and search for the term "Usher Syndrome." There is also ongoing research of genetic tests for Usher Syndrome. To learn about genetic tests you might be able to take as part of a research study, visit [www.clinicaltrials.gov](http://www.clinicaltrials.gov) and search for both "Usher Syndrome" and "Usher genetic testing."

### **A SHORT LEARNING CURVE**

Obviously, a history of Usher Syndrome in the family is a strong indicator of the presence of the defective gene. One challenge in detecting a family history of Usher Syndrome is that the syndrome wasn't found in Acadians until 1966.

This late date is one indication of the fact that knowledge of Usher Syndrome has come only recently in the history of medicine. Indeed, the disease only received a name in the last century.

The symptoms of the disease were reported for the first time by German ophthalmologist ALRECHT VON GRAFE in 1858. He and his students had discovered several cases in Berlin.

The name "Usher Syndrome" began to be applied after 1914, when the condition was described in detail by the Scottish ophthalmologist CHARLES USHER. USHER correctly determined the manner in which the disease was transmitted genetically.

As time goes by and more people become aware of Usher Syndrome, the evidence of its incidence increases. At least one prominent contemporary researcher, WILLIAM J. KIMBELING, believes that as many as 1 in 10 U.S. infants born with hearing loss have some form of Usher Syndrome.

### **TREATMENT**

There is no cure for Usher Syndrome. Once the disease has been diagnosed doctors can determine whether a child can benefit from hearing aids or cochlear implants.

Children with Usher Syndrome should receive special educational programming geared toward the nature and severity of their symptoms. Children with Type 1 may learn American Sign Language and receive Braille instruction. Those with severe balance problems may receive orientation, mobility or independent living training.

There is some evidence that the taking of Vitamin A supplements may help those with Usher Syndrome. If you're interested in this form of treatment, read the data about it at the Web site of the National Eye Institute and the Foundation for Fighting Blindness.

### **RESEARCH**

In February, the journal *Nature Medicine* published the results of a study conducted by researchers led by JENNIFER LENTZ of the LSU Health Science Center. The researchers injected RNA they had made in the laboratory into mice suffering from Usher Syndrome. One injection enabled a mouse to hear for several months.

In some way, the RNA seems to prevent or compensate for the malfunction of the defective genes that cause Usher Syndrome.

It would, at the very least, be years before such an injection could be used on human beings. But at least the positive results with the mice show that the first steps on the journey towards successful maintenance of the conditions have been taken.

### **ONE CAJUN'S STORY**

Parents and relatives of those who suffer from Usher Syndrome may derive some comfort from the recently published book *Orchid of the Bayou* by CATHRYN CARROLL and CATHERINE HOFFPAUIR FISCHER.

KITTY FISCHER grew up deaf and dumb in Cajun Louisiana. At first, her parents and other relatives believed she was mentally retarded. For a time, her parents took her to various folk healers.

When these efforts yielded no positive results, FISCHER went to the Louisiana School for the Deaf, where she eventually began to thrive.

She went on to obtain a degree from Gallaudet University (a university for the deaf in Washington, D.C.), marry a deaf New Yorker, became a librarian in Washington and start a family.

It wasn't until she had her first child in 2001 that FISCHER was diagnosed with Usher Syndrome. It was at this point that she learned that her problems with sight would eventually develop into full blindness.

Aware of the prevalence of the disease among Cajuns, FISCHER returned to Louisiana to try to discover the fundamentals of her Cajun heritage.

She did uncover something of a family history of Usher Syndrome. She learned that one of her ancestors had been called "Le Sourd" (the deaf one) and that Lesourd had been a surname in her family.

### **FOLLOWING THE PROGRESS**

The relative newness of information about Usher Syndrome means that researchers of the condition have a bit of catching up to do. Public awareness must also catch up. For the vast majority of the populace, Usher Syndrome is an unknown disease.

Although it may not seem like it to those who are afflicted with the condition, there are worse diseases than Usher Syndrome. Harsh as it is, Usher Syndrome is less harsh than Tay Sachs – another disease that afflicts Cajuns at an above-average rate and one that always kills its victims within the first four years of their lives.

Those afflicted with the less pronounced forms of Usher Syndrome can often lead a relatively typical life, especially in their early years. Half of Usher patients are able to read and see fairly well into their 50s.

For those concerned about Usher Syndrome, one reasonable course of action is to try to stay abreast of research about the testing, genetics, treatment and maintenance of the disease.

You can find a list of groups with information about Usher Syndrome at [www.nidcd.nih.gov](http://www.nidcd.nih.gov). You can also reach NIDCD Information Clearinghouse at 1 Communication Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20892-3456; 800-241-1044; or send an email to [nidcdinfo@nidcd.nih.gov](mailto:nidcdinfo@nidcd.nih.gov).

[EDITOR'S NOTE: *KINFOLKS* also published an article on "Cajun Genetics" in Vol. 35 No. 2 – May 2011.]

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**MAKE GOOD USE OF YOUR POSTAGE.** When sending in dues, use the same postage stamp and envelope to include queries, ancestor charts, old Bible records, interesting ancestor stories, humorous incidents in genealogy, ideas for articles for *KINFOLKS*, etc.

## **STURLESE FAMILY HISTORY TRACED BACK TO ITALY**

Permission to print given by NOLA MAE ROSS  
*The Cameron Parish Pilot*, Cameron, La., August 30, 2012

The first recorded history we have on the STURLESE family began in 1837 with the birth of JOSEPH ANDRE STURLESE who was born in Genoa, Liguria, Italy, and who later married CLARISSE ACHEE who was born in 1838, also in Genoa, Italy.

It is not known exactly when JOSEPH and CLARISSE STURLESE moved to Cameron Parish, but they were listed in the 1870 Cameron Parish Census and it was there that their daughter, MARIA AMABLE STURLESE, was born in 1874.

Meanwhile in Johnson Bayou between Cameron and Orange, Texas, a young man named JAMES HENRY FAWVOR, Sr. was born the same year. Legend says FAWVOR's parent were German immigrants. Johnson Bayou at that time was a thriving settlement along the Gulf of Mexico, filled with many homes, stores, and hotels where exiled royalty from Europe were said to have been sent for refuge. However Johnson Bayou was mostly wiped out in the Hurricane of 1886 and it took many years to rebuild a smaller version of the once grand village.

Then one day 19 year old MABEL STURLESE, daughter of JOSEPH and CLARISSE STURLESE, first STURLESE family in Grand Chenier, was visiting friends in Johnson Bayou. There she met JAMES FAWVOR, Sr. and it was love at first sight. They were wed later that year in 1894.

Three children, RANDOLPH, JULIE and EMMA FAWVOR were born to this marriage before tragedy struck in 1900, only six years after they married. MABEL STURLESE FAWVOR died at age 26, leaving three small children. Her parents begged JAMES FAWVOR to move to Grand Chenier so they could help care for the children and that is what he did.

After buying a small one room house from the JONES family in Grand Chenier, FAWVOR moved it to the property he purchased and added on to it. Later he married ZULMA THERIOT. In this family there were four sons, DALLAS, ERNEST, JAMES and DUDLEY.

After the Hurricanes Audrey, Rita and Ike, only part of the original FAWVOR house remained. But today in 2012, the part of the house left standing is restored and lived in by JAMES FAWVOR's great-grandchildren, GREG, and his sister, SUZY FAWVOR.

### **FAMILY SPREADS**

In the meantime in 1870 JOSEPH and CLARISSE STURLESE who had settled in Grand Chenier, raised a family of eight children, including JOSEPHINE, who married DUPERVILLE DOMANINGUE; NICOL, who married PHILEMISE MILLER; ANGELINE, who married EUGENE MILLER; LAURENT, who married MARY VICTORIA MILLER; BEATRICE, who married PAUL V. MILLER first, and then PAUL ALEXANDER BROUSSARD; LEONTINE, who married ARELIAN MILLER; and MABEL AMEBLE who married JAMES FAWVOR, Sr.; and LUCIEN, who married FELONIES MILLER, and second married AZILIA MILLER.

Many of the STURLESE descendants still live in Grand Chenier, including LORINE STURLESE (WHITNEY) BACCIGALOPi, granddaughter of LAURENT, and daughter of JOSEPH STURLESE, who compiled the STURLESE family history used in this article. World War II was not kind to this family.

LORINE's brother, ADAM "GOOCH" STURLESE, was killed during "The Battle of the Bulge" in the Ardennes Forest in Germany. Luckily the STURLESE family got the details of GOOCH's death from a buddy of his from Lake Charles, BUSTER NORWOOD, who stated, "STURLESE was in the 84<sup>th</sup> Division and they made it through the town of Laroche, Belgium to the far end, when they stopped in a bombed out house." It was then that German 88 fire struck and killed 23 year old STURLESE on Jan. 12, 1945, just four days before the Battle of the Bulge officially ended.

ENOS J. STURLESE, ADAM's brother was also in the army but at the other end of the world, in the Pacific with the 169<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 43<sup>rd</sup> Division. He made it home safely. Brother-in-law SIDNEY BACCIGALOPi, did not. He died in New Guinea, Oct. 20, 1944 of Jungle Fever. Another brother-in-law WHITNEY BACCIGALOPi, who married LORINE STURLESE, made it home safely from his sojourn in the Philippines.

The STURLESE married into neighborhood families like the BACCIGALOPis, MILLERs, THERIOTs, RICHARDs, McEVERs, NUNEZs, MONTIEs, FAWVORs, BROUSSARDs, BONSALLs, CARTERs, DOLANDs, and WICKEs.

The STURLESE pioneers brought with them a violin from Italy, a 1735 JOSEPH D. GRUNIOUS which was valued early in the century for \$35,000. Second generation LORENT STURLESE and his great-grandson, LOSTON McEVERs, who played the guitar often played together for the family.

Both the violin and the guitar were lost in Hurricane Audrey and later LOSTON bought another guitar and he played with a band, "Loston and the Loafers", and also in the Swamp Bayou Band. They later made a record.

### **BELIEF IN EDUCATION**

Many of the early settlers of Cameron Parish believed so unconditionally in education, that they built school houses on their land and hired school teachers. The THERIOTs, PRIMEAUXs, BONSALLs, and the DOXEYs were known to have schools on their property in Grand Chenier.

It is believed that the first STURLESE children may have attended the DOXEY School. But wherever he obtained his early education, JOSEPH STURLESE was a great believer in, and pushed education to his family. Nearly every member of this STURLESE family went through college and among them are doctors, judges, lawyers, nurses, teachers, electric engineers, draftsman, policeman, pilot, geologist and tax assessors.

A School Board member for 20 years, JOSEPH STURLESE, also owned a grocery and dry good store in eastern Grand Chenier, where he bought and sold fur and alligator hides plus freshly

caught frogs. JOSEPH STURLESE great-granddaughter-in-law, IDA HAINES STURLESE has had a book titled *Eagle Feathers* published and will soon have a second book out.

### **SURVIVORS OF AUDREY**

In spite of being a large family, caught unaware when Hurricane Audrey blasted ashore June 27, 1957, there were only two members of this family, VERONICA STURLESE, and her husband URSIN "SON" THERIOT, lost in this storm.

They were in the home of DUPLICE ANTANISIA MONTIE and watched as the house they were in broke apart on top of the family. First, the kitchen was swept away, the chimney was severed from its foothold, and the front bedroom was ripped off piece by piece. When the roof was ripped apart VERONICA and SON lost their battle with Audrey.

Another group of the STURLESE family was in the home of DOROTHY (Mrs. JOSEPH) STURLESE. They included Grandmother VICTORIA STURLESE, LORINE STURLESE BACCIGALOP, and her five children all less than nine years old. LORINE's husband, WHITNEY BACCIGALOP was working out of town.

Also there were ELOUGIA STURLESE, and her husband DALTON RICHARD; EVYONE STURLESE, and her husband ERNEST RICHARD, and their two children. After going through a harrowing experience, all of them managed to survive Hurricane Audrey.

"When water first started coming up on June 27, 1957 we were not too worried," said DOROTHY STURLESE, "because we were on a high ridge and water had never come over that ridge. We knew the water would stop when it reached the ridge. But it didn't! Earlier we had looked out over the gulf and had seen high waves rolling in; unlike anything we'd ever seen. But my mother said, "Don't worry. It's just a rain cloud."

"Then like a slow motion movie, we watched the rolling waves pushing everything out of its path like cardboard boxes. Within minutes my mother, VICTORIA STURLESE's house was destroyed!" ELOUGIA STURLESE RICHARD said, "I had two children in my arms – nephew GOOCH, and niece, KATHY BACCIGALOP. KATHY slipped out of my arms and I began screaming. My husband, DALTON RICHARD, turned and saw KATHY falling so he grabbed her. I remember seeing the kitchen sink fly through the air over our heads. And then I saw the roof of our house on the ground behind a big tree, and saw most of the family sheltered behind it."

LORINE STURLESE BACCIGALOP recalls a miracle that happened about that time. "I was trying to get out a window with my baby, J. C., in one arm and niece, CAROLYN RICHARD, in the other. I jumped down where some steps had been, but they were washed away, and I fell. Someone caught me. It was Mr. HEBERT, who just happened to be driving by and was stranded. He pulled me and the children behind a barn that was still standing. We stayed there until the storm died down."



The STURLESE family, although not a part of the great Acadian population who came from Nova Scotia to Louisiana after the Acadian Expulsion, have joined the Acadians to become a nourishing and prominent part of the Pioneers of Cameron Parish.

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## **OBITUARIES – HILLEBRANDT, LANDRY**

Contributed by SHIRLEY CHUMLEY SMITH, Member #980

***LAKE CHARLES AMERICAN PRESS, Friday, May 5, 2000, page A2***

### **OBITUARY FOR ACTON HILLEBRANDT**

Funeral services for ACTON HILLEBRANDT, 87, will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, May 6, in First United Methodist Church.

The Revs. DOUG de GRAFFENREID and CARL LUEG will officiate. Burial will be in Graceland Cemetery under the direction of Hixson Funeral Home.

Visitation is 2-8 p.m. today in the funeral home and from 1 p.m. Saturday in the church.

Mr. HILLEBRANDT died Thursday, May 4, 2000, in a local hospital.

He was a native of Ripley, Miss., and had lived in Lake Charles for 70 years. He started to work at the Clerk of Court's office in 1930 and worked for the Calcasieu Clerk's office from 1948 to 1988. He was a member of the Louisiana Clerks of Court association and the Lake Charles Rotary Club. He was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include one granddaughter, NICOLE ASHLEY HILLEBRANDT of Astoria, N.Y.

End of obituary.

ACTON HILLEBRANDT, born October 5, 1912 in Ripley, Miss., was the son of ACTON HILLEBRANDT (b. April 1, 1880, d. June 13, 1930) and MARTHA "MATTIE" GRAHAM LEWIS (b. August 30, 1880, d. October 2, 1953). He married MILDRED HOPE SAVANT on August 18, 1936 in Calcasieu Parish. They were the parents of one son, CHARLES BARRY HILLEBRANDT, born November 5, 1938, died January 25, 1990 in New York from complications of pneumonia. All are buried in Orange Grove Cemetery.

Mr. HILLEBRANDT was widely known and well-respected in the community and certainly within the legal profession. He enjoyed the reputation of having the most efficient Clerk's Office in the state.

He began working in the Clerk of Court's office at a very young age and served as the Minute Clerk during the TONI JO HENRY murder trial. Mr. HILLEBRANDT was elected Clerk of Court for Calcasieu Parish in 1948 and served in that capacity until his retirement in 1988. He

was unrecognizable without his cigar! He always wore a smile or his unique grin in the office. Always pleasant and affable, he was available to help young lawyers and seemed to take good-natured amusement in their befuddlement of the workings of the Clerk's office.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: SHIRLEY CHUMLEY SMITH donated *War of 1812 – Veterans in Texas* to the Southwest Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Library in memory of ACTON HILLEBRANDT.]

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***LAKE CHARLES AMERICAN PRESS, July 17, 1919, page 1***

**JOSEPH A. LANDRY**

**WOULD SELL WATER SYSTEM TO CITY**

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**J. A. LANDRY MAKES FAIR AND CLEAN PROPOSAL**

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**UNSETTLED CONDITION  
WATER SUPPLY HARMFUL**  
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In Letter to Council His Plans Are Outlined and Explained in Detail.

J. A. LANDRY, president of the Lake Charles Railway, Light and Waterworks company, offers to sell this city the water plant with all its belongings and appurtenances.

Mr. LANDRY, in a letter to the city council explains that the reason for this move is the "realization that the unsettled condition of the water supply of Lake Charles has done, and is now doing, more than any one thing to retard the development of our city."

The text of the letter as read before the city council last night is as follows:

Mr. LANDRY's Offer

To the Honorables the Mayor and City Commissioners of the City of Lake Charles, La.:

Gentlemen:

Realizing that "the unsettled condition of the water supply of Lake Charles, La. has done and is now doing, more than any one thing to retard the development of our city, we hereby submit two propositions for your consideration:

First Propisition {sic} – We will sell our water plant, with all its belongings and appurtenances, to the city at its valuation at the time of making the appraisal.

Such appraisal to be made in conformity with the provisions of our water franchise on this point.

Second Proposition – Our company proposes to make all necessary improvements, enlargements, betterments, additions and extensions to its water plant as contemplated in the specifications of Messrs. BURNS & McDONNELL on this subject, and as approved by the Louisiana fire prevention bureau.

Our company to begin these extensions as soon as the material can be laid on the ground, and complete these before the expiration of the present five-year period; provided that the city will forego for four consecutive five-year periods from the expiration of the present five-year period, its right under our present franchise to purchase our waterworks and make our electric light franchise co-existent with our waterworks franchise. This is necessary in order that we may raise the necessary funds to make the contemplated extensions to our waterworks.

We also propose to present this matter before a meeting of the Association of Commerce, at which meeting your presence is respectfully solicited.

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*LAKE CHARLES AMERICAN PRESS, August 9, 1923, page 6*

#### J. A. LANDRY

Lake Charles mourns the death of J. A. LANDRY. It has lost one of the brightest minds and most dominant characters that ever endowed the community.

Forceful, aggressive, his policies for the conduct of the great enterprises which he founded and in which he was the driving spirit to the last, often resulted in the sharpest mental clashes and encounters. The very stubbornness of these engagements were a tribute to the man, and none will be more generous in admiration for the life and respect of the rapier which death has shattered than those who have been brought into the conflict of methods and issues with him. Upon whatever else there were differences concerning his public utilities and their relations to the city, it will be universally conceded that he built and operated industries of marvelous efficiency. Probably no other concern in the city is more dependent for its own operation than is *The American-Press* upon the LANDRY enterprises. This dependence has caused the paper to check and compare its service with the service of public utilities in many other cities. It is said without reservation that no city has been better served, with respect to regularity and dependability than has Lake Charles.

Mr. LANDRY did his work well, faithfully, brilliant. Lake Charles, the scene of his activities, gives him its respect and esteem, for in the development of his projects he was closely identified with the growth and upbuilding of the city, whose interests he worked for.

In respect to the memory of the president of the company,

J. A. LANDRY,

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Street car service will be suspended at 9 a.m. Friday for 5 minutes.

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From Worley's 1921 Directory, page 229:

LANDRY, JOSEPH A. (WYLIE), Pres Lake Charles Ry L & WW Co, Lake Charles Gas Co,  
Electrified Water Co, City Delivery Co and Lake Charles Realty Co,  
V-Pres El-Kay-Be Co, r 133 N Ryan, Phone 313

From *Southwest Louisiana Biographical and Historical* by William Henry Perrin, published 1891, Section III, Par II, page 166:

J. A. LANDRY, West Lake Charles --- J. A. LANDRY, of the firm of J. A. Landry & Co., was born in West Baton Rouge, Louisiana, July 17, 1859. He is the son of J. A. LANDRY and ALOYSIA (LEVEQUE) LANDRY, both natives of East Baton Rouge. J. A. LANDRY, Sr. was a practicing physician. He received his education at Bardstown, Kentucky, and pursued a medical course at Tulane University. Upon the completion of his course he began the practice of his profession in West Baton Rouge parish, in which he continued until the time of his death in 1870. Our subject's mother now resides in West Lake Charles.

J. A. LANDRY was the second of a family of six children. He received his education in West Baton Rouge and began life as a planter. In 1877-78 he conducted a drug business in partnership with Dr. J. C. MUNDAY, and from this time until 1880 he was employed in a general mercantile business. In 1881 he became business manager for the firm of Perkins & Miller, and has since occupied this position. In February 1890, in conjunction with others, of whom mention has been made in another part of this work, he began the erection of an ice factory in Lake Charles. Mr. LANDRY is a progressive business man, and under his management the business in which he has embarked will no doubt flourish. In 1885 Mr. LANDRY was united in marriage with Miss W. E. STANTON, of Lake Charles. Both he and wife are members of the Catholic Church.

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"Five Reasons the Records Aren't in the Courthouse" by George C. Morgan

"Finding Hannah's House" Elizabeth Banas located the house where her maternal great-grandparents lived using a variety of records and resources.

#### WEB SITES:

[www.genealogy.about.com](http://www.genealogy.about.com)  
[www.genealogyintime.com](http://www.genealogyintime.com)  
[www.usgwarchives.net](http://www.usgwarchives.net)

[www.mocavo.com](http://www.mocavo.com)  
[www.genealogyblog.com](http://www.genealogyblog.com)  
[www.N2genealogy.com](http://www.N2genealogy.com)

**GENEALOGICAL GLEANINGS FROM ABSTRACT #137867 & #133936**  
**(containing 2,911 acres and 20/800ths of an acre in DeQuincy, Calcasieu Parish, La.)**  
Submitted by SANDRA FISHER MIGUEZ TAVENEY – Member #334

- October 6, 1882      U.S. of A. to NATHAN B. BRADLEY, Certificate #5910.  
State Land Office, Baton Rouge, La.
- November 4, 1882      Charter of Calcasieu Lumber Company filed. Names of stockholders and  
amounts subscribed by each: N. B. BRADLEY – 260 shares;  
W. C. YAWKEY – 219 shares; LEWIS PENOYER – 188 shares; E. F. BRAKENRIDGE –  
142 shares; R. H. NASON – 63 shares; BENTON HANSHEYT- 63 shares; SUSAN E.  
HANCHETT – 63 shares; E. A. BRAKENRIDGE – 142 shares; EMELINE E. BRADLEY –  
125 shares; BYRON E. WAEAN – 100 shares; S. CHAMPMAN – 75 shares; ELDREDGE  
M. FOSTER – 75 shares. Signed by 12 stockholders; 7 acknowledged before GILBERT  
M. STARK, N.P., Saginaw Co., Mich. One before BENJ. GUS, N.P., Saginaw Co., Mich., and  
four before M. M. DAYTON, Bay Co., Mich.
- February 21, 1883      Warranty deed from NATHAN B. BRADLEY to The Calcasieu Lumber  
Co. (Consideration: \$17,048.86 cash).
- February 26, 1885      Patent from U.S.A. to NATHAN B. BRADLEY of Bay County,  
Michigan. Certificate #5910. Filed June 30, 1905, Bk. 67, page 499,  
Conveyances, Records of Cal. Par., La.
- March 28, 1890      Special Warranty Deed. Calcasieu Lumber Co., by N. B. BRADLEY,  
Pres. and WM. E. RAMSEY, Secty. to EDWARD F. BRAKENRIDGE,  
of New Orleans, La. (Consideration: \$83,200.00 cash).
- March 29, 1890      Sale of Interest. EDWARD F. BRAKENRIDGE of New Orleans, La.  
to EDWARD A. BRAKENRIDGE, of San Francisco, Cal. (1/2 interest,  
Consideration: \$4,160.00 cash).
- March 27, 1890      Warranty Deed. EDWARD A. BRAKENRIDGE, a resident of the  
City and County of San Francisco, in the State of California; and  
EDWARD F. BRAKENRIDGE, a resident of the City of New Orleans, LA. to GEORGE  
LOCK, MARTIN W. RYAN and ALLEN J. PERKINS, residents of Cal. Par., La. and  
CHARLES H. MOORE, a resident of the city and County of Galveston, Texas.  
(Land: 26,677.23/100 acres. Consideration: \$141,806.97)
- April 24, 1890      Power of Attorney from MARTIN W. RYAN to GEORGE LOCK.  
Power to sign all papers necessary in connection with the business of  
Lock Moore & Co. or the business of the Calcasieu & Vernon Railroad.
- May 17, 1890      Charter of Calcasieu Vernon & Shreveport Railway Company.  
Domiciled in Lockport, La. Five (5) stockholders, A. J. PERKINS,  
M. W. RYAN, GEORGE LOCK and CHARLES MILLER of Calcasieu Parish, La. and

C. H. MOORE of Galveston, Texas.

June 25, 1890      Warranty Deed. GEORGE LOCK, MARTIN W. RYAN, ALLEN J. PERKINS, CHARLES H. MOORE, composing the Calcasieu & Vernon Railway to the Calcasieu, Vernon & Shreveport Railway Co., represented by ALLEN J. PERKINS, MARTIN W. RYAN, CHARLES H. MILLER & GEORGE LOCK, of Lake Charles, La.; and CHARLES H. MOORE of Galveston, Tex. and MARTIN W. RYAN, rep. by attorney GEORGE LOCK, per power of attorney as per Book T Page 479. (Consideration: \$80,000.00).

August 1, 1891      Succession of MARTIN W. RYAN. Probate No. 710. He died July 20, 1891. Heirs: DANIEL W. RYAN, minor; EDWARD RYAN and Mrs. MARY WEHRT, wife of A. W. WEHRT.

May 15, 1895      Succession of ALLEN J. PERKINS, Sr. Probate No. 862. He died May 10, 1895. Heirs: CATHERINE L. PERKINS, wife of CHARLES P. HAMPTON; WILLIAM F.; ALLEN J., Jr.; CLAIBORNE T.; CHARLES B.; ELLEN M. PERKINS and MARGARET PERKINS, widow.

November 23, 1896      Warranty Deed from Calcasieu, Vernon & Shreveport Railroad Co., by C. H. MOORE, President to Edgewood Land and Logging Co., Ltd. Re-filed November 16, 1912. Consideration \$1.00 and assumption.

November 23, 1896      Charter of Edgewood Land & Logging Co., Ltd. Domicile, Lockport, Calcasieu Par., La. Life Period, 99 years. C. H. MOORE, CHARLES MILLER, GEORGE LOCK, Mrs. MARGARET PERKINS and Mrs. CHRISTINA ARFSTEN first Board of Directors.

November 23, 1896      Subscription List. (List of shareholders in Edgewood Land and Logging Co., Ltd.) Each share being of the par value of \$100.00. C. H. MOORE...310 shares; GEO. LOCK...218 shares; CHAS. MILLER...142 shares; G. W. LAW...6 shares; MARGARET PERKINS...50 shares; CHRISTINE ARFSTEN...83 shares, signed by her husband, NICK ARFSTEN.

August 21, 1911      Affidavit of Dr. A. J. PERKINS. States that he is a son and one of the heirs of ALLEN J. PERKINS, deceased, and that the sole and only heirs of the said ALLEN J. PERKINS, deceased are: CHARLES B. PERKINS; C. T. PERKINS; Mrs. LAVONIA HAMPTON, wife of CHARLES B. HAMPTON; ALLIE PERKINS and GEORGE PERKINS, sons of W. F. PERKINS; Mrs. CLAUDE HORTMAN, daughter of R. W. PERKINS, wife of CLAUDE HORTMAN; and affiant.

March 26, 1912      Affidavit of J. LEON DEVER stating that he is 45 years of age, and has lived in Lake Charles most of the time since 1880. He has known GEORGE LOCK for many years and knows he was married but once, and then to Miss GOOS, with whom he is still living.



- March 27, 1912      Affidavit of OLIVER R. MOSS stating that he is 75 years of age and lived in Cal. Par. all his life and is well acquainted with a large number of the old families of the Parish. He has known GEORGE LOCK for many years, and knows he was married but once and then to Miss GOOS, with whom he is still living.
- May 30, 1914      Vendor's Lien and cancellation from GEORGE LOCK, MARTIN W. RYAN, ALLEN J. PERKINS and C. H. MOORE to EDWARD A. and EDWARD F. BRAKENRIDGE. Paid in full.
- June 22, 1914      Confirmation Deed by Mrs. CHRISTINE ARFSTEN, widow of MARTIN W. RYAN and now wife of NICK ARFSTEN, now residents of Wuk Insel Fohr, Province of Schleswig, Germany. She ratifies and confirms the transfer of property by GEORGE LOCK in the name of her deceased husband, MARTIN W. RYAN, by power of attorney. Signed in Hamburg, Germany.
- July 22, 1914      Confirmation Deed by Mrs. MARY WEHRT to Calcasieu, Vernon & Shreveport Railroad Company. Verifies that GEORGE LOCK had the power of attorney to sign on behalf of her father MARTIN W. RYAN, certain business in connection with the Calcasieu & Vernon Railroad. That she is joined in this confirmation by her husband, A. W. WEHRT, both of Westlake, Cal. Par., La.
- July 24, 1914      Confirmation Deed by DAN W. RYAN to Calcasieu, Vernon & Shreveport Railroad Company. Verifies that GEORGE LOCK had the power of attorney to sign for MARTIN W. RYAN certain business in connection with the Calcasieu & Vernon Railroad. That DAN W. RYAN is the son of the deceased MARTIN W. RYAN, that he is now residing in Port Arthur, Tex., that he ratifies, confirms and approves the act signed by GEORGE LOCK on behalf of his deceased father MARTIN W. RYAN on June 25, 1890.
- September 2, 1914      Confirmation Deed by ED. RYAN of Lake Charles, La. to Calcasieu, Vernon & Shreveport Railroad Company. That he is the son of MARTIN W. RYAN and verifies and confirms that GEORGE LOCK had power of attorney on behalf of his deceased father to transact certain business on behalf of his deceased father.
- February 17, 1917      Affidavit of GEORGE W. LAW. States that he was well acquainted with MARTIN W. RYAN. That MARTIN W. RYAN was married twice, his first wife dying prior to the year 1870, leaving two heirs; EDWARD RYAN and MARY RYAN, who married A. W. WEHRT. The said MARTIN W. RYAN married the 2<sup>nd</sup> time about 1871/1872, to CHRISTINA BAHNSEN, who survived him, and with whom he lived until his death. One son was born: DAN W. RYAN.
- March 3, 1917      Affidavit of JAMES D. LACY before FRED C. MARX, N.P. of New Orleans Parish. That he knew E. A. BRAKENRIDGE, and that he was married but once, and living with his first and only wife during the years 1883 to 1890 inclusive.

March 10, 1917      Affidavit of ALLEN J. PERKINS. States that he is 51 years of age and a resident of Cal. Par., La. He is the son of ALLEN J. PERKINS and MARGARET PERKINS, born ANDRUS; his parents were married but once, about the year 1854. His father departed this life on May 10, 1895 and his mother on April 15, 1910. The following children were born of this marriage: (1) CATHERINE LIVENIA PERKINS, m. CHARLES PLEASANT HAMPTON, now in said parish; (2) REES W. PERKINS, d. 1899, m. FREDERICKA A. GOOS, who d. May 21, 1895, they had one daughter, HELEN MAY PERKINS who m. CLAUD HORTMAN and they reside in New Orleans, La.; (3) CLAIBORNE T. PERKINS, who resides in this Parish; (4) WILLIAM FELIX PERKINS, d. 1907, m. CATHERINE MUNNS, their children, ALLEN J. PERKINS and GEORGE PERKINS, all residents of this Parish; (5) Affiant, ALLEN J. PERKINS, M.D.; (6) CHARLES BRAXTON PERKINS, resident of this Parish.

March 21, 1917      Affidavit by GEORGE W. LAW. That he is the treasurer of the Edgewood Land and Logging Company, Ltd., which purchased from the Cal-Vernon & Shreveport Railroad Co., certain lands by deed dated Nov. 23, 1896, in the consideration of \$1.00 and the assumption of all liabilities against said Cal-Vernon & Shreveport Railroad Co., which liabilities amounted to \$60,045.81 and which amount has been paid in full by Edgewood Land and Logging Company, Ltd. Further declaring that the Cal. Ver. & S. R.R. Co. was incorporated in 1890 with six stockholders signing; A. J. PERKINS, M. W. RYAN, GEO. LOCK, C. H. MOORE, CHARLES MILLER and GEORGE W. LAW, appearer.

May 26, 1917      Affidavit of WM. P. ROSS before GUS J. RICAU, N.P. of New Orleans Parish, La. That E. F. BRAKENRIDGE was married but once and then to HATTIE LOUISE GILBERT, with whom he lived during and including the years 1883 to 1890.

July 14, 1917      Affidavit of AUGUSTUS M. MAYO stating his age as 57 years and a resident of Cal. Par., La. That he came to Lake Charles in March of 1880, at which time GEORGE LOCK was married to his first wife, ELLEN LOCK, born GOOS, and they remained husband and wife until the death of GEORGE LOCK, which occurred on March 3, 1917. That his wife still resides in Lake Charles, La.      N.P. SEAMAN A. MAYO

May 24, 1924      Affidavit of FRED W. BRADLEY, 63 years of age, living in Bay County, Michigan for 63 years, that he is well acquainted with NATHAN B. BRADLEY, commonly known as N. B. BRADLEY, late of Bay City, Michigan. That N. B. BRADLEY was married twice, 1<sup>st</sup> to HULDA L. CHASE, who died in the year 1881; 2<sup>nd</sup> to EMELINE WARREN, whose 1<sup>st</sup> husband was named GAYLORD. That when N. B. BRADLEY sold to Cal. Lumber Co. in 1883 and the land patent issued in 1885, he was married to his second wife.

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**MEMBERSHIP IN THE SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
WOULD MAKE A GREAT CHRISTMAS PRESENT.**

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

**THE DAILY AMERICAN (12 JULY 1897)**

Information gathered by MICK HENDRIX, Member No. 1296

**PERSONAL. The Comings and Goings of People You Know.**

Mrs. ORA REAMS is quite sick.

J. S. DAVIDSON went to Longview yesterday on business.

Mrs. P. GAUL, of Westlake, is shopping in the city today.

FRED BROOKS went over to Alexandria this morning.

E. J. FARRELL went over to Mermonteau last evening.

PRESTON BENTON, of Lafayette, is visiting with J. J. ISERINGHAUSEN and wife.

Capt. W. B. NORRIS, of Westlake, is in town today.

Dr. A. J. PERKINS went over to Westlake today on professional business.

Contractor P. J. CONNOLLY came over from Orange to spend Sunday with his family.

Miss DAISY BAKER spent yesterday with Miss NELLIE CLINE.

WM. COLE and family have returned to their old home in Iowa, after a two years stay in Southwest Louisiana.

FRED BEUCHER, of Westlake, spent yesterday in this city.

Miss TENA LeBLANC, of Edgewood, is the guest of Miss LELA HOWARD for a few days.

Mr. REAMS, representing the Merrills Drug Co., is spending a few days in the city with his family.

WILL LYMAN, of New Orleans, brother of Rev. C. W. LYMAN, is in town. He is here adjusting the insurance loss on the Vinton mill, which was consumed by fire recently.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. LEE spent Sunday in Jennings, visiting friends.

PAUL DeMARS and family will leave tonight for Kansas City, where they will visit for two weeks.

Miss DORA MULLER left for Galveston on the excursion train this afternoon.

Mrs. H. E. BUCK has been confined to her room with sickness for several days.

Rev. WELLS, of Welsh was in town yesterday.

W. B. MAYO, of Shreveport, is visiting his father, THAD. MAYO. He says Shreveport is booming, quite a number of new buildings going up and the principal streets are being paved.

GEO. W. JOHNSTON, of Iowa, is shaking hands with friends in the city today.

Miss DAISY BROWN has been sick for several days with fever. Her many friends hope for her early recovery.

Mrs. GEO. H. WELLS, accompanied by her two little daughters and her mother, leaves tomorrow for Mena, Ark., where they will spend the summer.

Mrs. GEORGE WOOLMAN will leave tomorrow for Marquette, Neb., where she will spend several weeks visiting relatives.

W. C. HOWARD, of Leesville, transacted business in the city Saturday.

Mrs. BABCOCK came over from Welsh Saturday.

C. F. DAVIS, of Dallas, spent yesterday in this city.

N. A. JONES was a pleasant caller in our city Saturday.

CHARLES BOREN will leave tomorrow over the K. C. P. & G., for Winfield, Kansas, to visit his parents for a month. He will be accompanied by ALBERT PARENT, who goes for a pleasure trip.

Mrs. L. KLING and son, LIONEL, of New Iberia, are visiting her father and brothers,

I. REINAUER and some.

Miss CARRIE REINAUER, who has been attending college at New Orleans has returned home.

Before coming here she visited friends in Morgan City and New Iberia.

H. W. LANZ is spending a few days at Jennings.

**HOMING PIGEON FLIGHT. A Test Will be Made Here Tomorrow – From Lake Charles to Philadelphia.**

E. D. WHITE received, last night, six homing pigeons from CHAS. H. JONES, of 10 S. Broad St., Philadelphia, secretary of the Federation of American Homing Pigeon Fanciers. The pigeons will be delivered and the exact time of the day, the direction of the wind and the condition of the weather will be telegraphed to the secretary at Philadelphia.

Mr. WHITE has turned over the pigeons to JO. C. ELSTNER, president of the Lake Charles Gun and Rod Club, and they will be liberated in the morning if the conditions are favorable. The pigeons are strong and healthy, looking like they have had plenty of feed and water on their trip, and it is expected that they will make trip safe and in quick time. This experiment will be watched with interest as it (if successful) will be one of the longest flights on record.

**LOCAL MATTERS. Gathered Here and There for the Perusal of Our Readers.**

**Still Burning.** The fire in the ruins of the Ryan-Richard mill is not out yet. The wind yesterday afternoon fanned it into a pretty lively blaze.

**Will Teach School.** Miss ELLA CAMPBELL left this morning over the Watkins road for Fenton, where she goes to take charge of the Fenton school.

**To Be Released in the Morning.** The homing pigeons that were sent here from Philadelphia will be liberated tomorrow at 10 o'clock if there is a south or southwest wind.

**Eat It All.** GEO. DAVIDSON came in today from Big Lake. He says his family and the family of JUSTICE KINDER are still down there and they are about to run out of grub, so he came up for supplies.

**Likes Shreveport.** Mr. W. B. MAYO, of Shreveport, formerly of Lake Charles, is now in the city. He says it took the train he was on 12 hours to run from Shreveport here. The sleeper ran off the track. He says he likes Shreveport very much. Mr. MAYO's many friends are always glad to see him.

**Excursionists Return.** The steamer *Hazel* with excursionists on board returned from the gulf Saturday night. The crowd enjoyed the three days stay on the beach in fishing, sailing and bathing. The parties who spent Sunday at Grand Lake also returned Saturday night.

**Improvements Being Made.** The Knights of Pythias have rented the upstairs over Frank's Furniture store, and Mr. FRANK will at once begin repairing on the building and get everything in nice shape. The room now occupied by the furniture store will be much improved and a larger stock of furniture will soon be placed therein.

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## 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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NUSCO, FERRIS (Mrs. ANNIE)  
merchant, r 538 Jackson  
O'BRIEN, J. E. (Mrs), r 410 Ann  
O'BRIEN, JOHN (Mrs) bkpr  
Houston Ice & Brew Co.  
r 517 Kirkman  
O'BRYAN, J. W. (Mrs), printer  
*Am-Press*, r 1623 South  
O'BRYAN, R. P., r 411 Miller  
OGDEN, H. W., fireman  
Cent No 1, r 914 Hodges  
OHLEMEYER, Mrs. A. (wid),  
r 712 Nichols

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OHLEMEYER, Miss ANTOINETTE,  
r 712 Nichols  
OHLEMEYER, ERNEST, clk, r 712 Nichols  
OHLEMEYER, PAUL, lab, r 712 Nichols  
OLIVER, Mrs. BETTIE (wid), r 1116 Pithon  
OLIVER, Rev. SAMUEL (Mrs), minister,  
r 415 Nichols  
OLIVIER, ALMA (c), serv, r 317 Gray  
OLIVIER, EDW. K. (c), lab, r 317 Gray  
OLIVIER, HERMAN (Mrs), contr, r 118 Bilbo  
OLIVIER, GEO., contr, r 105 Ryan  
OLIVIER, JOSEPH (c), lab, r 317 Gray

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

OLIVIER, LAWRENCE (c), lab,  
r 317 Gray  
OLIVIER, LUKE, brick mason,  
r 105 Ryan  
OLIVIER, JAMES (EMILLES) (c),  
carp, r 317 Gray  
OLIVIER, MARY (c), r 317 Gray

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OLIVIER, OSCAR (c), lab, r 317 Gray  
OLIVIER, P. (Mrs), contr, r 105 Ryan  
OLIVIER, MATTHEWS (LOUIDA) (c),  
millman, r 540 Lyons  
OLIVIER, SMITH (c), carp, r 915 Railroad  
OLSEN, Mrs A., r 1740 South  
OLYMPIA CONFECTIONERY CO, 729 Ryan

ONIELL, J. P. (Mrs LULA), fireman  
 Bel Lbr Co, r 408 Belden  
 ONIELL, LAWRENCE, bell boy  
 Majestic Hotel, r 408 Belden  
 OLSEN, ANDREW (Mrs), carp,  
 r 1740 South  
 ORANGE LAND CO., LTD,  
 BEN M. FOSTER, mgr, 316 Pujo  
 ORTON, P. (Julia) (c), lab, r 2434 Shattuck

ORY, J. W. (Mrs), r 729 Lawrence  
 ORY, S. J. (Mrs), contr, MILLER & ORY,  
 r Sallier  
 ORVIS, B. L. (Mrs), grocer, 1616 Madison,  
 r same  
 ORSOT, Mrs L., r 212 St. Joseph  
 OSSO, EUSEBE (c), carp, r 210 Louisiana

Advertisements: Sam L. Kaufman; F. A. Toce; Meyer's; The Life Insurance Company of Virginia

OTIS, C. D., r 323 Woodruff  
 OTT, T. E. (Mrs ELLA), sawyer,  
 r 519 Nichols  
 OTT, Miss LEONA, r 119 Bilbo  
 OTT, RUFUS, r 119 Bilbo  
 OTT, SAMUEL, officer city,  
 r 119 Bilbo  
 OTT, WILLIE, r 119 Bilbo  
 OTTJES, JOHN (Mrs), filer  
 L C Planing mill, r 1152 Cole  
 OTTO, G. W. (Mrs), shipping clk,  
 r 117 Lawrence  
 OVERTON, WINSTON (Mrs), dist  
 Judge, r 901 S. Division  
 OWENS, HENRY (LUCY) (c), millman,  
 r 219 Gray

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 OWENS, JAMES (Mrs HATTIE), grader  
 Long-Bell Lbr Co, r 938 Gray  
 OWENS, JOHN (HANNAH) (c), lab,  
 r 213 Gray  
 OWENS, LUCY (c), serv, r 219 Gray  
 OWENS, WILL (LUCY) (c), contr,  
 r 131 Belden  
 PACIFIC EXPRESS CO, J. D. STEVENS, agt,  
 615 Ryan

Advertisements: A. W. Mayer; Eddy Bros. Dry Goods Co., Ltd; Harmon, Thee Fashionable Tailor; Jones Printing Co.; Everybody's Dollar

PACKMAN, HENRY (Mrs), clk Peoples  
 Store, r 1127 Hodges  
 PAGE, C. W. (Mrs), and Calc Nat Bank,  
 r 624 Division  
 PAGE, WALTER (LIZZIE) (c), lab,  
 r 204 Rock  
 PALACE COLL DRINKS, R. K.  
 HOLLOWAY, prop, 605 Ryan  
 PALACE GROCERY CO (W. J. GAYLE,  
 Jr, mgr), 826 Ryan

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 PALLIEN, CELIA (c), laund, r 417 Louisiana  
 PALMER, JOE (Mrs), horse dealer,  
 r 932 Boulevard  
 PAREE, MARY (c), cook, r 1724 South  
 PARENT, ABE (Mrs), cash Cumb Tel & Tel Co,  
 r 315 Ann  
 PARENT, AMOS, carp, r 315 Pruitt  
 PARIS, E. E. (Mrs), lumberman, r 320 Miller  
 PARISH JAIL, Court St.  
 PARKER, CLARENCE (ANNIE BELL), lab,  
 r 1108 Hutchinson



Advertisements: Meyer's; Sam'l Kaufman; Loree Grocery Company; F.A. Toce; The Life Insurance Company of Virginia

PARKER, Miss CORA, r 1314 Hodges  
PARKER, C. W. (Mrs), plumber,  
r 1402 Ryan  
PARKER, HOWARD, wks L C Rice mill,  
r 1108 Hutchinson  
PARKER, Mrs J. A., r 823 Front  
PARKER, J. W. (Mrs), saw filer,  
Long-Bell Lbr Co., r 425 East  
PARKER, LOUIS, lab, r 1108 Hutchinson  
PARKER, LEWIS (CECILIA) (c),  
r 326 Franklin  
PARKER, L. J., billiards and pool,  
815 Ryan  
PARKER, L. J. (Mrs), prop pool room,  
r 217 East  
PARKER, MARY (c), r 311 Ann

Advertisements: Smith's Music Store; Eddy Bros. dry Goods Co., Ltd; Harmon, Thee Fashionable Tailor

PAYNE, MARY (c), laund,  
r 429 Boulevard  
PEACOCK, Mrs MINNIE (wid),  
r 712 Iris  
PEARCE, ED (LIVINIA) (c), lab,  
r Goos Boulevard  
PEARCE, J. (Mrs), agt L & P depot,  
r 501 Lawrence  
PEARCE, JAMES, machinist,  
r 324 Belden  
PEARCE, J. H (Mrs MARGARET),  
nurseryman, r 324 Belden  
PEARL, Miss MATTIE, r 322 Bilbo  
PECORINO, V., restaurant,  
118 Boulevard  
PEARCE, W. A. (Mrs), nurseryman,  
r 322 Bilbo

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PARKER, Mrs N (wid), seamstress,  
r 1314 Hodges  
PARKER, WM. M. (Mrs), retired, r 401 Richard  
PARKWOOD, C. (c), lab, r 131 First  
PARROTT, Miss EMILY, r 908 Pujo  
PARROTT, T. LEO (Mrs), r 908 Pujo  
PATTERSON, C. J., popcorn vendor, r 820 Bilbo  
PATTERSON, W. E. (Mrs), mgr L C Carriage &  
Imp Co, r 923 Kirby  
PATTERSON, W. J., stonecutter, r 801 Hodges  
PAUL, CHARLOTTE (c), r 1227 Railroad  
PAULEY, Miss EDNA, r 213 Clarence  
PAULEY, Mrs M. R. (wid), r 213 Clarence  
PAVIE, L. P. (Mrs), bkpr, r 1605 Hodges

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PELLIRAN, J. O. (Mrs), cond Mo Pac Ry,  
r 1130 Ryan  
PELLERIN, ALEX (Mrs), r 301 Ann  
PERKINS, Dr. A. J. (Mrs), physician,  
PERKINS & TUTTLE, r 828 Kirby  
PERKINS, C. B. (Mrs), deputy sheriff,  
r 1513 Ryan  
PERKINS, CLAIBORNE (Mrs), teamster,  
r 403 Hodges  
PERKINS, ED (c), lab, r Goos boulevard  
PERKINS, F. W., r 320 Mill  
PERKINS, JACK, wks C. PERKINS transfer,  
r 403 Hodges  
PERKINS, K. G. (Mrs), r 320 Mill  
PERKINS, Mrs MARY, r 318 Ryan  
PERKINS & TUTE, Physicians,  
Von Phul & Gordon bldg

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

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**ST. EUGENE CEMETERY**  
**Grand Chenier, LA**

Located on 5035 Grand Chenier Hwy, Grand Chenier, La.

This cemetery was read April 1998 by PETIE LaBOVE, LEE GRANGER and BEVERLY DELANEY.

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MILLER, LIDIAN BONSALE, b. 4 Oct. 1893, d. 22 Feb. 1969  
MILLER, LOU, d. 6 Mar. 1924  
MILLER, LOUISE MONTIE, b. 29 Aug. 1861, d. 1 Dec. 1936  
MILLER, LUCIEN, b. 12 Aug. 1872, d. 1 Nov. 1956  
MILLER, LUMA, b. 1869, d. 1944  
MILLER, LUMA J., b. 28 July 1890, d. 30 Nov. 1924  
MILLER, MALEYIE BROUSSARD, b. 8 Oct. 1896, d. 27 June 1957  
MILLER, MARY CARMELITE, b. no dates, d. 30 Dec. 1904  
MILLER, MARY CELMA, b. 12 July 1835, d. 14 Jan. 1920  
MILLER, MARY LOUISE PORTIE, b. 10 Dec. 1882, d. 27 Jan. 1965  
MILLER, MATHILDA, b. 15 Sep. 1886, d. 16 Feb. 1958  
MILLER, NANCY, b. 8 Feb. 1896, d. 10 May 1915  
MILLER, OLEZIA, b. 21 Feb. 1886, d. 11 Nov. 1971  
MILLER, OLIVA, no dates  
MILLER, OLIVIER, b. 1 Nov. 1899, d. 8 May 1955  
MILLER, ONAZIA, b. 15 Sep. 1850, d. 15 Sep. 1922  
MILLER, ONITA GUILLORY, b. 8 Mar. 1937, d. 16 Feb. 1980  
MILLER, OZEMA, b. 29 Aug. 1880, d. 4 Nov. 1964  
MILLER, PHELOINISE, b. 29 Nov. 1900, d. 1 Nov. 1981  
MILLER, PHILOGENE, b. 16 Sep. 1871, d. 21 Nov. 1932  
MILLER, PLACIDE, b. 5 Nov. 1886, d. 5 May 1962  
MILLER, POLITE, b. 16 Dec. 1887, d. 26 Aug. 1943  
MILLER, PRIVATE, b. 24 July 1892, d. 17 Nov. 1981  
MILLER, RAYMOND, b. 15 May 1923, d. 25 Oct. 1981  
MILLER, ROBERTA MAE, b. 30 Apr. 1935, d. 6 Dec. 1936  
MILLER, RODOLPH, b. 1903, d. 1911  
MILLER, SEVAN J., b. 11 May 1911, d. 22 Dec. 1990  
MILLER, SEVENIA, b. 16 Feb. 1895, d. 24 Nov. 1935  
MILLER, SEVERIN, b. 8 Nov. 1890, d. 11 Mar. 1981  
MILLER, SHELTON, b. 13 Nov. 1907  
MILLER, SIDALISE, b. 15 June 1894, d. 16 Mar. 1974  
MILLER, SIDNEY, b. 1 Dec. 1915, d. 15 Sep. 1933  
MILLER, SIDNEY, b. 21 Feb. 1937, d. 11 June 1944  
MILLER, SIMON, b. 16 June 1907  
MILLER, VALSIN, b. 7 Nov. 1888, d. 5 Dec. 1912  
MILLER, ZAVIA, b. 12 July 1900, d. 24 Nov. 1983  
MONTIE, CORA THERIOT, b. 28 May 1878, d. 24 Feb. 1973

MONTIE, ERASTE, b. 1 Nov. 1903, d. 11 June 1959  
 MONTIE, EUGENIE MILLER, b. 25 Nov. 1836, d. 10 Aug. 1925  
 MONTIE, JOSEPHINE, b. 18 May 1882, d. 18 Sep. 1979  
 MONTIE, MARY NOLA, b. 25 Aug. 1897, d. 10 June 1908  
 MONTIE, MITCHELL, b. 13 Mar. 1874, d. 27 Sep. 1930  
 MONTIE, ONIEL, b. 24 Aug. 1876, d. 8 May 1931  
 MONTIE, PIERRE, b. 29 Aug. 1879, d. 29 Apr. 1936  
 MONTIE, PIERRE CHRISTIAN, b. 21 Dec. 1901, d. 24 Aug. 1911  
 MONTIE, RUTH A., b. 28 Aug. 1881, d. 25 Aug. 1970  
 MONTIE, VALSIN, b. 13 Dec. 1827, d. 12 Mar. 1904  
 MOUTON, GERALD WADE II "Jerry", b. 20 Jan. 1984, d. 17 Mar. 1991  
 NUNEZ, ADONIS, b. 28 Sep. 1868, d. 29 Dec. 1938  
 NUNEZ, ALICE B., b. 18 Sep. 1895, d. 27 Aug. 1989  
 NUNEZ, ANTHONY RAY "Pazoo", b. 25 July 1955, d. 31 Aug. 1990  
 NUNEZ, DELORES ANN, b. 27 Oct. 1955, d. 27 June 1957  
 NUNEZ, DONNY GERARD, b. 6 Feb. 1957, d. 27 June 1957  
 NUNEZ, FRANCIS M., b. 20 July 1879, d. 24 Jan. 1945  
 NUNEZ, HARISE, b. 28 Sep. 1860, d. 29 Dec. 1938  
 NUNEZ, Infant son of JEFF, b. & d. 11 Sep. 1911  
 NUNEZ, JEFF, b. 13 Dec. 1891, d. 8 Nov. 1988  
 NUNEZ, JESSIE J., b. 20 Feb. 1888, d. 2 Oct. 1944  
 NUNEZ, JOHN VORAS, b. 10 June 1891, 6 July 1989  
 NUNEZ, JOSEPH, b. 20 Apr. 1833, d. 21 May 1820 ??  
 NUNEZ, JULIE FAWVOR, b. 8 Nov. 1896, d. 20 Mar. 1984  
 NUNEZ, LEONTINE, no info  
 NUNEZ, LIZE, b. 7 July 1891, d. 27 July 1957  
 NUNEZ, MARGIE GERTRUDE, b. & d. 14 Oct. 1921  
 NUNEZ, OFA, b. 13 Aug. 1897, d. 11 May 1941  
 NUNEZ, OFA J., b. 13 Aug. 1897, d. 11 May 1953  
 NUNEZ, RAY JOSEPH, b. 5 Nov. 1919, d. 16 Sep. 1992  
 NUNEZ, RICHARD JEROME, b. 19 Apr. 1953, d. 27 June 1957  
 O'BRIEN, MARY ELIZABETH NUNEZ, b. 4 Oct. 1869, d. 8 Aug. 1948  
 OGBURN, EMMA FLOSSIE THERIOT, b. 7 Dec. 1906, d. 23 Jan. 1991  
 PEACE, LOU ANNA ROY, b. 22 Feb. 1926, d. 21 July 1945  
 PORTIE, LEONA THERIOT, b. 10 Mar. 1898, d. 12 Aug. 1922  
 RICHARD, AZENA MILLER, b. 9 Sep. 1888, d. 13 Dec. 1978  
 RICHARD, CHARLES, b. 16 Feb. 1885, d. 13 May 1960  
 RICHARD, CLAYTON ADAM, b. 18 Aug. 1948, d. 19 July 1957  
 RICHARD, FREDDIE JOSEPH, b. 12 Aug. 1922, d. 5 June 1992  
 RICHARD, HARRY J., b. 16 Mar. 1911, d. 15 Mar. 1982  
 RICHARD, Infant son of JOSEPH, no dates  
 RICHARD, JENNIFER LURLIE, b. 29 Sep. 1968, d. 13 Dec. 1968  
 RICHARD, KATHRYN L., b. 22 Sep. 1903, d. 23 Feb. 1979  
 RICHARD, MARJORIE A. DOLAND, b. 28 May 1923, d. 21 Aug. 1991  
 RICHARD, MARY EYVONE S., b. 7 Feb. 1915, d. 17 June 1996  
 ROBERTS, CLAYTON P., b. 27 Apr. 1911, d. 8 Mar. 1946

ROBERTS, Mrs. J. L., b. 17 Dec. 1885, d. 6 Oct. 1924  
 ROY, DALE WAYNE, b. 10 Jan. 1958, d. 11 Nov. 1959  
 ROY, HENRY F., b. 1865, d. 1918  
 ROY, JOSEPH HERB, b. 20 Nov. 1911, d. 1 Nov. 1918  
 ROY, TED WILLIAM, b. 18 Apr. 1932, d. 28 Nov. 1977  
 SAVOIE, ADA, d. 27 June 1992  
 SEYMOUR, ETHEL MARTIN, b. 28 Aug. 1924, d. 14 Apr. 1986  
 SMITH, BETTY LOISE LABOVE, b. 23 May 1932  
 SMITH, KENNEY ROY, no dates  
 SMITH, LINDA GAY, b. 21 Mar. 1953, d. 11 Nov. 1980  
 SMITH, WILMER R., b. 28 Feb. 1924, d. 19 May 1976  
 STURLESE, ADAM GOOCH, b. 21 July 1922, d. 12 Jan. 1945  
 STURLESE, ALINE MARGARET, b. 2 May 1910, d. 30 Dec. 1994  
 STURLESE, AMABLE, b. 22 Oct. 1902, d. 24 Apr. 1929  
 STURLESE, AZELIA, b. 12 May 1882, d. 3 May 1966  
 STURLESE, CLARISSE, b. 17 Oct. 1838, d. 19 June 1926  
 STURLESE, DOROTHY THERIOT, b. 14 Mar. 1896, d. 15 Oct. 1989  
 STURLESE, FELONA, b. 12 Dec. 1879, d. 24 July 1909  
 STURLESE, INA ELIZABETH, b. 17 Sep. 1911, d. 6 Jan. 1912  
 STURLESE, JOSEPH, b. 2 Aug. 1837, d. 2 Dec. 1874  
 STURLESE, JOSEPH ENOS, b. 11 Apr. 1899, d. 30 Aug. 1918  
 STURLESE, JOSEPH FROZAN, b. 19 Sep. 1891, d. 24 Jan. 1947  
 STURLESE, LAURENT, b. 10 Mar. 1866, d. 20 May 1957  
 STURLESE, LUCIEN, b. 12 Aug. 1872, d. 1 Nov. 1956  
 STURLESE, MARY THERIOT, b. 19 Jan. 1892, d. 16 July 1971  
 STURLESE, MARY VICTORIA, b. 2 Dec. 1873, d. 26 Feb. 1967  
 STURLESE, MOISE, b. 20 Sep. 1890, d. 3 May 1980  
 STURLESE, MYRTIS V., d. 6 Mar. 1996  
 STURLESE, NICOL, b. 6 Nov. 1860, d. 13 Dec. 1939  
 STURLESE, OSCAR, b. 2 Oct. 1907, d. 4 Feb. 1995  
 STURLESE, PHILONISE, b. 25 Oct. 1866, d. 25 Oct. 1925  
 SWIRE, ADIER, no dates  
 SWIRE, ADOLPH, b. 12 Oct. 1909, d. 30 Aug. 1979  
 SWIRE, ASA, b. 7 July 1888, d. 20 Mar. 1937  
 SWIRE, BERTHA M., b. 29 July 1910, d. 15 Dec. 1985  
 SWIRE, BESSIE, b. 11 Mar. 1933, d. 16 Nov. 1933  
 SWIRE, CLARISSE, b. 21 Sep. 1892, d. 1 Aug. 1971  
 SWIRE, DELMA PAUL, b. 25 Nov. 1910, d. 1 July 1984  
 SWIRE, HENRY, b. 5 May 1895, d. 11 Feb. 1971  
 SWIRE, Infant son of LORENZO, b. Mar 1938, d. 13 Nov. 1938  
 SWIRE, LUMA, b. Mar. 1869, d. 13 Feb. 1943  
 SWIRE, MARIE P. CLEMENT, b. 1 Apr. 1884, d. 7 Jan. 1955  
 SWIRE, NANCY, b. 27 Nov. 1916, d. 22 Jan. 1970  
 SWIRE, RAPHEL, b. 11 Nov. 1923, d. 5 Oct. 1979  
 SWIRE, WILSON JOSEPH, d. 3 Dec. 1996  
 TABACHIEK, ANNA GRUNIK, b. 1867, d. 1929

THERIOT, ALGIE, b. 20 June 1883, d. 5 Dec. 1969  
 THERIOT, CECLIA BONSALE, b. 10 Aug. 1883, d. 6 Apr. 1916  
 THERIOT, CELESTINE MALLE, b. 25 Dec. 1858, d. 11 Apr. 1945  
 THERIOT, CHARLES A., b. 10 July 1856, d. 1 Feb. 1946  
 THERIOT, CHARLES D., b. 6 Jan. 1912  
 THERIOT, CLEVELAND, b. 14 May 1910, d. 7 Jan. 1950  
 THERIOT, DALE JAMES, b. 22 June 1957, d. 27 June 1957  
 THERIOT, EDISON JOHN, b. 23 June 1908, d. 27 Apr. 1911  
 THERIOT, EDRAS, b. 12 June 1886, d. 24 Feb. 1940  
 THERIOT, ELIZABETH LOU MILLER, b. 19 Aug. 1936, d. 27 June 1957  
 THERIOT, ELSON JOHN, b. 23 July 1905, d. 27 Mar. 1911  
 THERIOT, EMILY MILLER, b. 18 Aug. 1910, d. 26 Nov. 1984  
 THERIOT, ERASTE, b. 23 Jan. 1856, d. 24 Feb. 1929  
 THERIOT, GRACE, b. 22 Jan. 1850, d. 24 Feb. 1929  
 THERIOT, J. GRANVILLE, b. 22 Mar. 1897, d. 18 Nov. 1932  
 THERIOT, JOSEPH SYPHEON, b. 7 Nov. 1908  
 THERIOT, LEZIMA MILLER, b. 8 Mar. 1883, d. 19 Apr. 1961  
 THERIOT, LYDA, b. 22 Apr. 1908, d. 18 Jan. 1909  
 THERIOT, MACILDA, b. 7 Jan. 1916  
 THERIOT, MARGUERITE AURORE VALLOT, b. 26 July 1829, d. 9 Sep. 1904  
 THERIOT, MARIE ARTHEMISE RICHARD, b. 10 Feb. 1859, d. 24 June 1931  
 THERIOT, MARIE DUHON, b. 4 Aug. 1858, d. 13 Mar. 1939  
 THERIOT, OLIVIER G., b. 3 July 1909, d. 5 July 1983  
 THERIOT, PIERRE DOLZA, b. 7 Nov. 1825, d. 7 July 1904  
 THERIOT, PIERRE TELSMAR, b. 8 Feb. 1851, d. 23 Dec. 1910  
 THERIOT, UAL ADAM, b. 13 Apr. 1913, d. 7 Nov. 1923  
 THERIOT, VALIAN JOSEPH, b. 18 June 1910, d. 26 July 1988  
 THERIOT, VERGIA BONSALE, b. 7 June 1914, d. 4 June 1937  
 THERIOT, VIDA MARIE SAVOIE, b. 8 Mar. 1904, d. 27 June 1957  
 THIBODEAUX, ED JAMES, b. 23 Nov. 1955, d. 10 May 1956  
 THIBODEAUX, FELECIA MONTIE, b. 1 Jan. 1898, d. 31 Dec. 1966  
 THIBODEAUX, JOHN, b. 26 July 1895, d. 9 Aug. 1973  
 THIBODEAUX, PIERRE, b. 22 Oct. 1891, d. 10 Aug. 1918  
 TREVINO, MARIE AMABLE FAWVER, b. 22 July 1927, d. 28 Aug. 1996  
 VALLETTE, ADELIENE, b. 9 Nov. 1874, d. 24 Aug. 1961  
 VALLETTE, ALCIDE, b. 1872, d. 14 Mar. 1937  
 VINCENT, BESSIE NUNEZ, b. 25 Apr. 1917, d. 29 Nov. 1944  
 VINCENT, CLEVE JOSEPH, b. 22 Mar. 1914, d. 8 Mar. 1963  
 VINCENT, ELORA SWIRE, b. 26 Sep. 1927, d. 10 Dec. 1994  
 VINCENT, LOUDICE JOSEPH, b. 7 Aug. 1912, d. 26 Jan. 1995  
 VINCENT, RECIA, b. 14 Feb. 1914, d. 29 Dec. 1952  
 VINCENT, WHITENY, b. 14 Aug. 1907, d. 25 Apr. 1946  
 VINCENT, WALTER ALEXANDER Jr., b. 1 Feb. 1928, d. 6 Feb. 1996

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p.b. Place of Birth  
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d. Date of Death  
p.d. Place of Death

4 SALLIER, Theogene Denoit

(Father of No. 2)

b. 8 Sep. 1875  
p.b. Vincent Settlement, La.  
m. 3 Oct. 1895  
d. 12 Nov. 1966  
p.d. Vincent Settlement, La.

2 SALLIER, Alpha Joseph

(Father of No. 1)

b. 10 Aug. 1903  
p.b. Hackberry, La.  
m. 12 Feb. 1925  
d. 18 Apr. 1951  
p.d. Port Sulphur, La.

5 GRANGER, Eva

(Mother of No. 2)

b. 30 Aug. 1877  
p.b. Hackberry, La.  
d. 15 Feb. 1965  
p.d. Vincent Settlement, La.

1 SALLIER, Dorothy Jeanne

b. 24 Jan. 1931  
p.b. Freeport, Tx.  
m. spouse - COLVIN, Lamar Watts  
d. 17 Aug. 2013  
p.d. Ruston, La.

6 SMITH, John Simeon

(Father of No. 3)

b. 31 Jan. 1854  
p.b. Griffin, Ga.  
m. 17 Dec. 1883  
d. 1 Apr. 1941  
p.d. Port Sulphur, La.

3 SMITH, Everlean Vera

(Mother of No. 1)

b. 25 Dec. 1900  
p.b. Bernice, La.  
d. 27 May 1978  
p.d. Shreveport, La.

7 CARGILE, Jimmie Willie

(Mother of No. 3)

b. 7 Feb. 1864  
p.b.  
d. 15 Mar. 1901  
p.d. Bernice, La.

(spouse of No. 1)

b. d.  
p.b. p.d.

8 SALLIER, Arsene

(Father of No. 4)

b. 6 Nov. 1838  
p.b. Vincent Settlement, La.  
m. 13 Dec. 1860  
d. 31 Mar. 1890  
p.d.

9 VINCENT, Henrietta

(Mother of No. 4)

b. 6 May 1843  
p.b. Vincent Settlement, La.  
d. 31 Oct. 1933  
p.d. Vincent Settlement, La.

10 GRANGER, Onezime

(Father of No. 5)

b. 8 Jan. 1849  
p.b. Grand Coteau, La.  
m.  
d. 21 Apr. 1944  
p.d.

11 DUHON, Pelagie

(Mother of No. 5)

b. 13 Apr. 1856  
p.b.  
d. 28 Oct. 1906  
p.d.

12 SMITH, William Pinkey

(Father of No. 6)

b. 20 Jan. 1827  
p.b. Oglethorpe, Ga.  
m. 29 Aug. 1846  
d. 25 Aug. 1883  
p.d. Shiloh, La.

13 THOMASON, Nancy Caroline

(Mother of No. 6)

b. 2 Feb. 1827  
p.b. Georgia  
d. 18 Nov. 1910  
p.d. Shiloh, La.

14 CARGILE, Charles Joel

(Father of No. 7)

b. 19 Aug. 1838  
p.b. Georgia  
m. 4 July 1860  
d. 27 Mar. 1911  
p.d. Summerfield, La.

15 BARROW, Mary Eleanor

(Mother of No. 7)

b. 15 Jan. 1841  
p.b.  
d. 26 Mar. 1880  
p.d. Summerfield, La.

16 SALLIER, Anselme

b. 20 Dec. 1814  
m. 6 Sep. 1833  
d. 10 Dec. 1857

17 LEBLEU, Eloise

b. 24 Aug. 1818  
d.

18 VINCENT, Simeon

b. 3 Mar. 1820  
m. 29 June 1839  
d. 27 May 1888

19 LYONS, Tabirha

b.  
d.

20 GRANGER, Giles

b. 11 Sep. 1814  
m. 23 May 1844  
d.

21 BENOIT, Marguerite Celonise

b. 4 Apr. 1823  
d.

22 DUHON, Clairville

b. — 1828  
m.

23 ELLENDER, Marguerite

b. 4 June 1830  
d.

24 SMITH, Parke Washington

b. 28 Dec. 1798  
m. 23 Nov. 1822  
d. 16 Aug. 1835

25 GARRETT, Caroline

b. 2 Mar. 1804  
d. 26 June 1877

26 THOMASON, Joseph

b.  
m.

27 COOMBS,

b.  
d.

28 CARGILE, William

b.  
m.

29 ALLEN, Rebecca

b. 7 Feb. 1818  
d. 29 Apr. 1886

30 BARROW, Josiah

b. 1 June 1808  
m.

31 BASS, Louisiana

b. 29 Feb. 1810  
d. 17 Dec. 1877

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