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## **SOCIETY NEWS**

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**Mark Your Calendar for Meetings -  
2019 - Jan. 19, March 16, May 18, Sept. 21, Nov. 16**

### **SEPTEMBER MEETING GENEALOGICAL SEMINAR**

The regular meeting of the Southwest Louisiana Genealogical Society will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2019, in the Carnegie Meeting Room.

Our program will be a Genealogical Seminar with two topics presented by JOHN SELLERS of Sulphur Springs, Tx.

- 9:30 Registration
- 10:00 Introduction/Remarks
- 10:15 Historical Overview of how Northern & Southern Louisiana are so Different
- 11:30 Lunch (Provided to all attendees)
- 1:00 What's Hidden in Courthouse Records
- 2:15 Close

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** The Seminar is free but space is limited to 50 people. You should pre-register to secure your seat. Call DIANN OLIVER at 337-433-2912 or email her at [basic2704@yahoo.com](mailto:basic2704@yahoo.com) to register.

We will be collecting canned goods/monetary contributions for Abraham's Tent.

### **NOVEMBER MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Southwest Louisiana Genealogical Society will be held on Saturday, November 16, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. in the Carnegie Meeting Room. Guests are welcome.

Coffee and fellowship begin at 9:30 a.m.

Our program "Moss Bluff, Part II" will be presented by HARVEY DOWNS.

We will be collecting canned goods/monetary contributions for Abraham's Tent's Thanksgiving Basket.

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#### **IN MEMORIAM**

**GEORGE HERSHEL FRAZIER  
1933 - 2019**

**Col. DONALD A. LADNER  
1935 -2019**

## MAY PROGRAM

The May program "Beyond Basics" was presented by ARMAJEAN DECLOUET.

### "MOVING FROM BEYOND THE BEGINNING – GENEALOGY"

Starting from the beginning requires we compile and document as much information as we can starting with ourselves.

Document what you know: names, dates, places, births, baptism and deaths. We may be surprised how much information we know already. Talking with family members is a plus.

Some genealogy material may be of assistance as you start, I like to call "The Bible of Genealogy." *The Handybook for Genealogist; Louisiana Post Office Book; Township Atlas of the United States* and *The Map Guide of United State Censuses from 1790-1920*. These tools can help with names of cities, towns, and states especially with townships and districts created and discontinued. Timeline will be a great help.

As time grows in the genealogical world, computers are on the scene and we have Ancestry, Heritage Quest and Family Search and other sites to help with census records. Begin with 1940 (last census released from the federal government - 1950 will be released in 2022) finding your ancestors and descendents by working backwards until 1850, the census that everyone is listed in the household. From 1840 back to 1790 only lists head of households.

Where can we obtain census and other records? Begin with local genealogy libraries, local collections, courthouses, state universities, as well as online databases and digital collections. There are so many un-used and under used records; newspapers, funeral records, town, church and compiled histories, periodicals, genealogy, historical and preservation records whether local – state or national.

### DON'T FORGET THE HARD STUFF

Genealogy research has gotten so easy with all of the information that is available online that we sometimes forget that there are other records that are available.

Don't stop looking because you did not find an ancestor online. After an online search, check microfilm, order records, search printed books. It isn't as fast and as easy, but if it gets the job done it is worth it.

### DOCUMENT! DOCUMENT! DOCUMENT!

Look for clues! Witnesses can be great clues. Read your purchased record. (Why buy a record and not read it, just for the date, no?)

If you encounter a brick wall:

1. State a clear research problem (brick wall).

2. Back up a generation (step back).
3. Use all the records (review).
4. Create a timeline.
5. Account for inconsistency.
6. Ask for help if needed.

IT IS TRULY "MY JOY" TO SERVE YOU ALWAYS.  
ARMAJEAN "GREEN" DECLOUET

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**JUDGE MOURNED CHANGING CULTURE**  
*Welsh Citizen, Tuesday, August 20, 2013*  
By JIM BRADSHAW

JOSEPH ARSENNE BREAUX was a Chief Justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court and a proud Acadian. He was born in Iberville Parish, practiced law in Lafayette and New Iberia, and before his appointment to the state's high court was elected State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the equivalent of today's Superintendent of Education.

Upon his death in 1926, a eulogist noted that Judge BREAUX was "justly proud of his Acadian ancestry" and that he's spent much time in Nova Scotia studying the habits and history of the Acadians there. He was also a student of the Cajun culture in Louisiana and left among his papers an unpublished account, apparently finished about 1900, of the customs and culture of south Louisiana's Cajun community in the late 1800s.

He portrayed Cajuns as a rough and ready people who stayed close to home. They were naturally hospitable, willing to help a neighbor in trouble, and just as willing to pull a knife at the slightest hint of an insult.

They were used to living in isolated places, and thus had "somewhat unrefined manners." He characterized them as "proud, easily hurt, ready to take offense." Generally they had a strong constitution and robust temperament."

These Cajuns, he said, "leave their place of origin with difficulty and with deep regret, whatever the charms of a softer and more agreeable life elsewhere. They say that they prefer the sight of their plains, woods, and streams. The natal place, the peaceful country where the happy days of their youth passed swiftly by."

They liked simple food, a simple life, and a good fight, he said.

"Since the law prohibits dueling," Judge BREAUX recorded, "the custom has been replaced by the rencontre ... [in which] two men who have quarreled agree to carry arms, then at the first opportunity, in some public place ... begin fighting under the pretense of self-defense. In the country, nothing is more common than a fist fight. The custom is highly approved of rather than condemned by the greater part of the community. Far from trying to separate two

men from punching each other [others] make a ring around them and urge them on with shouts and bravos.

“Almost all men go armed ... [and] any person who is struck or merely threatened [has] the right to kill the one who strikes or threatens them.”

Nonetheless, BREAUX says, one of the Cajun’s good qualities was “his readiness to make himself useful without reference to the empty formulae of etiquette.” A Cajun “cordially fulfills the duties of hospitality to all comers. Even in the poorest of houses, too much cannot be done for the guest who comes asking for hospitality. If one is overtaken by nightfall or a storm ... one need not fear to knock on the door or call to the farmhouse from the road. One will be received not as a stranger, but as a friend.”

The judge suggests that in the isolated Cajun homes “boredom is so great that the arrival of a stranger is a godsend.”

But, even in the late 1800s, the learned judge feared for the Cajun culture. The Civil War changed everything, he said. People coming into the area from other parishes or states were doing things “aimed at civilizing and enlightening the people.” They were changing the culture irrevocably, he suggested, and not necessarily for the better.

“For good or evil,” he wrote, “the new ideas and ethics must be adopted. Young people who tried to revive the sociability of the earlier epoch would soon be the dupes of their own simple honesty.”

Reminiscent of what we hear today, he mourned. “The more one examines the new centers of population, the more one finds the new character accentuated, whereas the old Acadian mores are now to be found in out-of-the-way places, and especially among the elderly.”

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## **THE OUTLAW MATT WOODLIEF**

By WILLIAM THIBODEAUX

Ever hear of the outlaw MATT WOODLIEF? According to *The Lake Charles Echo* of February 21, 1880, WOODLIEF was from Louisiana and went to Texas sometime around 1868 or 1870, during the Reconstruction era. He was said to be “a desperate and dangerous man.” It was reported that he had killed a man in either Austin or San Antonio in a Wild West style gunfight and a number of years before, he had killed another man in Columbus, Texas. During one of his shootouts, he sustained a broken hipbone and had been physically impaired ever since. Apparently not enough to interfere with his gambling and drinking, which he indulged excessively. According to the *Texas State History Association*, WOODLIEF was the son of a prominent doctor and his family was “one of the best and most prominent in Texas.” WOODLIEF was said to be “a very handsome fellow. Tall, with hair and mustache inclined to be blonde and steel grey eyes.”



*The Lake Charles Echo* reported that on the evening of Wednesday, February 11, 1880, while at GARRAWAY's Saloon in Lake Charles, Louisiana. JOSEPH MATHIS was shot in the foot by a Texas gambler named SHAFER. An affidavit was signed by Sheriff DAVID H. LYONS charging the stranger with the crime. He was immediately arrested and taken to jail. No indication of why he shot JOSEPH MATHIS or what happened. SHAFER and MATT WOODLIEF were friends and had been in Lake Charles for some two or three months. WOODLIEF had some "threatening words" for the sheriff in connection with the arrest. WOODLIEF wanted the sheriff to release his friend. Sometime later that night, between midnight and 1:00 a.m. BURNS LYONS and Captain JOHN S. HAWKINS went to the sheriff's home to inform him of some "suspicious sounds about the jail." The two deputies thought that it might have been a jail delivery, but it was two black men that came to visit a sick black woman who was employed by the sheriff. They apparently needed the sheriff, so they all went up to the front gallery to talk with Sheriff DAVID LYONS. That's when HAWKINS tried to open the door. Sheriff LYONS was in bed and heard someone trying to open the door. He called out loudly, "Who are you?" No reply. Getting up, he took his rifle. The sheriff's wife raised a front window and by the dim light of a lantern held by one of the men mistook the black faces for masks and exclaimed, "For God's sake, Mr. LYONS, be on your guard, there are four or five of them and some have masks!"

The sheriff automatically assumed it was WOODLIEF with a party intending to get the jail keys and release his friend SHAFER. Didn't blame him for being suspicious because within the last two years it was reported that "guns had been snapped at the sheriff after dark at his country residence and he had even been shot at in town." Leveling his rifle through the window, Sheriff LYONS shouted, "Who are you?" Then the sheriff said, "Give me your name or I'm going to shoot." No answer. Again, the sheriff demanded, "Who are you?" Still no reply. The sheriff fired in the dark. The sheriff heard the sound of someone falling on the floor of the gallery. BURNS LYONS and the black men ran away leaving Captain HAWKINS to fend for himself. Through the now closed window, the sheriff and his wife heard someone say, "You have shot your friend." After several demands for his name, he finally gave it and was brought inside. It was Captain HAWKINS who was seriously wounded but not mortally. The sheriff immediately sent for a surgeon to attend to HAWKINS. Captain HAWKINS survived the shooting.

A little later Sheriff LYONS had gone to town before breakfast. At that time MATT WOODLIEF met the sheriff at the corner "near Bryan's store" and told the sheriff he was going to get his friend SHAFER out of jail. He also informed the sheriff to bring SHAFER's horse and money down, and if he was afraid, he had better bring fifteen or sixteen six-shooters with him. Sheriff LYONS informed WOODLIEF that he had not seen the man he was afraid of yet. The sheriff also informed WOODLIEF that whenever the court ordered him he would bring SHAFER out. WOODLIEF then said, "Well, you're a good one." Sheriff LYONS then replied, "I try to do right with everybody, and intend to do it." WOODLIEF then left and said he intended to get Mr. WELLS (an attorney) and have him get SHAFER free.

After the exchange with WOODLIEF, Sheriff LYONS walked off and sent word to Deputy SMART to come meet him. After breakfast Sheriff LYONS told SMART to take the gun and he would take the rifle. The sheriff also said, "If he (WOODLIEF) undertook to take him (SHAFER) out of there, I would give him a warm reception." As the sheriff and SMART

continued toward town, the sheriff called Deputy Sheriff JULIEN RICHARD and asked him if he had a gun. RICHARD replied no, but said he had a six-shooter. Sheriff LYONS said, "You come along with me to feed the prisoners; WOODLIEF says he is going to take that man out of jail, and I want you with me." Sheriff LYONS said at about that time he saw DICK CUMMINGS approaching him rapidly. CUMMINGS stated that he saw WOODLIEF try to borrow a six-shooter, and heard him say, "He was going to have that man out of jail, and that he would as soon kill you [Sheriff LYONS] as a yellow dog." Afterwards Sheriff LYONS called Deputy JEFF LYONS and informed him of the threats made by WOODLIEF and told JEFF LYONS to get his gun and come with him. The sheriff said he didn't know who would come nor how many.

Sheriff LYONS said that he then saw Deputy R. A. COWARD and told him of the threats and where he could get a Winchester rifle and to come meet him as soon as he could get there. The sheriff then went in front of the jail yard door, gave JULIEN RICHARD the keys and told him to go and feed the prisoners while the sheriff and SMART would keep guard. By the time RICHARD got into the jail, they heard a pistol fire back of the jail. Sheriff LYONS said that it was WOODLIEF who fired a pistol at Kinder's saloon. Sheriff LYONS informed the deputies to keep a close watch. One of the sheriff's men at the northwest corner of the jail yard told him, "There comes WOODLIEF, coming right there." Sheriff LYONS stepped around and saw WOODLIEF coming. The sheriff kept his eyes on WOODLIEF and when he got about fifteen steps from him, he stopped him. WOODLIEF was determined to get his friend SHAFER out of jail. Earlier WOODLIEF had asked for assistance to take SHAFER out by force but there were no takers, and he had expressed contempt for the sheriff. WOODLIEF had stated earlier that he would as soon shot Sheriff LYONS as a dog, and that "he would have a rough deal with him before night." WOODLIEF made repeated attempts to borrow a weapon, and finally got one. WOODLIEF reportedly said that he intended to kill somebody or get killed trying. Almost immediately after getting a gun he went looking for the sheriff who was with his deputies guarding the jail.

WOODLIEF continued moving toward the sheriff, gun in hand. Witnesses would later say they heard Sheriff LYONS say two or three times, "Stop, don't come any closer." The Sheriff said it two or three times and the third time added: "I understand you said you would as soon shoot me as a red dog." MATT WOODLIEF replied, "I said it. I mean what I said." At some point WOODLIEF must have re-holstered his gun because Sheriff LYONS said, "WOODLIEF grabbed around his hip with his right hand as though getting a pistol. Just as he cleared the pistol from his clothes, Sheriff LYONS fired at WOODLIEF. He shifted some cartridges and as he was about to shoot again, three more shots rang out. The sheriff didn't fire again because WOODLIEF was falling to the ground. Sheriff LYONS later said when WOODLIEF was falling his pistol fired. The sheriff went to him and saw that he was dead. Sheriff LYONS would later say, "Don't know positively, but am satisfied from the guns being unloaded that the three shots were fired by three deputies, SMART, JEFF LYONS and DICK COWARD. They shot about the time the deceased raised up his pistol." Dr. J. C. MUNDAY examined WOODLIEF's body and wrote that he found "about fifteen or sixteen buckshot wounds in his neck. There were three wounds of a large caliber, one in the right iliac region, and the other two in the left thoracic region, the balls penetrating to the right of the cavity just below the heart."



Dr. MUNDAY said he was satisfied that he (WOODLIEF) “came to his death from the wounds he thus received.” The witness statements regarding the shooting were all consistent.

The Honorable THOMAS B. FERREN, justice of the peace, impaneled a coroner’s jury of inquest. There were thirteen witnesses and seventeen pages of “cap paper” filled with the written statements of the shooting. The witnesses were: JOSEPH SALLIER; H. D. NIX; S. H. CLEMENT; RICHARD PALMER; JOHN CARSON; J. W. BRYAN; O. FALGOUT; ROBERT LANDRY; TOM SMART; G. CUMMINGS; Dr. J. C. MUNDAY; Sheriff DAVID H. LYONS; and JOSEPH GEORGE. Following is what the Acting Coroner’s report stated: “The killing of WOODLIEF by said LYONS and his deputies was justifiable, and in self-defense. The said deputies at the time being in the discharge of their duty, guarding the jail upon which the said WOODLIEF was advancing and protecting the life of their principal, the sheriff, and we are therefore of the opinion that no guilt is chargeable to anyone on account of said killing.” Signed by the impaneled jury: M. J. ROSTEET; G. HALL; P. BROTHERSON; D. H. REESE; B. HUTCHINS. The statements was also signed T. B. FERREN, Justice of the Peace and Acting Coroner.

There were names of places and establishments mentioned that I thought the readers may find interesting for instance: Sheriff LYONS met WOODLIEF at J. W. BRYAN & Co’s (store) corner of the square. WOODLIEF entered King’s saloon where he got a pistol. FALGOUT, one of the witnesses said he was standing on Capt. HALL’s gallery when WOODLIEF went toward the jail. ROBERT LANDRY stated that he was at O. S. LYONS’ barroom when JEFF LYONS came for his rifle and said there was going to be a fuss. LANDRY also saw MATT WOODLIEF come from Kinder’s saloon to where the sheriff and his deputies were. The jail was between the courthouse and Kinder’s saloon. The sheriff and his deputies were in front of the jail yard gate between the jail and the courthouse. Sheriff DAVID H. LYONS had arrested SHAFER at GARRAWAY’s saloon. The public square was mentioned by the sheriff, and so was the lake bank. The sheriff also said, “As I turned down the lake.” The sheriff was headed toward home for the evening.

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**KINFOLKS** – We have almost depleted our supply of articles for *Kinfolks*. So we need your help, please send us stories about your ancestors, military pension records, enlistment and discharge papers; old wills, successions and obituaries, family stories, etc. THANKS!

#### **IMPROVED ACCESS TO LOUISIANA RECORDS    <https://laclerksportal.org>**

The Clerks of Parishes in the state have put together a website that provides indexing of land, marriage and civil court records. Parishes indexed so far are: Caddo, Catahoula, Concordia, and E. Feliciano. Partially indexed are: St. Bernard, Plaquemine, Jefferson and St. Tammany. Calcasieu is a participating parish. SOURCE: Louisiana Genealogy Network (Facebook)

#### **OTHER WEBSITES**

**<https://archive.org>**

#### **IRELAND/BRITISH ISLES Historical information and some DNA sites**

[www.peopleofthebritishisles.org](http://www.peopleofthebritishisles.org)

<http://www.isogg.org>

<http://www.familyhistory.com/>

facebook search groups/isogg

[www.censusnationalarchive.ie](http://www.censusnationalarchive.ie)

[www.familytreedna.com/learn/mtdna-testing/tell-closeness-relationship](http://www.familytreedna.com/learn/mtdna-testing/tell-closeness-relationship)

**STEPHEN L. POWLETT**  
**By SANDRA FISHER TAVENEY, Member No. 334**

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(All the following information has been gleaned from Order Book, death certificates, succession records, divorce records, letters written from Dr. S. L. (Len) POWLETT to SOPHIE E. WALKER during a period between late 1879 and early 1880. Apparently SOPHIE E. WALKER was a resident of Algiers. From these letters the doctor may have been a resident of Morgan City.)

STEPHEN L. POWLETT, b. England - Death Certificate of EDNA MAY (POWLETT) RAMSEY.

1864 - Col. 1<sup>st</sup> Regt. Cavalry, New York Volunteers - Order Book printed 1864, written on fly leaf.

1870 - 23 October - Letter from Tigerville

... just made a call ... first since got back.  
... Mrs. B. received a letter from you but it had to go to the Matthews first. She is completely under their control while "Don Gumbo is gone ... Henry has complete charge.  
... drop this Tigerville acquaintances ... they surely do not belong to our set ... I am poor but I am proud.  
... and I cannot put up with the familiarity of these people ... the low born set ...  
... I sent you a piece of poetry naming the baby which you did not mention ...  
... always keep your feet warm when going out at night.  
... I don't think Mrs. B. will let you know if I get sick... think Mrs. B. would like to see you marry \_\_\_\_\_ and live with her and Burt...  
... Mr. Perrin or Kit will let you know if anything happens to me ...  
... kind regards to your family....

1879 - 25 October - Sunday

... My own My darling Sophie  
... No society here ... I don't like your friend Mrs. B.  
... I believe she is treacherous ...  
... Day is stormy ... room is desolate, gloomy ... Have been back a week ...seems like a year ...  
... have a treasure book with her picture on it ... lays beside my pillow ...  
... KIT KNIGHT came over and stayed an hour or so ... I went back with him ... said Miss Laura had received a letter from her today ...  
... asked about her friend "Mattie" ... for your sake I would be a "brother" to her ...  
... Last visit you received me cooly ...am in hopes you will not again ...  
... I sent you a clipping from the *Picayune* yesterday ...

1879 - 9 Nov. - Tigerville

... you will prolong my life by 30 years ...  
... Mr. Bob says he never lets his horse and buggy out... but anytime my girls coming ...  
we can take a buggy ride with your old Len ...  
... Mr. B. has gone to help drive stock to Terrebonne ...  
... Miss Laura is staying with Mrs. B... I hear her out in the hall talking 50 words a  
minute ...  
... Mrs. B. corresponds with Mrs. Potts the female ... she calls him her beautiful blond  
darling ...  
... do you like my friend Mrs. Guedry

1879 - 19 Nov.

... going over to Morgan City tomorrow ... told I would do well ... Dr. B. has not gone  
back ... don't believe he will ... Dr. Duval has been over and said a great deal in my  
favor ... He is related to the Berwicks ...  
... Kit told me he had invited your family to his wedding ... I do believe all the trash  
in Tigerville will be there ... Miss Lea and Laura, Mrs. B., John Moody, "Don Gumbo"  
... ask you this favor grounded on this principal alone that he is so much our inferior that  
you will not be seen in his (Don Gumbo) company ... Don Gumbo is always telling folks  
what he and Sophie done ... if there is anything I am particular about it is my society, my  
associates have always been the first in the land and always will be ...  
... Thurs., Mrs. B., and the "Don" have come in ...  
... I think I will succeed over at the Bay and you will soon be "Mrs. Powlett"

1879 - 26 Nov. – letter mailed from Tigerville to Miss SOPHIE E. WALKER in Algiers from  
"Len"

A certain Dr. Peasley is mentioned and Dr. Powlett had an office in his drug store located  
on Front Street. "Len" says Dr. Peasley is a tooth carpenter.

Dr. Powlett was attending small daughter of M. (H?) O. RANKIN.

Tell your Papa he has had you for twenty years (this would roughly place SOPHIE E.  
WALKER's year of birth as 1850.)

His letter further says "tell 'your ma' he will ship her a fine pair of gobblers for \$3 from  
Mr. Matthews.

He mentions "Little Ethel" from her "Big Brother".

All the letters that were legible enough to be read and were dated 1879 the salutation was "My  
darling Sophie" or "My dear Sophie" or of equal devotion and signed "kisses and embraces, your  
devoted Len".



1879 - 7 Dec. - Tigerville

... I have an elegant large room with a good fire place ...  
... \$12 a month ... It is on Front Street ... Looking out over the Bay ... See all the people pass...  
... received several invitations ... I have met Miss Nelson the "belle of Morgan City" ...  
She had on a garnet cashmere dress like the sample you sent me ... she was just your size and figure ...  
... I board with Dr. Peaslee (Dentist) ... He does not take boarders so I am just one of the family ... no children... only been married about four months ... married a Miss Sutton who was born in Marshall, Tx., but lived in N. O. since birth ... splendid little lady ... She is just about as mild/wild (?) as my Sophie ...  
... KIT KNIGHT called upon me ... remember telling me I would not like Miss JOSEPHINE CARLIN ... Well, I don't like Mrs. KIT KNIGHT one bit ... she imagines she is so intelligent ... I think as she grows in life she will grow in wisdom ...  
... Express train starts tomorrow ... with the extension ...  
... I see Mr. Hackney every day and he seems glad to see me ...  
... wish you had a friend in Morgan City so you could visit.

1879 - 10 Dec.

... All society is mockery to me so I stay to myself ...  
... cross the Bay to my office in Berwick ... you return Don Gumbo's ring ... will you ever discard and cease to have anything to do with that class of people ...

1879 - 17 Dec.

... have about one hour with you between trains ... I am already twenty years younger since I met you ... I may go so far as Pattersonville with you...  
... I am the first physician here who doesn't drink whiskey... Dr. Gardner wants me to take a trip up there with him ... a new patient a Mrs. W (U) \_\_\_\_\_berger ... they are Jews and half of the population are Jews.

1879 - 15 Dec. In a letter to Sophie he sends a prescription to EUGENE WALKER, "our brother" - prescription still in envelope.

Mentions termination of marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Scott.

Give "Sister Mattie" my love.

He was going to bed early as the room was cold and he had no fire. However, Mrs. Delaney will get wood on Saturday. He mentions that the room is "big".

During the day goes to Morgan City and Berwick to treat patients.

Also mentions trashy yankees.

Some of the 1879 - Letters were addressed to Miss SOPHIE E. WALKER, c/o R. L. BRITTAIN, Iberia Parish, Jeanerette

1879 - 25 Dec. ...Morgan City to SOPHIE E. WALKER in Jeanerette.  
... I like your friend Mrs. Carassas (?) she is so refined ...

1880 - 2 January again letter addressed to Miss SOPHIE E. WALKER, Algiers and he opens letter with "My darling Sophie"

Miss LEA KNIGHT came down with me to their place. She was visiting Gossimer family.

Sorry he missed "Little Sister Ethel" having a birthday dinner.

He doesn't feel a day older than 25. He will be just as young as she wants him to be after they are married.

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1880 - 18 Jan., Morgan City - Letter addressed to Miss SOPHIE E. WALKER c/o RAYMOND KNIGHT, Esq., Raceland, La. (Lockport ?)

MY DARLING, MY WIFE

... Just in time to get you a dispatch...  
... Do you remember a Mrs. Walsh at the mill where we got caught in the rain and your papa saw us coming home...  
... Well, Friday Mrs. Walsh and her brother, WILLIE DOUGLASS went out for a buggy ride and their horse kicked from a fright and kicked her very bad in the stomach ... she may die... returned to Tigerville late last night and stopped with Mrs. Bourgeois ... I don't know what you saw in those people to like ...  
(he mentions the following names) ... Don Gumbo, Monsouir and Mrs. Mills ...  
... I took a walk up by the little church so I could feel your presence ...  
... I am worried about your cough ... cod liver oil will not do much good in your case ... it is only good as a nourishment ... enclosed is a prescription for something which will do you much more good.  
... you are treating me the same as though I am your husband ...  
... saw your papa and invited him to lunch ... but he declined ... I was disappointed ...  
... I will always be with my Sophie "my darling wife"  
... I will soon have so much practice I will have no time to come to the city!  
... when I come down to Mardi Gras I'll be very busy ...

1880 - 25 Jan. - envelope addressed to Miss SOPHIE E. WALKER, Raceland Station. He was in Morgan City ...  
... Had two house calls and it was cold crossing the water ... Bay is rough tonight and I didn't get home until dark ...

... The waves dashing against the bank on the front and it makes me think of the old Yorkshire coast in England and the hours I have laid awake in the old West tower of Roby Castle listening to the breakers beating against the rocky shore ... there is no way I would give up the few short weeks in Tigerville for all the wealth in England.  
... Mardi Gras Street parade in March in Morgan City ... Odd Fellows give a ball and you will receive an invitation ...  
... Monday ... It is still lonely here and I wish you would return soon ...

1880 - 2 Feb. Mailed from Morgan City and addressed to Miss SOPHIE E. WALKER in Raceland ...

... My darling wife ...  
... How many of your Lockport friends are you going to bring home with you? Are you going to bring your Lockport Doctor, Mrs. B. told me you used to think a great deal of him ...

1880 - 15 Feb. His letters are still being addressed to Miss SOPHIE E. WALKER. Salutation begins  
"My darling wife"

Carried Dr. Peasley's mail ...  
... Ella had a great deal to do with the matter (what matter?), because when a woman decides to deceive she usually succeeds for a time. But that is no excuse for your papa to treat me the way he has. Your papa has been the victim of lies (?), but that is no reason for him not to talk to me coming up ...  
... Anything you want from Joe Lyons get it and have him send the bill to me...  
... I have two house calls... Bob Hamilton is on this side, (which may be Tigerville, Berwick, where ?) ...  
... Billy Walters wanted him to get off the train (cars) to see his wife ... I just sent medicine up on the freight train ...  
... "Our" little friends Virginia and Mattie will always find a brother in "your" Len.

1880 - 18 Feb. ... Morgan City

... Sophie my own darling wife ...  
... how happy that I am your husband ... happy to know that you are contented in being my wife ... fear you might regret the step you have taken ...  
... If you cannot come up on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March will I be permitted to visit you ... I have not seen your papa since I came back only at a distance ... I would be afraid to speak ... for fear he would not return my salutation ... I wish you could find out what he has against me ...  
... The next time you leave your present home it will be to come to your husband ... I am so happy ... if we had not been married that night ... I know you married me for love ...

1880 - 22 Feb. - Morgan City



... I met your papa today and he did not speak to me ... I would give anything to know what he has against me ... someone must have been talking against me since the last time I went up to Tigerville ... He was very friendly then ... Mattie was in favor of your marrying me ... Miss CLARA NELSON ... I have told my most intimate friends I am married ... now we sleep eighty miles apart ...

... I have been out walking with Dr. and Mrs. Peaslee, Mr. and Mrs. Friend, Mrs. Friend's sister, Miss Addie Gody (Miss Gady ?), Miss Birdie Conklin ... you can tell Dr. Hodges I am not angry at him but I think he treated me shabby for it deprived us of being married according to the rites of our own church ... but he may be called upon to baptize the Little Estelle or Len Alfred ...

1880 - 25 Feb. - mailed from Morgan City - letter was addressed to Miss SOPHIE E. WALKER - inside the usual salutation of "My darling wife" your devoted husband, Len.

Bob Hamilton and wife addressed invitations (at his office ?) - about 300 to a ball on March 19. Mrs. Peasley will probably send hers. TOBE GIBSON and the Humphreys will be impressed with their marriage.

1880 - 29 Feb. - Morgan City ...

... New patient ... Mrs. Miller ... Alace Hasmlton's mother ... what I think of Mrs. Walker ... I think she is trying to draw you out ... Her searching out those notes that time and showing them to your father ought to convince you that she is no friend ... I have no confidence in her ... your father I have always had great respect for ... You could board with Mrs. Woodcocks family ... when they stay one day in the city they stay at the Carondelet house.

1887 - Jan/June (?) Pictures taken in Guatemala. C. A. of SOPHIE E. POWLETT and two small children.

1890 - 20 July A letter to Mrs. SOPHIE E. POWLETT. Letter was addressed to Puerto de Livingston and seems to have been in a remote area from JAMES SHIELD.. Calls the Doctor "Arragan". Post Mark "Correos" "Puerto de Coos"

This friend was formerly employed in San Francisco. His place of employment at this time was also a very remote area, sleeping quarters, poor, but the company is having a house constructed.

1896 - A letter addressed to Mrs. SOPHIE POWLETT at the corner of Chestnut and Arabie Avenue, New Orleans, c/o GEORGE WALKER from a priest in Ponchatoula, La.

... ready the house for a certain priest who will come to say mass ...

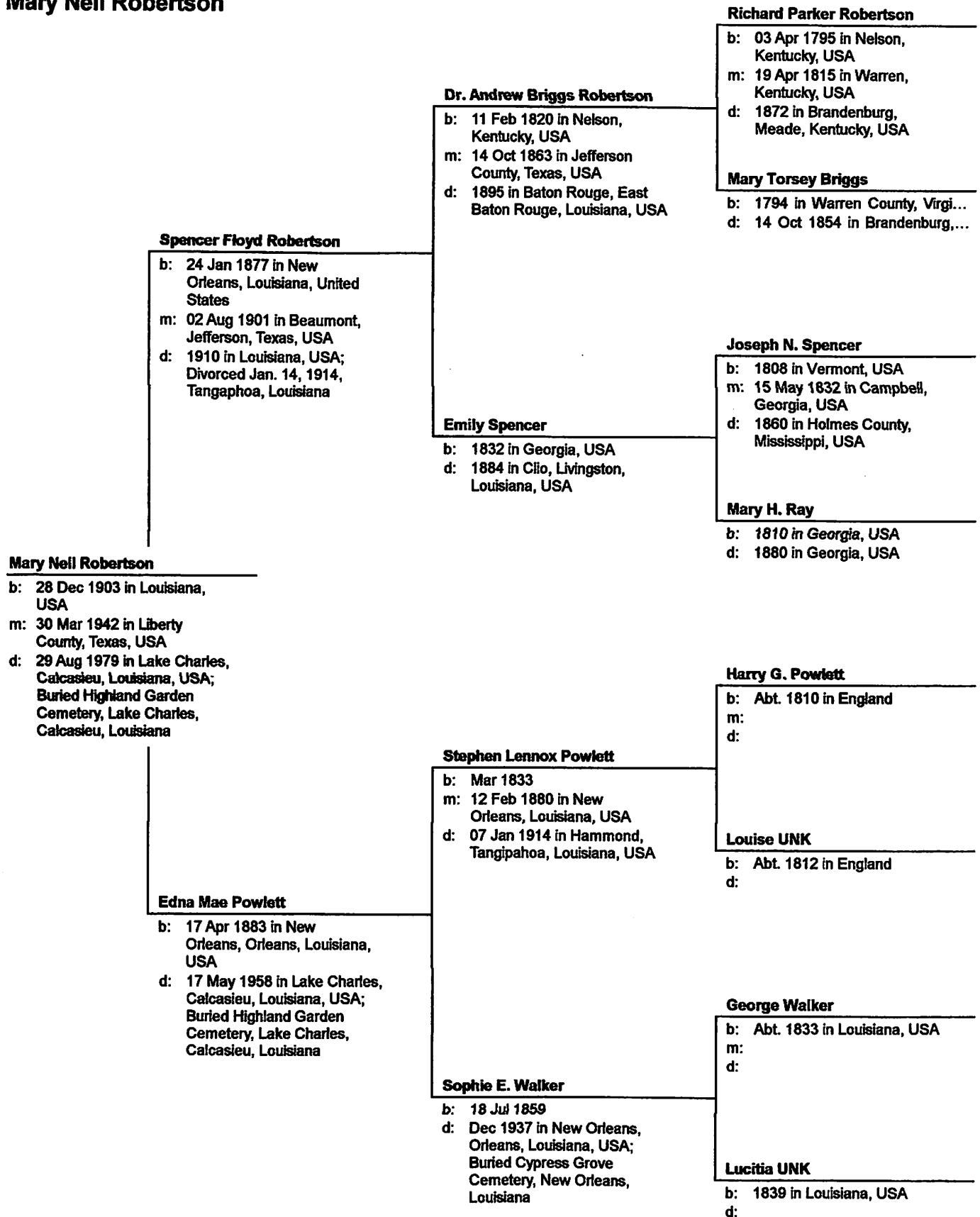
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QUERY - COOLEY

I'm writing an article on "The 1937 Cooley Family Reunion" held at the Fair Grounds in DeRidder. Any information or details or any associated paperwork or references would be appreciated. Thanks in advance.

JIMMY EARL COOLEY, [Jbsboy\\_99@yahoo.com](mailto:Jbsboy_99@yahoo.com)

# Pedigree Chart for Mary Nell Robertson



**WELCH'S FIRST FAMILY TO SETTLE IN OAK GROVE**  
**The Cameron Parish Pilot, Cameron, La., April 18, 2012**  
**Submitted with the permission of JERRY WISE, Cameron Parish Pilot,**  
**And NOLA MAE ROSS**

JAMES MONROE WELCH was about 92 years old, when he filled out his "Soldier's Application for Pension" for the time he had served in the Civil War, 60 years previously. The following are the questions he was asked, and the answers he wrote:

Q. When and where were you born?

A. I think I was born about year 1831 in Washington Parish. But, I am not positive.

Q. When and where did you enlist in the Civil War?

A. About the year 1861-62 at Sabine Pass, Texas.

Q. What did you do until the close of the war?

A. Blockade Runner, learning dispatching to Gov. MOORE who was at Alexandria.

Q. How long have you been a resident of Louisiana?

A. All my life.

Q. Have you or your wife any estate, and what is its value?

A. My wife is deceased. I own real and personal estate valued for about \$6950.00, 817 acres and improvements, plus livestock.

The pension application for JAMES MONROE WELCH of Oak Grove was sent to the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, and a pension of \$60 a month, just a few years before WELCH's death, in 1928.

**BIRTH OF OAK GROVE**

The east end of Oak Grove was settled around 1840 by Mrs. MARTHA YOCUM RUTHERFORD, along with her son, RALPH, and two daughters, MARTHA and ELIZA, plus 13 slaves. The RUTHERFORDs came from Rutherford County, Tenn., hunting for water and a place where they could grow cotton.

Their slaves had contracted cholera in Tennessee, and then Mr. RUTHERFORD was struck down by yellow fever on their journey south and died along the way. The rest of the family group continued on, at Oak Grove they established a Sea Island cotton farm. The location of their settlement is the present day land of the JOHNNY MEAUX family. Other early settlers of Oak Grove were the DEMOSTHENE LaBAUVE family settling in 1803 near the present drainage canal, originally known as LaBauve Bayou. From this LaBAUVE family came the LeBOUEF, and LeBOVE families. The LaBAUVEs had 14 children and are ancestors of the present LaBAUVEs.

Shortly after the LaBAUVEs settled in Oak Grove, in 1803, ZACHARIA JONES and PETER SELLS, were shipwrecked on Hackberry Beach and by the hardest, made their way to MARTHA YOCUM RUTHERFORD's home. JONES stayed and became Mrs. RUTHERFORD's foreman and then eventually married her. PETER SELLS married OLIVIA LaBAUVE, daughter of



DEMOSTHENE LaBAUVE – from Oak Gove and one of their children was JOHN SELLS whose descendants still reside in Cameron.

### **GRANDMA DICEY JONES**

Known as Grandma DICEY JONES, the widow MARTHA YOCUM RUTHERFORD, who married ZACHARIA JONES, had a home, which was the center of all activities on the front ridge. She was quite civic minded.

There were many war stories told about this tough old lady who had lived such a hard life.

After the Civil War, when the hated Regulators passed through the country, pillaging the countryside, a group of them shot out all the window lights (panes) in Grandma JONES' home. The family took refuge under the bed.

After this, Grandma DICEY JONES put up quite a fight against the Regulators. Grandma JONES is buried in the Rutherford Cemetery on Oak Gove near the JOE RUTHERFORD home.

RALPH RUTHERFORD, son of MARTHA RUTHERFORD JONES married MARY LaBAUVE and purchased land from the Vois Nunez place at 12 ½ cents per acre. He needed the land to keep the slaves busy raising cotton. RALPH RUTHERFORD drowned on a sailboat trip to Galveston, Texas, when he was taking farm produce to market.

Much of the land in Oak Grove was patented from 1858 to 1864 and sold for about 50 cents per acre. However, the original DEMOSTHENE LaBAUVE land was purchased for 12 ½ cents per acre. Just south of Oak Grove on the Gulf was a resort area where the old Portie Hotel operated but this was all washed away by hurricanes.

### **MARRIED INTO WELCH FAMILY**

MARTHA RUTHERFORD, daughter of MARTHA YOCUM RUTHERFORD JONES, married JAMES MONROE WELCH. They established a home at the "Bluff," near the Mermentau River Bridge. At that time the high bluff was a great place to swim and Old Grandpa WELCH ran down to the river every morning for a swim.

The legend of how MARTHA and JAMES MONROE met follows. "MARTHA RUTHERFORD sent one of her slaves aboard the schooner, captained by JAMES MONROE WELCH. She told the slave to buy something from Mr. WELCH and ask him to deliver it to her. That was how they met.

After they married Captain WELCH established orange groves and farmed cotton. He was one of the first State Representatives from Cameron Parish, and was an ancestor to the Oak Grove BENNIE WELCH family, and to the JOHNNY MEAUX family, as well as to the WAKEFIELDS, WETHERILLS and SAMUEL HENRYs who lived in Cameron.

Among other WELCH descendants was HARRY WELCH who owned a grocery store in Oak Grove that was destroyed in the Hurricane of 1918. Also there was FRANK E. WELCH, who operated two tugs – the *Dixie* and *Joe Wilson* – and who was given a contract for furnishing supplies and labor to the Cameron-Hackberry eight car ferry.

In Cameron, in about 1890, CALEB and MARY E. WELCH JONES built a large home, which was later owned by Miss WYNONA WELCH. This house survived Hurricane Audrey.

### **OAK GROVE WELCH FAMILY**

JAMES MONROE WELCH was the first of the WELCHs to settle in Oak Grove. The second generation was AMEDY WELCH, Sr., who married ELLA WETHERILL. He was a teacher. The third generation, AMEDY WELCH, Jr., married DORA MUDD. He was a dairy farmer and cattleman.

The fourth generation children of AMEDY, Jr., and DORA MUDD WELCH consisted of BEN WELCH, FRANCES PERRY and SHARON CONNER. FRANCES lives in Lake Charles and SHARON lives in Cat Springs, Texas. BEN WELCH, who married LINDA PEARCE of Hackberry, still lives on part of the old home place of his great-great-grandfather, JAMES MONROE WELCH. BEN and LINDA have four children, BEN WELCH, Jr, YANCY WELCH, ALICE WELCH LITTLE, and LESLIE “RUSTY” WELCH.

### **HURRICANES LEFT MARK**

On the old WELCH homestead lives the BEN WELCH, Sr., family. He retired from the Cameron educational system, having taught and been principal at Grand Chenier Elementary School for 30 years. There are a group of three unique trees. They each have a hurricane-inflicted mark on them. The first is where The Hurricane of 1918 struck; the second for Hurricane Audrey in 1957; and the third from Hurricane Rita in 2005.

When Hurricane Audrey hit in 1957, BEN WELCH was just 16 years old and lived with his parents DORA and AMEDY WELCH, Jr., who had a dairy farm. A stunted, half-submerged mulberry tree saved the lives of his parents, and two sisters.

Nearby in a sturdy oak tree, BENNY rode out the storm. At one time while his family was clinging to the little mulberry tree, he saw tremendous waves washing over them. Suddenly his sister, SHARON, fell down into the boiling mass of water and debris. Quickly his other sister, FRANCES, reached down and managed to grab a handful of SHARON’s long hair and pulled her back up into the mulberry tree.

“As we clung to our trees, we watched our prized dairy cattle drown, one by one,” says BEN WELCH, Sr., “and also saw our home and barns all being crushed by the strong water and wind. It’s a sight that I’ve never been able to forget.”

During Hurricane Rita the family evacuated but when they returned home they faced utter destruction! There was only one building left - the home that BEN had built sturdily and was up

high on stilts, and even it suffered much damage. However, they were able to repair it and make it livable again. All the other buildings including the one that housed their alligator business were gone.

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## RETAIL STORE TO CLOSE

(From *American Press*, December 8, 1932)

Submitted by SANDRA FISHER TAVENEY, Member No. 334

Sears, Roebuck & Co. will close its store in Lake Charles about December 24, 1932.

This announcement was made today by J. K. WATSON, store manager, who has received definite word from the office of C. B. ROBERTS in charge of retail stores in Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana for Sears, Roebuck & Co.

The retail store was opened on February 2, 1929. The store is located on Ryan Street.

It has been a fairly successful institution for the company during the time it has been in business here, but word from the district headquarters indicates that more concentration is needed in the operations in this district and it has been found necessary to reduce the number of stores.

Manager WATSON said that liquidation of the store stock will be started immediately and will continue until December 24.

Mr. WATSON will be transferred to another store.

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The regular meeting of the East Broad PTA was held at the school Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. O. S. JOHNSON presiding.

The program was opened with the members singing "Silent Night" and Mrs. M. W. TALBOT gave a beautiful Christmas reading.

Arrangements were completed for the Christmas tree to be held at the school on Friday afternoon, December 16 at 2:30 o'clock.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. H. J. FISHER, Mrs. C. W. FISHER and Mrs. CHARLES FISHER.

Other members present were Mrs. CHRIS BRAMMER, Mrs. M. E. LARSON, Mrs. CHARLES MAY, Mrs. HARRY ROSTEET, Mrs. CHARLIE ROSTEET, Mrs. J. A. ANDERSON, Mrs. H. C. SPILLER, Mrs. HENRY ABRAHAM, Mrs. JOE GOODMAN, Mrs.



M. R. MUSGROVE, Mrs. FRED GOODMAN, Mrs. GEORGE MONROE, Mrs. F. F. CARNAHAN, Miss CARRIE CARNAHAN and Prof. E. C. JORDAN.

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IOWA ----- The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist Church will serve a benefit gumbo supper in the church annex, Friday, December 9.

There will also be pie, cake and candy and other good things to eat for sale.

In connection with the supper there will be numerous articles of fancy work, men's ties and many other useful articles suitable for Christmas presents on sale.

During the evening a program will be presented under the direction of Mrs. J. L. COLSON and Mrs. J. M. GROUT.

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NEVER PROPHECY WITHOUT USING A WHOLE LOT OF IFS.

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### **MIGRATION PATTERNS IN LOUISIANA** **Reprinted from *Kinfolks*, Vol. 23 No 3 (1999)**

Louisiana was discovered in 1682 by LaSalle. He claimed all the land that the waters of the Mississippi River drained for France. However, it was not until 1699 that the French decided to create a colony. Before 1710 the first settlements were merely outposts inadequate forts manned by small garrisons, usually with a store or trading post which did business with the Indians. Before 1715 those outposts in the southern part of the vast Louisiana Territory included Baton Rouge, Biloxi, La Rapides, Mobile, Natchitoches and Natchez. Natchez and Mobile had more than 100 soldiers at all times, but most of the posts were smaller.

France decided to colonize the Louisiana Territory and made great efforts to do so between 1715 and 1720. In one port town, all of the curfew violators and the less violent offenders held in the jail were forcibly transported and forced to remain in the new colony for two years. At the end of the period they were allowed to return to France, and contributed nothing to the advancement of the colony.

Mobile was the major community in the south Louisiana Territory. By 1720 its population included over 500 people of non-military status and by the 1730s had reached almost 1000. As a result of the Chickasaw War in 1736, which killed or injured about half the garrison's soldiers, many of Mobile's early residents moved to New Orleans, a newly developing town with little danger from Indians. In 1763 when the British claimed the town under the terms of the Treaty of Paris, most of the French citizens left for New Orleans and the Avoyelles and Attakapas districts

of Louisiana. Among those families who left Mobile for the "west" were the Fontenot and Guillory families.

Biloxi was another outpost which was all but abandoned. It also became British territory in 1763, but did not have a significant population until after 1780.

Natchitoches was largely a trading post established to attract Indian trade away from the Spanish and to act as a buffer against Spanish attack. It had a farming community of French people.

The Mississippi River was a natural route for traders and settlers from the Illinois country and Canada. Leaders and large landholders in the colony were mostly military men. They were often from Canada, particularly from the Quebec area. Among these were the brothers Iberville and Bienville and the Chauvin brothers. The French granted large land grants or concessions in and around New Orleans, mainly to those Quebec followers of the Iberville-Bienville brothers, and large plantations began to develop. As New Orleans grew, it attracted more French settlers, such as artisans, cobblers, clothiers, bakers and blacksmiths, and a merchant class evolved.

Land grants of lesser acreage were offered to small farmers, attracting settlers who wanted free land. By 1720 settlers from Canada, France and Germany had settled in New Orleans and along the Mississippi River.

The Indian uprising in 1727, the Natchez massacre of 1729 and the Chickasaw War in 1736 deterred settlement, but by 1740 most of the Indian problems were solved and traffic down the river continued.

It was recognized early that rice could become an important crop. The French, who owned Louisiana, also controlled the section of Africa known as Senegal, where rice was grown. The Senegalese knew how to grow rice and to grow vegetables in a hot, damp climate and were good brick masons. So slaves from Senegal were imported for the plantations. Many of the Creole buildings built before 1750 had brick bases, made from local clay which was burnt in local kilns by Senegalese masons. With them, the slaves also brought their cuisine, such as gumbo.

In 1755, the English had expelled several thousand Acadians from their homeland. Many of these Acadians made their way to Louisiana, seeking a refuge among people who spoke their language and who shared the same religion. The Spanish, who owned Louisiana at the time, encouraged the Acadians to settle in Louisiana to help tame and colonize the vast territory.

The French and Indian War, which ended in 1763, resulted in a large increase in population. England now controlled Mississippi, and the French settlers, frightened by tales of what the English had done to the Acadians a few years before, left Mobile and other surrounding area and came to the Spanish territory of Louisiana, which welcomed them. Many of the Mobile emigrants settled in Avoyelles and Pointe Coupee, and soon spread to the Attakapas District. The Opelousas Post was active before 1760, and by 1770 became the town of Opelousas. Some of the settlers, including Acadians, moved south to the Atchafalaya district and settled along the Bayou Teche.

By 1775 the Spanish began to recruit colonists to come to Louisiana. The Canary Islanders came in 1778 and settled Valenzuela. Other Spanish settlements included New Iberia and the lower portion of Bayou Teche.

After the British were defeated in the Revolutionary War, a small group of Tories came to settle the area around Baton Rouge, then scattered to the Florida Parishes. St. Francisville was one of the first communities they founded. Refugees from the French Revolution also fled to Louisiana.

From 1790 until 1820 farmers from South Carolina and north Georgia settled in the Florida Parishes to obtain land and citizenship they were required to give allegiance to either France or Spain (depending on which country owned Louisiana at the time) and to become Catholic. About 1798 Governor Gayoso of Louisiana issued a decree stating that no land should be granted to an unmarried man who had neither trade nor property until he proved his worth with four years of agricultural labor. Mechanics could prove their worth with three years of residence before receiving land grants. Liberty of conscience was granted, but no formal worship except in the Catholic religion was permitted, and all children were required to be raised Catholics. Married immigrants were given 250 arpents, with 50 additional for each child and 20 additional for each slave of a family. Grants were required to be settled in a year, with 1/10 of the land improved within two years; failure to comply resulted in forfeiture of the land.

When the U. S. bought the Louisiana Territory, new lands were opened to settlement. Cotton was in demand. Its price was high; its cultivation was relatively simple and inexpensive; and the invention of the cotton gin made it a staple crop by 1803. After the War of 1812 a constant stream of settlers came from the other states of the South, as well as from the Middle Atlantic and New England states. Farmers, mostly the poorer ones, from Alabama, the Carolinas, Georgia, Mississippi, Kentucky and Tennessee settled in the northern part of the state. Most of these immigrated after the Panic of 1837 and the ensuing depression, which financially ruined so many people.

Sugar cane, which had been grown as early as 1750, became a profitable crop after the introduction of a hardier plant known as "ribbon cane" about 1795 and with improved methods of sugar production. Both the cultivation and production of sugar cane required large amounts of capital and many laborers. The sugar cane industry brought in large numbers of slaves to the state.

Tobacco was also a labor-intensive crop which required slave labor. Although it was grown in almost every section of the state, the "perique" variety which was grown in St. James Parish, was particularly famous for its flavor. Thousands of slaves...some brought in from other states and some smuggled in from Africa or the West Indies...increased the state's population, as did free people of color who came in sizable numbers before 1840. Soon the Negro population outnumbered the whites, growing from 40,000 slaves in 1812 to over 330,000 by 1860. The free people of color numbered 8,000 in 1812 and 19,000 in 1860. The majority of free negroes were mulattos, living in the southern part of the state. Most of them were laborers, but many were skilled craftsmen, businessmen or farmers.

During the 1800s hundreds of thousands of Europeans arrived in New Orleans...from every country, but especially from Germany, Ireland and Italy. They were escaping the ravages of war, the burden of heavy taxation, the threat of starvation, religious and political persecution and were searching for a better way of life for themselves and their children. Since New Orleans was the largest city in the ante-bellum south and a great port city, it was one of the most important port for immigrants. By 1850 approximately 1/4 of the state's population was foreign-born. Many passenger and ships' lists survive for New Orleans. Among them are 31 reels of passenger arrival records, indexed by year from 1853 to 1899, which contain thousands of German, French, Italian, Irish and Scandinavian names. These microfilmed records can be found in Family History Libraries and are listed under Louisiana, Orleans, New Orleans, Emigration and Immigration.

Southwest Louisiana was not settled until relatively recently. The first white settler in the area was BARTHELEMY LEBLEU, who came to the area shortly after 1790.

Life in early Louisiana, as in any other pioneer settlement, was never easy or glamorous. Only those who were strong could survive. Loneliness played a large part in the lives of the early settlers; others settlers lived miles away. Dense wilderness and lush vegetation made travel difficult, and the trails were few. In a land laced with myriads of streams, bayous, lakes and river tributaries, overland travel always led to a water crossing, somewhere, somehow. Drowning in the swift current of flooded rivers and being pulled down by the quicksand in the marshes were among the worries along the trail. Wild animals, such as bears, wolves, and bobcats, were a threat to the traveler, but poisonous snakes such as water moccasins, rattlesnakes and copperheads, were a menace. The Indians were relatively peaceful, but the thousands of biting and stinging insects were extremely troublesome, irritating and even dangerous. In the dense forests where little light could penetrate, the insects were even more vicious and the night was filled with unseen dangers.

Settlements were few, and usually far apart. If a settler needed medical help, doctors were rare and lived only in the larger settlements, so each family was required to be self-sufficient. Even in time of great sickness, such as yellow fever plagues, there were usually no doctors to tend to the sick, especially in the rural area.

In Louisiana's early years, life in every settlement was primitive. Few luxuries could be bought at any price, but as the colony developed merchants and bankers turned New Orleans into a city where every sort of luxury and culture could be bought.

But in the rural areas, life continued at a slow and unchanging pace.

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**THE DAILY AMERICAN (7 August 1897)**  
Information Gathered by MICK HENDRIX, Member No. 1296

**STRICTLY PERSONAL. Points About People Who Come and Go From This City.**

WILL COX is on a business call from Lacasine today.

S. and H. HEBERT of Grand Lake are in the city today.

R. LeBLEU is a business caller from Grand Lake today.

TOM BAKER is in town today with a load of fine watermelons.

ALLEN HEBERT of Lacasine is visiting his brother JOSEPH today.

Mrs. C. M. FIELDS of Welsh, is visiting Mrs. S. M. DAVIDSON.

J. A. FAGAN, a representation of the K. C. P. & G. R. R. is in town.

J. W. JONES of Westlake, was over this afternoon and called at this office.

GEO. FRILOT from New Orleans has accepted a position with SOL BLOCK.

Mr. WELLINGTON was in town yesterday and left on the S. P. train for the west.

Messrs. CRAGER and LANDRY left for Big Lake this a.m. for an outing.

C. H. EDMONDS has arrived in our city, and hereafter will be the night clerk in Hotel Howard.

Mrs. CROWFORD and Mrs. J. J. LYONS went to Crowley this morning to visit friends for a few days.

WILLIAM FAUCETT and Miss FANNIE departed for Indiana this morning. Before they return they will visit different points in Indiana and Ohio.

Miss MAY CARLISH went to Crowley this morning to visit with her father and brother for a few days.

JAKE WEILL who has been clerking for SOL BLOCK for the past 18 months leaves tonight for Georgia where he has accepted a position.

HENRY BLOCK and THEO FRANK came in from Big Lake to take in the races at Hoo Hoo tomorrow. They will return to camp Monday.

**HURT HIS FINGER.** D. C. WILLIAMSON had the first finger on his right hand caught in the chain of a bicycle this morning and the result is D. C. is short the end of said finger.

**SLIGHTLY INJURED.** W. O. GAIDRY was slightly hurt today while at work at the ice factory. He was working at the ammonia pump, when he accidentally stuck his foot into it, crushing it slightly. Fortunately the injuries are slight.

**MARINE NEWS.** The mail boat *Ontario* came up this afternoon with a small passenger and freight list. Mr. WM. BAHIL was one of the passengers.

Schooner *C. H. Moore* left this morning loaded with lumber from Norris' mill.

Sloop *Cleopatra* left today with 29,000 shingles from Poe's mill and 3,000 feet of lumber for down the river points.

**A SLIM ATTENDANCE.** The mayor's court was very dull this morning, only two offenders were fined. Mayor CROWLEY was sick, and Alderman A. O. LYONS acted mayor. The fines amounted to only \$5, the smallest revenue that the mayor's court has contributed to the city in a long time. OCTAVE and CHARLES BANKS, arrested by ROY for fighting, were fined \$2.50.

**EPWORTH LEAGUE SOCIAL.** The Epworth League of the Jackson Street M. E. Church gave a social at the home of Miss MAGGIE HARLONS, last evening. A large crowd was in attendance, and the evening very pleasantly spent.

**SCHOOLS OPEN OCTOBER 1. Meeting of the Board Last Night Decided That Definitely.**

Lake Charles schools will open October 1. That was definitely settled last night at a meeting of the school board. It will be good news to the patrons of the schools, and it will be still better when the announcement is made that it will be for eight months.

President ADOLPH MEYER, of the police jury, was present, and entered into the deliberations of the board, and gave them the benefit of his wisdom and counsel. Representatives of the various banks in the city were also on hand, and they assured the board that there would be no trouble in securing finances for the first two or three months, until the taxes begin to come in. With this assurance, the board determined that the schools should be opened as above stated.

There will be a meeting Wednesday night of the committee to select teachers. The committee is composed of Mr. J. H. POE, chairman, and Captain D. B. GORHAM and Superintendent McNEESE, and the teachers for the coming session, also a principal for the high school will be selected and then submitted to the board for ratification.

The taxes in the corporate limits of Lake Charles, about which there is no controversy, were figured upon, and it was found that a sufficient revenue could be expected from the property inside those bounds to run the schools for eight months.

**FINE EXPORT LUMBER. Three Million feet of Calcasieu's Product Goes to Germany via *Str. Kirkfield*.**

A party leaves to-night immediately after the rendition of the "Little Tycoon," for Sabine Pass, where they will at the invitation of Capt. D. SUTHERLAND of the English steamer *Kirkfield*, take dinner with him to-morrow onboard ship. The party consisting of W. E. RAMSEY, CHESTER BROWN, Capt. LOCK, CHAS. MILLER, J. A. BEL, FRANK ROBERTS, A. P. PUJO, PERCY BROWN, WILL FLANDERS and C. A. EPPING of the Export Lumber Company will leave on the tug *Earnest*. Most of the party will return Sunday night, but Manager EPPING will remain until Monday to clear the ship.

The *Kirkfield* is of .2300 tons burthen: 345 feet long, 45 feet beam, and 29 feet hold. Her capacity is 302,000 cubic feet of cargo, and the load she takes out Monday is nearly three million feet of prime Calcasieu pine lumber. The *Kirkfield* clears for Rotterdam, and from there the cargo will be distributed to German points.

Capt. SUTHERLAND has been at sea for forty years, and from the appearance of his vessel shows all indications of being a first-class seaman, commanding a fine ship. She has only been built nine months and is fitted with all the latest improvements and machinery.

The cargo is exclusively Calcasieu yellow pine, and is conceded to be the largest and finest cargo that ever left any southern port.



**OUR GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY. Now is the time for Southwest Louisiana to come to the Front.**

Messrs. DOLBY and LEMMING returned from their trip in the eastern portion of parish this morning at 4 o'clock, where they have been in the interest of Southwest Louisiana to secure funds for the exhibit at the St. Louis Exhibition and they report everything very favorable. In Jennings a nice sum was raised.

Great interest is being manifested in Crowley and these gentlemen will return to that city on Monday to complete the work there. Mr. C. L. CRIPPEN, of Crowley, says there is no more important matter for Southwest Louisiana than the St. Louis Exhibition.

Mr. LEMMING received the following message from St. Louis this morning: "Important you should be here Wednesday to meet committee to assist in arranging the exposition diagram for Southwest Louisiana."  
F. GAUNIKE

This shows that the people in St. Louis are taking an interest in us and now it is the time for Southwest Louisiana to come to the front. That's a good start from Jennings. Let the good work go on.

**A VIGOROUS KICK. Mr. MARTIN Objects to Box Cars Obstructing the Crossing.**

Mr. WM. MARTIN of the Milligan-Martin Grocery Co. was present at the mayor's court this morning and asked to be allowed to make a few remarks. He said that he had a kick to make and he would make it. He said that box cars were pushed on the switch yard left where they would obstruct the crossing right in front of his store. He had protested time and again against this and was tired of protesting. He said that his firm pays taxes to the city and if the mayor did not see that the cars were kept away from in front of the store they would appeal to the law, but did not wish to do that.

Acting Mayor LYONS said that he would notify Mayor CROWLEY of Mr. MARTIN's complaint and it would be attended to at once.

**MERE MENTION. Brief, Breezy Newslets Caught in Passing.**

SCHARLETT & BURNS have moved their meat market to just east of Mrs. OPPENHEIMER's big store on Railroad Avenue.

The parish will begin the erection of a bridge across Black Bayou next week.

TODD BERRY, colored, was quite badly hurt at the Mount Hope mill Thursday. He was working near the saw when a piece of 2 x 4 inch was thrown by the saw, striking him beneath the mouth, cutting a deep gash and loosening some of his teeth.

An undivided half interest in the Hewitt property, out by the depot, was sold at auction in front of the court house today. It brought a small price.

LOST - In Lake Charles, one mortgage note for one hundred fifty dollars, payable to LIONEL A. GOUDEAU, dated September 23, 1896, at Avoyelles parish, La., due Oct. 15, 1897, signed by C. COUVILLION.

All parties are hereby warned not to purchase or trade for above note, as payment on same has been stopped.  
LIONEL A. GOUDEAU

## **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 records, 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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DICARLO, F, 102 Nix  
GEORGE, C, 829½ Ryan  
MORENO, TONY, 623½ Ryan  
SACCO, T, 1002 Railroad ave

#### **FRUITS AND PRODUCE, WHOLESALE (See also Wholesale Grocers.)**

DAVIS & LeBLEU, Ann and Mill

#### **FURNITURE**

Hemenway Furn. Co., 312-14 Broad

Lake City Furn. & Supply Co., 609-617 Ryan  
Noble Furniture Co., Ryan  
O. K. Second-Hand Store, Pujo near Ryan  
Reliable Furn. Co., 712 Ryan  
Texas Trading Co., 515 Ryan

### **GROCERS**

ALCEDE, J, ----- Moss  
ABRAHAM, T & J, 528-30 Railroad Ave  
BURKS, T F, 832 Nichols  
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COLLETTE, J H & Son, 606 Division  
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CRUIKSHANK, S T, 831 Nichols  
CALDARERA, F, 202 Gallagher  
BATTHALIGA, S, 732 Railroad Ave  
CARBELLO, E, 223 Hodges  
DESSEMORE, C, 1138 Railroad Ave  
DALY, M, 1903 South  
FLEURY, J A, 539 Jackson  
ELSTON, T F, Ryan and Foster  
GIRALAMO, S, 1203 Kirkman  
GRAHAM, H M & Son, 318 East  
JONES, J B, 301 Gray  
JOHNSON, E W, -----Moeling  
Kirby St. Grocery, Kirby and Hodges  
Loree Grocery Co., 210 Pujo  
LUMPKIN & ANDRUS, Ryan and Lawrence  
McDADE, W T, 1411 Ryan  
MANITHAN, L, 1104 Railroad Ave.  
MASCARELLI, A, 312 Ryan  
MILLS, S A, 312 Ryan  
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MANCUSO, B, 326 Boulevard  
ORVIS, B L, 1616 Madison  
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PRATER, J L, 903 Ryam  
STODDARD, WM, 207 Kirkman  
SANTORO, B, 322 Ryan  
Sanitary Grocery, 711 Ryan  
STUBBS & HALL, 708 Ryan  
SACCO, T, 1002 Railroad Ave  
TRIPLETT, J A, Lawrence and Bank  
TAYLOR, W W, 1105 Hutchinson  
SEMA, J, 425 Ryan  
SIMMONS, D, 1412 Commercial  
WILLIAMS,, G, 803 Nichols  
SOLITO, V, 1633 Commercial  
SCOTT, SANDERS, 141 Boulevard

**WHOLESALE GROCERS**

Calcasieu Mercantile Co, Canal St  
Gulf Grocery Co, Ryan and Division  
Kelly-Weber Co, Ann and Lawrence  
Krielow-Dudley Gro Co, Ryan and Lawrence  
Wall Grocer Co, Ryan and Division

**GUN AND LOCKSMITH**

BRAMMER, A, 625 Ryan

**GYPSUM PLASTER**

DeLATTE & LaGRANGE, Railroad and Shattuck

Advertisements: Leon & E. A. Chavanne, Hemenway Furniture Company, Ltd., Eddy Bros Dry Goods Co., Ltd., Calcasieu Building and Loan Association.

**GRAIN AND FEED (Retail)**

BATTE Feed Co., 608-10 Ryan  
GOODMAN, DAN, \_\_\_\_\_ Ryan  
ORVIS, B L, 1616 Madison  
TRIPLETT, J A, Lawrence and Bank

**HAIR DRESSER AND MANICURIST**

BOWMAN, Mrs E G, Von Phul-Gordon Bldg

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**CONSOLATA CEMETERY**  
**2300 Country Club Rd., Lake Charles, Louisiana**

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FONTENOT, CELEZE A., b. 26 June 1902, d. 7 Nov. 1977  
FONTENOT, CHARLE S., b. no date, d. June 1996  
FONTENOT, CHISTIAN ANDREW, b. & d. 14 Sept. 1992 - stillborn  
FONTENOT, CLEVELAND, Sr., b. 1905, d. 6 Feb. 1986  
FONTENOT, CLIFTON M., b. 10 Sept. 1932, d. 20 Aug. 1980  
FONTENOT, CURTIS, b. 12 Nov. 1949, d. 17 Apr. 1995  
FONTENOT, D. M., b. 6 Jan. 1909, d. 26 Sept. 1986  
FONTENOT, DANNY PAUL, b. 10 Mar. 1963, d. 7 June 1992  
FONTENOT, DAVE JOSEPH, b. 28 Nov. 1908, d. 18 Jan. 1985  
FONTENOT, DELMA, b. 6 Oct. 1922, d. 14 Apr. 1981  
FONTENOT, DOLAN E., b. 1929, d. 1976  
FONTENOT, DOLZIE, b. 7 Feb. 1907, d. 14 Nov. 1984  
FONTENOT, DONNA LYNN, b. 13 Aug. 1962, d. 7 Aug. 1975 - born in Lake Charles, La.  
FONTENOT, DORA MAE, b. 17 Feb. 1918, d. 28 Oct. 1978  
FONTENOT, DUPREA, b. no date, d. 20 Apr. 1977  
FONTENOT, EDDIE E., b. no date, d. no date - Re-entered in Oct. 1971 in Consolata  
FONTENOT, ELDY, b. 17 Feb. 1926, d. 30 Apr. 1993  
FONTENOT, ELINA CHAPMAN, b. 1904, d. 8 Oct. 1980  
FONTENOT, ELKE THEDA, b. 7 Apr. 1939, d. 6 Apr. 1979  
FONTENOT, ELOISE S., b. 19 Oct. 1917, d. 15 Oct. 1990  
FONTENOT, ELSIE, b. 9 Aug. 1937, d. 6 Dec. 1987  
FONTENOT, ETTA, b. 16 Dec. 1897, d. 10 Oct. 1984  
FONTENOT, EUNA MAL J., b. 11 Apr. 1925, d. 8 May 1984  
FONTENOT, EUNICE DOUCET, b. 9 Oct. 1916, d. 20 July 1994  
FONTENOT, EUNA MAE, b. 10 June 1925, d. 22 June 1992  
FONTENOT, GARY NOLAN, b. 28 Apr. 1971, d. 3 May 1989  
FONTENOT, GILFORD, b. 30 Dec. 1918, d. 5 Dec. 1984 - same headstone with  
    WILMA M. FONTENOT  
FONTENOT, GLORIA A., b. 20 Oct. 1952, d. 25 Jan. 1994  
FONTENOT, HAROLD J., Jr., b. 12 Sep. 1955, d. 3 Dec. 1990  
FONTENOT, HAZEL B., b. 4 Feb. 1922, d. 21 Dec. 1990  
FONTENOT, HENRY, b. 9 Feb. 1923, d. 29 Mar. 1985  
FONTENOT, HILLERY J., b. 19 July 1912, d. 26 Feb. 1985 - same headstone with  
    CARRIE R. FONTENOT  
FONTENOT, IDA, b. no date, d. 11 Dec. 1967 - age 65  
FONTENOT, Infant, b. & d. 22 Mar. 1985 - stillborn infant of DANIEL R. FONTENOT

FONTENOT, Infant, b. 9 Sep. 1989, d. 13 Sep. 1989  
 FONTENOT, Infant, b. & d. 22 Aug. 1954 - infant of LARRY FONTENOT, Jr.  
 FONTENOT, Infant, b. & d. 20 Dec. 1994  
 FONTENOT, ISAURE, b. 15 Feb. 1896, d. 25 Feb. 1988  
 FONTENOT, JORDEN B., b. 27 Nov. 1991, d. 14 June 1992  
 FONTENOT, JOSEPH, b. 15 May 1931, d. 11 May 1996  
 FONTENOT, JOSEPH ROLAND, b. 22 Nov. 1929, d. 7 Feb. 1987  
 FONTENOT, JOSEPH S., b. 8 Nov. 1920, d. 28 Oct. 1996  
 FONTENOT, JOUBERT, b. 5 May 1892, d. 15 July 1974 - born in Chatagnier, La.  
 FONTENOT, JUSTINE, b. 3 Jan. 1925, d. 1 Jan. 1988  
 FONTENOT, KELLY ROBIN, b. no date, d. 24 Jan. 1970 - stillborn in Lake Charles, La.  
 FONTENOT, LARRY JAMES, b. 19 Feb. 1948, d. 18 Oct. 1988  
 FONTENOT, LEE, b. 7 Dec. 1913, d. 19 Jan. 1989  
 FONTENOT, LINDA C., b. 22 Aug. 1909, d. 10 Sep. 1985  
 FONTENOT, LUCIEN, b. 3 July 1910, d. 8 Dec. 1994  
 FONTENOT, MARCELUS, b. no date, d. 29 Sep. 1969 - age 62 yrs,  
     born in Evangeline Parish, La.  
 FONTENOT, MARIE, b. 3 Oct. 1914, d. 18 Mar. 1995  
 FONTENOT, MARY JANE, b. no date, d. 8 June 1990  
 FONTENOT, MAXINE, b. 27 June 1904, d. 27 Sep. 1980  
 FONTENOT, MAXINE, b. 5 Aug. 1919, d. 3 Apr. 1996  
 FONTENOT, MELBA JANE, b. 7 Oct. 1947, d. 24 July 1989  
 FONTENOT, MELISSA ANN, b. no date, d. 29 Dec. 1970 - age 5 months  
 FONTENOT, MICHAEL, b. 5 Oct. 1902, d. 3 May 1984  
 FONTENOT, MICHAEL J., b. 25 Nov. 1959, d. 26 Aug. 1978  
 FONTENOT, MICHAEL PAUL, b. 27 June 1990, d. 20 Oct. 1990  
 FONTENOT, NELDA, b. 22 June 1943, d. 3 Nov. 1994  
 FONTENOT, PAUL, b. 15 June 1900, d. 6 Apr. 1990  
 FONTENOT, PAUL, b. no date, d. 31 Jan. 1996  
 FONTENOT, PEARL VIDRINE, b. no date, d. no date - disinterment  
 FONTENOT, PARREL JAMES, b. 10 Nov. 1948, d. 20 Jan. 1996  
 FONTENOT, PHILLIP J., b. no date, d. 7 Feb. 1973 - age 64 yrs., born in Mamou, La.  
 FONTENOT, R. H. JACK, b. 30 Oct. 1925, d. 29 Mar. 1985  
 FONTENOT, RAYMOND C., b. no date, d. 22 Oct. 1989  
 FONTENOT, REED LEE, b. 16 Feb. 1968, d. 23 Feb. 1989  
 FONTENOT, ROBERT EDWARD, b. 23 Dec. 1924, d. 30 Mar. 1988  
 FONTENOT, ROBERT WAYNE, b. 18 Nov. 1948, d. 6 Dec. 1975  
 FONTENOT, ROSE, b. 25 Sep. 1927, d. 18 May 1980  
 FONTENOT, SANDRA, b. no date, d. 16 Sep. 1972 - age 19 yrs.  
 FONTENOT, THOMAS, b. 21 Aug. 1908, d. 20 Sep. 1979  
 FONTENOT, THOMAS R., b. 28 May 1922, d. 16 May 1993  
 FONTENOT, ULYSES, b. 23 July 1901, d. 3 Dec. 1968 - age 67, born in Kinder, La.  
 FONTENOT, VELMA D., b. 6 Nov. 1929, d. 29 Apr. 1987  
 FONTENOT, VENNICE, b. no date, d. 8 Jan. 1995  
 FONTENOT, VICKI L., b. 27 Sep. 1951, d. 24 May 1991  
 FONTENOT, WILMA M., b. 1921, d. 1998 - same headstone with GILFORD FONTENOT



FORACHER, KENDAL, b. & d. Sep. 1991  
 FORD, BARBARA A., b. 25 May 1935, d. 10 Feb. 1992  
 FORD, ETHEL A., b. 21 Sep. 1907, d. 18 Oct. 1994  
 FORD, LUCIUS M., b. 17 Apr. 1906, d. 12 May 1987  
 FORD, THEODORE A., b. 1906, d. 19 July 1985  
 FOREMAN, DONALD RAY, b. no date, d. 9 Nov. 1974 - age 21 yrs.  
 FOREMAN, JAKE W., b. 14 Aug. 1973, d. 10 Feb. 1976  
 FOREMAN, JAMES RAY, b. 7 June 1960, d. 23 July 1980 - photo on grave  
 FOREMAN, RITA G., b. 30 Aug. 1927, d. 19 Aug. 1984  
 FOREMAN, STEVEN JOHN, b. no date, d. 29 May 1972 - age 23 yrs., born in Morgan City, La.  
 FORREST, HETTIE, b. 11 Sep. 1900, d. 24 Apr. 1987  
 FORREST, JAMES P., b. 1894, d. 1965  
 FOSTER, IRVIN L., b. no date, d. 25 July 1971 - age 57 yrs.  
 FOURNANT, LINCOLN C., b. 10 Nov. 1910, d. 25 Sep. 1988  
 FOURNAT, PEGGY L., b. 2 Mar. 1931, d. 18 Feb. 1993 - birth date could be 3 Feb. 1931 -  
 Need to check gravestone.  
 FOURNERAT, CYRUS L., b. 21 Oct. 1903, d. 5 Apr. 1993  
 FOURNERAT, KATHERINE, b. 3 June 1919, d. 29 Jan. 1988  
 FOUTZ, JAVEN COLE, b. & d. 25 Mar. 1997  
 FOX, JOHN J., b. 7 Feb. 1935, d. - Feb. 1995  
 FRALIC, CARLTON, b. 29 Nov. 1920, d. 12 Jan. 1992  
 FRANKLIN, Infant, b. no date, d. Jan. 1979 - WINSTON FRANKLIN Infant RANDY ALLEN  
 FRANKS, MARVIN DOUGLAS, b. 8 Oct. 1930, d. 28 June 1995  
 FRANKS, SUSIE MARIE, b. 15 Apr. 1927, d. 6 Sept. 1985  
 FRANQUES, JUAN J., b. 23 Jan. 1953, d. 28 Apr. 1974 - born Lake Charles, La.  
 FRANQUES, LARRY, b. 24 Jan. 1920, d. 18 Apr. 1987  
 FREDERICK, LARRY, b. 21 Nov. 1954, d. 16 Apr. 1987  
 FREDERICK, VICTOR A., b. 21 July 1922, d. 26 July 1987  
 FREEMAN, CHARLES C., b. 20 Dec. 1931, d. 8 Nov. 1987  
 FREYOU, STEPHEN WADE, b. no date, d. 21 July 1972 - age 8 months old  
 FREZON, EUSEBE, b. no date, d. 7 Feb. 1980 - born Jennings, La.  
 FRICK, ETHAN TROY, b. 1 Aug. 1996, d. 13 Sept. 1996  
 FRICK, LESTER E., Jr., b. 17 Nov. 1929, d. 13 Mar. 1997  
 FRIDAY, PENNY LEE, b. 21 Mar. 1973, d. 31 Mar. 1973 - age 10 days old, pre-mature infant -  
 born Lake Charles, La.  
 FRISTOE, JERI V., b. 20 Apr. 1929, d. 14 Apr. 1978 - born Milan, Tx.  
 FROHER, EDWARD F., Sr., b. 6 July 1914, d. 22 Nov. 1991  
 FRUGE, ATLAS, b. 15 July 1924, d. 18 Oct. 1990  
 FRUGE, BARBARA, b. 23 Apr. 1951, d. 7 Jan. 1980  
 FRUGE, BEATRICE K., b. 3 July 1942, d. 8 Nov. 1986  
 FRUGE, BOB K. L., Sr., b. no date, d. 8 Sep. 1970 - age 21 yrs., born Lake Charles, La.  
 FRUGE, CORMET J., b. no date, d. 11 Feb. 1968 - age 43 yrs.  
 FRUGE, DANIEL J., b. 1943, d. 22 Apr. 1981  
 FRUGE, DONALD J., b. 20 Oct. 1950, d. 7 Oct. 1967 - born Basil, La.

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# Ancestor Chart

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

4 MARK LEE  
(Father of No. 3)  
b. 1753  
p.b. VA/MD?  
m. 1790  
d. 1815  
p.d. NATCHITOCHES, LA

2 WILLIAM LEE  
(Father of No. 1)  
b. ca. 1797  
p.b. KENTUCKY  
m. 29 JAN 1811 OPELOUSAS,  
ST. LANDRY, LA  
d. .  
p.d. .

5 "ANNE"  
NANCY KEES/REEVES  
(Mother of No. 3)  
b. 1750  
p.b. .  
d. 1823  
p.d. .

1 FRANCOISE "ANNIE" LEE  
b. 17 JUL 1819  
p.b. OPELOUSAS, ST LANDRY, LA  
m. 17 JAN 1834 OPELOUSAS,  
ST. LANDRY, LA  
d. .  
p.d. OPELOUSAS, ST LANDRY, LA

8 JOHN B. TEAR  
(Father of No. 3)  
b. 1754  
p.b. ST. MARY'S CO, MD  
m. .  
d. 13 NOV 1816  
p.d. BAYOU AU BOUEF, LA

3 FRANCOISE TEAR  
(Mother of No. 1)  
b. 1793  
p.b. NATCHEZ, ADAMS, MS  
d. 1819  
p.d. OPELOUSAS, ST. LANDRY, LA

7 FARTHING/  
FRANCOISE FATHING  
(Mother of No. 3)  
b. 1760  
p.b. ST. MARY CO. MD  
d. before 1811  
p.d. .

JAMES EDMOND NUGENT  
(Spouse of No. 1)  
b. 1811/1815  
p.b. RAPIDES PAR. LA  
p.d. .

8 WILLIAM LEE III  
(Father of No. 4)  
b. 14 MAY 1704  
p.b. RICHMOND, FARNHAM, VA  
m. .  
d. 2 JUL 1764  
p.d. RICHMOND, FARNHAM, VA  
9 MARY THORTON  
(Mother of No. 4)

b. 13 MAR 1725  
p.b. RICHMOND, WISE, VA  
d. 1764  
p.d. RICHMOND, WISE, VA

10 (Father of No. 5)  
b. .  
p.b. .  
m. .  
d. .  
p.d. .

11 (Mother of No. 5)  
b. .  
p.b. .  
d. .  
p.d. .

12 JOHN TEAR/TARE  
(Father of No. 6)  
b. .  
p.b. .  
m. .  
d. 4 APR 1768  
p.d. ST. MARY CO. MD

13 MARIE OLFREDE/  
OLFORD  
(Mother of No. 6)  
b. .  
p.b. .  
d. .  
p.d. .

14 (Father of No. 7)  
b. .  
p.b. .  
m. .  
d. .  
p.d. .

15 (Mother of No. 7)  
b. .  
p.b. .  
d. .  
p.d. .

16 WILLIAM LEE II  
b. ca. 1679/1680 NO. HAMPTON CO., VA  
m. 1703 WESTMORELAND CO., VA  
d. 4 DEC 1717 RICHMOND CO., VA  
DOROTHY TAYLOR

b. .  
d. .  
m. .  
d. .

19 b. .  
d. .

20 b. .  
m. .  
d. .

21 b. .  
d. .

22 b. .  
m. .  
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23 b. .  
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24 b. .  
m. .  
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25 b. .  
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26 b. .  
m. .  
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27 b. .  
d. .

28 b. .  
m. .  
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29 b. .  
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30 b. .  
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Coffee and fellowship begin at 9:30 a.m.

Our program "Moss Bluff, Part II" will be presented by HARVEY DOWNS.

We will be collecting canned goods/monetary contributions for Abraham's Tent's Thanksgiving Basket.

Also, accepting 2020 society dues.

**JANUARY MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Southwest Louisiana Genealogical Society will be held on Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. in the Carnegie Meeting Room. Guests are welcome. Coffee and fellowship begin at 9:30 a.m.

The program will be the annual "Show & Tell" presented by our members. If you would like to participate, call our president "PETIE" LaBOVE at 337-433-3409.

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[EDITOR’S NOTE: We have been exchanging quarterlies with genealogical societies since 1980 and those quarterlies are bound and are in the Southwest Louisiana Genealogical & Historical Library. In recent years, because of the expenses involved with publishing and mailing quarterlies, some genealogical societies have ceased publishing their quarterlies. If you are searching in a certain area, you might check the Library’s collection.]

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## THE OLD SPANISH TRAIL

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When the earliest explorers arrived in the New World they found no roads, only a few Indian trails which were little wider than the original animal paths. Some of these paths had been in use for thousands of years and usually led around heavily forested or swampy areas following the high ground and natural ridges of the area. Constant use by animals and Indians widened and deepened them. Many of the trails were connected with each other; others were separate and went in opposite directions. Whenever they could, explorers and early settlers followed these trails. It was easier than blazing a new path out of the wilderness with knives and axes.

A system of east-to-west trails were eventually joined together and became known as the "Old Spanish Trail" (OST). The Old Spanish Trail goes through swamps and crosses the deserts and mountains, generally following the route that is now Highway 90, and links Florida with California. It begins in St. Augustine, Florida, and follows the Gulf Coast through Alabama and Mississippi, then continues through New Orleans and southern Louisiana, cutting across Texas, New Mexico and ending at San Diego, California.

In Louisiana the Old Spanish Trail goes from New Orleans across Bayou Lafourche to Raceland, then crosses the treacherous Atchafalaya River and swamp. It goes southwest to Houma and then northwest through Morgan City and Berwick, on to Patterson, then winds its way down the Main Streets of Franklin, goes on to Baldwin, Jeanerette, and New Iberia. From there it goes through Broussard, Lafayette, Rayne, Crowley, Jennings and Welsh, then on to Lake Charles. It then crosses the Sabine River into Texas.

Conquistadors utilized and improved these land routes, making the Old Spanish Trail a key to settling and developing the "Western Lands". Those lands include southwest Louisiana.

South Louisiana's many inter-connected bayous, lakes and rivers made water travel the chief means of transportation for Indians and early European explorers and settlers. The many waterways and the soggy ground made roads developments slower in the southern part of Louisiana than in the rest of the state. It is thought that at least some parts of the Old Spanish Trail, also known as the Camino Real or King's Highway, evolved into simple roads by the end of the Spanish colonial period, about 1800.

Old records hint at the existence of a trail along the Bayou Teche about the time of the Louisiana Purchase (1803), but by 1819 a trail was definitely there. Other trails developed. By 1816 a map compiled by the renown surveyor WILLIAM DARBY showed a trail or road along the Bayou Teche. This trail became a route for cattle drives, as well as the first stage coach route in the area. The stage coach route went from New Iberia to Opelousas, passing through St. Martinville and Vermilionville. A one-way trip between New Iberia and Opelousas took 12 hours.

DARBY's survey map of 1816 showed two primary trails westward...one from Vermilionville to the Calcasieu River and a second one running parallel a little to the north from Opelousas to Eunice, and then meeting the first trail at the Calcasieu River near Lake Charles. Both of these trails ended short of the Sabine River. The northern trail crossed into "No Man's Land", the

Neutral Zone of Louisiana which was a haven for outlaws and social misfits of all kinds. [See "Neutral Zone", *Kinfolks*, Vol. 20 #4]. Often travelers took the much longer route from Opelousas to Natchitoches because it was safer than traveling through "No Man's Land" without an armed party.

As more people poured into the area, better and faster transportation was demanded. Ferries and bridges were built across rivers, bayous and swamps, but dirt roads often impeded traffic when they were turned into thick mud by heavy rains or into deep dust in dry spells.

With the invention of the automobile, highway traffic increased. State and federal roads were improved and bridges were built. In 1915 the Old Spanish Trail Highway Association began improvements on the roads, most all of which were concerned with the St. Augustine - New Orleans segment of the route. By 1921 the need to establish a system of highways coincided with the Federal Highway Act and the OST became the Southern National Highway. The old system of trails and paths that linked east to west also linked historical sites in Louisiana, and other sections of the Gulf Coast and the Southwestern U. S. The old Spanish Trail was the route many of our ancestors took to cross our part of the state or to cross the country.

SOURCE:

Collins, Eddie. "The Old Spanish Trail: History's Arms Across America", *Acadiana Profile*, Vol. 16 #6 (May/June 1995)

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**WARD THREE CALCASIEU PARISH 1910 VOTER REGISTRATION LIST**

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This list was submitted by LESLIE SULLIVAN who found it in his late father's effects. As the Calcasieu Parish Courthouse burned in 1910 and most records were lost, we hope that this will fill in some gaps.

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McNeese Archives has local city directories from early 1900s to present.

**ANOTHER HURRICANE AUDREY SURVIVOR'S STORY**  
**Submitted by MINETTE GRUNIK BETHKE, Member No. 1293**

The following is a copy of the letter my father, JOHN A GRUNIK, received in May 1958 from his Aunt ANNIE GRUNIK PARIS (1892-1989) with her first hand account of Hurricane Audrey in 1957. Aunt ANNIE lived in Creole with her son-in-law, HAROLD D. CARTER and her daughter "BUTSY" CARTER. Their home was a brick one story ranch house where they sheltered during the storm with many others who joined them there. The house was brick veneer and was washed away under them as they sheltered in the attic – leaving the attic area supported by the wooden studs.

Creole, La.  
May 4, 1958

Dearest Johnnie:

I received your letter some time ago and I am so sorry I didn't write sooner but it looks like since the storm - I had so much sorrow and trouble. Aunt ANNIE died Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>. She was 93 years old. Then on Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>, we moved back to Creole and, JOHN, I never want to go through that again so much work to do just like starting from scratch and it's terrible to live in a house where we almost drowned. When I am alone here, I so often think of that - one can't help it and when a high wind comes up, I go to the big picture window in the dining room and look to see if the gulf is coming as that's where we saw the water first. I mean the big huge waves taking everything in their path. Before we could do anything, the wind and waves had broken windows, doors and huge logs and trees coming through the kitchen. We will never forget the cows, horses, dogs, cats, all fighting for their lives. And we could not help them as current from water was so swift and fast we just stayed in one corner of the kitchen and had all children on the table and we could not cross the kitchen as we would of been swept out. HAROLD and BUTSY's house saved at least 40 people that came here. We went in the attic about seven o'clock Thursday morning June 27 and stayed all night there. We put children to sleep on floor but water was already coming in the attic from the South wind - was 175 miles an hour.

Now, JOHN, you can imagine what everyone went through and why so many people drowned. Some were trapped in their cars as they tried to get away. We tried to leave but cars were swept right off the driveway into the marsh so God was with us that we took our chances and stayed in the house. The house did not once move, but every window and door was out and one wall in the spare bedroom on the East side gave in and fell, but I am sure some things hit it. Sad part was when we came down from attic and we had to walk barefoot and very little clothes on to Creole to HAROLD's Garage and then up to his father's house (old Dr. CARTER). The downstairs at Dr. CARTER's home was all ruined, but upstairs was dry. Water came half way up the stairway and the back part of house broke up but the other part stayed. Then going up that road that lead from the main highway up to Dr. CARTER's home, water was up to our shoulders now. That was next morning about seven o'clock Friday and houses all along the highway blocking. We again had to take the big ditches full of water lots of broken glass, all kind of wire and everything from houses such as deep freezers, ice boxes, etc. And such big trees, I just don't know how they were uprooted. We left Dr. CARTER's home about noon Friday, June 28, and walked again in water to Highway to wait for boats to take us to army busses as one bridge was washed out. That was another sad sight where we waited for boats, there were people hurt on stretches, people crying looking for their families as lots of people were separated from each

other. Some of my neighbors were drowned. JOHN, this Parish was a rich parish - everybody was doing good, beautiful homes especially new ones all gone. Now everyone nearly has rebuilt and still building but it is a hard come-back, as everyone will tell you. HAROLD lost all his new and used cars & trucks, the marshes were full of them. Some had insurance and some didn't. That was the same way with homes, some didn't have a nickel insurance. Well nothing like this ever happened down here and I hope it never will. My grandson, 10 years old, RANDY, spent the storm with us. He was here on his vacation for a month, poor little fellow sure was brave. He only cried once when table was rocking and water was taking it. We held on to it I guess with all our strength.

Now, JOHN, to get to myself again. MIKE died Nov. 8, 1957, and that was a terrible shock to me as I had just received a letter from him and he never once mentioned he was sick. I guess he didn't want to worry me, but I am sure he was already feeling bad. Then in Dec. I planned to spend Xmas with the other part of my family, son GEORGE and family. I was to leave on Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> and on the morning of Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>, Saturday, I woke up with terrible fever and pains all over my body. So BUTSY called Dr. right away and he said I had bad case of flu and then two days later, HAROLD came down with it, so BUTSY was the only one up, waiting on us and keeping business going. Then it left me with infected nose. It took three months for me to get over it. Then on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, my brother-in-law (my first husband's brother) died. His name was ALEX KURUCAR nickname (POLLY) he died suddenly of a heart attack. BUTSY went to funeral.

Then in March BUTSY broke a small vein in her right leg and on March 18<sup>th</sup> she was rushed to hospital in Lake Charles with a blood clot that was dangerous, but thank God, the Dr. caught it in time. She stayed in hospital two weeks and came home just in time for Easter, but stayed in bed a month at home. She's up and back in the garage, but still can't drive but a short distance and still takes treatments and medicine.

So, JOHN dear, we have had our share. JOHN, I am sending you the tax bill. You can figure what you owe me, but no rush. I will always see that our taxes are paid - don't worry about that. I also paid Uncle MIKE's. My love and best of wishes to MIN, DAD, and children.  
Aunt ANNIE

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**SUFFER THE LITTLE CHILDREN**  
**Submitted by LANCE PERKINS, Member No. 1616**

*HOLY BIBLE MARK 9:42 ... it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea.*

Our story begins in the infamous "No Man's Land" in Southwest Louisiana. A 5,000 square mile swath of disputed territory located between Rio de Sabina's (Sabine River) and Arroyo Hondo (Calcasieu River) from the Gulf of Mexico northward to the northern boundary of present day DeSoto Parish. The area was declared a No Man's Land in the early 1800s to prevent war between Spain and the United States. Criminals, malcontents and bandits escaped to the area to

elude capture. Both countries agreed to stay out of the disputed area until a definite boundary could be agreed upon. The Adams-Onís Treaty ending the dispute and settling the international border between the USA and Spain was ratified in 1821. The western boundary of the United States was the Sabine River. Law and order slowly began taking hold in the new frontier. A somewhat civil society is becoming the norm in the late 1870s. A young man from Mississippi in his early 20s travels to the area in search of fame and fortune. His name is JOSEPH SMITH. In 1877 he marries LOUCRETIA (CREASY) BRANEFF, the 19 year old daughter of JOHN FRANKLIN BRANEFF (1835-1865) and ELLENDER (ELLEN) DRAKE (1840-1919) who are descendants of 2 families who were early settlers in the area. CREASY gave birth to their first child ELLEN (named after CREASY's mother) in 1879. The family continues to grow with the addition of 3 siblings. ELLA (DOLL) (1882-1983), MARGARET (PRESH) (1883-1960), and ELZIE (1885-1959). Life is not easy; it requires hard labor just to provide the basic necessities of life. JOE and CREASY have agreed to board a brother and sister of a family that are passing through in a covered wagon. Their parents will retrieve them on their return trip through Starks. JOE intends to work them in the fields to earn their keep. Midsummer 1885, it is a hot July day, sweltering as it can only be in the thick humidity of the lowland forests of Louisiana. Into this mix is added the fact that JOE has a bad temper. JOE's hot temper changes his life and the life of his family forever. He cannot find his tobacco and he is soon accusing the 14 year old girl, they are boarding, of stealing it. She insists, she did not take his tobacco and does not know where it is. In an act of defiance, she refuses to return to the field. In a fit of rage, JOE whips the young girl unmercifully with switches gathered by CREASY. Whether intentionally or blinded by rage, he beats her to the point of unconsciousness. MARY JANE WISBY JOHNSON, a local wife, who visits and cares for the home bound and sick passes by the SMITH place and learns of the girl's condition. She returns a few days later to find the girl has died. Word of the girl's death is soon known throughout the community. The local men begin planning to approach JOE and render some pioneer justice. In the meantime, MARY sends a message to the Sheriff in Lake Charles. Before the locals get to JOE, sheriff deputies arrive in Starks and arrests JOE. Subsequently, JOE is convicted and begins serving a 10 year sentence in Angola on April 20, 1886. JOE dies under suspicious circumstances on Feb. 21, 1887. He is buried on the prison grounds of Angola State Penitentiary near Baton Rouge, Louisiana. I have always heard the most hardened criminals have their own code of ethics. No one can tolerate harming and killing innocent children.

Eventually, CREASY finds work as a cook at the hotel in Nibletts Bluff. CREASY, a young widow with 3 children under the age of 9, meets a young man who spends his nights at the hotel. His name is VALENTINE (TINE) JOHNSON, a woodsman, who floats logs down the Sabine to the sawmill in Orange, Texas. In the evenings, he catches a steamboat back upriver to Nibletts Bluff to spend the nights at the hotel. After a very short courtship, TINE, the 17 year old logger marries CREASY, the 32 year old widow. TINE and his new bride and her 3 children move to Laurel, Texas. Within 2 years, CREASY gives birth to JAMES MITCHELL (1892) followed by SIMEON (SIM) (1894), POLLY ARNETTA (NETTIE) (1896) and HENRIETTA (HETTIE) (1899). They eventually return to the Starks area and CREASY dies in 1940. TINE remarries and dies in 1956. It has been reported that TINE never showed any difference between the SMITH children from CREASY's marriage to JOSEPH SMITH and his own.

CREASY was my great great grandmother. I am descended from MARGARET (PRESH) SMITH PERKINS.

Disclaimer: I have pieced this story together from various accounts I have heard my whole life. In my genealogical research, I have come across census reports and other documents that seem to substantiate at least part of this story. Due to time and poor record keeping, we will never be 100% certain of the actual truth. I would like to thank our cousin CELESTE SIMMONS of New Jersey for finding the missing puzzle pieces. I had always heard that JOSEPH died at Angola but could never find proof. I mentioned it to CELESTE on her last trip down to our area. Being the detective she is, she found the entry in a handwritten log from Angola. She also found the newspaper article telling of the crime. I would also like to thank Mr. CAROL JOHNSON and TINA BRANEFF FELICE for documentation of some of these events in our family's history. Since we cannot be certain that all events are as I have written, I would like to mention a couple of variant versions of the events. One version states that the young girl killed was JOE's own daughter, ELLEN. She is on the 1880 census as a 1 year old and is never seen in any further public record. We are not certain how and of the timing of notification of the law and their arrival in Starks. Did MARY ride a horse to Lake Charles, send a message by train or telegraph? One other intriguing tale is told but no names have been given except that it was not one of the siblings. The person that actually took JOE's tobacco admitted it on their deathbed.....

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### **LAKE CHARLES, LA SCHOONERS**

**Submitted by MURPHY MILLER, JR., Member No. 1363**

**Schooner *E.O. GLADYS* & Riverboat *WINONA* by PATRICK ACHEE**

**Rewritten and edited by MURPHY MILLER, Jr., September 2019**

JOSEPH NUNEZ MILLER was a seaman. He piloted a schooner around the turn of the century, in the early 1900s. Then he piloted a riverboat, the *Winona* from about 1911 to 1942. His wife EDNA also had a river boat license and served with him on trips to New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Lake Charles, Lake Arthur and other stops. He served in the Coast Guard at Grand Chenier, La., during WW II. J. N. MILLER and his wife, along with EMMA NUNEZ MILLER, mother, and OMA MILLER, sister, survived Hurricane Audrey in Grand Chenier, La., on June 27, 1957. They huddled in the upstairs of the old home place of ALCIDE MILLER. They then moved to Lafayette, La. (Photo #1 on page 123)

#### **Schooner *E. O. GLADYS***

The schooner *E. O. GLADYS* was named after Papa's mother and his two sisters (EMMA, OLIVE and GLADYS). I really don't remember when Papa got the schooner. I believe he had gotten it before he and mama were married. CHARLIE NELSON took Papa on Capt. NELSON's schooner to Galveston to get the schooner. (Photo #2 and #3 on page 123)

The first thing I remember about the schooner was we could tell when he was getting close to home. His old dog, Rover, would begin barking and Mama would say, "Papa's coming." Going

outside at the old homeplace, we could see the masts of the schooner. It appeared to be around Lower Mud Lake. In those days there were not many trees & plenty of farming.

The only mate I knew that worked for Papa on the schooner was JACK MONGUE. I remember going on a trip on the schooner with Papa, Mama, and RAPHIEL MILLER. When we got in the Gulf, Mama and I stayed in the hold until we reached Galveston. Most of Papa's trips were to Galveston. On one of Papa's trips to Galveston he lost his rudder and had to steer by letting out a long heavy rope. (Photo #4 on page 123)

Years later on a trip to New Orleans on the *Winona*, Mama showed me the place where the schooner came to rest in a bayou (seems like it might be Schooner Bayou). JOE said he thought it was common to junk old boats in remote areas like that.

### **Riverboat *Winona***

The *Winona* was built on the Mermentau River in Papa's yard by Mr. WATERMAN. A boat builder from some south Louisiana city. I believe it was Franklin. It took 1 year to build. It was built parallel to the river and it was launched into the river sideways. I saw it being launched and was frightened it made such a big splash. I was seven when it was finished, 1917.

The original engines were gasoline, but in the summer of 1922, Papa took the boat to Lake Arthur at LEZAY ROY's wharf and changed the engines out. He replaced them with two, 30 horsepower, 2 cylinder, Callenburg diesel motors. I was out of school at that time and stayed on the boat with Papa and Mama. I slept on deck under a mosquito netting, while Papa and Mama slept in the cabin.

Papa first worked between New Orleans and Grand Chenier; and hauled cotton and cotton seed. Bales on deck and seed in the hold. I went on several trips to N. O. on the *Winona*. Papa took different routes. You or JOHN would know the routes better than me. Sometimes it was in the Gulf to Vermilion Bay, then through bayous to Bayou Black and on to the Mississippi River near New Orleans. Other trips were into Bayou Plaquemine and the Mississippi near Baton Rouge.

Later (1920-1925) Papa made passenger and freight trips to Lake Arthur. Some of the freight were cars, lumber, caskets, whatever people needed.

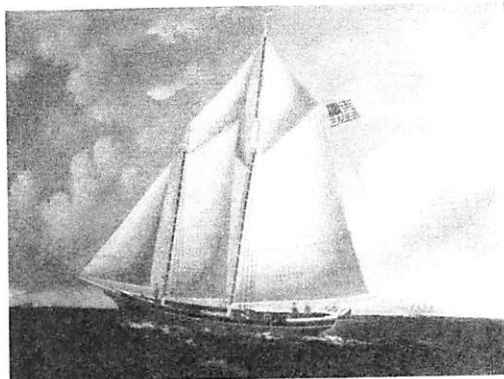
Between 1925-1929, he worked between Lake Charles and Grand Chenier. Freight only. After that he brought oil and gasoline from Port Arthur to Grand Chenier, until about 1940. He left the *Winona* tied up in the pasture until 1943 when ADAM NUNEZ bought it. ADAM made a tug-boat out of the *Winona*. It finally sank in the Gulf off the coast of Galveston. That's about all I remember about Papa's boats.

WINONA MILLER ACHEE is the daughter of JOSEPH NUNEZ MILLER and EDNA THERIOT. PATRICK is WINONA's son. PATRICK ACHEE is the 3<sup>rd</sup> great-grandson of MICHEL MILLER and HIACINTHE LEJEUNE. The family book for the *Michel Miller and Hiacinthe Lejeune Family* can be purchased at [www.Lulu.com](http://www.Lulu.com) (Photo #5 and #6 on page 123)

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Joseph Nunez Miller  
(Patrick Achee photo)  
PHOTO #1



Schooner E. O. Gladys  
PHOTO #2



Raphiel Miller, Abt. 1918 (Oma  
McCall photo)  
PHOTO #4



Olive & Gladys Miller  
PHOTO #3



Winona Miller with son Patrick Achee. 1941  
(Patrick Achee photo)  
PHOTO #5



Edna Theriot (Oma McCall  
photo)  
PHOTO #6

## **BOLL WEEVIL TURNS FARMER INTO CATTLEMAN – JOHN HENRY MEAUX**

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**Submitted with the permission of JERRY WISE, *Cameron Parish Pilot*,  
and NOLA MAE ROSS (& MADGE REINA)**

JOHN HENRY MEAUX (1888-1981) was a good, decent, and kind man who loved his God, his family, and his neighbors. He truly loved Cameron Parish and always referred to it as a paradise. He lived most of his 93 years in Oak Grove and only left when business took him away.

He often said, “people who live in Cameron Parish should never go hungry unless they were too lazy to find work.”

JOHNNY MEAUX was the 4th generation American MEAUX. His ancestors were originally from France. He was the oldest child of JOHN BAPTISTE MEAUX and MARTHA LEILA WELCH-MEAUX, and was one of three siblings, JOHNNY, TAD and JIMMY, who stayed in Cameron Parish.

JOHNNY was an active member of the First Methodist Church in Grand Chenier. One of his first priorities when serving in the Louisiana House of Representatives was to make sure all churches in the parish had shelled parking lots.

### **LIVELIHOOD**

Johnny's income came from raising cattle and cotton - - cotton being the 'money crop'. He also raised corn as food for the family as well as for the farm animals. He had a large vegetable garden as did everyone in Cameron. During the winter months (fur season) he went to Mulberry or Chenier Tigie, near Pecan Island to trap. He lived in a marsh camp the entire fur season returning home only when the season ended.

Much attention was paid to the cotton crops. All available land was planted in cotton. JOHNNY MEAUX told about his teenage years when he and his brother dug up oak tree stumps (called grubbing up) so the land could be used. They were paid 50¢ a day.

As the cotton grew, it was watched carefully for insect invasions. Insecticide was used only when necessary. As the cotton bolls turned white, family members and some hired hands picked the cotton. As the cotton was picked, it was put in a long white sack, made by the women, of thick white duck cloth.

The pickers were paid by the number of pounds they picked. The women of the household cooked the meals, also serving coffee and water to the pickers. Some adult pickers could pick 100 lbs. of cotton a day. After the invasion of the boll weevil insect, the cotton crop had to be destroyed and the cotton farmer had to turn elsewhere for income. Mr. JOHNNY turned his primary attention to cattle and thus the end of another era of livelihood for the Cameron farmer.



## CATTLE INDUSTRY

The land used primarily for cotton waste turned into pastureland for cattle. The cattlemen began to improve the quality of their stock by breeding with better bulls and buying better breeding stock.

The MEAUX and WELCH families soon realized they needed extra winter pasture for their growing herd of cattle. They teamed with Cow Island and Grand Chenier cowmen and found winter pasture in Chenier Tigie and Mulberry in Vermilion Parish (south of Pecan Island), hence the cattle drives began.

It was a long and tedious task. Mr. ARCENEUX MILLER became JOHNNY's mentor. He was 15-20 years his senior and had an abundance of experience. Together they organized the cattle drive that would take them 80-100 miles on the beach of the Gulf of Mexico to Vermilion Parish. The cattle drive began. It took them from 5-7 days, depending on the tides and weather. The moon and tides and Mother Nature would play a large part of the success of the drive. The cowboys, 15-20 or more, drove the cattle down the beach with the Gulf of Mexico to the south and the marshes of the Chenier to the north. The drive would consist of 1,000-1,800 head of cattle and 45 horses.

They brought their food and drinks with them; the food had to be non-perishable such as, potted meat, boiled eggs, Vienna sausage, crackers and many T-cakes made by the wives.

Their food was carried in what was called a "sac-a-de-boot". It was made of heavy duck cloth or ticking cloth and was placed on the pommel of the saddle. It had an opening on each end to take the food out or put it in without removing it from the saddle.

The only fresh food they had came by boat, driven down the canals. Mr. MOISE STURLESE and Mr. EUGENE BROUSSARD met the herd at the canal openings and helped the cowboys cross by using their boats to keep the cattle together.

At night the cattle were herded and a fire was made to keep mosquitoes from the cowboys and cattle. The cowboys took turns sleeping on their saddle blankets on the sand, sometimes resting their head on their saddle seat.

Crossing the cattle over these waterways 5-7 in all, some large, some small, was the most tedious of the entire cattle drive. The tide had to be just low enough so the cattle could swim and not so low they would bog. If the tide was too high the current would pull the cattle away from the herd. Sometimes they would hold the cattle for hours before crossing time.

Some of the canal crossings were Rollover, Oyster Bayou, Fresh Water, Sweeney Canal, Big Constance and Joseph Harbor. One drive took 10 days because of the tides.

When they reached Pecan Island they were met by Mr. ROY HEBERT who knew the marshes there better than anyone. JOHNNY MEAUX said that ROY HEBERT and CLEVELAND RUTHERFORD were the two best natural cattlemen he knew.

Of course Hackberry, Johnson Bayou and Holly Beach had their own cowboy heroes. Upon arriving at Pecan Island, they stayed the night with the VEAZYs. After five or more nights sleeping on the beach a good bed and hot supper were very welcoming. When they got to Chenier Tigie, they stayed at Mr. ROY and Miss BEULAH's house.

When the herd reached their destination the cattle were turned out to pasture; after so long a drive they were very anxious to eat. There they would spend the winter months. After the cattle were settled, some of the younger cowboys, after a change of horses, would drive the horses back to Oak Grove and Grand Chenier.

There were no stock trailers then and when that drive was over, it was to be repeated in reverse order in the spring. But the experiences witnessed by those young cowboys would never be forgotten.

The cattlemen who made the trip to Chenier Tigie were too numerous to mention, but among them were LEONARD (RED) LITTLE, the MILLER brothers (PREVOT, ARCENEUX, SERVIN,) and STEVE and LOUIS CANIK.

The WELCH brothers, C. B. and SHINE, JIM and SHERMAN MAYNE were also some of the hard workers, as well as JOHNNY and J. B. MEAUX, GayBoy STEWART, D. Y. DOLAND, CHARLIE THERIOT, CHARLIE RICHARD, Mr. ROY KIRK (a cattle buyer), LOUIE GARLINGTON, JAMES HEBERT, DONALD RICHARD and JAMES COX.

JACK PRIMEAUX was always the lead rider and there was always the "lead cow" which was there to represent the cows. She took the lead across the bayous and canals while the other cows followed – the modern day "GPS".

HENRY ROY, AUSTIN DAVIS, MOISE STURLESE, ARCENEUX BOUDREAUX, ROBERT MHIRE, EUGENE BROUSSARD, and HENRY ROY came through the canals with fresh food and helped to cross by using their boats.

(To be continued)

### **MEAUX HELPED WRITE LOUISIANA CONSTITUTION** ***The Cameron Parish Pilot, Cameron, La., November 17, 2011***

Not much is known about the education system in Cameron Parish during the 1880-1890s but it is known that JOHNNY MEAUX and his brother "BOOD" played football for Port Arthur High School at that time.

They had to stay in Johnson Bayou on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday when they rowed a skiff across Sabine Pass to Port Arthur and again to practice on Saturdays for the football games.

While in Port Arthur, JOHNNY went to a business school and learned to type. He also worked as a laborer and helped build Proctor Street, which is still there today.

Between 1905-1909 JOHNNY played on the first football team at S.L.I. (now Univ. of LA at Lafayette). He was honored several times as a member of that first team.

### **MARRIED YEARS**

The parish of Cameron employed many young teachers from other parishes across the state because they were one of the parishes that paid their salaries in cash instead of script. JOHNNY MEAUX met one of these young ladies, ALINE SIBLEY, from Plain Dealing and they married in 1916.

ALINE developed a goiter in her throat, and had to go to Cleveland, Ohio, to have surgery performed. Sadly, she died there of complications from the surgery. They were married eight months. JOHNNY brought her back to her home in Plain Dealing to be buried.

### **ARMED SERVICES**

Called to serve in World War I, JOHNNY enlisted in the U. S. Army in 1918 and was honorably discharged in 1919. He was sent to Camp Beauregard where he received the rank of Master Sergeant. He spent his entire service time at Camp Beauregard, because he said, "I was the only one who could type and make the payroll for Camp Beauregard."

After his return from service he married MARY ESTHER NUNEZ from Creole. They had four daughters: MARY 'LADY' BEATRICE, who died at 14 months, FRANCES LORRAINE MEAUX-SCHMID, ALTHEA MAE MEAUX-COX, ALINE MADGE MEAUX-REINA.

### **POLITICAL CAREER**

JOHNNY MEAUX was appointed by Cameron Parish to be its representative and was known for helping write the 1921 Louisiana Constitution. Once he was in Baton Rouge, he did not come home until the first draft of the constitution was completed.

Elected in 1925 as a State Representative, he remained representative until 1951. When MEAUX first went to Baton Rouge in 1925, it took him five days to get there. He went by horse, boat, train, taxi and finally by state trooper. Once he got there, he came home only once during the 90-day session.

In 1925 not only were there no hard surface roads, there were no roads at all! There were trails made between communities from property donated by the landowner. At that time, the eminent domain law was not as it is today. The property for roads had to be donated or bought from the landowner; it could not be confiscated for communities by the government.

From the Cheniers and marshes, floating turf roads and trails were formed. Eventually clam or oyster shells were added to the trails, but still many roads could not be traveled in rainy weather.

Oil companies became interested in exploring for oil and gas in lower Cameron in the late thirties and early forties. Then it was imperative to have access to lower Cameron thus the floating turf from Creole to Gibbstown became a shelled road with a ferry.

### **CRAIN BROTHERS**

About this time The Crain Brothers invented their marsh buggy. That opened the marshes to a whole different world that had not been explored. His invention opened many opportunities for more oil and gas exploration and progress was beginning to be made in Lower Cameron.

There were not enough Lower Cameron voters to bargain with, but never the less progress did come to Cameron and until Hurricane Audrey, it was indeed the paradise Mr. JOHNNY MEAUX dreamed for Cameron.

### **McNEESE**

During the mid thirties, the legislators of Southwest Louisiana met to discuss the need for an institution for higher education in the southwest part of the state. After much deliberating, a caucus was formed from the local representation; a strategy was decided upon and a deal was made. Lake Charles now had an institution of higher education for its local students. McNeese Junior College became a reality in 1939, consisting of two buildings and an arena.

During his tenure, Mr. JOHNNY MEAUX introduced and passed the law to create the Road Royalty Fund that would bring many millions of dollars to the parish for roads and bridges. These improvements helped put Cameron Parish on the map and as the roads opened so did the waterways, thus Cameron Parish became one of the biggest fishing ports in south Louisiana.

MEAUX was affectionately known as the big man who wore the white Stetson hat. He was a man of few words - only those that were important and he had many good friends such as Senator ALLEN ELLENDER, W. T. BURTON, Senator ERNEST CLEMENT, LATHER FRASHER, the LONGs, DUDLEY J. LeBLANC, BILL DODD and many others.

### **HURRICANE AUDREY**

Hurricane Audrey destroyed all of the cattle so gone were those days except for reminiscing about the 'good ole days'. Once again, the people of lower Cameron Parish had more perils to overcome and another page of history to be written.

The night of June 26, 1957, Mr. JOHNNY and his wife ESTHER, heard of a storm forming in the Gulf of Mexico. Mrs. ESTELLE STEWART, a neighbor came to spend the night since she was alone and a little apprehensive. The RAYMOND BARTIE family also came because their house was not as sturdy as Mr. JOHNNY's. The RAYMOND BARTIEs had eight children.

The morning of the 27<sup>th</sup> at approximately 5 a.m., RAYMOND BARTIE came into the bedroom and he said, "Mr. JOHNNY, the water is rising over the road!" JOHNNY told BARTIE not to worry, to make coffee and they would be up soon. A few minutes later BARTIE came back again and said, "Mr. JOHNNY, the water is on the porch."

Everyone got up not really knowing what to expect. The house sat on 3-4 foot blocks and the ceiling of the house was 10 feet high, so JOHNNY was not worried about the house flooding,

even though they could hear very strong winds. But the water did rise and came pouring into the house! JOHNNY and RAYMOND put everyone into the attic.

Then when the water reached his armpits, JOHNNY who was approximately 6'3" to 6'4" tall, and RAYMOND who was also very tall, decided they better get into the attic, too. They watched the furniture float around the house, and then the house began to break apart! As the roof began to cave, JOHNNY put ESTELLE STEWART, MAYBELLE BARTIE, and his wife, ESTHER, on the rooftop and he jumped on just in time for it to be taken by the wind and waves.

BARTIE jumped into a near tree and managed to save all but one of his eight children. The people on the roof held on tightly as they turned and circled in the 150-180 mile wind of Hurricane Audrey. JOHNNY estimated the water to be 15'-18' above land.

The rest of the story of the MEAUXs and the BARTIEs travail during the devastating Hurricane Audrey is recorded in the book *Hurricane Audrey* written by NOLA MAE ROSS.

JOHNNY MEAUX remained in the hospital for two weeks recovering from a severe wound and gangrene. When he got out of the hospital the first thing he said was, "Find me a carpenter. I want to be in my house for Christmas".

He did not ask where was the government, where was FEMA, where was Road Home ICC money, or how much will I get for insurance.

"Thank you, Lord", he said! And that year the MEAUXs had Christmas dinner at their home in Oak Grove, on a table made of planks, set on sawhorses.

### MEAUX LEGACY

JOHNNY and ESTHER MEAUX left many descendants: four daughters, three lived to adulthood; 10 grandchildren, one grandson, TERRY COX was killed in the line of duty serving as Sheriff Deputy for Cameron Parish in 1999; 20 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren .... and as of this printing one more is expected any day.

Mr. MEAUX died December 23, 1981, at his home in Oak Grove at the age of 93.

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**AN AMATEUR GENEALOGIST** is described as a strange bird. He delights in shaking the family tree to see what falls out. He is a searcher, sorter, classifier, and recorder. His song is a loud shriek whenever he discovers a tidbit. His nest is a clutter of books, maps, periodicals, family group sheets, ancestor charts, clippings, letters and notes. His family is often neglected when he gets hold of a hot chestnut. He is sometimes fulfilled, often frustrated, but always hopeful. (this HE is more often than not, a SHE!)

"Ancestor's Unlimited", reprinted from "Antique Week"

**SPECIAL TIMES WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS  
ARE WRITTEN AS MEMORIES ON OUR HEARTS.**

## **OBITUARIES**

**Submitted by SHIRLEY CHUMLEY SMITH, Member No. 980**

**Obituary for ARSENE P. PUJO**

*Lake Charles American Press*

Monday, January 1, 1940, Page 1

### **ATTORNEY DIES**

**Final Rites for A. P. PUJO Set for 3 P.M. Today**

**Former Lake Charles U. S. Representative Is  
Stricken in New Orleans**

**LAST RITES** for ARSENE PAULIN PUJO, statesman of the Theodore Roosevelt era will be held from his Bilbo street residence at 3 p.m. today.

Death came to the 78-year-old former congressman from this district as he lay ill of bronchial pneumonia in Touro Infirmary at New Orleans Sunday morning at 8:15.

Monsignor JOHN A. VIGILERO, pastor of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church will officiate at the services. Pallbearers named by the family are THOMAS F. PORTER, C. E. HARDIN, BOATNER REILY and BENNETT MOLTER of New Orleans; ALFRED M. BARBE, LOUIS BARBE, PAUL ROSTEET, LUCIUS MOSS and PAUL MOSS.

Famed for his leadership in the 1912 "money trust" investigation conducted by a sub-committee of the house of representatives committee of banking and currency, Mr. PUJO was chairman of both groups.

#### **Brilliant Career**

The investigation was the climax of the brilliant Lake Charles man's career in national politics which began with his election to the 58<sup>th</sup> congress in 1902. He served in the House from March 3, 1903 to March 2, 1913.

Mr. PUJO was born at Rose Bluff on the Calcasieu River, a few miles below Lake Charles, on Dec. 16, 1861. He was a son of PAUL PUJO and ELOISE MINERVA LeBLEU PUJO. His father, PAUL PUJO, was born at Tarbes, Haute-Pyrenees, France, May 4, 1815. PAUL PUJO's father, PASCAL PUJO, and brothers were soldiers in Napoleon's armies. ROSE MARGARET de BROCA, grandmother of ARSENE PAULIN PUJO, was a daughter of Count PAUL FRANCOIS de BROCA, of Tieste, Haute-Pyrenees, France.

He was married Dec. 16, 1889 to Miss GEORGIA BROWN of Orange, Texas, daughter of Dr. SAMUEL MOORE BROWN and GEORGIA MALONE BROWN.

Mr. PUJO received his education in the public and private schools of Lake Charles. He studied law in the office of Judge GABRIEL A. FOURNET and upon his admission to the bar 1886 - - became Judge FOURNET's law partner. In 1892 he was tendered the nomination for district judge by the Anti-Lottery league, but declined in favor of Judge FOURNET, who was elected.

#### **Early Public Service**

Mr. PUJO early took an interest in the affairs of his native state, becoming a member of the Louisiana constitutional convention in 1898 as a delegate-at-large. He was selected to serve on the judiciary committee, of which the late THOS. J. SEMMES was chairman. He was on the sub-committee of seven appointed to revise the constitution of 1879, and passed the provisions

for its amendment. Of this sub-committee, the late Chief Justice FRANK A. MONROE was chairman.

The final draft of many important amendments was the work of Mr. PUJO, in conjunction with the chairman.

Elected a member of the fifty-eighth congress from the Seventh Louisiana district, he served continuously through the sixty-second congress in which he became chairman of the committee on banking and currency, and was chairman of the sub-committee making the money-trust investigation of 1912. This is often referred to as the "PUJO" committee. The scope of its work was broad and extensive. The data assembled and the report to congress showed the necessity of remedial financial and monetary legislation as a means of preventing financial panics in the future.

#### **Draft Board Chairman**

During the World War, Mr. PUJO served as chairman of the district board for the Western district of Louisiana, for which he was administering the Selective Service Act. Into that work, for which he was so admirably suited by training and experience, he threw himself without regard for his private affairs. Many of his rulings on the application of the Act became the fixed policy of Provost MARSHAL CROWDER in his administration throughout the nation.

Still active in his profession until the time of his death, which came at 8:15 Sunday morning in New Orleans, he bore with becoming grace the honors which were awarded his industry and ability, and was first and last a lawyer representing the highest ideals of his profession and to whom his fellows pointed with unstinted pride.

Mr. PUJO is survived by two daughters, Mrs. ELAINE PUJO REILY, wife of W. BOATNER REILY, and Mrs. MONA PUJO MOLTER, wife of Col. BENNETT MOLTER, both of new Orleans, one granddaughter and two grandsons, one nephew, FRANK J. HORTIG of Alexandria, and by members of the LeBLEU, BARBE and MOSS families.

#### **"Money Trust" Probe**

The most notable work of his public career was the "money trust" investigation for which SAMUEL UTERMAYER (?) was engaged as counsel for the committee. The investigation continued after Mr. PUJO's retirement from congress in 1913 under the chairmanship of CARTER GLASS of Virginia, resulted in the Federal Reserve Act.

During Mr. PUJO's supervision of the probe, the committee heard the nation's top-ranking bankers give testimony, among them the late J. PIERPONT MORGAN, JAMES A. STILLMAN and GEORGE F. BAKER.

Among Mr. PUJO's associates in congress at this period and earlier were such notables as Sen. EDGAR BORAH, the late Rep. JOE ROBINSON and Sen. MORRIS SHEPPARD.

#### **Law Partners**

During his continuous practice of law in Lake Charles Mr. PUJO formed legal partnerships with many another notable local attorneys. Among them were besides Judge FOURNET, the late C. D. MOSS, E. D. MILLER, LEON SUGAR, W. B. WILLIAMSON, U. A. BELL, C. R. LISKOW and JOHN H. MARTIN.

At the time of his death Mr. PUJO was senior partner of the firm of PUJO, HARDIN and PORTER.

Though Mr. PUJO was a consistent Democrat, intimates declare he was a man of highly individualistic views. Though his loyalty to his constituents was unwavering, he answered

unreasonable demands by declaring: "I am not the servant of the people, but the agent of the people."

Tulane University's chapter of the Order of the Coif, legal fraternity, named Mr. PUJO an honorary member in 1936.

Burial in Orange Grove cemetery will follow the funeral services to be conducted at the residence this afternoon. The Burke funeral home is in charge of arrangements.

{Submitter's Note: Survivors' last names were spelled REILY in Mr. PUJO's obituary and in Mrs. PUJO's obituary the name was spelled REILLY.}

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### Obituary for **Dr. FRANK RAY LOCK**

*Lake Charles American Press*

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### **LOCK services are scheduled Sunday**

Private graveside services for Dr. FRANK RAY LOCK of Highland Beach, Fla., and of Aiken, S.C., 69, will be at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, in Goos Cemetery under direction of Hammer Funeral Home.

Dr. LOCK died Thursday, Nov. 29, at North Carolina Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem.

Born in Lake Charles, Dr. LOCK was the grandson of Capt. GEORGE T. LOCK and ELLEN GOOS, pioneer settlers of old Goosport, and was the brother of the late GEORGE T. LOCK III of Lake Charles.

He spent his early life in Lake Charles and moved to Winston-Salem in 1941 where he was a member of the faculty of Bowman Gray School of Medicine. At his retirement he was head of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

In 1965, Dr. LOCK was the only person ever to serve simultaneously as president of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and of the American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

In 1968, he served as president of the American Gynecological Society and the South Atlantic Association of Obstetrics and Gynecology. He received his bachelor degree from Cornell University and his degree of medicine from Tulane University.

He was the first president of the Bowman Gray Foundation, established in 1952 to promote education and research at the medical center.

He was a member of the advisory editorial committee of the American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology from 1952 to 1963, and a member of the editorial board of the Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology from 1956 to 1960.

Surviving are his wife, MARY BONNEY LOCK; three sons, FRANK R. LOCK Jr., and DAVID M. LOCK, both of Aiken, S.C. and JAMES B. LOCK of Virginia Beach, VA.; three adopted daughters, Mrs. AMELIE PRESTON OWENS of Winston-Salem, Mrs. CHARLES HIPPO of Charleston, S.C. and Mrs. CHARLES PARNELL of Memphis, Tenn., and 17 grandchildren.

The family has asked that any memorial gifts be made to the Dr. Frank Lock Professorship Fund, Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, N.C.



**THE DAILY AMERICAN (9 August 1897)**

Information Gathered by MICK HENDRIX, Member No. 1296

**STRICTLY PERSONAL. Points About People Who Come and Go From This City.**

P. J. CONNALLY came over from Orange Saturday and spent Sunday with his family.

Mrs. J. H. HOUSEMAN returned from Oberlin Saturday evening where she has been visiting for some days.

W. P. DUNN who has been working for JOHN BUCK and Sons for sometime left for Indianapolis, Ind., Friday morning.

Mrs. JESSE EDMONSTON and family have gone to Lake Arthur to spend a few weeks rustivating during the hot weather.

Miss EDNA KING has resigned her position as teacher at the school near Vinton and returned home Saturday evening.

Mr. WADDEL GORDON left for Alexandria yesterday where he will spend some time in visiting relatives on Bayou Rapides.

Miss MAY MURPHY, the popular and handsome sponsor for Company G left for Shreveport last night over the Kay See.

Mrs. L. CLING and son who have been visiting her father I. REINAUER for some time returned to New Iberia this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. KELLY of Vinton, spent yesterday in the city visiting Mrs. KELLY's parents, Rev. and Mrs. C. A. KING.

E. BARNETT, of Jennings, came over Saturday night to take in the "Little Tycoon" and spend Sunday with his sons, E. E. and BAL BARNETT.

H. R. ARCENAUUX the popular clerk of the depot drug store is visiting friends at Jennings and Welch. In a few days he will leave for Louisville, Ky., to enter the Medical College there.

Mrs. E. H. DEES accompanied by Misses LANGLEY, SUSIE REYNOLDS and ANNIE ALBERTSON left for Shreveport yesterday to attend the encampment.

STEVE DEMOULEY went to Lafayette this morning to visit friends.

WM. LIGHTLEY, JIM and SAM KINDER, Miss HANNA SCALLY, JOHN H. POE and SIMON BAKER drove over to Big Lake Saturday evening to spend Sunday. They returned last evening, accompanied by J. H. POE's family, B. W. BAHREL's family, and Mrs. BARNES, who have been camping there for sometime.

Mr. WALTER CLOAKS, of Cherokee, Iowa, has been in the city for a few days, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. WHITE. He was very much pleased with our city. Mr. CLOAKS left this morning for Port Arthur to see that far-famed city (?).

**ANOTHER BIG BARGE.**

Work on the second barge to be built on the lake next to MILLIGAN & MARTIN's store has begun. The barge is to be built for the North American Land and Timber company, and Captain LAMONT has the contract.

**IT'S ALL A RUMOR. No Charge Has been Made Against Col. W. L. STEVENS Yet.**

It was rumored on the streets Saturday that the police jury would call on Col. W. L. STEVENS of the First Regiment L. S. N. G. to explain what he did with the \$200 appropriated

by that body for the encampment here last summer which Mr. MUNRO alleges he misappropriated.

President ADOLPH MEYER was seen in regard to the matter and says that there is no charge made against Col. STEVENS yet, but that if one is made the police jury may be relied upon to fully investigate the matter.

#### **MAYOR'S COURT. Not Many Offenders Graced the Dock This Morning.**

The Mayor's court did the usual Monday morning's business this morning, the fines amounting to \$18.

Officer ROY was much in evidence this morning, five arrests being to his credit. Following were the fines disposed of:

JOHN HOWARD, arrested by LYONS for being drunk and disorderly, was fined \$2.50 or three days work on the streets.

JOE EDMOND and JOE EDWARD, colored, arrested by ROY for disturbing the peace by fighting, were fined \$2.50 or three days work on the streets.

JOHN GIBSON and JOE HYATT, colored, arrested by ROY for disturbing the peace and using bad language, were fined \$1.50 each or two days work on the streets.

CHANIE CROWFORD, colored, arrested by ROY for disturbing the peace and disorderly conduct was fined \$2.00.

#### **MERE MENTION. Brief, Breezy Newslets Caught in Passing.**

Schooner *Lehman*, No. 3, came up today and is anchored in the lake.

TOMPKINS Bros. are having their bicycle shop painted.

IRA MARTIN leaves tonight for Vincent to help paper and paint Mr. LYONS' residence.

Schooner *Fanny* went down this morning with a load of lumber from Westlake.

IRA MARTIN has just completed papering and painting Dr. WATKINS' new residence on Pujo Street.

Prof. J. E. KEENY is holding institution in Natchitoches this week. Last week he worked in Homer.

Mr. GOODHUE is having his house on Moss street papered and painted. Mr. ROY is doing the work.

J. H. HOUSEMAN has just received the contract to build N. D. POPE's handsome residence, and the work on the foundation has commenced.

JOHN BUCK & Sons shipped three cars of brick to TAYLOR on the K. C. P. & G. to be used in the construction of the large saw mill being built by the Central Coal & Coke Co. of Texarkana, Texas.

T. N. COSTELLO agent for the Houston Ice and Brewing Company, sells Magnolia Beer.

B. C. MILLS and family left for Jennings this morning to visit friends and attend the Christian Endeavor convention to be held there tomorrow and next day.

J. W. EWING, who has been playing ball with the Grays for the past couple of months, left for his home in Galveston this morning. EWING was a good player and by his genial, gentlemanly conduct while here won many friends and admirers, who are sorry to see him leave.

Taking advantage of the good breeze yesterday several owners of sail boats indulged in races. GEORGE WASEY's boat *The Dawn*, easily outdistanced all of her rivals and now claims the championship of the lake.

**REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS. Some Activity in the Local Market, But No Large Transactions.**

No large transactions have been made in the real estate line since last Saturday. The transfers of the week have been below the average. Following are the transfers since July 31:

THOMAS STEVENSON to CHRIS BRAMMER, sale of land. Consideration \$75.00.

GOTTFIELD J. SCHUBERT to THOS. STEVENSON, sale of land. Consideration \$75.00.

V. MAREAU and wife to L. BERTRAND, sale of land. Consideration \$25.00.

E. L. LEE to PETER CAPDERILLE, sale of land. Consideration \$25.00.

LEWIS BARBAR to K. BOLlich, sale of land. Consideration \$100.00.

JAMES HUGHES to JASPER STINE, sale of land. Consideration \$20.00.

W. F. FERKINS to WILLIAM BUCHANNAN, sale of land. Consideration \$25.00.

W. F. PERKINS to W. S. SMITH, sale of land. Consideration \$25.00.

J. D. BRAXTON to LUCY GUILLORY, sale of land. Consideration \$100.00.

ARMINA DOISE to OCAVE GAIDRY, sale of land. Consideration \$40.00.

H. D. GRIFFITHS to WILLIAM D. GRIFFITHS, sale of land. Consideration \$100.00.

W. J. D. D. DAUGHENBAUGH to H. L. CARY, lease.

C. FOUENO and wife to OCTAVE GAIDRY, sale of land. Consideration \$75.00.

Lake Charles Cemetery association to the Calcasieu Camp of U. C. V., sale of lot. Consideration \$40.00.

S. M. NEWHOUSE to REBECCA E. SMITH, dation en paiement.

**OWING** to the fact that the public schools of the city may not open before January, I shall organize a private school to continue until the opening of the schools, or, as much longer as may be practicable. The aim will be to maintain the organization of the school on its present basis. Pupils will be received from the Fifth grade up, and I will be assisted by several members of the high school faculty.

I will be in the city after Aug. 10, when I will be glad to consult with all parties desiring to patronize the school.

Respectfully, B. S. LANDIS

**ENTERTAINED IN ALEXANDRIA. Company G and the Band Recipients of Much Attention and Grub.**

Company G and the First Regiment band left, 45 strong, over the Watkins road for Shreveport Sunday morning. Saturday afternoon they received an invitation from the Barrett Light Guards to dine with them Sunday.

The invitation was accepted and they were treated to a fine dinner by the Alexandria boys at the Stonewall Hotel. Speeches were made and the several hours of their lay-over in Alexandria were spent very pleasantly. The company and band left for Shreveport in fine shape.

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**HUMOR IN GENEALOGY.** A family historian, who was writing his family history, was dismayed to find that one of his ancestors had been publicly hanged. In a moment of inspiration he wrote, "He died during a public ceremony, when the platform upon which he was standing, collapsed beneath him."

Jersey Cty. Genealogical Society, reprinted in Boone City, W. Va. Quarterly, July 1993

## **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 records, 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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#### **HARDWARE.**

FRANK Hardware Co, 714 Ryan  
KAUFMAN, SAML & Sons, 613 Ryan  
MURRAY-BROOKS Hardware Co, 707-09 Ryan  
ROCK, G T Hdw Co Ltd, 908 Ryan, 208 Pujo

#### **HARNESS AND SADDLES.**

HARMON, J, 623 Ryan  
KAUFMAN, S & Son, 613 Ryan  
Lake Charles Car & Impl Co, Mill and Ryan

#### **HOTELS AND CAFES.**

LeBLANC Hotel, Ryan and Cole  
Lake City Hotel, 823 Ryan  
Majestic Hotel, Pujo and Bilbo  
RIGMAIDEN Cafe, 825 Ryan

#### **IMPLEMENTS.**

KAUFMAN, S & Sons, 613 Ryan  
Lake City Car & Impl Co, Ryan and Mill

Advertisements: Calcasieu Building and Loan Association, C. F. Daigle & Company, Rollosson & Company, A. Bremmer.

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#### **INSURANCE**

BANKER, W J, Levy Bldg  
CHAVANNE-FIELD Agency, Chavanne Bldg  
CHAVANNE Ins. Agency, Chavanne Bldg  
DEES & FOSTER, 314 Pujo  
DEHART, I W, Levy Bldg (acc)  
Life Ins Co of VA ( L J WAGNER, asst supt), Commercial Bldg  
KINDER, J A (acc and emp liability), Commercial Bldg  
LEVY, SAM, Viterbo Bldg  
MAYER, A W, Kaufman Bldg  
PRICE, J W, Majestic Hotel (life)  
RICHARD-WASEY Co, Kaufman Bldg  
HART, FRED A, genl insurance, 714 Ryan  
THOMPSON, R J (life) Bloch Bldg

#### **JEWELERS.**

CARLSON, A W, Rigmaiden Bldg, Ryan  
HOLLINS Bros, 805 Ryan  
Lake City Supply Co (C S SNIVELY), 609 Ryan  
MERTZ, J F & Co, 627 Ryan  
THOMPSON, J C, Lake City Bldg, Ryan  
TOCE, R A, 829 Ryan

Advertisements: Leon & E. A. Chavanne, Hemenway Furniture Company Ltd., Eddy Bros. Dry Goods Co., Ltd., Calcasieu Building and Loan Association

#### **P. 260 LAUNDRIES.**

Lake Side Steam Laundry, 121 Mill  
White City Laundry, 508 Ryan

#### **LIVERY AND TRANSFER STABLES.**

GILL & TROTTI, livery and transfer, Division and Ryan  
RYAN, ED, livery and transfer, Pujo St  
McCORQUODALE Transfer Co, Broad St  
PERKINS Transfer Co, Broad St  
PRATER Transfer Co. American Feed Co, office

#### **LUMBER MANUFACTURERS.**

BEL (J A) Lumber Co, Ltd, foot of Lawrence, K C S tracks  
CHANELLE Picket Fence Co., Goosport  
Calcasieu Long Leaf Lbr Co., Goosport  
HODGE Fence & Lbr Co, Goosport  
KRAUSE & MANAGAN Lbr Co, Westlake  
LOCK-MOORE Lbr Co, Lockport  
LYONS Lbr Co, K C S tracks

POWELL Lbr Co, Viterbo Bldg

**LIME AND PLASTER.**

BUCK Brick Yard, Hodges and East

Advertisements: Calcasieu Building and Loan Association, C. F. Daigle & Co., A. Brammer,  
The Hi Mount Land Company, Ltd.

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**LINE AND PLASTER. (continued)**

DeLATTE & LaGRANGE, Railroad and Shattuck

**MARBLE WORKS**

Calcasieu Marble Works, Bilbo bet Pujo and Broad

**MEAT MARKETS.**

ASSUNTO, F, 625 Ryan  
BOUDREAUX'S Market, 835 Ryan  
DeLaLANNE Market, Broad and Bilbo  
BOWERS, J (c), 529 Franklin  
DIPIAZZA, J, 326 Boulevard  
Lake Charles Meat Market, 629 Ryan  
MARTIN, PAUL, 536 Railroad ave  
MURATE, 818 Railroad ave  
STEELY, C M,  
SENAC, J, 810 Ryan  
ROTHMAK, F B  
REINA, J, 1110 Railroad ave  
TRITICO, S, 740 Railroad ave  
TUNADO, L, 1643 Gallagher

**MILLINERY.**

**(See also Department Stores.)**

The Grand Leader, Ryan and Division  
MacLEOD, C A Miss, 318 Pujo  
SCALLEY, H Miss, 828 Ryan

Advertisements: Leon & E. A. Chavanne, Mathieu's Drug Store, Muller's, C. T. Rock  
Hardware Co., Ltd.

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Louisiana Matt & Furn Co, Ltd., 210 Division

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**CONSOLATA CEMETERY**  
**2300 Country Club Rd., Lake Charles, Louisiana**

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FRUGE HENRY, b. no date, d. 14 July 1972 - age 49 yrs. - born Crowley, La.  
FRUGE, JOE, b. 29 Mar. 1906, d. 21 Apr. 1987  
FRUGE, JOHN CLINE, b. 18 July 1923, d. 21 Jan. 1987  
FRUGE, JOSEPH, b. 26 Aug. 1908, d. 9 June 1986  
FRUGE, LILLIE MAE, b. 18 May 1925, d. 23 June 1994  
FRUGE, LLOYD, b. 24 July 1909, d. 1990  
FRUGE, LUKE, b. 4 July 1913, d. 10 Jan. 1989  
FRUGE, LUKE b. 17 Jan. 1960, d. 12 Nov. 1995  
FRUGE, MABEL, b. 31 July 1918, d. 5 June 1986  
FRUGE, MARK, b. 8 Aug. 1918, d. 19 June 1990  
FRUGE, SHELDON P., b. 1930, d. 1 July 1986  
FRUGE, WALTER, b. 9 Nov. 1921, d. 10 Oct. 1983  
FRUGE, WINNIE P., b. 20 May 1917, d. 3 June 1976 - born Eunice, La.  
FULJENZ, RAYMOND D., b. no date, d. 20 Jan. 1988  
FULLEN, ROBERT LOIS, b. 19 Dec. 1904, d. 8 June 1974 - 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Army Air Force, WWII  
FULLER, Dr. ALAN, b. 26 Dec. 1931, d. 28 May 1987  
FULLER, BOBBY ALLISON, Jr., b. no date, d. 1970 - stillborn  
FUNK, HANS PETER, b. 17 Sep. 1894, d. 8 Feb. 1981  
FUNK, HAZEL, b. 16 Jan. 1924, d. 23 June 1991  
FUNK, SIGRID L., b. 25 June 1898, d. 18 Sep. 1977 - born Sweden  
FUSELIER, CAMILE, b. 31 Jan. 1899, d. 20 July 1979  
FUSELIER, ELIZABETH DUHON b. 2 Nov. 1899, d. 6 May 1979  
FUSELIER, REBECCA LYNNE, b. & d. 7 Sept. 1996  
GABBERT, C. W. "BILL", b. no date, d. 12 May 1970 - age 70 yrs, born Decatur, Illinois  
GAFFORD, CARRIE LUCILLE, b. no date, d. 29 Apr. 1970 - pre-mature infant, age 3 hrs.  
13 min. - born Lake Charles, La.  
GAFFORD, JAMES FRANKLIN, Sr., b. 10 Aug. 1919, d. 21 Jan. 1984  
GAIMLY, PATRICIA, b. 10 Jan. 1936, d. 30 June 1989  
GATHE, IRENE S., b. 10 Aug. 1921, d. 4 Mar. 1995  
GALLARDO, JOSE C., b. 26 Sep. 1888, d. 29 July 1985  
GALLARDO, MARIO, b. no date, d. 11 Dec. 1980  
GAMACAE, MARIE A., b. no date, d. 2 July 1975 - age 82 yrs.  
GAMIN, AUDREY M., b. 16 Jan. 1926, d. 27 Mar. 1990  
GANTT, JESSICA LEE, b. 17 May 1990, d. 18 May 1990  
GARDENER, ANGELIC, b. no date, d. 2 Dec. 1971 - stillborn  
GARDINIR, OUIDA C., b. 21 Sep. 1938, d. 24 Feb. 1985

GARMLY JOSEPH SAMUEL, b. 27 Nov. 1928, d. 9 Dec 1985  
 GARNER, LYDIA OCTAVIA, b. 2 Aug. 1918, d. 1 May 1974  
 GARRARD, BERRY, b. 6 Apr. 1920, d. 26 July 1993  
 GARRETT, SHIRLEY R., b. 17 May 1913, d. 12 May 1987  
 GARRICK, JIMMY, b. & d. 10 May 1989  
 GARRISON WILLIAM C., Jr., b. 24 Oct. 1964, d. 14 Sep. 1984  
 GARVEY, CATHERINE IRENE, b. 23 Aug. 1908, d. 27 Aug. 1984  
 GARVEY, THOMAS E., b. 15 Dec. 1899, d. 30 Dec. 1976 - born Niagara Falls, NY  
 GARY, SHYRL J., b. 7 Oct. 1946, d. 6 Feb. 1992  
 GARY, WHITNEY, b. 3 Nov. 1917, d. 9 Jan. 1970 - age 52 yrs., born Rayne, La.  
 GASKILL, Infant, b. no date, d. 20 Mar. 1968 - born Lake Charles, La.  
 GASPARD, AMY NICOLE, b. 13 Oct. 1983, d. 13 Nov. 1963 ??  
 GASPARD, CLARA b. 12 Dec 1903, d. 20 May 1991  
 GASPARD, DAMON, b. 27 Nov. 1962, d. 21 June 1989  
 GASPARD, FOREST, b. no date, d. 1994  
 GASPARD, GLYN, b. no date, d. 10 Oct. 1976 - born Rayne, La.  
 GASPARD, KIRBY J., no date, d. 20 Sep. 1976 - born Lake Charles, La.  
 GASPARD, L. VERNON, b. no date, d. 2 Mar. 1976  
 GASPARD, LESTER J., b. 7 Aug. 1933, d. 18 Jan. 1996  
 GASPARD, MABLE, b. 25 Oct. 1914, d. 8 July 1989  
 GASPARD, MURPHY A., b. 31 Oct. 1932, d. 20 Mar. 1992  
 GASPARD, NOLA T., b. 9 Oct. 1899, d. 11 May 1991  
 GASPARD, RAYMOND, b. 27 Nov. 1896, d. 9 May 1987  
 GASPARD, TELIE, b. 8 Feb. 1902, d. 15 Dec. 1986  
 GASPARD, THEODORE, b. 1889, d. 12 Jan. 1977  
 GATES, RICHARD EUGENE, b. 27 Oct. 1920, d. 27 June 1985  
 GATES, TINY, b. no date, d. July 1972  
 GATLIN, RICHARD, b. 14 Mar. 1934, d. 26 July 1989  
 GAUBERT, JUSTIN PAUL, Jr., b. no date, d. 27 Apr. 1968  
 GAUDET, EDWARD, b. 20 Sep. 1901, d. 26 Feb. 1996  
 GAUSE, LEONARD O., b. 10 June 1909, d. 6 June 1980 - born Big Lake, La.  
 GAUTHREAUX, JOHN A., b. 23 July 1917, d. 17 Dec. 1978 - same headstone with  
     GLADYS R. GAUTHREAUX  
 GAUTHREAUX, GLADYS R., b. 1919, d. no date - same headstone with  
     JOHN A. GAUTHREAUX  
 GAUTREAUX, CECILE b. 1 Apr. 1902, d. 10 Aug. 1975  
 GAUTREAUX, KATIE LYNN, b. 29 June 1963, d. 28 Jan. 1989  
 GAUTREAUX, LLEWELYN V., b. 5 Feb. 1926, d. 3 July 1996  
 GAUTREAUX, MOISE, b. 5 June 1905, d. 25 July 1975  
 GAYLE, BETTY ELWELL, b. 3 Feb. 1941, d. 19 Feb. 1997  
 GAYLE, GERALDINE MOSS, b. 29 Oct. 1919, d. 12 Aug. 1974 - age 54 yrs.,  
     born Lake Charles, La.  
 GAYLE, HENRIETTA LEONARD, b. 10 Oct. 1923, d. 12 May 1984  
 GAYLE, JOHN N., b. no date, d. 3 Mar. 1960 - re-entered in 1969.  
 GAYLE, KEVIN P., Jr., b. 19 Feb. 1956, d. 25 Feb. 1995  
 GAYLE, Mrs. MAGGIE, Sr., b. no date, d. 10 Apr. 1970 - age 58 yrs.



GAYLE, MARGARET SAYRES, no date, d. 21 June 1984  
 GAYLE, PAUL B., b. 1 Sep. 1953, d. 15 June 1978  
 GAYLE, TERRENCE C., b. 13 Oct. 1953, d. 11 Jan. 1993  
 GAYLE, Mrs. W. J., b. no date, d. 3 Mar. 1974 - born Ontario, Canada  
 GAYLE, WILLIAM H., b. no date, d. 24 July 1972 - age 57 yrs.  
 GAYLE, WILLIAM J., 1966  
 GEDDES, JOHN W., b. no date, d. 12 Aug. 1968  
 GEDDES, WINIFRED, b. 29 Dec. 1905, d. 24 Sep. 1990  
 GEHRIG, MELVIN, b. 1920, d. 1988  
 GENNUSO, LOUIS E., Sr., b. 19 July 1920, d. 22 Mar. 1997  
 GENTRY, MONTE H., Sr., b. 25 Mar. 1949, d. 2 July 1988  
 GEORDANA, GAVIN P., b. 14 July 1988, d. 23 Apr. 1991  
 GEORGE, ATELLA HOGAN, b. & d. 13 Dec. 1985  
 GEOVANNI, Infant RICHARD KEITH, b. do date, d. 19 Oct. 1968 - born Lake Charles, La.  
 GERARD, CONSTANCE, b. 24 Oct. 1924, d. 15 Mar. 1995  
 GERARD, LEANCE, b. 25 July 1925, d. 30 Mar. 1997  
 GHIGLIERI, PETER D., b. no date, d. 24 July 1971 - age 35 yrs.  
 GIAGSLEY, LEONARD R., b. 3 Apr. 1903, d. 20 Jan. 1981  
 GIBSON, ADA M., b. 20 Apr. 1937, d. 28 Jan. 1993  
 GIBSON, CORINE, b. no date, d. Sep. 1972 - age 76 yrs.  
 GIBSON, LULA P., b. 4 Oct. 1932, d. 14 Feb. 1984  
 GIBSON, RUBY PEARL, b. 9 Oct. 1985, d. 9 Jan. 1985. The cemetery's records said the death  
 year was 1985, but it was in with the 1987 death records, so it is probably 1987...the  
 correction will be made when cemetery is read.. ??  
 GIDNEY, COLLEY E., Sr., b. 7 Dec. 1914, d. 17 Apr. 1996  
 GIDNEY, VERISE G., b. 26 Aug. 1905, d. 14 Nov. 1992  
 GIGGLIO, ANNA CALDERRA, b. 7 Aug. 1902, d. 24 Dec. 1992  
 GILBEIT, MELBA, b. 1919, d. 2 Feb. 1991  
 GILBERT, MILDRED C., b. 23 Jan. 1915, d. 19 Dec. 1971 - age 56 yrs. "Our Mother"  
 GILL, DOROTHY RENEE MILLER, b. 15 Jan. 1938, d. 14 Apr. 1984  
 GILL, RENEE M., b. 15 Jan. 1938, d. 14 Apr. 1984  
 GILLARD, JESSIE A., b. 30 July 1901, d. 4 May 1984  
 GILLARD, MARY, b. 13 Dec. 1932, d. 5 Sep. 1980  
 GILLET, JOSEPH, b. 9 Feb. 1915, d. 17 Jan. 1994  
 GILLET, OLIVE, b. 3 Sep. 1914, d. 15 Jan. 1991  
 GILLEY, ALTON H., b. 5 June 1923, d. 9/1985  
 GILLMAN, FRED, b. 29 Sep. 1929, d. 22 Feb. 1986  
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 GILPIN, JACK EVANS, b. 16 Nov. 1935, d. 22 Aug. 1996  
 GIOVE, LEO O., b. 13 Oct. 1904, d. 10 Sep. 1989  
 GLENN, FRANK E., b. 12 June 1930, d. 16 Feb. 1981  
 GOBERT, IZLLA, b. 24 Oct. 1925, d. 9 Mar. 1985  
 GOBERT, TERRY JOE, b. no date, d. 13 Apr. 1977  
 GOLEMAN, LOUISE, b. 27 July 1921, d. 11 July 1988  
 GONZALES, JOSEPH, b. 25 May 1920, d. 2 Apr. 1988  
 GONZALES, RITA, b. 17 Sep. 1927, d. 22 Dec. 1989

GOODLOE, EDWIN A, Sr., b. 21 Oct. 1901, d. 28 Nov. 1973  
 GOODLOE, GERALDINE, b. no date, d. 29 Nov. 1976 - age 75 yrs.  
 GOODMAN, NETTIE T. b. 27 May 1884, d. 23 Jan. 1978  
 GOODMAN RUDOLPH A., b. 3 May 1904, d. 14 Aug. 1981  
 GOODWIN, CHARLES H., b. 15 Oct. 1905, d. 28 Dec. 1990  
 GOODWIN, GOLDIE B., b. 1 Aug. 1901, d. Sep. 1990  
 GOSHORN, DORIS E., b. no date, d. 4 Mar. 1981  
 GOSHORN, EDWARD, b. no date, d. June 1969 - born Lake Charles, La.  
 GOSHORN, EDWARD F., b. no date, d. 28 May 1971 - age 52 yrs - born Frostburg, Md.  
 GOSSET, NED, b. 28 June 1903, d. 18 July 1979  
 GOSSETT, ADA S., b. 24 May 1909, d. 8 Oct. 1987  
 GOULD, GARRETT, b. & d. 30 Nov. 1993  
 GRABERT, EVON, b. 24 Feb. 1932, d. 25 May 1996  
 GRABOSKI, RANE LOUISE, b. no date, d. 2 Nov. 1967  
 GRADNEY, EDWARD, b. 26 May 1927, d. 30 Apr. 1986  
 GRADNEY, MURPHY, b. no date, d. 21 Oct. 1988  
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