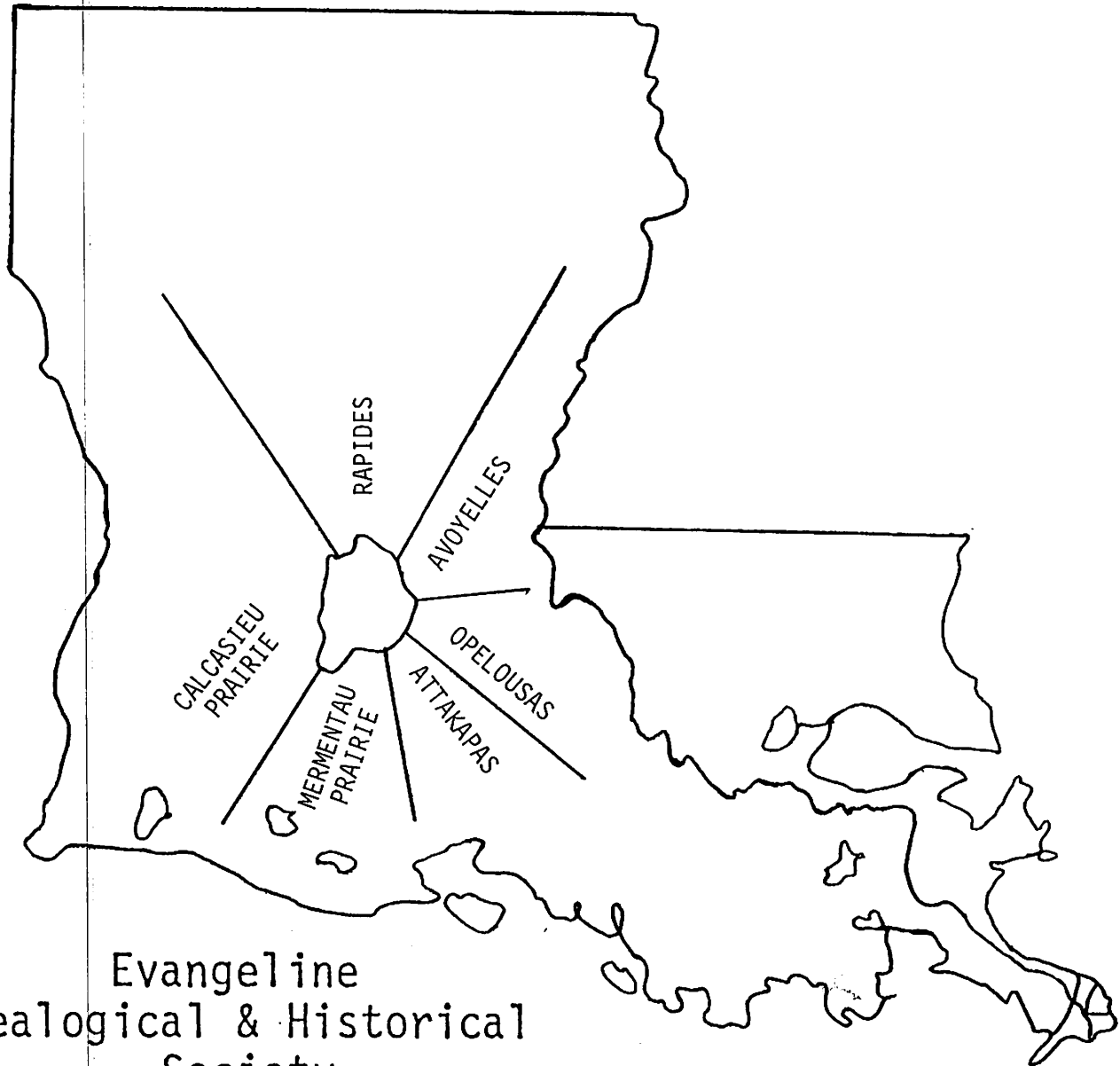


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MARGUERITE TRAHAN: HER PROBABLE ANCESTRY
by Elba Anthony Dardeau, Jr., and Charles C. Trahan

Introduction

In general, Evangeline Parish, LA, surnames reflect French but decidedly non-Acadian origins (e.g., FONTENOT, VIDRINE, SOILEAU and GUILLORY). One exception is the LEJEUNE / YOUNG family. Many parish residents descend from Jean-Baptiste LEJEUNE and his wife, Marguerite TRAHAN, primarily through their son, Joseph. The LEJEUNE line has been fairly well documented; however, the identity of Marguerite TRAHAN'S parents has been a puzzle.

ARSENAULT (1978a) offered no clue as to the possible names of Marguerite's parents, although he did name LEJEUNE'S parents and suggested 1748 as an approximate date for the LEJEUNE - TRAHAN marriage. Without providing any supporting documentation, he stated that Jean-Baptiste LEJEUNE and presumably Marguerite were at Baie des Espagnols in 1752 and that some members of this family settled in Louisiana. (1)

Guillaume TRAHAN

A safe assumption is that Marguerite TRAHAN probably descended from Guillaume TRAHAN, the Acadian progenitor; however, connecting her with Guillaume has not been easy. A brief discussion of Guillaume is, therefore, appropriate. Guillaume, the son of Nicolas TRAHAN and Renée BRODE, was born ca. 1611 in Montreuil-Bellay (département Indre-et-Loire), France. (2) He then moved to Bourgueil (département Indre-et-Loire), the probable site of his marriage to Françoise CHARBONNEAU. (3) On 1 April 1636, he sailed to Port-Royal, Acadia, aboard the 'Saint-Jehan' with his wife, two children, and a valet; his occupation was listed as 'maréchal de tranchant' (toolsmith). (4) One of the children of the TRAHAN-CHARBONNEAU marriage was Jeanne (b. ca. 1631) who married Jacques BOURGEOIS, surgeon of Port-Royal. (5) The name of the second child is not known; however, two different authors have speculated that this other child might have been the unknown wife of Germain DOUCET dit la Verduze, 'Major du gouverneur Charles D'AULNAY'. (6)

Guillaume TRAHAN's second marriage at Port-Royal, (present site of Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia) was ca. 1665 to Madeleine BRUN, daughter of Vincent BRUN and Renée BRODE of La Chaussée, France. To this union were born six children: (7)

1. Guillaume, b. ca. 1667; m. ca. 1686, Jacqueline BENOIST
2. Jehan Charles (Jean), b. ca. 1668; m. 1692, Marie BOUDROT
3. Alexandre, b. ca. 1670; m. 1689, Marie PELLERIN
4. Marie, b. ca. 1672; m. ca. 1697, Jean DOUARON
5. Jeanne, b. ca. 1674; m. ca. 1692, Pierre VINCENT
6. Anne-Madeleine, b. ca. 1677; m. 1694, Jacques LÉGER dit Larosette

(Marguerite Trahan cont.)

Confusion Concerning Marguerite

In Massignon's (1969) article on the TRAHAN family, she began with the early history of the line in France and concluded with the enumeration of three generations (patrilineal lines of descent) of the TRAHAN family. Unfortunately, Marguerite TRAHAN is not included, perhaps because the author was not sure where she belonged.

The name 'Marguerite TRAHAN', was very common in Acadia and in many of the areas to which the Acadian people were sent following their expulsion by the British. Therefore, caution must be exercised to include only the correct Marguerite in this study. She must be clearly identifiable as the wife of Jean-Baptiste LEJEUNE. YOUNG (1984) in Part I of his two part genealogy of the LEJEUNE / YOUNG line, presented the history of that family and traced their migration to Louisiana, but he, too, was frustrated by Marguerite TRAHAN's origins. (8)

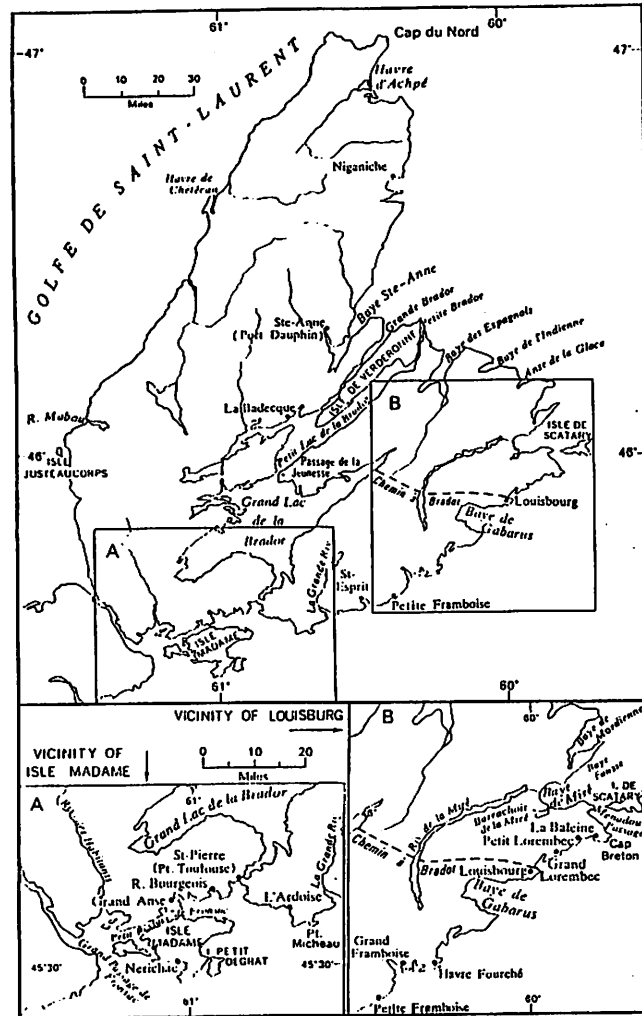
Baye des Espagnols

Arsenault's (1978a) compilation, though undocumented, did give two important clues, these being the reference to the Baie (Baye) des Espagnols and the year 1752. In his discussion of the pre-1760 geography of early Nova Scotia, Clark (1968) included a map showing the location of the Baye des Espagnols on the northeast coast of île-Royale (present-day Cape Breton Island) (Figure 1). (9) On modern maps, this feature is labeled as 'Sydney Harbor'.

After the British had established Halifax in 1749, approximately six thousand Acadians, fearing life under British rule, left their homeland and fled to the remaining French territories. These territories included New French Acadia (southern portion of present-day New Brunswick), île-St.-Jean (present-day Prince Edward Island, and île-Royale. (10) Among those who found refuge on the Baye des Espagnols of île-Royale was the family of Jean-Baptiste LEJEUNE and Marguerite TRAHAN. This 1752 location represents a considerable eastward migration for these TRAHAN descendants from that of Guillaume's 1636 landing site of Port-Royal on the west coast of the recently established Acadian colony.

The 1752 Census

ARSENAULT's (1978) probable bases for placing Jean-Baptiste LEJEUNE and family at Baie (Baye) des Espagnols in 1752 was the census taken that year by the Sieur Joseph DE LA ROQUE, the King's Surveror. Between 1749 and 1752, about one-third of the Acadian population "had already left Nova Scotia to seek refuge in the French territories", (11) thus a census was ordered. The Canadian Archives (1906) published an English translation of this manuscript, which had been in the Archives in Paris. (12)



Map by the University of Wisconsin Cartographic Laboratory

Figure 1. Cape Breton Island early eighteenth century place names. The Baye des Espagnols is on the northeast coast between Petite Brador and Baye l'Indienne (Source: Clark (1968), Figure 7.2).

(Marguerite Trahan cont.)

The Sieur DE LA ROQUE explained that his "tour of inspection" was ordered by M. le Comte de Raymond, "the Governor and Commandnt of Isles Royal, St.-Jean, and others, and their dependencies". (13) He stated that "this tour through all ports, harbors, creeks, rivers and to all places in île-Royal, generally where there are settlers, was commenced on the fifth of February 1752". (14) In addition to collecting census data, the King's Surveror made important notes concerning the geography, vegetation, harbors (including navigation information, vessel draft requirements, channel obstructions, descriptions of channel bottom materials, wind conditions, ect.) transportation arteries, and fisheries.

The 1752 census provided the following information concerning Jean-Baptiste LEJEUNE and Marguerite TRAHAN:

"Jean Bte. LEJEUNE, ploughman, native of la Cadie, aged 24 years. Married to Margueurite TRAHAN, native of the same place, aged 24 years. They have three children, two sons and one daughter:

Jean, aged 3 years
Blaise, aged 2 years
Marguerite, aged two months

Two pigs are all their live stock. They are in the colony (i.e., île-Royale) two years and a half and have been granted rations for 33 months. The land they occupy have been granted rations for 33 months. The land they occupy has been given to them by Messieurs DESHERBIERS and PREVOST. They have made a Clearing on it half an arpent square". (15)

Immediately following the family of Jean Baptiste LEJEUNE in the 1752 enumeration were LEJEUNE's parents, Paul LEJEUNE and Marie BENOIST (aged 50 and 47, years respectively). The elder LEJEUNE household consisted of nine children ranging in age from 4 months to 17 years plus François ROY, "native of the parish of Plumeau, bishopric of Brest, aged 50 years, his (i.e., Paul's) partner in a skiff that they have". (16) The length of time that the Paul LEJEUNE family was in the colony was not noted.

M. DE LA ROQUE provided the following data for the household immediately preceding that of Jean- Baptiste LEJEUNE and Marguerite TRAHAN in the 1752 census:

"Etienne TRAHAN, ploughman, native of la Cadie, aged 64 years. Married to Françoise ROY, native of Port Royal, aged 46 years. They have two sons:

Charles, aged 18 years
François, aged 16 years
Osit CORPORAN, their cousin, native of Port Royal, aged 17 years.

(Marguerite Trahan cont.)

They have been in the colony three years and have been given rations for the said time. In live stock, they have one cow, one sow, three fowls. The land they occupy has been given to them by Messieurs DESHERBIERS and PREVOST. They have made a clearing on it half an arpent square." (17)

Probable parents of Marguerite TRAHAN

We would like to suggest that Etienne TRAHAN and Françoise ROY were the probable parents of Marguerite TRAHAN. The 1752 census data for the LEJEUNE-TRAHAN household were entered between those for the Paul LEJEUNE and Etienne TRAHAN families. That Jean-Baptiste and Marguerite would be living near the both sets of parents at Île-Royale seems to be a reasonable assumption. Additionally, both Etienne TRAHAN and Françoise ROY were old enough to be Marguerite's parents. Among the others living at Baye des Espagnols at the time of the 1752 census, were a number of other representatives of the LEJEUNE, BENOIST, TRAHAN, CORPORON, and ROY families, who had also intermarried, including Oliver TRAHAN and Isabelle LEJEUNE; Honoré TRAHAN and Marie COPERON; Jean BENOIST and Anne TRAHAN; Augustin BENOIST and Marguerite LEJEUNE; Charles ROY and Marguerite LEJEUNE; Pierre LE ROY and Marie LEJEUNE; Charles LEJEUNE and Marie LE ROY; and Alexis LEJEUNE and Madeline LEJEUNE.

Honoré TRAHAN, a neighbor, was definitely the son of Etienne TRAHAN and Françoise ROY, (18) and more than likely he was the brother of Marguerite. We believe that the orphaned Joseph LEJEUNE (son of Jean Baptiste LEJEUNE and Marguerite TRAHAN), who accompanied Honoré and his family to Louisiana, was Honoré's nephew. On 7 July 1763, Joseph was with Honoré and family on the 'List of the Neutral Acadian People, Who are at Portabasco (Port Tobacco) in Maryland.' (19) Their names were on a 24 October 1769 list of German and Acadian families on the vessel, 'La Bretaña, detained by Spanish authorities on the Texas coast. (20) Eventually Joseph and his descendants would occupy lands in the vicinity of present-day Evangeline Parish. (21) The evidence is overwhelming that the residents of Baye des Espagnols were not only neighbors but also close relatives, which only reinforces our assumption concerning Marguerite's parents.

Marguerite's Probable Line of Descent from Guillaume

In addition to MASSIGNON (1969), two other authors have recently prepared comprehensive genealogies on the TRAHAN family, following all patrilineal lines of descent for at least four generations. (22) In this article, however, we restrict ourselves to establishing the probable connection between Marguerite and Guillaume TRAHAN, the Acadian progenitor.

Guillaume's third son, Alexandre, as was previously discussed, married Marie PELLERIN (b. ca. 1669). (23) Alexandre and Marie were the parents of thirteen children, as follows: (24)

(Marguerite Trahan Contd.)

1. Jean, b. 1690; m. ca. 1714, Marie GIROIR
2. Estienne (Etienne), b. ca. 1690; m. ca. 1720, Françoise ROY
3. Alexandre, b. 1692; m. 28 Nov 1715, Marguerite LEJEUNE
4. Claude, b. 1694; m. ca. 1725, Marie TILLARD
5. Ann-Marie, b. 1700; m. ca. 1717, Germain LEJEUNE
6. Marguerite, b. 1702; m. 1722, Jean HÉBERT
7. Paul, b. 1702; m. ca. 1730, Marie BOUDROT
8. Madeleine, b. 1704; m. 1, 2 Jul 1726, Jean-Baptiste MASSIER
m. 2, 1735, Joseph HÉBERT
9. René, b. 1705; m. 29 Oct 1725, Marguerite MELANÇON
10. Jean-Baptiste, b. 1706; m. ca. 1732, Catherine-Joseph BOUDROT
11. Anne, b. 7 Oct 1708; m. 1725, Paul BENOIT
12. Claire, b. 1709; m. 29 Nov 1729, Charles BRAUD
13. Joseph, b. 1712; m. 24 Oct 1735, Ann TERRIOT

Alexandre TRAHAN and Marie PELLERIN's second son, Estienne (Etienne), and his wife Françoise ROY, were the parents of: (25)

1. Honoré, b. 1726; d. Opelousas, 16 Jul 1791; m. ca. 1740, Marie COPORON
2. Anne, b. 1730; m. 1, Louisbourg, 24 May 1751, Jean BENOIT
m. 2, Donaldsonville, LA, 9 Sep 1772, Francois CAMPO
3. Charles, b. 1734; m. 25 Aug 1759, Marie-Louise CLOSSINET
4. François, b. 1736; m. 1, 22 Jan 1759, Marie-Louise BARILLOT
m. 2, 11 Jan 1768, Marie-Ursule GAUTREAUX
m. 3, 27 Apr 1772, Genevieve BOULET

To this list of children born to Estienne (Etienne) TRAHAN and Françoise ROY, we would like to add Marguerite, b. 1728, the spouse of Jean-Baptiste LEJEUNE, as was suggested in the TRAHAN (1989) paper. (26)

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(Marguerite Trahan Contd.)

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3. Arsenault (1978a), p1374 (Marie), p1442 (Alexandre), p1454 (Jeanne).
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15. Canadian Archives (1906), p50.
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 2. Arsenault (1978a), pp1443-1445 (Pisiquid).
 3. Diocese of Baton Rouge. 1978-1988. Diocese of Baton Rouge Catholic Church Records (in eight volumes), Baton Rouge, LA, V1, Acadian Records, p133 (SGA-1, 10 - Anne).
 4. Hebert 1980, p577 (Acadian Families at Belle-Ile-en-Mer: 1765).b. Marriage dates:
 1. Massignon (1969), p26.

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 3. Drouin (1965), p1294.
 4. Diocese of Baton Rouge (1978, V1, Acadian Records, p25, p112, p126, pp133-134 (SGA-2, 191 - Joseph; SGA-2, 223 - Claire; SGA-2, 247 - Rene).
25. a. Birthdates:
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 2. Arsenault (1978a), p1443, p1450 (Pisiquid, p1983 (Ile-Royale).
 3. Milton P. Rieder, Jr., and Norma Gaudet Rieder. 1973. The Acadians in France: Volume III, Archives of the Port of Saint Servan, privately published, Metairie, LA, p10, p21 (Charles).
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_____ Queries

LA CASE

Need information on Marie Josephe (Josette) LA CASE, b. 15 May 1807; m. Louis SAVANT 27 Dec 1830. Also need information on Marguerite LA CASE, b. 18 Sep 1813; m. Felix PELLOQUIN 3 Feb 1829. Marie and Marguerite were daughters of Charles LA CASE and Marie Marguerite HARDOUIN.
Stephen C. La Caze, Rt. 1, 104 Rainbow Dr., Tullahoma, TN 37388

MILLS

Would like to correspond with anyone having information on, or knowledge of, Robert MILLS (1809 - 1888). Robert, a native of Todd County, KY, was the fourth child of Adam MILLS and Janet GRAHAM. Information I have indicates that he owned a plantation in Louisiana prior to migrating to Brazoria, Texas ca. 1830. Any information concerning Roberts life, business dealings or residence would be a great help for a biography which I am currently working on.

Marie Beth Jones, P.O. Box 456 700 Western Av., Angleton, TX 77515

CHAPMAN - MANUEL - SOILEAU - BELLOME

Am seeking the parents of Jean Louis CHAPMAN and Lucille MANUEL. Jean Louis and Lucille were married in St. Landry Parish on November 14, 1871. Also need the parents of Joseph Fabius SOILEAU and Marie Aurelia BELLOME who were married in St. Landry Parish on November 2, 1877.
Joy Ortego, 302 Jean Vidrine Dr., Ville Platte, LA 70586

The Descendants of William W. Wiggins and Elizabeth Sheffield

By Cynthia Patterson

William Washington WIGGINS, the son of John C. WIGGINS and Isabelle SPARKS, was born in Marengo County, Alabama on November 25, 1821. Sometime after William's birth, John C. WIGGINS moved his family to Wilcox County, Alabama.

In 1847, William enlisted in the Alabama Infantry for service in the Mexican War. By the time he arrived in Mexico most of the fighting was over and William was discharged on March 28, 1848 at Orizaba, Mexico on a Certificate of Disability. (1) According to family oral history, it is on his travel home from Mexico to Alabama that William made his way through Louisiana, apparently liked what he saw and one day returned to make his home there.

After his return from the Mexican War, William married Elizabeth SHEFFIELD in Wilcox County, Alabama on December 23, 1850. Elizabeth, the daughter of William Warren SHEFFIELD and Martha KELLY, was born in Wilcox County, Alabama on May 28, 1832.

Around 1851, shortly after their marriage, William and Elizabeth moved to Louisiana. They are first found on the 1860 Census of St. Landry Parish, at the Village of Grand Coteau. As the years went by they would eventually make their way to the Ville Platte area and settled there.

William W. WIGGINS died in Ville Platte, on August 19, 1897, his widow Elizabeth Sheffield WIGGINS died on December 23, 1916, also in Ville Platte.

William WIGGINS and Elizabeth SHEFFIELD had the following children:

1. Joseph C. WIGGINS, b. ca. 1852, (St. Landry Parish). Thus far, little is known of Joseph. It is known that Joseph's widow DeWittie (last name unknown) married J. M. RAYE around 1895 and they were residing in Natchitoches Parish in 1900, along with Joseph's five younger children. Although not proven, it is believed that Addy (Adeline) was the daughter of Joseph but not of DeWittie. Addy was listed in the 1880 through 1910 census records of St. Landry Parish, living with William WIGGINS and Elizabeth SHEFFIELD and is listed as "granddaughter". Following are Joseph's children:

a. Addy (Adeline) WIGGINS, b. ca. 1877; m. D. Parsons of Evangeline Parish.

b. Ada WIGGINS, b. Dec 1882; m. J. W. SANDERS of Natchitoches Parish.

c. Ella WIGGINS, b. Dec 1885; of Natchitoches Parish.

d. Mattie WIGGINS, b. Nov 1888; m. Oscar SIBLEY of Grant Parish.

e. Ernest DeWitt WIGGINS, b. Feb 1890; of Natchitoches Parish.

f. Jane WIGGINS, b. Apr 1898; m. Wallace STEVENS of Natchitoches Parish.

2. James William WIGGINS, b. Mar 1858, (St. Landry Parish); d. 14 Jul 1913; m. 10 Feb 1880 (Ville Platte), Theodosia BAY. Although James is buried in Ville Platte, it is said that he lived around the Pineville or Bayou Chicot, area. All that is really known is that when he died in 1913, his brother Robert Lee had him buried in the Wiggins family plot in Ville Platte. Most of his descendants seemed to have migrated to the Beaumont and Dallas, TX area. James and Theodosia had the following children:

(William Wiggins and Elizabeth Sheffield contd.)

a. Anna WIGGINS, b. 1881.

b. Reece J. WIGGINS, b. 1883; d. Beaumont, TX; m. Elizabeth LUNNY.

c. Mary WIGGINS, b. 1886.

d. Ola WIGGINS, b. 1892; d. Dallas, TX.

3. William Franklin WIGGINS, b. Sep 1861, (St. Landry Parish); m. 1888, (Alexandra, LA), Sarah J. O'NEAL. William and Sarah moved to the Alexandria/Pineville, LA area and many of their descendants still reside there today. William and Sarah had the following children:

a. Robert WIGGINS, b. 1890.

b. Alton WIGGINS, b. 1891.

c. Bolton WIGGINS, b. 1893.

d. Milton WIGGINS, b. 1895.

e. Barton WIGGINS, b. 1896.

f. Alice WIGGINS, b. 1898.

g. Fulton WIGGINS, b. 1901.

h. "AT" (?) WIGGINS, b. 1904.

i. Beatrice WIGGINS, b. 1905.

4. Robert Lee WIGGINS, b. 19 Apr 1972, (Ville Platte); d. 1951, (Ville Platte); m. 1896, (Ville Platte), Eva LUDEAU. Robert Lee was elected Sheriff of Evangeline Parish in 1916. His descendants seem to be the only Wiggins who settled in the Ville Platte area.

a. Robert Leo WIGGINS, b. 7 Feb 1897, (Ville Platte); d. 1924 (murdered in Ville Platte); m. Hazel ARDOIN.

b. Karl Etienne WIGGINS, b. 22 Aug 1898 (Ville Platte); d. 1973 (Ville Platte); m. 1919 (Ville Platte), Lydia SOILEAU.

c. Joseph Herman WIGGINS, m. Claudia ARDOIN.

d. Cecile Bernadette WIGGINS, b. 22 Feb 1900 (Ville Platte); m. C. G. SNODDY.

e. Agnes WIGGINS, b. 31 May 1902 (Ville Platte).

Note: The information presented in this article was compiled from the research records of Mr. Cecil P. Wiggins of LaCanada, CA, Mrs. Jean Brodhagan of Tulsa, OK, and the submitter, Cynthia Fontenot Patterson, P. O. Box 192, Ville Platte, LA 70586.

(William Wiggins and Elizabeth Sheffield contd.)

The author would be happy to correspond with anyone interested in the Wiggins/Sheffield families.

Reference:

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Sources:

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2. Military records from the National Archives.
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4. Old letters written by family members.
5. Evangeline Parish Court House records.
6. Census records:
 - a. Wilcox Co. AL; 1850
 - b. St. Landry Parish, LA; 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900.
 - c. Rapides Parish, LA; 1900
 - d. Natchitoches Parish, LA; 1900

Chataignier Baptist Cemetery
Recorded by John A. Young

Located three miles southwest of Chataignier at the junction of highways La. 29 and La. 758. A number of tombs are unmarked or have illegible markers. Recorded June 13, 1989.

Joseph L. Pitre 4 Dec 1901 22 Jun 1958	Marie Eliza F. Pitre 5 Aug 1882 13 Feb 1964	Yacent J. Huval 10 Aug 1881 3 Jun 1953	Clifton Huval Jr. 26 Jan 1957 19 Nov 1967
Athanas Young 12 Nov 1893 14 Mar 1974 Pvt US Army WWI	Robert Smith 8 Sep 1917 19 Nov 1967	Henry Smith 17 Nov 1876 1 Dec 1948	Bertine R. Smith 5 Sep 1884 12 Feb 1977
Infant of Mr & Mrs Mayo Smith 1945 - 1945	Amanda F. Smith 22 May 1912 8 Jun 1942	Lawrence Fontenot 10 Feb 1919 28 Sep 1974 PFC US Army	Viola A. Aguiard 2 Nov 1918 13 Nov 1956
Ariel Young 26 Apr 1899 29 Sep 1935	Lela S. Young 13 Jul 1902 5 Nov 1974	Adam W. Young 6 Nov 1877 5 May 1941	Doris Young 10 Mar 1889 18 Sep 1983

(Chataignier Baptist Cemetery contd.)

William Young dates illegible	Alice Aguiillard dates illegible	Noah Young 5 May 1893 16 Mar 1968 Pvt US Army WW I	Christine S. Manuel 1887 - 1970
Emerent Manuel 9 Sep 1884 7 Nov 1942	Golman J. Manuel 7 Jan 1905 28 Mar 1965	Randy B. Ogea 12 Apr 1963 5 Oct 1984	John Willson Soileau 5 Apr 1927 12 Aug 1988 US Navy - US Army T/Sgt US Air Force WW II - Korea Vietnam
Wilfred Soileau 23 Mar 1903 1 Nov 1979	Sadia C. Soileau 17 Feb 1907 29 Aug 1975	Eraste Courville 30 Dec 1879 10 Oct 1954	
Devienne F. Courville 5 Jun 1885 13 Feb 1964	Maurice Aguiillard 12 Apr 1896 no date	Ezar Aguiillard 19 Sep 1896 27 Oct 1985	Martel Miller Jr. 26 Jan 1903 13 Apr 1947
Calvin Aguiillard 14 Jul 1919 no date	Suzanne J. Aguiillard 26 Jun 1920 no date	Ceus Paul Aguiillard 22 Jan 1890 29 Dec 1981	Merecia Miller Aguiillard 22 Nov 1897 26 Apr 1988
Paul Aguiillard 15 Mar 1864 3 Apr 1939	Mrs Paul Aguiillard 1 Apr 1864 20 Jun 1953	Vena Aguiillard 11 Dec 1902 13 Dec 1980	Ovelien Cormier 187_ - ____
Theodore Rozas 23 Oct 1892 10 Aug 1974	Dela A. Rozas 4 Mar 1893 10 Jan 1978	Michell William Salassi 21 Jan 1894 8 Aug 1949	Theolide C. Salassi w/o Mitchell Wm. 23 Nov 1895 4 Oct 1985
Clement Berza 15 Apr 1899 21 Feb 1939	Wilson Fontenot 25 Jan 1899 17 Nov 1931	Mrs Wilson Fontenot 23 Dec 1903 27 May 1932	Adam Fontenot 14 Aug 18-- 14 Jan 19--
Lucy Q. Fuselier 7 Oct 1919 no date	Linton Fuselier 16 Aug 1899 29 Sep 1971	Dennis Quinilty 3 Feb 1889 21 Nov 1967	Regina F. Quinilty 1 Jul 1892 15 Mar 1970
Sidney Aguiillard 9 Oct 1888 11 Oct 1963	Melicia Aguiillard 6 Jul 1888 14 May 1986	Jessie C. Aguiillard 1 Nov 1926 4 Jan 1984 US Army WW II	Albert Aguiillard 20 Oct 1912 12 Mar 1986 Sgt US Army WW II
Lenday Young d. 3 Sep 1938 Corp US Army	Ines S. Manuel 30 Oct 1911 1 Oct 1971	Theodore Smith 13 Jan 1889 12 Jul 1963	Elanor C. Smith 21 Feb 1892 26 Apr 1979
David Smith 15 Apr 1864 __ Jun 1939	Mrs David Smith 2 Dec 1870 24 Mar 1948	Sevan Aguiillard 20 Aug 1879 15 Jan 19_9	Alice Quinilty w/o Savan Aguiillard 13 Mar 1875 27 Jan 1934

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Carlton Aguiard 8 Sep 1913 no date	Eta S. Aguiard 6 May 1915 no date	Jimmy Aguiard 12 Sep 1933 12 Mar 1934	Rose Mae Q. LeBoeuf 16 Jan 1929 22 Jan 1975
"Meng" Hammen Quienalty 1 Jun 1905 22 May 1954	"Lez" Lazzie Y. Quienalty 22 Apr 1906 17 Sep 1985	Artiste Young 27 Oct 1903 27 Jan 1968	Emma M. Young 18 Aug 1874 2 Jul 1965
P. Seizieme Young 29 Mar 1881 25 Oct 1969	Albert Young 16 Mar 1914 26 Apr 1971 Pvt US Army WW I	Willie Darbonne 8 Jan 1895 1 Mar 1965	Edna S. Darbonne 24 Aug 1899 8 Oct 1964
Henry Soileau 24 Aug 1896 18 Jan 1945	Joseph Darbonne 17 Feb 1910 9 Jan 1978	Lilly S. Darbonne 6 Feb 1911 7 Jun 1968	Noah Ardoin 10 Dec 1902 5 Dec 1940
Oliver Ardoin 11 Dec 1879 23 Dec 1956	Agna G. Ardoin 7 Jun 1878 8 Nov 1962	Amy A. Young 8 Oct 1900 27 Apr 1971	Edeus Young 15 Aug 1888 23 Oct 1967
Maya G. Young w/o of Edeus Young 26 Apr 1890 9 Jun 1953	Willie W. Young 1 Feb 1886 1 Feb 1886	Eva F. Young w/o Willie Young 6 Apr 1893 15 Feb 1978	Estellie J. Young 15 Aug 1908 19 Jun 1985
Elizabeth R. Young w/o Estellie Young 5 Aug 1911 1 Jun 1989	Jimmie Young 25 Feb 1940 no date	Larry Young 21 Jan 1942 16 Jan 1957	Bobbie Lee Young 16 Mar 1937 27 Apr 1937
_____ Young d. 22 Jan 19____ 18 mts 5 days	Hilman Fontenot 3 Feb 1935 21 Feb 1955 SA US Navy	The First Baptist Church of Chataignier was chartered in 1910. For a history of the church see <u>La Voix des Prairies</u> Vol. 2, No 4 pp 10 - 14.	

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VEILLON - LEDOUX

Need the parents of Jean Pierre VEILLON, married 20 Sep 1879, Augustine LEDOUX. Their children, Joseph Filio, Jackson, Zilia, and Will were born between 1880 & 1891. They lived in the Ville Platte area. Barney Ortego, 318 S. W. RR. Ave., Ville Platte, LA 70586

CHAPMAN / ORTOLON
by Cynthia Patterson

In researching my Chapman line, I ran into a problem when I came to Josephville CHACKMAN. According to Hebert's SWLR (1);

"CHACKMAN, Josephville (----- ORTOLON & Marie CHACKMAN) m. 18 Oct 1847 Celestine VESINA (Opel. Ch. : v. 2, p. 267). (Celestine was the daughter of Joseph VESINA & Celestine BASINE.)

No birth or baptism record of Josephville CHACKMAN (or any other variation of the Chapman name) has been found. However, the following baptism was found and even though it can't be proven, I feel certain that this is Josephville CHACKMAN: (2)

"ORTOLON, Joseph Edvil (Jean, fils & Marie Jacque JACQUEMON) b. 31 Jan 1829 (Opel. Ch. : v. 3, p. 96)"

In the 1860 St. Landry Parish census (page 73), Josephville is listed (with his wife and four children) as age 30. This would correspond with the birthdate of Joseph Edville ORTOLON.

It appears that Josephville CHAPMAN may have been baptized an ORTOLON, but for whatever reason, later took his mother's family name.

Josephville CHACKMAN and Celestine VESINA had the following children:

1. Joseph CHAPMAN, b. ca. 1847 (from the census)
2. Hildevert/Ulvert CHAPMAN, b. 27 May 1854; m. Adelaide BILLAudeau.
3. Ozime CHAPMAN, b. 1856 (from the census)
4. Evelina CHAPMAN, b. 27 Oct 1859.
5. Artelus CHAPMAN, b. 28 Jan 1865.

Jean Ortolon (III)

From St. Landry Parish church and civil records, I found that Jean/John ORTOLON (III) was the third person to carry that name. Church records indicate that Jean was baptized in St. Landry Church on May 3, 1801, his parents listed as Jean ORTOLON (II) and Scholastique BROWN. Unfortunately the marriage record of Jean (III) and Marie CHACKMAN has not yet been found, therefore, it is uncertain who her parents were. It is quite possible that she is the child listed as the "natural daughter of Juan KIAPMAN and Marie FAUVELLE" baptized August 19, 1803 at St. Landry Church. Marie FAUVELLE was sometimes referred to as Marie LUSOT and the Chapman name was listed variously as Jacquemon, Chackman, Kiapmon, ect. Jean (III) and Marie CHACKMAN had at least one child:

1. Joseph Edvil ORTOLON, b. 31 Jan 1829.

Jean (III)'s parents, Jean ORTOLON (II) and Scholastique BROWN (the daughter of Guillaume BROWN and Marie CLESSE / ELIS) were married at St. Landry Church in Opelousas on February 12, 1799. At the time of the marriage, Jean's (II) parents are listed as John ORTOLON (I) and Marie Louise VIVARET. Jean (II) and Scholastique had at least four children:

Chapman / Ortolon contd.

1. Jean ORTOLON (III), bapt. 3 May 1801 (Opel.); m. Marie CHACKMAN.
2. Hortense ORTOLON, bapt. 13 May 1804 "at age 8 mths".
3. David ORTOLON, b. 4 Jul 1805.
4. Ursin ORTOLON, b. 22 Aug 1811.

Jean (I) married Marie Louise VIVARET at Point Coupee on May 8, 1773. At the time of their marriage it is noted that Jean is "of Bordeau Parish of St. Pierre" and his parents are listed as Francois ORTOLON and Jeanne [illegible]. Marie's parents are listed as Pierre VIVARET and Francoise DESNOIERS. Jean (I) and Marie Louise had at least three children:

1. Silesia ORTOLON, b. 25 Nov 1775; d. 7 Jan 1781 "at age 4 yrs".
2. Zenon ORTOLON, bapt. 24 Jun 1779; d. 29 Oct 1801 "at age 22 yrs".
3. Jean ORTOLON (II), m. 12 Feb 1799, Scholastique BROWN.

References:

- (1) Southwest Louisiana Records; by Rev. D. J. Hebert Vol. 4, p 96.
- (2) Ibid, Vol. 2, p 700

Sources:

Southwest Louisiana Records by Rev. D. J. Hebert; Vol. 1 & 2.
 St. Landry Parish Court House records / successions.
 St Landry Parish Census Records: 1810 - 1860.
Baton Rouge Catholic Church Records, Vol. 2.
The Opelousas Post by Gladys Deville.

 Queries _____

JANNOT - TESSON

Seeking information on Alphonsine JANNOT who married Francois FONTENOT in Opelousas on April 27, 1838. Her parents were listed as Victor JANNOT and Elizabeth TESSON. The 1860 census has her birthdate as ca. 1826. Is this Victor JANNOT the one who married Marie Ameline LaPLANTE (widow) in 1831? Can find nothing of Elizabeth TESSON. Any information would be appreciated.
 Cindy Patterson, P. O. Box 192, Ville Platte, LA 70586

ACHEE / HACHE Family

I intend to publish a Family History of the ACHEE (HACHE) Family in late 1990. Would like to obtain a family group sheet and/or pedigree chart from anyone who is a descendant of the Achee/Hache family.
 Benjamin E. Achee, 1414 Fox St., Bossier City, LA 71112

VEILLON

Need names of the parents of Francois VEILLON married about 1880 to Louise VEILLON. Their son, Valery, married Sydonia LAFLEUR in Eunice on 15 June 1903.
 Barney Ortego, 318 S. RR. Ave., Ville Platte, LA 70586

Emma Winfiele's Blackberry Wine Recipe
Submitted by Kathleen Stagg

Introduction

Emma WINFIELE, the daughter of Richard WINFIELE and Ellen (Helen) GURNETT, was born in St. Landry Parish on January 6, 1850. (1) Little is known about Emma's father, Richard WINFIELD, except that he was born ca. 1821 (2), and that he married Ellen GURNETT on December 26, 1848. (3) Ellen GURNETT, baptized January 8, 1929, was the daughter of Thomas GURNETT and Susanne BIHM. (4) Richard WINFIELE and Ellen GURNETT had four children prior to Richard's death on March 3, 1856 (5).

Emma, the eldest of their children married John L. YOUNG on February 8, 1871. (6) John was the son of Jean Baptiste YOUNG and Evelina BIHM and was born in St. Landry Parish on May 8, 1832. (7) After their marriage, John and Emma lived on John's plantation north of Opelousas near Bayou Bouef.

John and Emma were well educated and corresponded with many friends and relatives. It appears that they kept many of the letters they received and other documents relating to John's farming enterprise. In addition, Emma liked to write poetry and jot down recipes. Many of these documents were saved after John and Emma died, he on January 26, 1885 (9) and she November 25, 1886 (10).

Among the documents which have survived is Emma's recipe for Blackberry Wine which is presented here written as she wrote it one hundred and twenty five years ago:

June the 23, 1864

To make Blackberry Wine

Gather the ripest berries and press out all the juice. To each gallon put two and a half pounds of clarified Sugar fill your keg quite full leaving out the bung So that in fermenting the thick impurities which rise Will run out instead of settling to the bottom have an Extra quantity of the wine to fill up the keg each Morning that it may continue to work off and become Clear do this for twelve or fifteen days or until it ceases to ferment then bung tight for six months when rack off into bottles and cork tight. Great care should be taken not to disturb the sediment at the bottom and have it quite clear.

Emma Winfiele's Recelt

(Emma Winfiele's Recipe contd.)

Notes:

- (1) St. Landry Parish Church V4, p378.
- (2) St. Landry Parish 1850 census.
- (3) Opelousas Court House Marriage No. 612.
- (4) St. Landry Church; V3, p82.
- (5) Bible Record from Ellen Winfiele's Bible.
- (6) Opelousas Court House Marriage No. 2149.
- (7) St. Landry Church; V3, p213
- (8) Opelousas Court House Marriage No. 1970.
- (9) Cemetery Inscription Waxia Cemetery.
- (10) Bible Record from Ellen Winfiele's Bible.

QUERIES

ADAMS-ALLISON

Seeking information on the parents of Mary Odile ADAMS, b. Nov. 8, 1852, St. Martin Parish, LA. Family left the area shortly after and traveled to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for the duration of the war. When they returned to LA, they had a son of 10 years of age named Joseph ADAMS, and later another daughter, Emma ADAMS. Mary Odile ADAMS married Daniel Brown ALLISON on Jan. 14, 1869(1870) in Pine Prairie, St. Landry Parish, LA. They settled in Franklin and Morgan City. Both are buried in Morgan City Cemetery. The only infor. I have on the parents is the permission for Mary's marriage, it is signed E. Adams...Ann Nurse Wilkinson, 2404 Staples Road, Mobile, AL 36605.

VOORHIES

Would like to correspond with anyone who has done research on the VOORHIES family. My grandfather was Abner VOORHIES who lived in Ruby, LA. He had two brothers, Daniel who went to New Jersey, and William L. who lived around the same area. It is believed that Cornelius VOORHIES was a brother to Abner's father...Nancy V. Cuckler, P. O. Box 189, Hot Springs, SD 57747

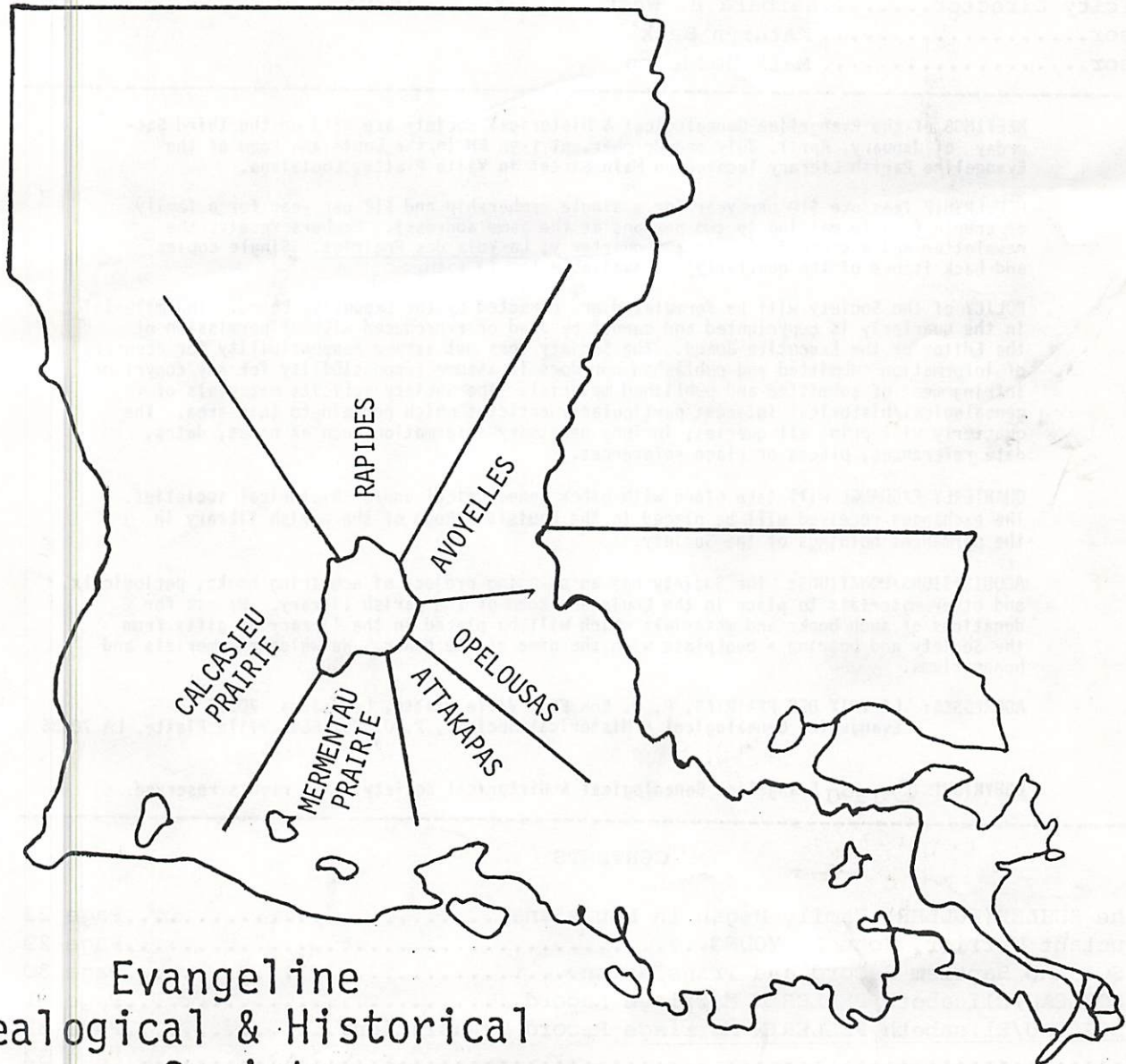
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HOW THE BUHLER (BULLER) FAMILY BEGAN IN LOUISIANA -
The evidence as found in the Papers of the Continental
Congress of the United States

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There is a family tradition which states that the Buller family of Louisiana is of Pennsylvania Dutch origin. The information found in the documents reproduced herein supports the family tradition. This information also suggests the probability that most members of the Buller family living in Louisiana at the present time are descendants of John Christian BUHLER, a native of Germany, who lived in Pennsylvania before coming to Louisiana. A number of documents created in the latter part of the 1700's and the early 1800's in Louisiana give evidence of the fact that the names Buhler and Buller have the same pronunciation. Seeing the need for brevity, this article will be largely confined to an account of the activities of John Christian BUHLER as revealed by the Papers of the Continental Congress of the United States.

John Christian BUHLER, who usually gave his signature as John BUHLER, is listed in the 1778 Spanish census of New Orleans. He was a merchant who lived alone in his household. [Robichaux, Albert J., Louisiana Census and Militia Lists, 1770-1789, Vol. I, p. 35.]

By June 17, 1779 John BUHLER had moved to the Post of Opelousas. On that day in Opelousas, John BUHLER sold a slave to Sieur Michel PRUDHOMME. The document recording this sale identifies John BUHLER as being a merchant in the Post. [Opel: 17 Jun 1779 - Slave sale from John Buhler to Michel Prudhomme (3pp).]

John BUHLER obtained a large grant of land on the east fork of Bayou Plaquemine Brule (the east fork designated in the American State Papers, Vol. 3, p. 186, as "Bullers Bayou" but now known as Bayou Wikoff). John BUHLER remained in Opelousas until sometime in 1781 when he sailed for Pennsylvania, hoping to receive satisfaction for his aid to the Americans during the American Revolution. After some trouble with the British (the true nature of which is not completely clear), he arrived in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1782.

On April 10, 1782 John BUHLER submitted a petition to the Continental Congress of the United States seeking to have the Continental currency which he had obtained from Americans in New Orleans redeemed at face value. John BUHLER's petition was read in Congress on April 16, 1782 and was referred to the future consideration of Congress when Congress should be more competent to judge of the propriety of the claim. [Journals of the Continental Congress 1774 - 1789, (Printed), Vol. XXII, p. 184.]

On April 30, 1782 John BUHLER submitted another petition to Congress with added details not found in his initial petition. His second petition was ordered to "lie on the table." [Journals of the Continental Congress 1774 - 1789, (Printed), Vol. XXII, p. 282.]

John BUHLER remained in Philadelphia until April 29, 1783 at which time he submitted a third petition to Congress; this petition, like the others, dealt with his desire to find satisfaction regarding his Continental currency. This petition was read in Congress on April 30, 1783 and referred to a committee. [Journals of the Continental Congress 1774-1789, (Printed), Vol. XXIV, p. 316.]

John BUHLER does not appear in any of the Opelousas Post Colonial Records for the years 1782 and 1783. The reason is obvious. He was in Pennsylvania during those years. By 1784 John BUHLER was back in Opelousas and on his land on Bayou Plaquemine Brulee. By 1784 William WIKOFF owned land adjoining Buhler's land on the bayou.

It appears that John BUHLER in the spring of 1784 had occasion to visit his neighbor, William WIKOFF, and while talking with Wikoff, Buhler mentioned his petitions to Congress. After the visit on May 15, 1784, William WIKOFF wrote a letter to Elias BOUDENOT, Secretary of the Continental Congress. In the letter Wikoff mentioned John BUHLER's petitions and described Buhler's actions in that regard in a very uncomplimentary manner.

(Buhler family contd.)

On October 28, 1784, before Wikoff's letter arrived in Congress, John BUHLER signed an agreement in which Buhler gave unto Wikoff, for a period of two years, a portion of land that Buhler owned. [Photocopy of document in possession of writer.] On February 22, 1785 Wikoff's letter was read in Congress. [Journals of the Continental Congress 1774 - 1789, (Printed), Vol. XXVIII, p. 91.]

It is unknown if Wikoff's letter to Congress influenced the decision of Congress in regard to John BUHLER's petitions. In a list of reports labeled "Old, Obsolete or Negative" and dated November 6, 1787, in Congress, we find John BUHLER's petition noted. [Journals of the Continental Congress 1774 - 1789, (Printed), Vol. XXXIV, p. 620.]

In 1787 the Constitution of the United States was written and in 1788 George Washington was elected president of the new nation. The writer has attempted to see if John BUHLER's petitions were considered under the new government. He has checked several volumes of U. S. Congress Proceedings and Debates pertaining to the First Congress and found no reference to Buhler's petitions.

There seems little doubt that John BUHLER had indeed given aid to the Americans during the infant nation's darkest days. We note that Captain Thomas McINTIRE, a man of proven merit and of unquestioned devotion to the American cause, supported John BUHLER's claim. In addition, John BUHLER was prepared to solicit the help of Captain James WILLING, another Patriot of unquestioned loyalty to the American cause. Certainly John BUHLER was not a Tory, otherwise he would not have been so eager to return to Philadelphia in 1782.

The following transcripts are from microfilm copies of the Papers of the Continental Congress 1774 - 1789. The documents are reproduced in their entirety with only the following exceptions. The page numbers have been omitted, several words indicating the end of a page and the beginning of a new page have been omitted and the endorsements found on the documents have been omitted. No changes have been made in spelling or organization. An attempt has been made to reproduce the documents as faithfully as possible. All editorial remarks appear in brackets. At the conclusion of the documents notes will be found giving the identity of persons mentioned in the documents.

[The following transcript is from a microfilm copy of the Papers of the Continental Congress 1774 - 1789, Micro Copy No. M247, Roll No. 53, Item 42, Petitions, A - E (Vol. I), pp. 266 - 7.]

To the Honorable the Continental Congress
The Petition of John Buhler of New Orleans
in Louisiana

humbly sheweth - That Your Petitioner was formerly an Inhabitant and Trader in the middle States of Pennsylvania & New Jersey and having gone in the Year 1775 on a trading Voyage to Holland & Germany he was on his return from Holland taken & carried to Jamaica from whence he found means to go over to New Orleans where he Settled in the Month of July 1776 kept Store and a Tavern - That in the same Year one Capt. Gibson (1) with a Body of Men came from Pittsburg to New Orleans and obtained some Ammunition and Stores from the Government of the place His Men had Continental Money which none of the French Inhabitants would take from their hands but Your Petitioner having in View shortly to come over to Pennsylvania accepted to the full value of Silver Next in the Spring 1778 Capt. James Willing (2) of Philadelphia came by the same way to Orleans and his Men laid their Continental Money out with Your Petitioner for Necessaries In the Summer of the same Year came Co. David Rogers (3) of the Militia of Virginia who and his Men with their Continental Money not only purchased Goods from Your Petitioner but even exchanged their Paper & Money for Gold and Silver to enable them to make good their Expenses of marching back - That the Captains Gibson and Willing who are now in Your Service to the Westward will at anytime ascertain the Allegations of Your Petitioner and he has Subjoined a

(Buhler family contd.)

Certificate of Mr James Elliot (4) the Capt. Commandant of an Independent Company in the Continental Service and another from Capt. Arch^d McIntire. (5) That by the aforesaid Means Your Petitioner having got in Exchange for his Goods and Silver upwards of 6000 Continental dollars went with recommendations from the Governor of Louisiana to Havanna where the Governor gave him Leave to go in a Flag with the Prisoners taken at Pensacola to New York at which place he was detained several Months and at last permitted to come to Philadelphia - Your Petitioner begs leave to remark that his old Experience of the great Credit of Paper Money in Pennsylvania & New Jersey was his first Motive to Exchange his coin & valuable Goods for the Same next it was a pleasure to him that he could thereby oblige his Friends and Countrymen the Virginia and Pennsylvania Soldiers to whom the Continental Money was quite useless in Louisiana and that all the Advantages he expected from this Exchange was to make the Bundle of his Effects lighter when he should be ready to remove to Pennsylvania - The Loss upon all this Money in his Hands is almost heavier than Your Petitioner can bear His only Hopes of Relief is in the Goodness & Justice of the Honorable Congress and that you will consider him as a Subject of His Majesty the King of Spain Settled in his Province of Louisiana and grant him such relief as to you in Your Wisdom shall seem meet - And Your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall ever pray.

Philad^a April 10th 1782

John Buhler

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To the Honorable the Continental Congress
The Memorial & Petition of John Buhler
of New Orleans in his Catholic Majestys
Province of Louisiana

most humbly thanking Your Excellency & Your Honor for Your Attention to his late Petition & Memorial & for Your resolve of the Sixteenth of April made thereon He shall with great deference wait for the time when Congress shall be more competent to judge of the propriety of making good Your Petitioners & other similar claims - He only begs leave to represent that when he exchanged his Gold for Continental Money he was in Partnership with a Frenchman of New Orleans and at the dividing their Stock he was obliged to take all the paper Money to his Share and his partner took the Gold And as there was more Paper in hand than hard Cash Your Petitioner is still indebted to his partner for the Overplus - That it is now a whole Year since with his Bunkle of Paper Money he left home and he is now ready to return - that by taking back this Money he would risk to loose it all and bringing it safe home would hurt his Credit For then his Partner might with great propriety insist to have his dividend immediately completed which Your Petitioner could not do otherwise than by a disadvantageous Sale of his Lands and Cattle Whereas if he had but a Line to Shew That the paper Money was counted and received in the same Treasury from whence it had issued and that on some future day however distant even if it were after the End of the War his Claim should be considered he might be indulged by his Partner with a few Years further Credit in which time Your Petitioner could easily pay him out of the Increase of his Stock and Profit in Trade And Your Petitioner humbly prayeth Your Honours to receive his said paper Money into Your Treasury and to grant him Such Certificate for the Same as upon this occasion You in Your Wisdom shall think proper. And Your Petitioner as in Duty bound Shall ever pray.

Philad^a April 30th 1782

John Buhler

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[The following transcript is from a microfilm copy of the Papers of the Continental Congress 1774 - 1789, Micro Copy No. M247, Roll No. 53, Item 42, Petitions, A - E (Vol. I). pp 274 - 276.]

To the Hon^{ble} The United States of North
America in Congress Assembled
The Petition of John C. Buhler
Humbly Sheweth

That Your Petitioner, previous to the late war between the United States and Great Britain, became an Inhabitant of Louisiana on the Borders of the Mississippi where he carried on Trade and had acquired some considerable Property.

That in the years 1776, 1777, & 1778 divers officers, in the Service of the United States came into that country, particularly Capt. Davison, (6) Capt. Willing, Col. Rogers and Mr. Gillespie. (7) That these officers having occasion for Assistance, and Supplies of various kinds, & having no means to purchase them with but Continental Money, which was not current in that country, were subjected to considerable Difficulties. That Your Petitioner having formerly resided in Philadelphia, and being warmly attached to the American cause, & disposed to render every Service in his Power to these officers, advanced to them considerable Sums of Money in Specie, & furnished them with Horses, Liquors & other Goods & Stores of various Kinds at Cash prices to the value of upwards of six thousand Mexican Dollars. That these officers having in their possession continental Bills of Credit which they assured your Petitioner would be honorably redeemed at the value expressed on the face of them, he was induced to recieve them as vouchers for the said advances of Money and Supplies furnished in full confidence that he should receive the value thereof on application to the Treasury of the United States.

That Your Petitioner on his Passage from Louisiana to Philadelphia in order to apply for payment, was captured by a British Vessel and was detained many months a Prisoner in New York. That in the Year 1782, being released from Imprisonment, he arrived in Philadelphia & by his humble Petition to Congress accompanied by Certificates which yet remain in the Hands of the Secretary, he applied for payment, rendering the Bills of Credit which he received from the Said Officers as aforesaid; but has not yet received any Satisfaction or consideration for the said advances; being told that such Bills of Credit are now of little or no value.

Your Petitioner nevertheless still confiding in the Justice of Congress & humbly presuming that under the extraordinary & peculiar circumstances of this case his claim will be deemed worthy of their attention & Regard, Prays that the same may be duly examined; and that whatever Sum shall be found to be due to him may be put on an equal footing with the other ascertained Debts of the United States.

Your Petitioner begs leave to add a prayer that the Determination hereon may be speedy as the straightened Situation of his circumstances, occasioned by his not receiving this money on which he so much relies, oblige him the more early to return to Louisiana for which place he expects to embark in a few Days.

April 29th 1783

John C. Buhler

[The following certificate is found on page 278, immediately following John C. Buhler's Petition dated April 29th 1783.]

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Philadelphia April the 5th 1782

I do hereby certify that when I was at New Orleans in the year 1778 I heard officers in the Service of the United States say that the bearer John Buhler had taken about that time a considerable sum of Continentals from the Americans at New Orleans at the same rate Gold and Silver passed

Thos McIntire Captn

To those it may concern

[The following transcript is from a microfilm copy of the Papers of the Continental Congress 1774 - 1789, Micro Copy No. M247, Roll No. 104, Item 78, Vol. 24, p. 475.]

[Letter addressed to the Honab^e Elias Boudenot Esqr.]

Opalousas in the Province of Louisiana May 15th 1784

Sir

Altho I may not be in your remembrance permit me to take the liberty to address you upon a Subject, which I mean for your information & the good of my country, my long absence and being in a foreign Dominion I hope will never keep me from Contributing my little mite for it's welfare - whatever information I have of your new Dominion, is mostly from public prints from which it appears your Honourable body, find it difficult in furnishing the many demands made by those that have aided their country with their purse and persons, when Strangers Impose upon their free[dom] bring in accounts and produce Congress money to [so?] they say, they have taken as payment in Supplying the American Armies when abroad, are listened to and paid - being acquainted with an affair of this kind from this part of the world, I think it my duty to Acquaint you therewith, to present for the imposition a Certain John Cristian Buhler, a German & lives in this place, shows here a copy of a petition to Congress, dated 1782 and Setting fourth his great Suffering in taking Congress money to the amount of Six thousand dolls & begs to be made good for the same, he laughs and tells his story how he has deceived Congress, that he had fifteen thousand dolls which had cost him Seven hundred dolls. in [Mech^{dse} ?] at three & four hundred pr ct but was advised not to petition for more than that Sum, which he with difficulty changed in Philadel^a for money of a certain date, to make it stand a better chance to be paid - when he delivered his petition Congress made some difficulty in granting his request, upon which he beg'd they would put him upon the same footing with Mr. Pollock, (8) which was promised him and thinks there is no doubt of his receiving that Sum.

I must beg to recommend the Attention of Congress to this good & fertile country, perhaps not much thought of at present, must and will be Some day the pride of all America, from it's Navigation, clymate, Soil & its other Natural Sources. The American inhabitants here in general are in a much unsettled Situation, Still living under the Spanish Government. It has long been expected commissioners would arrive to determine the division line, but none have arrived as yet.

I have the honour to be with the greatest Respect -

Your very Humbl Servt

William Wikoff

(Buhler family contd.)

Notes

1. Captain George Gibson, while disguised as a trader, came down the Mississippi in the summer of 1776 and delivered letters from the Virginia Committee of Safety to Spanish Governor Luis de Unzaga y Amezaga in New Orleans. Gibson's visit resulted in 10,000 pounds of gunpowder for the Americans. Most of this was sent to Fort Pitt on a batteau flying the Spanish flag. [Haines, Robert V., The Natchez District and the American Revolution, pp. 33 - 35.]

2. Captain James Willing, son of Charles Willing and his wife, Anne Shippen, was born February 9, 1750 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. [Hildeburn, Charles R., Compiler, Baptisms and Burials - From the Records of Christ Church, Philadelphia, 1709 - 1760, p. 106.] Thomas Willing, brother of James Willing, was a delegate from Pennsylvania to the Second Continental Congress. On October 10, 1777 James Willing was commissioned a captain and placed in command of an armed ship of the United States called "the Rattletrap." [microfilm: Papers of the Continental Congress 1774 - 1789, Micro Copy no. M247, Roll No. 104, Item 78, Letters, Vol. 24., p. 79.]

On January 11, 1778 Captain James Willing left Fort Pitt with a small group of men, descended the Ohio and Mississippi and brought the American Revolution to British West Florida. After seizing considerable Tory property in West Florida, Willing sailed from New Orleans late in 1778 and attempted to reach the east coast of North America. He was captured at sea on December 7, 1778 by the British. [Military Service Records, National Archives, Washington, D. C.] Willing was taken prisoner to New York. He was placed on parole but while he was on parole he was insulted by a British officer. The insult was answered in proper spirit and Willing was returned to prison, placed in irons, tossed into a dungeon and fed only bread and water for over three months. [Microfilm: The Lyman C. Draper Manuscript Collection, Series J., Vol. 37., p. 157, Letter, Richard Willing to Lyman C. Draper.] General George Washington was aware of Captain Willing's confinement and the rigorous treatment he was receiving in prison. [The Writings of George Washington, (Printed), Vol. 16, p. 319; Vol. 21., pp 72 - 73; Vol. 22., pp. 22 - 23.]

On September 6, 1781 Captain James Willing was exchanged for a British officer. He returned to Philadelphia and made plans to continue his fight for American independence. When John Buhler, in his petition to the continental Congress dated April 10, 1782, made reference to Captain Willing "being in the service to the westward," James Willing had obviously begun the descent of the Ohio and was once again on his way to West Florida, then under the Spanish flag. On May 30, 1782 Willing was at the Arkansas Post, having just arrived there from the falls of the Ohio. [Seineke, Katherine Wagner, The George Rogers Clark Adventure In The Illinois, p. 68.]

It appears that James Willing was active in the Mississippi Valley until about 1790. In 1790 a James Willing, believed to be the same Captain Willing, made a down payment on a tract of land in Avoyelles. At that time Willing was in partnership with James McNuty. The land was near land of Daniel Clark, believed to be another active participant in the American Revolution, and Edward Marchel, a shoe-maker by trade and a former resident of Opelousas. [Avoyelles Parish Colonial Documents, 20 March 1793, 98 - Petition of Guillaume Rafferti on a tract of land sold to James Willing.]

James Willing returned to Philadelphia sometime after 1790. He died on October 13, 1801 in Philadelphia, having never married, according to Richard Willing, (of previous reference).

3. Colonel David Rogers was in Opelousas on December 31, 1778 for on that date he sold a slave to Antoine Boisdore in Opelousas. [Opel: 31 Dec 1778 - Slave sale from David Rogers, Colonel of the American Army to Antoine Boisdore (3pp.).]
4. James Elliot was recruited by James Willing in British West Florida. He sailed from New Orleans with Captain Willing in late 1778. He was captured off the Capes of the Delaware, along with Lieutenant Thomas McIntire, but he and McIntire overpowered the prize master, retook the sloop and ran her on shore, saving

(Buhler family contd.)

part of the cargo. [Draper Manuscript Collection, Series J., Vol. 60., p. 276.] Elliot was commissioned a captain on March 8, 1779. [Heitmann, Francis B., Historical Register of the Officers of the Continental Army During the War of the Revolution, p. 214.]

5. Archibald McIntire was probably another name for Captain Thomas McIntire. McIntire had been wounded and taken prisoner at Fort Washington on November 16, 1776. After he was exchanged he joined James Willing's force and descended the Mississippi in 1778. He and his men captured "the Rebecca," a British ship of sixteen guns, on the Mississippi. He sailed from New Orleans late in 1778 with Captain Willing. On March 8, 1779 he was commissioned a captain. [Heitmann's Historical Register, as above, p. 381.]
6. The identity of Captain Davison is uncertain. There were several men named Davison who served as officers in the American Revolution. Without more information we cannot be certain which Davison was involved in Buhler's petition.
7. The identity of Mr. Gillespie is uncertain. One possibility is that he may have been Robert Gillespie, an ensign from North Carolina. [Heitmann's Historical Register, as above, p. 248.]
8. William Wikoff was obviously referring to Oliver Pollock, the principle American agent in New Orleans during the American Revolution. Pollock used much of his personal wealth to support the Americans. Many of his letters are found in the Papers of the Continental Congress.

A RELUCTANT WARRIOR
submitted by Katherine Stagg

[Editors Note: Among the documents which have survived the Civil War era is the following medical excuse explaining why John L. YOUNG was unable to perform his military duties. The original document, written on ruled paper, appears to have been folded and unfolded countless times, no doubt to explain why the bearer was absent from his military unit. One might surmise that perhaps Private John L. YOUNG had no real enthusiasm for service in the Confederate Army. John L. YOUNG was the son of Jean Baptiste YOUNG Jr. and Evelina BIHM. He was born in St. Landry Parish on May 8, 1832.]

This is to certify that private J. L. Young
of Co. A 2nd Cav. has been for several months
under my treatment first for mumps, after-
wards for sore eyes during all of which time
up to the present he has been unable to
perform military duty, [because?] his eyes
are not sufficiently strong to bare strong
sunlight.

July 24th 1864

C. J. [Cherrie ?] Dr

NOEL SOILEAU BAPTISM RECORD
submitted by Rita F. Soileau

L'an Mil Sept Cens le vingt deuxieme
de Novembre Je Vicaire de Mezieres
Soussigné ay batisé le fils de Jean
Soileau Mrs. Sergier et d'Elisabeth Pellerin
sa femme habns. de cette paroisse auquel
on a imposé le nom de Noel son parrein
a été Noel Soileau et la marreine Marie
Soileau de la paroisse de St. Marceau Clavy.
Jean Soileau Noel Soileau
Marie Soileau Mouchon ? vicaire

Baptême de Noel Soileau

L'an Mil Sept Cens le vingt deuxieme
de Novemvre Je Vicaire de Mezieres
Soussigné ay batisé le fils de Jean
Soileau Mrs. Sergier et d'Elisabeth Pellerin
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Soileau de la paroisse de St. Marceau Clavy.

Jean Soileau

Noel Soileau

Marie Soileau

Mouchon ? vicaire

(Archives Departementales, les Ardennes)

JEAN SOILEAU/ELISABETH PELLERIN MARRIAGE RECORD
submitted by Rita F. Soileau

8^e juillet

L'an Mil sept cent le Vingt sixième de fe. Bureau
Après avoir publié les Bans a trois dimanches
au prône a la messe de paroisse entre Jean
Soileau fils d'Isaac Soileau et de defunte Marie
Rondeau ses pere et mere de la paroisse de
St. Clément d'une part et Elisabeth Pellerin
fille de defunt Robert Pellerin et Elisabeth
Foulon ses pere et mere de la paroisse de
Mezines d'autre part, sans qu'il y ait eu
aucune opposition ou empêchement le
Pêtre Recteur forme en theologie et
curé de Mezines Poussignu ay Rendu la
promesse et consentement de mariage
et fait les ceremonies acoutumées a cele
a mariage dans l'Eglise de la paroisse
en presence de Noel Soileau, Elisabeth Foulon
Marie Jean Foulon tondue et Chanoine
de l'Eglise Collegiale de Mezines et Marie Guillaume
Pellerin Procureur du Roy a l'Hotel de Ville
Maitre Louis Aubry tondue du Hotel de Ville
Jean Bierzen marquant M^{re} Nicolas Thome
Avocat et Procureur special de la Mezzines
M^{re} Jean Baptiste Thome Proc^{re} de la Mezzines
theologie et Curé de la Mezzines
Jean Soileau, Elisabeth Foulon, Elisabeth Pellerin
Elisabeth Pellerin
C. Foulon, M^{re} Thome, M^{re} Bierzen, M^{re} Thome

(SOILEAU/PELLERIN RECORD CON'T.)

Marriage Soileau-Pellerin

Lan Mil sept Cens Le Vingt et unieme de febvrier
 après avoir publié les bans a trois Dimanches
 au prône a la Messe de paroisse Entre Jean
 Soylau fils de Noel Soileau et de defunte Marie
 Rondeaux ses pere et mere de la paroisse
 de Clavy d'une part Et. Elisabeth Pellerin
 fille de defunt Robert Pellerin et Elisabeth
 foulon ses pere et mere de la paroisse de
 Mezieres d'autre part, sans qu'il y ait eu
 aucune copposition ou empêchement Je
 Prêtre Bachélier homme de Theologie et
 curé de Mezieres soussigné ay Recu d'Eux
 la promesse et consentement de Mariage
 et fait les Ceremonies accoutumées et celebré
 le mariage dans l'église de ma paroisse
 en presence de Noel Soyleau, Elisabeth Foulon
 Maitre Jean Foulon, soudiacre et Channoine
 de l'église Collegiale de Mezieres et Maitre Guillaume
 Pellerin Procureur du Roy à l'hotel de Ville
 Maitre Lorens Aubry secretaire du dt. hotel de Ville
 Jean Bierset, marchand Mtre. Nicolas Thomé
 Avocat et Procureur fiscal du dt. Mezieres
 Mtre. Jean Baptiste Thomé pretre Bachelier en
 Theologie et Curé de Nucér?

Jean Soileau	Pellerin	foulon	P. Berier, curé
elisabet pellerin			
J. Maury?		foulon	Thome
C. foulon	Aubry	Bienz	

(Archives Départementales des Ardennes, Mezières)

 QUERY
VEILLON

Need the parents of Francois VEILLON, married 16 July 1862 to Clotilde FUSELIER. Clotilde died 4 May 1873. Their children were: Octavie, Louis, Alidie, and Joseph, all born between 1863 and 1873. They lived in the Faquetaique-Eunice area...Barney Ortego, 318 Southwest Railroad Avenue, Ville Platte, LA 70586

The Robin Hood of Mallet Woods

by

Gercie D. Daigle

My interest in the Jayhawkers started as a young girl when my grandmother told me stories that she had been told by her own grandmother. She told of how her first husband had been picked up one night by a group of men on horseback and taken to a remote area where he was killed. They found his body sometime later and identified him by the clothes he had been wearing. She said her grandmother always said the men were Jayhawkers. I also heard many stories of "Jayhawker money". This was money buried by families to keep it out of the hands of the Jayhawkers. They were unable to return for it for one reason or another or unable to find it when they came to retrieve it. As late as the '40's I heard stories of digging for "Jayhawker money." In answer to my many questions about these "Jayhawkers," I was told, "They are a band of men who went around robbing people and their leader was Ozeme Carriere." I went through many history books looking for more information but I never found anything about this group. I read about the "Kansas Jayhawkers," but I was sure this was not the same organization. I soon realized this was a history unique to this area.

In the winter of 1978 the Attakapas Gazette published an article by Carl BRASSEAU of the Center for Louisiana Studies; the title was "Ozeme Carriere and the St. Landry Jayhawkers 1863 - 1865." The article was very well documented and I was able to go to his sources for further research.

In 1979, Dr. David EDMONDS published "A Yankee Autumn in Acadiana" in which he chronicles the Civil War in Acadiana from October to December 1863. He describes the role of the Jayhawkers in this period of American history. I finally had answers to some of my questions.

The Jayhawkers were a group of anti-Confederates who had their roots in the counter-vigilante groups of pre-Civil War days; however, their "reason for being" was the Civil War. Their leader, Ozeme CARRIERE, was the youngest of eight children born to a French-Canadian family who had settled in the area of St. Landry Parish known as "Bois Mallet". His father had died four months before Ozeme was born.

Ozeme was not the only member of his family who was a Jayhawker; Two of his brothers, a sister and her husband also rode with the group. Their main headquarters was in the Mallet Woods area. To tell you about the men with which Carriere surrounded himself, I think I should give you a little background.

In April 1862, the first conscription law (draft) in American history was signed by the first Confederate Congress. Being forced into Confederate service produced great dissatisfaction among the residents of Southwest Louisiana, a large majority of which were French-Canadian and Acadians. Although not unanimous in their opinion, a large number would have preferred to remain neutral. They considered this an "American" war (la guerre de les Américain), and they wanted no part of it. Some of them were slave owners but for the most part they depended on their large families for labor.

We find an interesting description of the inhabitants of the Acadiana in the correspondence of Major General Richard TAYLOR, himself a Louisianian:

"Isolated up to the time of war they [the Acadians] spoke no language but their own patois and reading and writing had not come to them. They depended on their priest and an occasional peddler for news. They are a gentle people."

In the spring of 1863 there were wholesale desertions when Major General Richard TAYLOR retreated, following defeat in the lower Teche at the hands of Union troops. Conscript evaders and deserters were hunted with bloodhounds and once caught, were sent back or in many cases shot by firing squad or hung. They could flee to Texas, the Atchafalaya swamp or the Jayhawkers. Many chose the latter and it became a means of survival.

Carriere surrounded himself with these men plus runaway slaves and "free men of color." He organized them into a tight-knit group to fight conscription laws and wage his own form of war against the Confederacy by ambushing, sniping and harassing them in any way possible. Whether he was good or bad was of no concern to the men who sought refuge behind his lines. Thus, on one hand he was a depraved, bloodthirsty criminal, but to these deserters, conscript evaders and their families he was a folk hero: "The Robin Hood of Mallet Woods".

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By February 1864, it is estimated he had an army of over a thousand men with perhaps as many as eight thousand more harbored behind his lines. They had established a defensive perimeter from Prairie Mamou to upper Vermillion Parish.

To feed and arm his ever growing numbers, they raided the area for cattle, horses, saddles and weapons. Some of the first residences hit were those of T.P. GUIDRY, Felix DEJEAN, Madison YOUNG, Terance JEANSONNE and Francois SAVOY. There was no bloodshed in these initial raids, but newspaper accounts were soon filled with stories of Jayhawker activity, reports of some unfortunate home owner who had tried to protect his property, being shot for his efforts.

In May 1864, responding to increased pressure from local, civic and military leaders, the Confederate leaders increased their efforts to capture Carriere. They issued a proclamation that any Jayhawkers should be shot on sight. The increased pressure resulted in increased violence.

Some of the casualties of the increased violence were Bosman HAYES in Plaquemine Brule and Napoleon FRANCHBOIS. In early November they set fire to the residences of Charles DEROSIER, Sylvan SONNIER and Jos. B. YOUNG in Bois Mallet. Although the violence subsided in subsequent months, Carriere's support among the people was undermined.

It is ironic to note that Colonel William VINCENT's 2nd La. Calvary were noted for their vengeance against the Jayhawkers, leaving many unmarked graves in their wake. (Ironic in the sense that Vincent's 2nd La. Calvary was the largest company of French speaking Acadians in the Civil War.) It was truly a war of brother against brother.

Major General Nathaniel BANKS was one of Carriere's admirers. In 1863, his Chief of Staff instructed General William B. FRANKLIN to offer Carriere a commission in the Union Army. However, Carriere would have no part of army discipline, Union or otherwise, much less under Franklin who was considered a strict disciplinarian.

Carriere's chief subordinate was Martin GUILLORY, a "free man of color". He headed a group who called themselves "The Independent Bayou Mallet Scouts." In the 1860 census Ozeme was co-habiting with two mulatto women, Mary GUILLORY and May GUILLORY. Carriere had several subordinates. They were split into several groups who hid out in the woods around Mallet and Plaquemine Brule.

In the winter of 1864, the conscription laws ended in Louisiana. Carriere's army began to disintegrate. Their "reason for being" had ended. With his troops gone, he became a marked man. In May 1865 the war had ended and his group was down to only 50 men. A Lt. Louis Ameede BRINGIER had conducted a personal vendeta against Carriere from May 1864 to May 1865. With his army gone Carriere and Guillory were easy marks when confronted by Bringier in May 1865. Ozeme was killed and Guillory was probably mortally wounded for he died July 18, 1865 at Washington at the age of 25. The short violent era of the Jayhawkers had come to an end, and so had the lives of the three Carriere brothers, their sister and her husband along with countless others who lay in unmarked graves on the prairies of Southwest Louisiana.

Ozeme's succession was filed in September of 1865 at the Opelousas Courthouse. His estate was divided between his three surviving sisters and the children of his two deceased brothers and his deceased sister.

Court records indicate that Ozeme owned 200 superficial arpents of land bordered north and west by public lands, south by Jean GALOT and west by E.H. MARTIN. The balance of the estate consisted of cattle, sheep and horses and a few tools. His estate, worth \$1966.05, was down to \$911.05 by the time everyone collected their dues. One man charged \$35.00 to pick up the body where he had been assassinated and take it to Mallet for burial. There was an \$8.00 charge to make a coffin, and an interesting charge of \$22.50 to bring a horse from New Orleans to the estate. My questions had only been replaced by a new one: Why bring a horse from New Orleans?

In "A Yankee Autumn in Acadiana," Dr. David EDMONDS makes a statement which I think sums it up very well, "The violence and terror on all sides left a residual of hate, family division and bitterness that lasted for generations."

I think I should mention that there were other groups of Jayhawkers at this time. One group near Bayou Chicot was headed by a Dr. DUBLEY. There were also the Mermentau Jayhawkers but Carriere's group was the one that intrigued me.

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[Editors Note: Ms. Daigle states that she would be happy to correspond and exchange information with anyone sharing an interest in the above subject. Her address is; Rt. 1, Box 848, Church Point, La. 70525]

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_____ Correction _____

[Editors Note: The following letter was received regarding the article "Some Descendents of Robert Drouin" which appeared in the October 1989 issue of La Voix des Prairies. We wish to thank Mr. Bonnet for setting the record straight.]

Dear Sir:

I would like to correct an error from the last issue of "La Voix des Prairies." I feel obligated to do so, as the upshot of the article was that a number of my ancestors didn't exist. Sort of hits me where I live, so to speak.

The article in question concerned Robert Drouin, and it was stated that none of the children of Drouin's first marriage to Anne Cloutier "survived to the age of marriage". This will come as a great surprise to all of the Louisiana Trépagniers and Maheus, as Drouin had two surviving children by his first wife -- Geneviève (b. Oct. 19, 1643 in Québec), who married on April 24, 1656 (also in Québec) to Romain de Trépagny, and who was the ancestor of the Trépagnier and Trépagny families, and Agnès (b. Jan. 21, 1641 in Québec) who married Pierre Maheu on Nov. 10, 1659 in Québec. This is all amply documented in the Québec birth and marriage records, and is also recorded in Tanguay.

Anyhow, I'd appreciate it if you'd correct this error. Great-great-great-grandma Trépagnier would be horrified if she found out that word of her nonexistence had appeared in print.

With best regards,

s/ Gordon P. Bonnet
Redmond, WA 98053

_____ Queries _____

LAFLEUR - STAGG

Would like to correspond and exchange information with anyone interested in the Lafleur and Stagg lines, (especially 20th century information).

H. Michael LAFLEUR, 4415 Emory Lane, Charlotte NC 28211

VEILLON - TATE

Need the parents of Louis Franchebois Veillon married 14 June 1873 to Elizabeth Tate. Their children: Joseph Onezime, Marie Clemente, Louis Franchebois, Marcellite and Romain were born between 1874 and 1895. They lived in the Washington then Eunice areas.

Barney ORTEGO, 318 S.W. RR Ave., Ville Platte, La. 70586

THOMAS WINFIELE BIBLE
submitted by Kathleen Stagg

The following entries were copied, as they appeared, in the Bible of Thomas WINFIELE.

(page 1)

FAMILY RECORD

MARRIAGES

Thomas WINFIELE and Theodosia SHAW were married by Elder Adolph STAGG on the 14th day of February 1878 at the residence of the brides father near Ville Plate La.

Albon YOUNG and Leah WINFIELE were united in matrimony on the 2nd day of March 1899, at the residence of the brides father in Opelousas La. by Elder J. F. SHAW.

Elisher ATTAWAY and Ida WINFIELE were united in matrimony by Elder J. F. SHAW on the 6th day of November 1901.

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FAMILY RECORD

BIRTHS

Thomas WINFIELE, was born July 2nd 1851.

Theodosia SHAW, was born November 11th 1858.

Lilla WINFIELE, daughter of the above was born January 11th 1877.

Ida Ellen WINFIELE, daughter of Thomas WINFIELE and Theodosia SHAW, was born August 15th 1880.

Leah WINFIELE daughter of Thomas WINFIELE and Theodosia SHAW was born October 14, 1882.

Willie Neuton YOUNG was born March 3, 1904.

Florence Mable Attaway was born Nov. () 1904.

V. L. STAGG born May 27, 1907 [probably Verval Louise Stagg d/o Isaac & Esther Emma Winfiele who was born on that date: Ed.]

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FAMILY RECORD

BIRTHS

Esther Emma WINFIELE Was born February the 19th 1885.

Eva Louise YOUNG was born Feb. 11, 1905.

Clones Clorater WINFIELE was born July 27th 1887.

Anna May WINFIELE was born September 5th 1889.

C. S. WINFIELE was born January the 23 1892.

Christina Birdia (WINFIELE) was born May 9th 1894.

Marshal Taylor WINFIELE was born May 1st 1896.

Richard Hobson WINFIELE was born Sept. 23rd 1898.

(Thomas Winfiele Bible contd.)

Thomas Edward WINFIELE was born February 10, 1909.
Elrige Huston YOUNG was born January 5, 1902.

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FAMILY RECORD

DEATHS

Lilla WINFIELE, departed this life September 28th 1879.
Prescott George ATTAWAY departed this life Sunday November, 9th 1903.
Ida WINFIELE died Oct 11th 1918 at Little Rock; Ark.
Orellion GUILLORY died July 16th 1924.
John GUILLORY died 6 February 1925.
Chrs & Joyce baby died Friday October 29, 1924.
Ike STAGG died Sunday Jenuary 15, 1928.
Thomas E. WINFIELE Jr. died Nov. 5th 1931
Christina W. SMITH died March 28th 1946 4:40 A.M.
Marchall WINFIELE died Dec. 13, 1965.

[in the margin at the top of the page is inserted the following:]

Theodosia Shaw WINFIELE died Sunday Jan. 26, 1930.
Thomas WINFIELE Sr. died Sunday March 29, 1931.

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[this was a blank page with the following two newspaper clippings attached.]

NORWOOD BAILEY DIES IN TEXAS

Norwood BAILEY, 16 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. BAILEY of Raywood, Texas, died at Hotel Dieu, Beaumont, Texas, Monday, September 10. Interment was made at Liberty, Texas. The Bailey family formerly resided in Opelousas and Mrs. Bailey before her marriage was Miss Clorater WINFIELD.

NUGENT - WINFIELE WED

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. NUGENT announce the marriage of their daughter, Eunice Carolyn, to Mr. Richard Hobson WINFIELE on Wednesday, May 3, 1922, Galveston, Tex. At home after May 15th. 1804 Avenue H. Galveston, Tex.

The wedding, which is of great social interest throught the state, was quietly solemnized at the residence of the bride's parents, with only the immediate relatives being present to witness the ceremony, owing to the illness of the bride's mother.

The bride, who is a lovely and talented young girl, like the groom, has been a resident of Galveston but a short time, in which they have made a host of warm friends by whom in the younger social set, they are extended hearty congratulations. Mr. Winfiele is a native of Louisiana, Mr. Tom WINFIELE of Louisiana came over to attend the nuptials.

(Thomas Winfiele Bible contd.)

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Marshall left Sunday July 22th 1917 for New Orelin to Inlist in Army.

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Tina left on the 5 of May 1922 for Calfonia

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Marshall left for Melville Sunday 15 January 1928

Tom married December 24th 1927

Marshall married March 4th 1928

Tom WINFIELE died Nov. 5 - 1931.

Marshall WINFIELE died Dec 13 - 1965.

ARDOIN FAMILY REUNION

The Family Association of the Descendents of Simeon ARDOIN will hold their first reunion, The Ardoin Gathering, on the weekend on June 15-17, 1990 at Chicot State Park near Ville Platte.

Simeon Ardoin was born in 1840 and married Melizie SOILEAU in 1865. He died in Ville Platte in 1913. He and Melizie had seven children: (1), Marie Elesida, m. [1], Louis Lafleur, m. [2], Lucuis Landreneau; (2), Armalse, m. Altais Lavergne; (3), Simeon Guillaume Eugene "G", m. Leza Marie Brignac; (4), Elius, m. Bertha Fontenot; (5), Dr. Yves, m. Nancy Amelia Thompson; (6), Didier, m. Isabelle Quirk and (7), Remi ARDOIN, m. [1], Marie Ada Laran, m. [2], Merice Fusilier.

The association is seeking information and help to locate all of the descendents of the seven children. Descendents are invited to join the family association and to participate in the reunion. Anyone interested in learning more about the reunion or the family association should call Conrad Ardoin, (318) 363-6132 or Philip Andrepont (318) 948-6784.

Query

FARQUE / FORK / FOLK / FAULK

I have searched and searched... Can anyone help me find out who Lucas FORK is, where he came from, and what his nationality was? Hebert, Vol. 1 & 2 hints at the Carolinas or Virginia but when I go back to those places I find no Lucas or Luke. In the Attakapa Gazette (fall 1977) I find Luke FOLSE listed (in 1781) as a "foreigner" and ordered to surrender all weapons. Please Help!!!!

Jeanne Farque, Rt. 8, Box 1681, Lake Charles, LA 70605

*Ancestor Chart*Name of Compiler BOURGEOIS, CharlesAddress 2745 Mahan DriveCity, State Beaumont, TX 77707Date December 16, 1988

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

Chart No. 1
16 Joseph Simon BOURGEOISb. ca. 1777 LA (Father of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. 2)

m. 24 October 1803

d. January 1821 Louisiana

17 Marcelite JUDICE (Mother of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. 3)

b. ca. 1786 LA

d. Aug. 1826 LA

18 Maximilien PREJEAN (Father of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. 4)b. 11 Jan. 1797 (Father of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. 4)

m. 25 Nov. 1822

d. 13 Jan. 1834 LA

19 Marie Phelonise THIODEAUX (Mother of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. 5)

b. ca. March 1795 LA

d. 6 Dec. 1855 LA

20 Pierre D. LAVERGNE (Father of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. 6)b. 11 Nov. 1794 LA (Father of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. 6)

m. 29 May 1837

d. 20 Dec. 1867 LA

21 Adomecille DUPLCHAIN (Mother of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. 7)

b. ca. Jan. 1804 LA

d.

22 Ursin LAVERGNE (Father of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. 8)b. 2 May 1819 LA (Father of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. 8)

m. 14 Dec. 1840

d. Louisiana

23 Azeline STEEL (Mother of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. 9)

b. 9 Jan. 1824 LA

d. 31 March 1905 LA

24 Julien GATTE (Father of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. 10)b. 19 July 1921 LA (Father of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. 10)

m. 4 May 1847

d. Louisiana

25 Marguerite LASAGE (Mother of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. 11)b. 9 July 1827 LA (Mother of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. 11)

d. before 29 January 1870 LA

26 Julien MILLER (Father of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. 12)b. 20 July 1828 LA (Father of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. 12)

m. 7 Aug. 1854

d. Succ. 31 April 1897 LA

27 Roselia BERGEAU (Mother of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. 13)b. 25 Aug. 1837 LA (Mother of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. 13)

d.

28 Joseph KLUMPP (Father of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. 14)b. (Father of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. 14)

m.

d. before 4 Jan. 1876 LA

29 Elizabeth SCHMIDT (Mother of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. 15)b. Germany (Mother of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. 15)

d. Louisiana

30 Frank KRATZER (Father of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. 16)b. ca. 1830 (Father of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. 16)

m. probably in Texas (m.)

d. Succ. 5 May 1892 LA

31 Anna STRAUSS (Mother of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. 17)b. ca. 1846 (Mother of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. 17)

d. HOLLAND

Louisiana

4 Paul Deste(r) BOURGEOIS (Father of No. 2)

b. 13 July 1862 (Father of No. 2)

p.b. St. Landry Parish, LA

m. 15 November 1888

d. 27 July 1944

p.d. Iota, LA

2 Martin Deste(r) BOURGEOIS (Father of No. 1)

b. 14 March 1901 (Father of No. 1)

p.b. Lawtell, LA

m. 15 November 1927

d. 6 January 1964

p.d. Lafayette, LA

5 Marie Anastasie LAVERGNE (Mother of No. 3)

b. 5 October 1866 (Mother of No. 3)

p.b. Louisiana, St. Landry P.

d. 3 February 1909

p.d. Louisiana

Charles Wilford BOURGEOIS

b. 9 June 1952

p.b. Jennings, Jefferson Davis Par., LA

m. 7 April 1973 Nederland, Jefferson

Co., TX

d.

p.d.

6 Drazemone GATTE (Father of No. 3)

b. 8 February 1877 (Father of No. 3)

p.b. Evangeline (Gatte's Cove) Acadia Par.

m. 15 February 1904

d. 3 March 1940

p.d. Evangeline (Gatte's Cove) Acadia Par.

3 Bessie GATTE (Mother of No. 1)

b. 25 January 1909 (Mother of No. 1)

p.b. Evangeline (Gatte's Cove) Acadia Par.

d. 23 April 1965

p.d. Evangeline, LA (Gatte's Cove) Acadia Par., LA

7 Geronia KLUMPP (Mother of No. 3)

b. 25 October 1887 (Mother of No. 3)

p.b. Bayou des Cannes, Acadia

d. 12 May 1948 Par., LA

p.d. Evangeline (Gatte's Cove) Acadia Par., LA

Doris Marie PATIN Acadia Par., LA

(Spouse of No. 1)

b. 21 March 1955 d.

p.b. Port Arthur, TX p.d.

Jefferson County

8 Orter Lucien BOURGEOIS (Father of No. 4)

b. 8 January 1820 (Father of No. 4)

p.b. St. Jacque Par., LA

m. 14 April 1842

d. 12 July 1863

p.d. St. Landry Par., LA

9 Azelie Marie PREJEAN (Mother of No. 4)

b. 13 December 1823 (Mother of No. 4)

p.b. Lafayette Par., LA

d. 24 Jan. 1897

p.d. St. Landry Par., LA

10 Pierre Agerin LAVERGNE (Father of No. 5)

b. ca. 30 December 1838 (Father of No. 5)

p.b. Louisiana, St. Landry Par.

m. 18 September 1865

d. 18 August 1938

p.d. Church Point, LA

11 Colastie LAVERGNE (Mother of No. 5)

b. 10 August 1845 (Mother of No. 5)

p.b. Louisiana, St. Landry Par.

d. 27 October 1926

p.d. Church Point, LA

12 Julien GATTE, II (Father of No. 6)

b. August 1843 (Father of No. 6)

p.b. Louisiana, St. Landry P.

m. 17 September 1872

d. 19 February 1911

p.d. Acadia Parish, LA

13 Caroline MILLER (Mother of No. 6)

b. 5 April 1854 (Mother of No. 6)

p.b. St. Landry Parish, LA

d. 16 January 1926

p.d. Acadia Parish, LA

14 John(ny) KLUMPP (Father of No. 7)

b. April 1858 (Father of No. 7)

p.b. Louisiana

m. 24 March 1879

d. 28 June 1909

p.d. Nezpique, Acadia Par., LA

15 Helene KRATZER (Mother of No. 7)

b. January 1861 (Mother of No. 7)

p.b. Texas

d. 23 December 1927

p.d. Acadia Parish, LA

REDELL CEMETERY
Recorded by John A. Young

The Reddell Cemetery is located 3/4 mile east of La. Hwy. 13 in the Reddell community. There are several unmarked graves in the cemetery.

GUILLORY, Mr. E. b. 15 Sep. 1846 d. 3 Jul 1922 "Father"	GUILLORY, Mrs. C. A. b. 30 Jan. 1854 d. 10 Nov. 1920 "Mother"	GUILLORY, D. T. b. 1834 d. 1936	NAQUIN, Joseph D. b. 14 Aug. 1930 d. 8 Apr. 1982 PFC US ARMY KOREA
† OGE, Regile b. 5 Mar. 1903 d. 27 Nov. 1980	NAQUIN, Evellia b. 12 Jan. 1906 d. 11 Jul. 1937 w/o Regile OGE	NAQUIN, Leo b. 6 Jul. 1873 d. 29 Aug. 1959	NAQUIN, Mrs. Ozella D. b. 23 Oct. 1875 d. 5 Feb. 1918
GUILLORY, Infant Daug. b. 6 Jan. 1914 d. 6 Jan. 1914 d/o Dr. & Mrs. Thomas A. Guillory	LAMBERT, Infant Daug. b. 4 Sep. 1898 d. 4 Sep. 1898 d/o G. B. & M. M. Lambert	GATY, Charles b. 20 Aug. 1860 d. 19 Feb. 1917	GATY, Lovina W. b. 28 Apr. 1839 d. 19 Apr. 1917
GUILLORY, Lassiephine M. b. 8 Sept. 1877 d. 12 Oct. 1900 w/o Rene Guillory	CARRELL, Earnest b. 10 Jul. 1894 d. 28 Aug. 1900	BLALOCK, William A. b. 15 Nov. 1908 d. 26 Feb. 1925	DUNBAR, Kindle A. b. 12 Sept. 1844 d. 7 Jun. 1914
MORRIS, Bevelry A. b. 20 Jan. 1837 d. 13 Apr. 1918 "Father"	MORRIS, Christina b. 9 Jun. 1856 d. 2 Aug. 1932 "Mother"	REDELL, M. J. b. 1 Aug. 1861 d. 5 Apr. 1925	REDELL, Mrs. M. J. b. 1 Dec. 1863 d. 22 Jun. 1926
REDELL, Ella P. b. 14 Feb. 1898 d. 27 Nov. 1918	REDELL, J. S. b. 19 May 1884 d. 9 Dec. 1902	REDELL, Vivian Victoria b. 6 Apr. 1902 d. 19 Aug. 1902	YAWN, Henry Grady b. 22 Feb. 1901 d. 1 Sept. 1905
WILLIAMS, Jame M. d. 3 Dec. 1909 aged 81 years	WILLIAMS, Rush B. b. 26 Jun. 1869 d. 27 Sept. 1935	WILLIAMS, Mrs. Millie C. b. 23 Sept. 1885 d. 28 Jul. 1966	WILLIAMS, Mary E. b. 5 Dec. 1830 d. 15 Mar. 1907
ONEAL, Mrs. Nellie L. b. 1888 d. 1912	LAMBERT, Mildred J. b. 5 Aug. 1893 d. 3 Aug. 1898	(Cemetery list recorded 26 April 1989)	

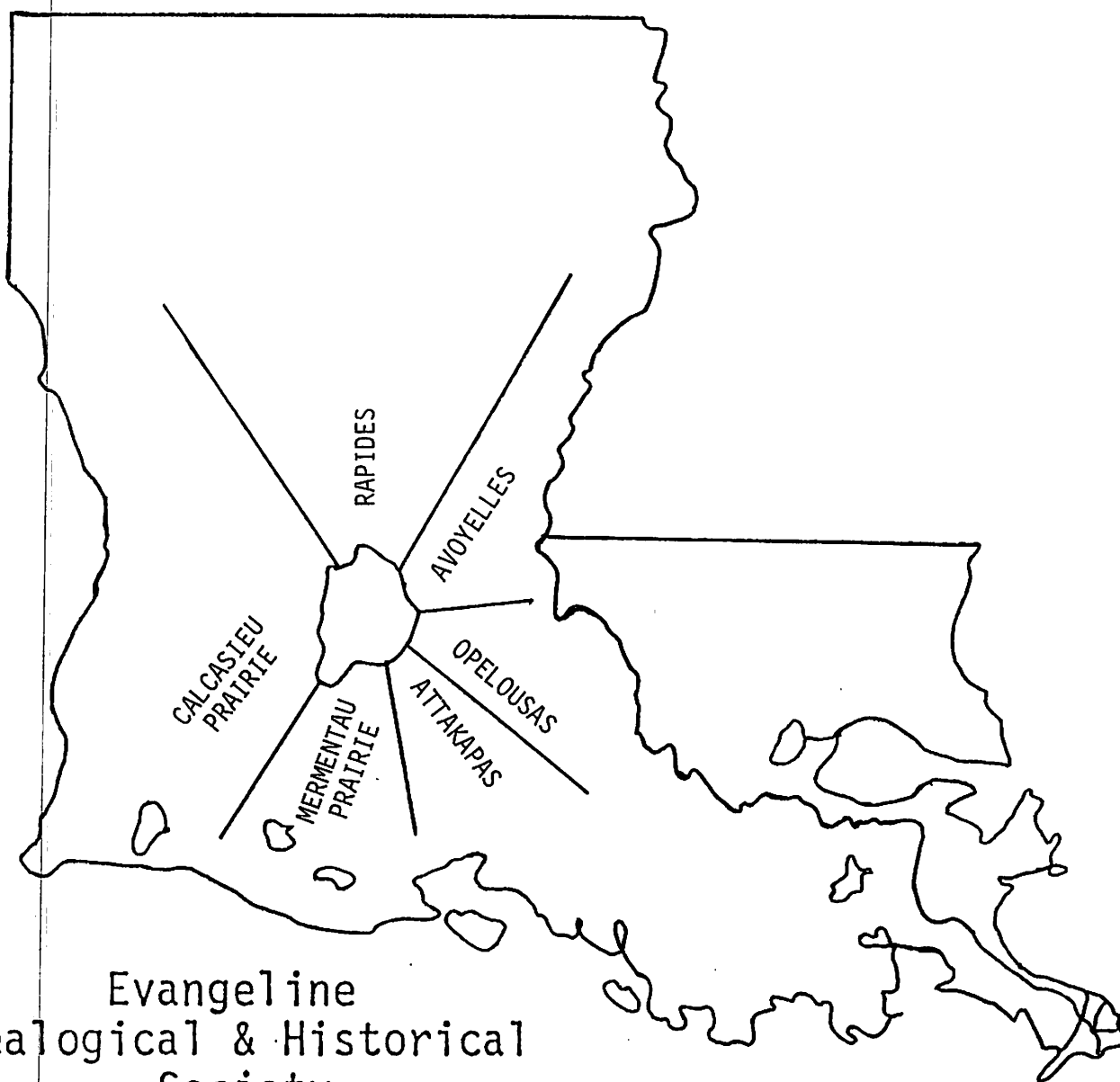
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GUILLORY AND LANDRENEAU:
A DOCUMENT FOR THE AVOYELLES PARISH FAMILIES
By Winston De Ville, F.A.S.G

Many family historians will recognize the data given below as important to genealogical studies of not only present-day Avoyelles Parish, but to early families of what is now Evangeline Parish.

The writer discovered this record while scanning early statehood-period papers that are available on microfilm from the Louisiana State Division of Archives and Records, Baton Rouge. It is indeed unfortunate that, prior to filming, these records were so poorly organized - perhaps not organized at all. This record is in the St. Landry Parish collection, and the only additional retrieval device we can offer is that the microfilm copy is found on Roll 16, near the beginning of the reel. Although the document itself is undated, it was recorded on 20 June 1817 - but this date will probably not assist in locating the document.

The original is written in French, apparently by the hands of the fiancée's mother and brother, and we provide a brief abstract of the single-page document here:

Widow Guillory gives permission to Selesce Guillory, (1) her daughter, living with her in la parti couchant (2) of Avoyelles, to marry Joseph Landreneau fills, (3) who lives at Bayou Dulaque with his father in Avoyelles.

Signed: Margirte Aÿre (4)

Celete Guillory, being orphan de père, (5) I, Joseph Guillory, her oldest brother, certify the consent of the family

Signed: Josephe (6) Guillory

Important spellings have not been altered in this translation, but we call attention to the fact that "Guillory" is a distortion of the standard and original spelling, "Guillory."

Notes

- (1) Almost certainly, her given-name was Celeste. Celeste Guillory married Joseph Landreneau, Jr., on 3 July 1817, in a civil ceremony. Clerk of Court, Avoyelles Parish, La., Book A, p. 198, as published in Jeri Dufor La Cour, Brides Book of Avoyelles Parish... 1808 - 1855 (Bunkie, La. 1979) p. 38.
- (2) Literally, this phrase refers to the part of the parish in which the sun "goes down," or the western part. In old French families, the east is still referred to as the levant ("the rising") and the west, the couchant ("the sleeping").
- (3) Clearly, and as confirmed in the civil record (see note one), his father was also named Joseph. See also numerous records on this family in the multi-volume series by Rev. Donald J. Hebert, Southwest Louisiana Records (variously published).
- (4) In the record of the civil ceremony (see note one), her name (but no signature) is spelled "Ayer."
- (5) That is, only her father was deceased.
- (6) He signs in the feminine form: it should be "Joseph." He also adds an "i" to his family name, as we noted.

BAYOU CHICOT: A NOTE ON LATE - COLONIAL SETTLEMENT
By Winston De Ville, F.A.S.G.

For general comments on locating the information given below please refer to the previous article titled "Guillory and Landreneau . . .," published on the previous page in this issue of La Voix. This document, also in the St. Landry Parish collection at the state archives, is on Microfilm Roll 9. The writer's penmanship is especially poor, but we attempt to provide a transcript, including original spellings, of the portion we could decipher:

This eas to ceartifey that Land eas wes and eas William Hay mead a
littel cabbin upon perera [prairie?] and one of the forks of Bayo
Cane.

given under my hand [at] Bayo Chico Novembr 23, 1801

Signed: Gottfred Krieger, syndic

Below this document, one Joseph Buller, with his "ordinary mark" of "X," attested to essentially the same facts.

Queries

FONTENOT/JEANSONNE

Need names of parents of Aurelien L. FONTENOT married August 3, 1854 to Zeline J.B. JEANSONNE.

Evelyn Dardeau GARRETT, 840 Meadowlark, Bridge City, TX 77611

LUCKETTE (LUQUET)

Seeking information on Marie Jeanne LUCKETTE (LUQUET, LUQUE, LUNETTE, LAYOUE, LUCUYERS), wife of Simon GASPARD (b. 1746, d. 1803). Marie Jeanne LUCKETTE died in Lafayette in 1824. They were residents in or near St. Martinville in 1803. Will be pleased to exchange LUCKETTE/LUQUET data.

Jacqueline O. VIDRINE, 803 East Main Street, Ville Platte, LA 70586

LAFLEUR/VEILLON

Seeking information on Alcina/Alzima/Olina LAFLEUR, born ca. 1739 - 1740, married Alphonse VELLION (b. 1831, d. 1910) about 1856 (Civil Record, St. Landry Parish Courthouse Marriage papers # 1513). Was her father really one of the Jean Baptiste LAFLEURs? If so, which one? Will exchange VEILLON material or other in exchange for information on this couple.

Jacqueline O. VIDRINE, 803 East Main Street, Ville Platte, LA 70586

JEANSONNE/SONNIER

Seeking information on the parents of Marie JEANSONNE or Marie Jeanne SONNIER, who married by 1770 to Philippe LANGLOIS. She was born about 1747, probably in Acadia. Their eldest daughter, Therese, was born on February 11, 1771 and baptized at Opelousas on April 19, 1771. Since her godfather was Charles JEANSONNE, a close relationship to that family is indicated. They were all on the 1777 Census of Opelousas.

Jacqueline O. VIDRINE, 803 East Main Street, Ville Platte, LA 70586

CEMETERY LISTINGS

The following is an index of cemeteries that have been listed in La Voix des Prairies; Vol. 1 thru 11, Numbers 1 thru 41.

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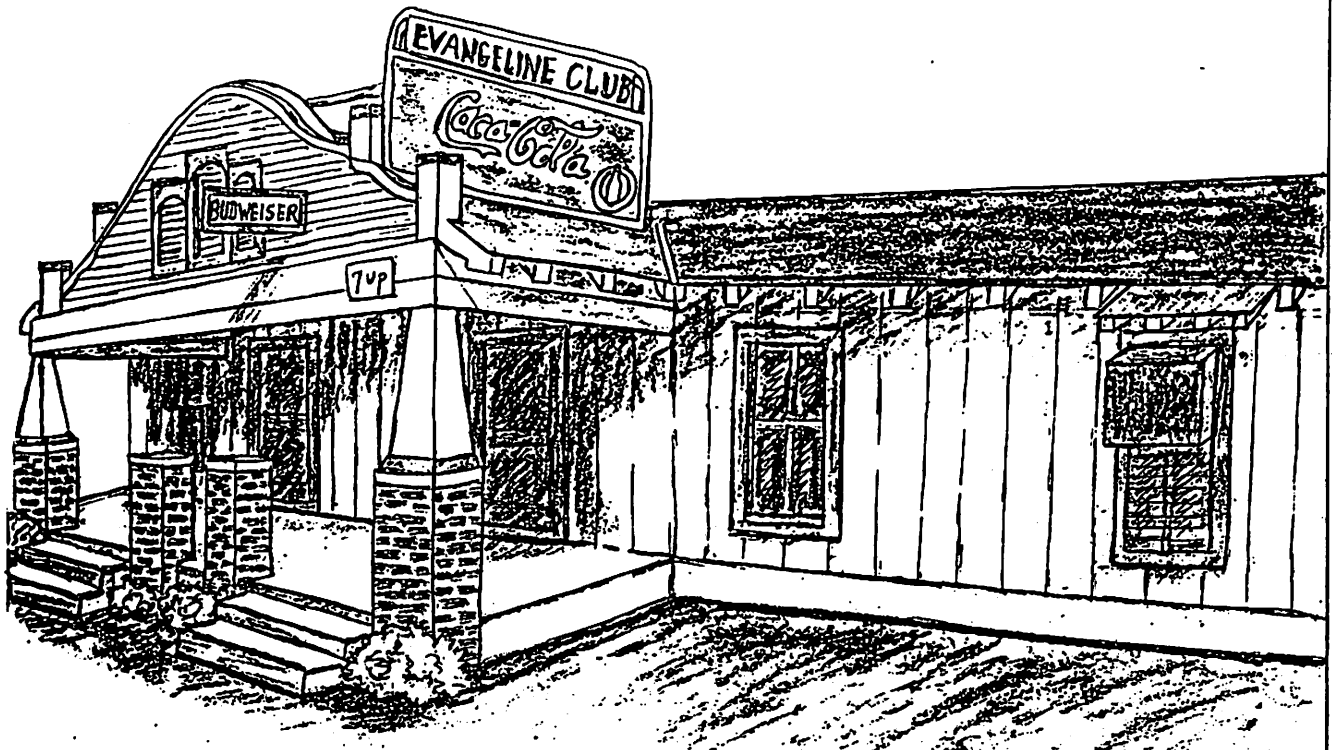
Note: Through error the Duplechin cemetery in Allen Parish appeared twice.

The Society encourages members to copy and submit for publication cemetery lists regardless of size.

A census of Louisiana taken in 1788 indicates that the population of New Orleans (within the city) was 5,338. On the same census the Opelousas Post had 1,985 people.

(Ref: The History of Louisiana (third edition) by Francois-Xavier Martin, p. 251.)

The Evangeline Club in Ville Platte
submitted by
Margaret Reed Fontenot



Evangeline Club Entrance - 1945

Margaret Reed Fontenot

The Evangeline Club, which was located one mile west of Ville Platte on Hwy. 167, opened its doors in 1935 co-owned by Clem and Claude MOREIN. In 1953, Clem bought out Claude's share of the business and from that time on was assisted in the club's operation by his son J. C. MOREIN until its closing in 1985.

For many years the club was open 24 hours a day. It was the meeting place for hundreds (maybe thousands) of young men and women who started their courtship there and later married. One such couple is husband of 43 years Joseph W. FONTENOT, and I married 43 years.

Musician Otis SMITH and his band played regularly to a packed house during the World War II years and for several years afterward. Army personnel from the surrounding Army Camps at Polk, Claiborn, Livingston, Beauregard and Esler Airfield were weekend visitors to Ville Platte and the Evangeline Club.

Many famous bands of the time performed at the club as special attractions during the late 1940's through the 50's. Some of these were Charlie SPIYAK, Johnny LONG, Duke ELLINGTON, Louis ARMSTRONG, Ernest TUBB, Lefty FRIZELL, and the Ink Spots.

The Evangeline Club, 150 feet long and 68 feet wide, was also the site of many community functions such as wedding receptions, beauty contests and club meetings to name a few. The club maintained a kitchen where full course meals or just a sandwich could be served.

Every so often we listen to "Big Band" music of the 30's and 40's and reminisce . . . down the nostalgic trail of our youth when we looked forward to each weekend to "go to the club."

The building is now gone, demolished in 1988, but the memories will live on in our minds and hearts forever!

Prepared by James A. Reed 15 April 1988

Wade Hampton Reed Jr
b. 26 July 1922
James Albert Reed
b. 6 April 1924
Margaret Evelyn Reed
15 September 1925
Clinton Earl Reed
b. 7 August 1927
Annie Alice Reed
b. 6 September 1929

Wade Hampton Reed
b. 1 May 1895
d. 12 October 1967

Clinton Reed
b. 23 March 1854
d. 4 December 1934
m. 25 April 1888

Alice Vidrine
b. 11 February 1866
d. 24 June 1982

Dorselin Guillory
b. 18 September 1870
m. 15 Dec 1896

Elta Guillory
b. 2 Jun 1899

Annie Young
b. 28 December 1879

William Reed
b. 1886

m. 26 November 1838

Julie Garand
b. 1822
d. 1912

Yves Vidrine
b. 23 December 1833
d. 23 December 1897

m. 31 December 1852

Leontine Ortego
b. 16 July 1838
d. 16 December 1926

Theophile Guillory
b. 15 July 1847

m. 21 January 1868

Marie Ortego
b. 23 November 1847

Joseph Young
b. 16 April 1852

m. 24 July 1877

Marie Aguiard
b. 6 February 1859

William Reed

Marie Ramos

Marcelin Garand
b. 15 July 1781
m. 11 July 1821
Bridget Soileau
b. 7 September 1794

Lisandre J. B. Vidrine

m. 2 May 1829

Domelise Guillory

Joachim Ortego
bt. 11 June 1809
m. 14 September 1838
Josephine Fontenot
b. 28 August 1811

Jean Baptiste Guillory
b. 1809

m. 4 January 1836

Zelonaise Ardoin

Jean Baptiste Ortego
b. 1 October 1818
m. 15 May 1838

Helene Guillory
b. 27 March 1819

Henry Young
b. 20 January 1818
m. 12 May 1835

Elimone Fontenot
b. October 1817
bt. 25 January 1818

Paul Aguiard
b. 27 April 1829
m. 28 August 1851

Celestine Taylor

ALEXIS LAURENT STAGG'S BIBLE
Submitted by Kathleen Stagg

The following entries were copied from the Bible of A. Laurent STAGG on May 13, 1978. The Bible is now in the possession of Laurent's daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Stagg BONVILLAIN. All entries were copied as they appear in the book. From the penmanship and writing style it is possible to ascertain that several people were involved in making the entries.

TITLE PAGE

La Sainte Bible qui contient le vieux et le nouveau testament revue sur les originaux; par David Martin, ministre du Saint evangile à Utrecht. New York, Société Biblique (établie en MDCCCXVI), 1856.

REGISTRE DE FAMILLE

1. Louis STAGG né le 27 Septembre 1833 (Sept. 13, 1892) [apparently death date Ed.]
2. Lise Laure LATOUR née le 9 Fevrier 1840 (Died Aug 7, 1906)

Célébration du mariage entre Louis STAGG et Lise Laure LATOUR le 15 Octobre 1856 par le Pere BANGIER à Ville Plate.

Les ifsus de ce Mariage

1. Alexis Laurent STAGG né le 28 Juillet 1858
2. Louisa Josephine STAGG née le 8 De'cembre 1860
3. Marie Laure née le 24 Septembre 1863 decedée le 11 Novembre 1865
4. Catherine Alice Esilda STAGG née le 25 Juillet 1866 (Died 4,15 am May 27, 1941)
5. Cora Elizabeth STAGG née le 20 d'Août 1868 (Died June 25, 1939 at 1:30 am)
6. Louis Philippe STAGG né le 16 Decembre 1870
7. Marcellus McDavitt STAGG né le 24 Janvier 1872
8. Julius James STAGG né le 2 Mars 1875 (Died Feby 19, 1934)
9. Blanche STAGG née le 19 Decembre 1876
10. Joseph Emile STAGG né le 29 Decembre 1879

[The following entries were not numbered.]

Marcellus McDavitt STAGG died at Rayne, La. May 10, 1945 at 2:20 a.m.

Joseph Emile STAGG Died at Whiteville, La. Sept. 12, 1885

Louis Philip STAGG Died at Whiteville, La. Sept. 3, 1889

Louis STAGG died at Whiteville, La., Tuesday, September 13th 1892 at 2-45 o'clock a.m. aged 58 years 11 months and 17 days

Blanche STAGG died at Eunice, La., Tuesday, Oct. 18, 1921 at 3:10 o'clock a.m.

Mary KAYANAUGH wife of A. L. STAGG died March 15th 1932

Robert LAFLEUR and Louisa STAGG married at Whiteville, La. Feb. 12, 1884 by Father JANAN

M. D. LEWIS and Alice STAGG married at Whiteville, La., Feb. 14, 1889 by Father JANAN

W. H. PARROTT and Cora STAGG married at Whiteville, La., June 16, 1894 by Father D'HOMME

NOTES FROM THE PAPERS OF JULIUS C. VIDRINE
Submitted by Jacqueline Olivier Vidrine

The following information was copied from the papers of Dr. Juluis C. Vidrine by Jacquelin O. Vidrine in about 1960. Dr. Vidrine was the husband of Herodias Guillory, they were residents of the Vidrine community. The notes were loaned to Mrs. Vidrine by Dinah Dossman, the wife of Hartwell H. Guillory, a brother to Herodias Guillory.

These notes were apparently kept in a ledger in which Dr. Vidrine entered information concerning his relatives and friends.

Thomas WINFIELE m. Theodosia SHAW a lifelong resident of this (?) city.
she died at age 71, services at the Baptist Church, interred in Myrtle Grove Cemetery.

Children:

Mrs. A. H. YOUNG of Church Point
Mrs. Ike STAGG of Opelousas
Mrs. J. S. BAILEY of Raywood, Tex.
Miss Anna WINFIELE, Opelousas
Mr. C. S. WINFIELE, Monroe
Mr. Marshall WINFIELE, Melville
R. E., Houston & Tom WINFIELE of this city

3 sisters of Theodosia SHAW

Mrs. Omerine ORTEGO of V.P.
Christine MORRIAS of Oberlin
Madora BARRON of Shreveport

30 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren

Dr. Richard Eugene ODEN died Dec 9 ____ at his home in Kinder - 66 yrs. old - native of Talledega County, Ala. - graduate of Louisville Med. School - Practiced in Rapides, St Landry, & Allen Parishes - Mayor of Kinder for 12 yrs. Sheriff of Allen Parish from 1916 to 1928 - Widow nee Elsie Lu JESSUP & 8 children survive.

Oakdale, La. Nov. 25 ____ funeral for Reme VIDRINE - 60 yrs. old - held at First Methodist Church - Ex Mayor of Oakdale - resided there 30 yrs. - Member of 1st school board for Oakdale.

Survived by his wife - one son: G. C. VIDRINE, Beaumont - 6 daughters; Mrs Gordon MEEKS, Glenmora; Mrs Alma STEGALL, Monroe; Mrs Jack McBRIDE, Ruston; Mrs Frank SHEA, Lake Charles; Mrs Hattie BROWN & Miss Jewell VIDRINE, Oakdale; 10 grand-children; 5 brothers; Dr J. C. VIDRINE; K. L., Phoenix, Ariz; Hamilton, Youngstown, Arizona; Octave & Butchman VIDRINE, Oakdale; 4 sisters Mrs. Eva PITRE, Oakdale; Mrs. N. VIDRINE, Vidrine; Mrs. L. WILLIARD, Phoenix, Ariz, & Mrs H. K. ALLEY of Hecita, N. M. Interred at Oakdale Cemetery

Opel. La. Nov 5 ____ Thomas E. WINFIELE - 29 yrs old of Opel- killed by train at Rosa - Survivors; wife & infant daughter - 3 bros; Marshall, of Melville; R. H. of Houston, Tex, Chester of Shreveport - 5 sisters; Mrs. A. M. YOUNG of Church Point, Mrs. Issac STAGG & Miss. Anna WINFIELE of Opel. ; Mrs. J. S. BAILEY of Raywood, Tex, & Mrs E. M. SMITH, Algiers.

Mrs. Athenase ORTEGO, nee Omerine SHAW, died at her home in Tate Cove Wednesday aft - funeral at S.H. Catholic Church conducted by Rev. Fr. BOURGEOIS - survivors; father & husband - sons & daughters; J. E. ORTEGO, Sec. & Evang. Farm Bureau; Albert, Athanese Jr., Emile & Zenon - Mrs. Theophile J. FONTENOT, & Miss. Laverne ORTEGO of Lone Pine.

(Dr. Vidrine notes contd.)

died Nov. 18, 1932 age 86 yrs. 5 mos.

Athanase ORTEGO, 86 yrs old vet. of Civil War - buried at Catholic Cemetery in V.P. - Survived by children: J. E. ORTEGO; Athanase Jr.; Miss. Lavinia ORTEGO, Edmond, Albert, Emile, & Zenon ORTEGO, & Mrs. Theophile FONTENOT. His wife died a year ago.

Eunice, La. July 6 ___ V.P. Church - Armand COREIL, 67 years old - Interred in old V.P. Cemetery. Survived by his widow, 5 sons: Morelle, Bernard, Burke, Gerald, & Vincent. 2 daughters: Mrs. Bruce SOILEAU & Mrs. George STROMER

Jan. 30 1939 - Marksville, La. L. O. JEANSONNE - principal of Evergreen High School for past 14 years - Age 46 son of Mr & Mrs Euclide JEANSONNE - pioneer citizens of Plaquemine - Survivors: his parents, widow (Matsi DAYRUS of Point Coupee Parish) one son, at Loyola U; & 1 daughter Janette, at Evergreen High School.

Oct 15, 1940 - Mrs. J. O. Grayson KNOX, 58 yrs. old - died at Mamou. Wife of J. J. KNOX - Survivors 4 bros: Mr. GUILLORY of Oakdale, Dr. L. A. GUILLORY of Waco, Tex.; Dr. A. W. GUILLORY, Lake Charles, & H. H. GUILLORY, Houston, Texas - & 2 sisters - Mrs. J. C. VIDRINE of Vidrine & Mrs. J. T. JACKSON of Mamou.

March 5, 1939 - Eunice - Scavola Anthony GOURNAY - husband of Armide ARDOIN of Pine Prairie - 2 daughters: Mrs. Clifford C. BARTHE, Lafayette; Mrs. Geo. BROUSSARD, Morgan City, & 1 son Corbett A. GOURNAY of Corona, Calif.

1939 Dr. Willie Edwin HAWKINS, age 80 yrs. 8 mos. - died at home in Bayou Chicot - Dr. HAWKINS born May 17, 1860 in Union County, Ark. - Resided in Bayou Chicot for the past 69 yrs. - coming to this section with his family when he was 12 yrs. old - Graduated from Jefferson Med. College at Philadelphia, Pa. & began practice with his father in Chicot - his father is credited with having erected a hospital at Bayou Chicot, one of the few in this section at that time - Dr. HAWKINS retired about 15 yrs ago. In 1893 married Miss Nezzie FORMAN - had 7 children - 5 survive - 2 sons: W. E. Jr. of Bayou Chicot & Dr. Isaac HAWKINS of Shreveport - 3 daughters - Mrs. A. L. HEAD of Many, Mrs. A. L. HATTON & Mrs. Lew MUMSON of Baton Rouge - Sam FOREMAN, bro. of the widow, also died this week.

July 8 ___ Times Picayne - V.P. La. - Guillaume ARDOIN - born 61 yrs ago in V.P., in business in V. P. about 35 yrs. - Survived by his wife, 1 daughter Mrs. W. J. EASTIN of V.P. - 4 bros. Elius, Dr. Y. ARDOIN & Reme ARDOIN of V.P. and Didier ARDOIN of Eunice - & 2 sisters: Mrs. Atale LAYERGNE & Mrs. Lucius LANDRENEAU Sr.

Eunice, La. Apr. 7 ___ Madeo GUILLORY age 61, his widow nee Miss Regina LaHAYE, 3 sons: Simon & Inell of Eunice; Marion of Opel. - 6 daughters, Mrs. A. L. MANUEL, Mauriceville, Tex., J. DAVID, Eunice; T. W. WHITE & Theodore CLEMENTS, Lake Charles; Clarence SONNIER, Glenmora, & Miss. Mable GUILLORY of Eunice - buried at Cat. Church.

V.P. Sept. 21 ___ Albert M. LAFLEUR - 67 year-old died at his home survivors - widow & children: Dr. A. M. LAFLEUR, Jr. of Oklahoma, Mrs. Norman VIDRINE, Miss Alicia LAFLEUR, Mrs. Wallace LANDRENEAU, Mrs. Alcuis FUSILIER, Jack, Kenneth & Rita Gale LAFLEUR of V.P.

A. L. (Babe) GUILLORY died Feb 23, 1953 - would have been 77 on March 28 - buried in Oakdale - Survivors: his widow & one daughter - Mrs. Lillie Mae GUILLORY both of Oakdale - 2 bros. - Dr. A. W. GUILLORY of Lake Charles, & H. H. GUILLORY of V.P. - one sister Mrs. J. C. VIDRINE of Ville Platte.

(Dr. Vidrine notes contd.)

(loose note in book) Mrs. L. A. LEE
Mrs. Essie Shaw LEE
229 E. Craig Place
San Antonio 2, Texas

Joseph PITRE native of Opel - died Nov. 5, 1952 age 64 - in Port Neches - moved there in 1912 -
Survivors - wife, 2 daughters, ect.

Feb. 2, 1953 - Mrs. Marthe Vidrine DUOS, 70 - buried in T-Mamou cemetery, from Mamou Church -
Survived by bro. T. H. VIDRINE - 2 sis - Mrs. Gilbert FONTENOT of Vidrine & Mrs. Emile MILLER of Eunice
- another brother John VIDRINE died 2 weeks ago.

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Birth of the Shaw family

John F. SHAW,	b. Mar 25, 1827
Christina Fontenot SHAW,	b. Feb 2, 1833
Octavia SHAW,	b. Feb 26, 1852
Omarine SHAW,	b. Mar 26, 1854
Christina SHAW,	b. Jun 9, 1856
Theodosia SHAW,	b. Nov 11, 1858
Elizabeth Irene SHAW,	b. Dec 19, 1860
Texana Leonie SHAW,	b. Aug 24, 1863
Bula Ann SHAW,	b. Jan 26, 1865
Mary Cordelia SHAW,	b. Apr 29, 1870
Madora SHAW,	b. Nov 19, 1872
John Augustua SHAW,	b. Aug 5, 1876

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Uncle James SHAW'S Grandson - Agnes SHAW'S son} J. W. HUCKABY
P. O. Box 144
Port Barre, La.

Loose page :

Lamel SHAW'S granddaughter; Mrs L. A. LEE, 229 E. Craig Pl., San Antonio 2
John F SHAW's granddaughter; Mrs. Oliver B. (Hazel ?) BARRON

March 12, 1953 Lucius ORTEGO 90 dies - Survivors - 4 daughters Mrs. Hosea VIDRINE, Eugene GUILLORY,
Edmond VIDRINE, & Lindsey THOMPSON of V.P. - 4 sons - Eugene of Pine Prairie, Issac of V.P. & Etile of
Lake Charles & J. B. L. ORTEGO of Reddell - Services in S.H. Church & burial in T-Mamou Cem-

Aurelien GUILLORY & Octavia SHAW married Oct. 15, 1872

Anna Belle GUILLORY was born Aug. 15, 1890

John S. GUILLORY & Mary Elizabeth SCOTT married Oct. 12, 1909

Octavia GUILLORY & John GRAYSON married Dec. 15, 1911

Octavia SHAW was born	Feb 26, 1852
Aurelien L. GUILLORY	Mar 29, 1875 (?)

(Dr. Vidrine notes contd.)

John Shaw GUILLORY	Jan 3, 1877
Octavie GUILLORY	Jan 21, 1879
Thomas Augusta GUILLORY	Feb 22, 1882
Abel Wheeler GUILLORY	Nov 19, 1885
Hartwell Hampton GUILLORY	Jan 26, 1893

Louis GUILLORY, Sr. died	Dec. 11, 1871
Devins LaRose FONTENOT died	Mar. 14, 1881
Christine FONTENOT died	Apr 12, 1887
Ortance Guillory THOMPSON died	Feb 24, 1890
Theodore J. FONTENOT died	Jan 10 or 16, 1890
Octavie Shaw GUILLORY died	Apr 8, 1901

A. GUILLORY, March 8, 1844 - July 16, 1924
 Octavie Shaw GUILLORY, Feb. 26, 1852 - Apr. 8, 1901
 John Fogleman SHAW, b. Mar. 25, 1827, d. Mar. 3, 1908
 Christina Fontenot SHAW, b. Feb. 2, 1832, d. Apr. 12, 1887

Terrell A. GUILLORY, born Aug. 4, 1930
 Arah Terrell GUILLORY, born Aug. 23, 1888, died March 7, 1954
 Webber A. GUILLORY, died Apr. 8, 1939
 Thomas A. GUILLORY, died Nov. 7, 1945
 Angela Antonia Marshall GUILLORY, born July 11, 1931

On page 5 of "School Board Scrapbook - Jan. 10, 1911 to Aug. 24, 1916"
 Michel BLODEAU appt a trustee of the Reed School - Feb 14, 1911

Queries

STARK/LOVING

Am searching for information on William Spencer STARK m. Catherine LOVING, date and place unknown. Is John STARK who married Celanie De ROUSSET on November 11, 1856, in Iberville, their son? Their daughter may have been Mary Jane STARK who married John OLIVER in Crowley on October 17, 1900.
 Ella BELLON, 280 Beatrous Rd., Theriot, LA 70397

OLIVER/STARK

Need names of parents of Charles Dennes OLIVER born January 14, 1858; d. July 22, 1887, married Mary Jane STARK on January 9, 1878 (Opelousas).
 Ella BELLON, 280 Beatrous Rd., Theriot, LA 70397

BELLON/DOUGET

Need names of parents of Antoine Alexander BELLON, born 1820, died in Tigerpoint, Evangeline Parish in 1883. He married Celena Deloras DOUGET on June 9, 1856
 Ella BELLON, 280 Beatrous Rd., Theriot, LA 70397

THE BOOK SHELF

FINNEY COUNTY, KANSAS, OBITUARY ABSTRACTS AND DEATH NOTICES 1879-1911 by Katherine Kelley Powell and Patricia Douglass Smith, P. O. Box 1, Garden City, KS 67846; 372 pages, Soft-cover, \$21.50 plus \$2.50 postage, Indexed.

The obituaries in this work are short biographical sketches that show the origin of the people that settled Finney County, Kansas. Settlers from Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and other eastern states began coming in to the area in the 1870's and poured in during the boom year of the mid-1880's. The period covered preceeds Kansas's 1911 law requiring death certificates state wide. The notices are abstracted from 24 county newspapers and provide more than 4,000 obituaries and death notices. The listings are in chronological order and the index provides surnames and place names.

FINNEY COUNTY, KANSAS WILL ABSTRACTS 1885-1922 by Patricia Douglass Smith and Katherine Kelley Powell, P. O. Box 1, Garden City, Kansas 67846; 70 pages, Soft-cover, \$6.00 plus \$1.20 postage, Indexed.

These early will books contain a large number of "foreign wills" because the land and emigration companies, as well as railroads promoted both settling and inventing in land. Many received land through assignment of mortgages that later were foreclosed. The largest numbers recorded were from the states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Hampshire, New York, and Pennsylvania. These abstracts include not only the name of the individual who left the will, but also gives their relatives names, witnesses, executors, and death dates. An every-name index is provided for easy reference.

TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND LAND RECORDS (Book Ten) by R. Bernice Leonard, P. O. Box 534, St. Michaels, MD 21663; 144 pages, Soft-cover, \$14.50 postpaid, Indexed.

This is the tenth book of a series of abstracts made from the Talbot County Land Record Books, stored in the Clerk's office at Easton, Maryland. Ms. Leonard has tried to transcribe every proper name in the records, whether person, waterway, road, bridge, tract of land, or animal. Also included in the listings are the original page numbers, dates of entry, and descriptions of property. An every name index is included.

CEMETERY RECORDS OF COWLEY COUNTY, KANSAS, VOL. 1 by Stanley C. & Patricia D. Smith, P. O. Box 1, Garden city, Kansas 67846; 51 pages, Soft-cover, \$7.00 postpaid, Indexed.

This book contains the cemetery records for Harvey and Omnia Townships, Kansas and includes the following cemeteries: Glen Grouse, Box, Upper Timber Creek, Mt. Vernon, Baltimore, and Atlanta. A brief location description and condition of the cemetery is included for each of the six cemeteries covered in this volume. Listings contain the usual names, birth and death dates, military service, and relationship designations. An every name index is provided.

CEMETERIES OF BUTLER CO., KANSAS, VOLUME 1 by Corrine Afton, C.F.R.S., P. O. Box 103, Benton, Kansas 67017; 131 pages, Soft-cover, \$12.50 plus \$1.50 postage

The book contains records of five cemeteries in Augusta Township, Kansas: Augusta Cemetery, Calvary Cemetery, Elmwood Cemetery, Kuster Cemetery, and Augusta Mausoleum. Listings are alphabetical and contain birth and death dates, comments which contain relationship notations and military service, and section numbers for ease in locating graves on cemetery maps included with the listings. The author notes that the original transcriptions to the cemeteries have been saved for inquiries regarding information on size and location of stones in family plots.

PARKER PAPERS by E. Dale H. Smith, S. 4204 Conklin, Spokane, WA 99203-6235; 35 pages, Soft-cover, \$5.00 plus \$1.50 postage, Indexed.

This publication is designed for the PARKER descendant. It serves as a permanent record for the PARKER lineage, an outlet for related queries, and for miscellaneous material on PARKERS. Each issue contains Bible records, marriages, births, wills, obituaries, etc., branches of the PARKER lineage, and queries.

ROBERTSON REPORT by E. Dale H. Smith, South 4204 Conklin, Spokane, WA 99203-6235; 42 pages, Soft-cover, \$5.00 plus \$1.50 postage, Indexed.

This publication serves as a clearinghouse for ROBERTSON lineage information. Each issue contains biographies of Robertsons, cemetery records, census records, marriages, bible records, queries, and branches of Robertson families. An every-name index is provided.

TENNESSEE QUERIES by E. Dale H. Smith, S. 4204 Conklin, Spokane, WA 99203-6235; 40 pages, Soft-cover, \$5.00 plus \$1.50 postage, Indexed.

This book welcomes Tennessee related books, periodicals, newsletters, maps, etc. for review. Tennessee related queries are published free of charge and there is no limit to the number of queries submitted. The publication is released when enough queries are received to publish the next issue, usually a minimum of twenty-five pages, plus the index. This is a very useful publication if you are searching for ancestors in Tennessee.

MERCER COUNTY, ILLINOIS 1860 CENSUS by Eulalia H. Garrett, 704 Mulberry Street, Box C69, New Windsor, IL 61465; 230 pages, Soft-cover, \$20.00 postpaid, Indexed.

Mercer County, Ill., on that state's northwestern border is made up of the following census districts: North Henderson, Pope Creek, Sunbeam, Keithsburg, Oxford, Viola, Aledo, Millersburg, New Boston, Richland Grove, Preemption, Hamlet, Millersburg and Eliza. The 1860 Federal Census makes up the main part of the book, listing family number, names, ages, sex, occupations, birthplace, and census page. The index is arranged alphabetically and provides the family number instead of page number.

ALLEN COUNTY, KENTUCKY VITAL STATISTICS REVISITED 1852-1904: BIRTHS-DEATHS-MARRIAGES by Martha Jackson, 509 Pea Ridge Road, Scottsville, KY 42164; 84 pages, Soft-cover, \$16.50 postpaid, Indexed.

This book provides some vital records for Allen County in a period (1863-1902) when courthouse records were lost in a fire in 1902. The records are divided into three sections: deaths, births, and marriages. Death records are arranged alphabetically and provide name, age, date of death, cause of death, parents' names, and sometimes residence and birthplace. Births are also alphabetical and list the child, birth date, parents' names, mother's maiden name, and birthplace if the child was not born in Allen County, KY. The marriages section provides various information depending on the year, but usually has the names of the bride and groom, ages, date of marriage, and birthplace of each.

NEWSPAPER OBITUARIES, COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS, 1884-1899, compiled by Jeannette Whitworth and Helen Yancey, available from McKinney Memorial Public Library, Shirlene Salter, 200 North Kentucky, McKinney, TX 75069; 25 pages, Soft-cover, \$10.00 plus \$1.00 S&H

Volunteers at the library have put together this index of obituaries published in the McKinney Courier Gazette and the McKinney Democrat during the years 1884-1899. The obituaries are recorded as they appear in the newspaper and are listed in alphabetical order by the last name of the person. Other information found in the volume is the maiden name, spouse's name, parent's name if an infant, newspaper where the obituary appeared, and the date and page of the listing.

BANNER OF PEACE AND CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN ADVOCATE: ABSTRACTS OF MARRIAGE, DEATH, AND OTHER NOTICES, 1843-1853, by Margaret B. Scoggins, P. O. Box 473, Poplar Bluff, MO 63901; 169 pages, Hardbound, \$22.50 postpaid, Indexed.

The two newspapers referred to in the title, BANNER OF PEACE and CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN ADVOCATE, contain items of interest to Cumberland area residents, but also cover everything from national news, local notices, advertisements, and legal notices to general religious material. The southern states, especially Tennessee, receive the most coverage, but other states from New York to California are mentioned. The newspaper is believed to have been published at Lebanon, Tennessee from the 1840's to the 1870's, but only the issues mentioned have been located by the author. All marriages and death notices plus some other notices of genealogical interest have been extracted and put into this volume. Newspapers have been proven to be very valuable sources of information - these are no exception.

BRANCH METHODIST CEMETERY

The Branch Methodist Cemetery is located one mile west of Branch on La. 365. Branch, located in the northeast corner of Acadia Parish, was originally called Plaquemine Brulée and is believed to be the oldest settlement in the parish. Recorded April 1990 by John and Lu Young

BIBB, Clyde L. 3 Apr 1913	BIBB, Lois Fortner 16 Apr 1914 3 Oct 1977	FORTNER, Jake D. 24 Feb 1891 31 Dec 1976	FORTNER, Octavie M. 24 Jun 1891 7 Mar 1975
FORTNER, R. D. 27 Mar 1850 28 Apr 1932	Mrs. FORTNER, R. D. 4 Sep 1846 28 Nov 1920	FORTNER, T. S. 2 Dec 1946 29 Mar 1913	FORTNER, Mrs. T. S. 9 Feb 1868 15 Sep 1924
FORTNER, Robert s/o J. D. FORTNER 4 Apr 1917 30 Dec 1917	FORTNER, Conway Dates Illegible	FORTNER, E. Medis 20 Mar 1911 18 Aug 1912	SHAVER, Mr. J. J. 26 Aug ____ Illegible
SHAVER, Mrs. J. M. 15 Mar 1865 13 Jul 1905	SHAVER, Mr. D. M. 26 Apr 1848 ____ May 1915	HAYES, Carrie 19 Dec 1906 11 Jun 1982	HAYES, Howard J. 19 Mar 1902 6 Oct 1976
HAYES, Blanch H. 17 Mar 1871 19 Sep 1978	HAYES, Josephine R. 6 Mar 1879 27 Feb 1969	HAYES, Gertrude M. 4 Jan 1902 24 Sep 1986	HAYES, Myrtle Born & Died 1904
HAYES, Prescott Wm. 17 Jun 1897 5 Jul 1987	HAYES, Margaret A. Born & Died 12 Mar 1926	HARMON, Nona A. 15 Feb 1886 17 Aug 1964	HARMON, Newton A. 14 Mar 1883 26 Feb 1971
HORNSBY, James 1903 - 1946	HARMON, B. J. 30 Jul 1884 13 Nov 1966	HARMON, Hattie M. 16 Sep 1886 11 Mar 1966	HARMON, Ina L. 1 Nov 1888 26 Feb 1975
HARMON, Orsamus L. 23 Feb 1855 21 Feb 1944	HARMON, Eugenia A. 19 Sep 1864 2 Nov 1920	HARMON, Mrs. Anna 1879 - 1900	HARMON, Melford 1876 - 1905
HARMON, Louise 1881 - 1908	HARMON, William C. 26 May 1901 24 Mar 1978	ANDRUS, Eric Collins 6 Mar 1889 9 Apr 1922	ANDRUS, Mae H. 1 Apr 1893 25 Apr 1965
HARMON, Maude 4 Jul 1891 25 Apr 1965	HARMON, Nettie Lee 24 Nov 1865 28 Apr 1952	HARMON, Marsden A. 30 Jan 1861 25 Jun 1946	HARMAN, Abram 3 Feb 1816 17 Jul 1895
HARMON, Mrs Agnes 1851 - 1907	HARMON, Raymond K. September 1853 February 1927	JEFFERS, Leslie L. 4 Dec 1904 22 Mar 1981	JEFFERS, William E. 25 Feb 1879 6 Sep 1958

(Branch Methodist Cemetery contd.)

JEFFERS, Curley C. 23 Sep 1900 7 Oct 1956	BROWN, Lillie S. Wife of W. E. JEFFERS 1 Sep 1878 1 Jan 1928	JEFFERS, W. W. 1 Dec 1902 28 Dec 1927	Hobert A. son of L. S. JEFFERS 3 Dec 1906 26 Apr 1910
W. W. Jr., son of W. W. JEFFERS 3 Dec 1926 3 Dec 1926	JEFFERS, Lillie B Hayes 22 Jan 1900 8 Jan 1971	SLOANE, F. B. d. 1892 age 61 yrs. 8 mos 24 days	ANDRUS, Joseph Wilford Jr. 26 Jan 1917 20 May 1980 U. S. Army WW II
ANDRUS, Wilford Joseph 1891 - 1952	ANDRUS, A. A. 1919 - 1920	ANDRUS, Johnny Ervin 9 Jun 1926 15 Jun 1944 FI U. S. Navy WW II Lost at Sea	ANDRUS, Lily M. 23 Sep 1915
ANDRUS, J. S. 1867 - 1922	ANDRUS, Mrs. J. S. 1871 - 1940	Catherine, Dau. of ANDRUS, R. F. 12 Jun 1941 14 Sep 1941	ANDRUS, Rufus Fulton 4 Mar 1910 24 Aug 1974
ANDRUS, Luther Jr. 18 Aug 1927 29 Oct 1988 U. S. Army WW II Korea	MOSLEY, Floyd M. 8 Dec 1925 26 Apr 1968 PFC U. S. Army	MOSLEY, Charles M. born and died 14 Nov 1958	MOSLEY, Roberta no dates
MOSLEY, Robert W. 14 Jan 1921 24 Sep 1953	MOSLEY, Dan H. 3 Apr 1893 11 Apr 1936	MOSLEY, J. H. 10 Dec 1863 31 Mar 1940	MOSLEY, Mrs. J. H. 13 Oct 1861 8 May 1932
LYONS, Octavia 26 May 1843 2 Jan 1891	HARMAN, Joseph 1 Dec 1813 13 Oct 1889	RICHARD, Ernest W. 15 Jun 1892 10 Feb 1894	KIDDER, Anna Wife of W. W. Jeffers 20 Nov 1903 9 Jun 1925
POWER, Hubet S. d. 2 May 1897 Aged 22 Yrs & 10 days	YOUNG, Emma L. d. 20 Apr 1892 Aged 70 years	POWER, Lindenden 29 Nov 1895 24 Feb 1901	CLARK, Julia I. Wife of W. W. Duson 21 Jan 1866 20 Jan 1892
DUSON, Robert R. Infant son of W.W. Duson & Anna F. McClelland 2 Sep 1881 5 Oct 1881	McCLELLAND, Anna F. Wife of Willie W. Duson 27 Jul 1860 7 Sep 1881	CLARK, Jesse B. 3 May 1815 14 Jan 1892	ANDRUS, Emma L. Wife of Jesse B. Clark 25 Oct 1824 26 Dec 1891

(Branch Methodist Cemetery contd.)

HORNSBY, Della M. 10 Sep 1886 22 Sep 1917	HARMON, C O Percy 27 Sep 1898 aged 21 yrs 9 mts 7 days	HARMON, Laste 1857 - 1931	HARMON, William 1827 - 1902
HARMON, Jane Wife of William 1832 - 1905	HARMON, Willie L. 1862 - 1937	HARMON Lindon H. 28 Dec 1887 25 Aug 1963 Cpl US Army WW I	HARMON, Rena Wife of Lindon H. Harmon 20 Aug 1894 25 Apr 1965
CLEMENT, Odyuse s/o Mr & Mrs Hector Clement 12 May 1906 8 Dec 1909	CLEMENT, Hector 27 Mar 1882 9 Dec 1854	BRUNER, Eula Maud d/o Francis J. Bruner dates illegible	FERGUSON, Ida Kingham 16 Sep 1873 17 Jan 1949
KINGHAM, William H. 6 Aug 1862 15 Sep 1917	KINGHAM, Freddie Elwood s/o W. H. & I. C. 10 Jul 1901 20 Nov 1901	JEFFERS, Vinson L. Our Brother 24 Mar 1875 23 Sep 1907	JEFFERS, Meridith L. Our Father 14 Jul 1838. 25 Sep 1920
JEFFERS, Louisa W. Our Mother 21 Nov 1845 10 Dec 1924	GUILBEAU, Lee Junca 1919 - 1980	GUILBEAU, Ruth M. Wife of Lee J. Guilbeau 11 Aug 1926 11 Feb 1981	ANDRUS, John Wallace 19 Apr 1911 26 Nov 1977
ANDRUS, T. P. 16 Mar 1848 16 Oct 1933	ANDRUS, Foreman 1 Jan 1913 21 Jun 1983	ANDRUS, Emma 14 Feb 1884 29 Nov 1964	GRACE, Cornelia H. w/o Rev. R. C. Grace 18 Mar 1853 7 Jun 1899
O'PRY, H. J. Co. C, 28 La. Inf. C.S.A	PRESTRIDGE, Carolyn Mother of Jack O'PRY	ANDRUS, Edmonia Wife of H. M. ANDRUS 6 Jun 1842 27 Nov 1882	ANDRUS, J. E. Son of H. M. Andrus 19 Aug 1868 23 Nov 1891
ANDRUS, J. Calvin 15 Oct 1856 28 May 1940	ANDRUS, Mrs Calvin J. 17 Feb 1855 10 Jul 1927	ANDRUS, Edgar Roy 19 Feb 1897 7 Feb 1977 Pvt. US Army WW I	ANDRUS, Sibyl PARROTT Wife of Edgar Roy Andrus born 31 Jul 1903
ANDRUS, Edgar Roy III 11 Apr 1958 24 Nov 1982	ANDRUS, Ted A. 26 Jan 1961 2 Jun 1976	CLARK, Lydia Lyons 15 Feb 1846 25 Jun 1927	CLARK, Leland Selwyn 19 Apr 1876 18 Feb 1928
BRUNER, John L. 19 Feb 1868 24 May 1933	BRUNER, Mrs Ida Clark Wife of J. L. Bruner 30 Oct 1870 12 Mar 1942	BRUNER, Calton 14 Oct 1904 5 Feb 1948	BRUNER, Sarah H. Wife of Walter S. Bruner 16 Mar 1873 13 Aug 1962

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BRUNER, Walter S. 11 Jun 1877 17 Dec 1935	BRUNER, Hal C. 17 May 1876 7 Dec 1956	BRUNER, Kate Gray 24 Apr 1886 27 Nov 1968	HAYES, Willie H. 17 Dec 1876 31 Mar 1965
HAYES, Catherine C. 22 Jun 1881 31 Aug 1965	FOUX, Willie Dale 15 Dec 1940 16 Feb 1941		

MANUEL CEMETERY
Recorded by John A. Young

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BASS, Clinton 1889 - 1937 age 49	BASS, Will 1893 1 Mar 1912	MANUEL, Edna C. 7 Oct 1907 19 Jun 1988	MANUEL, Alexon 8 Jan 1890 22 Jan 1977
MANUEL, Zoa F. 13 Feb 1892 30 Jun 1922	Child of Tancy MANUEL d. 18 Sep 1933	Child of Tancy MANUEL d. 11 Oct 1932	MANUEL, Ora 4 Apr 1896 5 Dec 1936
MANUEL, Pauline 16 Dec 1914 15 Sep 1975	GRANGER, Eva 1900 - 1940	MANUEL, Herbert ___ May 1907 d. age 5 months	MANUEL, Lydia C. 5 Feb 1905 15 Jun 1945
MANUEL, Hammie 15 Dec 1906 30 May 1972	MANUEL, John Moses 23 Jun 1942 30 Jan 1980 USMC	MANUEL, Clofar 13 Oct 1901 18 Nov 1986	MANUEL, Perro 1864 - 1948
MANUEL, Valentine 27 Jul 1865 12 Feb 1952 age 88	MANUEL, Franice 28 Jul 1893 12 Sep 1974	MANUEL, Ethel 11 Jun 1919 8 Apr 1988	

Correction

In the April 1990 issue of *La Voix des Prairies*, the article "How the Buhler (Buller) Family Began in Louisiana - The evidence as found in the Papers of the Continental Congress of the United States" was listed as having been submitted by Talmage L. Buller. The correct spelling of the name should have been, Talmadge L. Buller. We regret the error. [Ed]

ELLEN WINFIELE'S BIBLE
Submitted by Kathleen Stagg

The following information was recorded from the Bible of Ellen GURNETT WINFIELE. The Bible is Butler's Edition of The Holy Bible, containing the Old and New Testaments, volume 1 of 2 volumes, published by E. H. Butler & Co., Philadelphia: 1850.

FAMILY RECORD

MARRIAGES

Richard WINFIELE and Ellen GURNETT was married on the 28th of December 1848.
Alexis St CYR fils and Ellen GURNETT were Married on January 10th 1861 by A. MILLSPAUGH J. P. on Bayou Courtableau Parish of St Landry

BIRTHS

Emma WINFIELE was born on the 6th of January 1850. Emma WINFIELE died November 23rd 1886
Thomas WINFIELE was born 2d of July 1851.
Richard WINFIELE Jr was born on the ninth day of February One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Three
Anna May St CYR was born November 15th 1862 on Bayou Courtableau Parish of St. Landry La.
Edgar Lee St CYR was born May 29th 1864 on Bayou Courtableau Parish of St Landry La.

DEATHS

Zeban BARTON Died on the 14 of Sept 1853 aged 17 years
G E BARTON died on the 13 day of Oct, 1855
Richard WINFIELD Sr died on the 3rd day of March 1856 at 1/4 past 4 o'clock in the morning.
Ellen GURNETT died on February 2nd 1866 on Bayou Courtableau Parish of St Landry La
Thomas WINFIELE Sr. Died March 29th 1931 at Opelousas, La.
Theodosia SHAW WINFIELE died Jan 26, 1930 at Opelousas, La.
Thomas WINFIELE Jr. Died at Opelousas, La. Nov. 5, 1931
Christina Birdie WINFIELE SMITH died in New Orleans March 28th 1946, 4:40 o'clock
Esther Emma WINFIELE STAGG died Oct 12th 1957 in Opelousas, La.
Leah Edna WINFIELE YOUNG died Nov 28th 1958 2:30 A.M. in Opelousas
Marshall Taylor WINFIELE died Dec- 13 1965 buried Protestant cemetery Melville, La.

[In addition to the above entries, two obituaries notices are pasted to the page]

"Mr. Edward WINFIELD died at his home on Bayou Waxia, La., Feb. 22, 1902. Bro. Winfield was born in 1855, and was married to Miss Rebecca SMITH in 1886. Soon after marriage he identified himself with the M. E. Church, South; served as steward most of the time; was serving in that capacity when the hand of"

"Louisiana Deaths (1918) Opelousas - Mrs. Ida WINFIELE, wife of J. E. ATTAWAY, aged 38, died at Little Rock, Ark, Oct. 11, and the body was brought to her former home here and interred in the Protestant cemetery."

REMARKS

Thomas WINFIELE was born July 2d 1851.
Theodosia WINFIELE was born November 11th 1859.

(Ellen Winfiele Bible contd.)

1. Lilly WINFIELE was born January 11th 1879.
2. Ida WINFIELE was born August 15th 1880.
3. Leah Winfiele was born October 14th 1882.
4. Esther Emma WINFIELE was born February 19, 1885.
5. Clones Cloretta WINFIELE was born July 27th 1887.
6. Anna May WINFIELE was born September 5th 1889
7. Chester Samuel WINFIELE was born January 25th 1892.
8. Christina Birdia WINFIELE was born May 9th 1894
9. Marshall Taylor WINFIELE was born May 1st 1896
10. Richard Hobson WINFIELE was born September 23rd 1898
11. Thos. Edw. WINFIELE was born Feb. 10 - 1902

_____ Query _____

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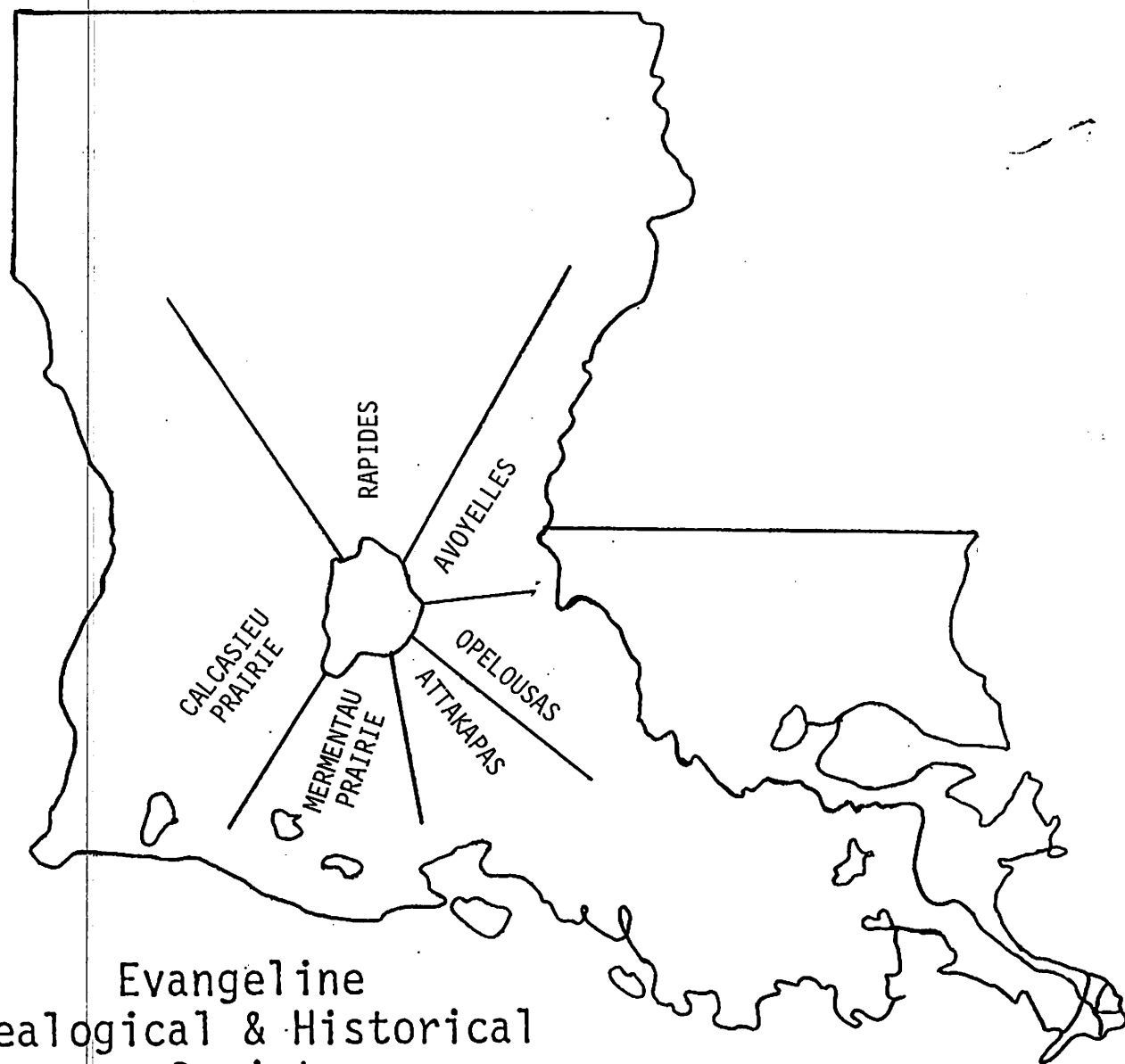
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A Brief Genealogical Outline of the Buller Family of Louisiana

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Joseph BULLER (found as Joseph BOULER), born 1781, about June 30, at the Post of Opelousas. Baptized in St. Landry Catholic Church July 30, 1781, at the age of one month. Father recorded as "Juan BOULER." Mother's maiden name recorded as "Maria WIL" or WELS. Sponsors: Francisco MARCANTEL, represented by Joseph WELS; Susana (last name not recorded), represented by Juliana MARCANTEL. [Certified transcript: Vol. I., p. 24.]

Family tradition states that the Buller family is of Pennsylvania Dutch background. Baptismal record of "Eugenie BOULLAR," daughter of above Joseph BULLER, born June 22, 1815, shows paternal grandparents as "Jean BOULLARD of Germany in Europe" and "Marie WILL of Ireland." [Certified transcript: Vol. IV. p. 64., No. 118, St. Landry Catholic Church.]

The correct spelling, or the original spelling of the family name was obviously "Buhler." The maiden name of Joseph BULLER's mother has also been found as Welinne, Juelen and Willin. The writer believes the correct name to be "Whalen," (with variations). Whalen is a family name of Irish origin and we know that Joseph BULLER's mother was a native of Ireland.

Joseph BULLER, on November 20, 1796, was confirmed at the Post of Avoyelles. Father recorded as "Juan BULLER" and mother as "Maria JUELEN." Padrino was "Pedro LANDERNEAU." [First Book of Confirmations of the Parish of St. Louis of New Orleans, containing folios from the beginning up to the present, published by Genealogical Research Society of New Orleans, p. 62. No. 1453.]

The earliest date wherein we find documented evidence of Joseph BULLER's presence (as an adult), in Opelousas, appears to be November 23, 1801. On that day Joseph BULLER made his mark on a paper certifying that the land on which William HAY had built a cabin in Prairie Mamou, was vacant land. The certificate was signed at Bayou Chicot. [La. State Archives: St. Landry Documents P 85-4 (1), 327-4-1; "Opel: 1801 November 23, Certificate by Gottfried Krieger and Joseph Buller concerning a cabin built by William Hay."]


In September of 1803 Joseph BULLER began improving a tract of vacant land two miles south of present day town of Ville Platte, on Bayou Joe Marcel. This land claim was eventually confirmed October 12, 1830. Designated as Section 54, the land contained 640 acres. [Private Land Claim of Joseph Buller, No. 653, National Archives, Record Group 49.]

About 1803 Joseph BULLER and Eleanor SIDECK made a marriage contract in the Parish of Orleans. The church ratification occurred on June 25, 1810. [Certified Transcript, Book I., p. 203, St. Landry Catholic Church.]

Eleanor Sideck, born June 10, 1786, at the Post of Natchitoches, was a daughter of Pierre Clavis SIDECK dit Francois LECOMPTE, of Strasbourg, France, and Ursula CHELETRE (SCHLETTER), of the German Coast of Louisiana. [True photocopy of baptism record, Register IV, Church of the Immaculate Conception, Natchitoches, La.] The name Sideck has many spelling variations. We use "Sideck" herein as that spelling is used by John Baptist SIDECK, brother of Eleanor, in making his signature.

On June 12, 1815, Joseph BULLER was elected to the Police Jury of St. Landry Parish to serve for one year in place of a member who had resigned. [Police Jury Minutes, p. 138.]

(Buller family cont.)

On July 8, 1816, Joseph BULLER recorded his cattle brand. In the brand book his name was recorded as "Joseph BUHLER" and his brand shown as . The design was identical to the design used to mark the boundaries of Joseph BULLER's land on Bayou Joe Marcel in a survey made in 1805. [Brand Book of Southwest Louisiana in the University of Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette, La.]

On July 25, 1820, "Joseph BUHLER" was identified as an "uncle" to the minor children of John LANGLEY, deceased (actually John LANGLEY, Jr.). [Succession of John Langley, 1820, Folio 164, Opelousas, Courthouse.] From this we see that John LANGLEY and Joseph BULLER were half-brothers, both having the same mother. John Langley, Jr., was born at Grand Gulf in the Natchez District, being a son of John LANGLEY and Marie WELINNE. [Hebert, Southwest Louisiana Records, Vol. 2, citing Baptism record of "Guillaume LANGLAIS," St. Landry Catholic Church, Vol. 2, p. 88. Hereinafter cited as Hebert, SWLR.]

Joseph BULLER appears to have moved from his land on Bayou Joe Marcel about 1830 and to have made a new residence thirty-six miles from the courthouse at Opelousas. The writer suspects that at the time of his death he was living near Caney Creek near the western boundary of Evangeline Parish.

Joseph BULLER died about 1837 for his succession was opened in St. Landry Parish in that year. [Succession of Joseph Buller, 1837, Folio 819.] His place of burial is unknown. After the death of Joseph BULLER, his widow lived with her son, Thomas BULLER. She is found in the 1850 federal census in St. Landry Parish and in the 1860 federal census in Calcasieu Parish. It is believed that she died in 1860, shortly after the census was taken. It is also believed that she was buried in a private cemetery near Elton, Louisiana, on land that was owned by a Mr. PUTNAM about 1970.

Joseph BULLER and his wife, Eleanor (SIDECK) BULLER, had at least eight children. The names of all of these children appear in the Succession of Joseph BULLER, with the exception of Celeste BULLER, who probably died young. The fact that she was a daughter of Joseph BULLER and Eleanor BULLER is proven by her baptismal record. The dates appearing beside the names of Joseph BULLER's grandchildren in the ensuing account are, in some cases, only approximations.

Children of Joseph BULLER and Eleanor SIDECK

- | | | |
|------|---------------------------------------------|---------------|
| I | Joseph BULLER, Jr., alias "Joseph Marshall" | (1805 - 183_) |
| II | Thomas BULLER | (1808 - 1869) |
| III | Adam BULLER | (1811 - 184_) |
| IV | Celeste BULLER | (1813 - 18__) |
| V | Eugenia BULLER | (1815 - 1905) |
| VI | John Pierre BULLER | (1817 - 1862) |
| VII | William BULLER | (1819 - 18__) |
| VIII | Helaine (El) BULLER | (1820 - 18__) |

I Joseph BULLER, Jr., alias "Joseph Marshall" married Lise DESHOTELS

Joseph BULLER, Jr., alias "Joseph Marshall," first child of Joseph BULLER, Sr. and Eleanor (SIDECK) BULLER, was born in 1805, baptized February 17, 1806, at age five months. [Certified transcript, Book I., p. 368, No. 9., St. Landry Catholic Church.]

(Buller family cont.)

On September 17, 1822, Joseph BULLER, Jr. married Lise DESHOTELS, daughter of deceased Maximilian DESHOTELS and Lise VEILLON, in St. Landry Catholic Church. [Certified transcript, Vol. I., p. 403.]

Joseph BULLER, Jr. died in St. Landry Parish about 1834. His widow then married Augustin DOGUET. The succession of Joseph BULLER, Jr., dated 1835, found in the J. M. DEBAILLON Records, is titled "Succession of deceased Joseph Buller, alias Marshall." In these records we also find reference to "Joseph Marshall or Joseph Buller." [Photocopy of above succession in possession of writer.] In addition to the Debaillon records, we find in the Louisiana State Archives "The Succession of Joseph Bulard." These records also refer to "La Succession Joseph Marechal fils." All of these pertain to the same succession, for we find the total amount of the inventory is the same in both cases and we see the marks of Augustin DOGUET and Lise DOGUET appearing therein. [Photocopy, The Succession of Joseph Bulard, Louisiana State Archives.]

The writer finds no document clearly showing how, or why, the alias "Marshall" came into use. The writer has found some circumstantial evidence suggesting that other members of the Buller family may have used the alias.

None of the papers in the Succession of Joseph BULLER, Jr. give the names of his children. We only find reference to "the widow and six heirs." However, in the Succession of Joseph BULLER, Sr., we find the names of four children (all minors), of Joseph BULLER, Jr., who were alive in 1837.

Children of Joseph BULLER, Jr. married Lise DESHOTELS

- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| a. Emelie BULLER | (182_ - ____) |
| b. Felonise BULLER | (182_ - ____) |
| c. Apolinois BULLER | (1828 - ____) |
| d. Arcadius Jean BULLER | (1831 - 1858) |

II Thomas BULLER married Emelie BRIGNAC

Thomas BULLER, second child of Joseph BULLER and Eleanor SIDECK, was born December 7, 1808. [Hebert, SWLR, Vol. 2.] On February 1, 1831, Thomas BULLER married in St. Landry Parish, Emelie BRIGNAC, daughter of Francois BRIGNAC, deceased, and Marie Louise FONTENOT. [Murray, Nicholas Russell, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, 1817 - 1892 - Marriages.]

Thomas BULLER is found in the 1850 federal census in St. Landry Parish. [Page 49] He was living at that time in "l'ance des Belaire" on Bayou Grand Louis, about twelve miles from the courthouse. He gave his occupation as being that of a graser. Living with the family was "Ww. Joseph Buller," Thomas BULLER's mother.

About 1852 Emelie BRIGNAC died. [Succession of Emely Brignac, 1853, Folio 1685.] Thomas BULLER, widower of Emelie BRIGNAC, then married, about 1855, Evelina CARANTIN, daughter of Benjamin CARANTIN and Cecile Coralie YANCY (JANSEN). [Hebert, SWLR, Vol. 3.] At the time of Evelina CARANTIN'S marriage to Thomas BULLER she was the widow of Henry JOHNSON [Hebert, Vol. 3.] and Rosemond DOUCET. [Hebert, SWLR, Vol. 5.] According to the memoirs of Henry BULLER, (Portions published in The Lake Charles American Press, August 15, 1965.) Henry JOHNSON had been murdered in Polk County, Texas about 1853. [See also,

(Buller family cont.)

Succession of Henry Johnson, 1853, Folio 1743, St. Landry Parish.] His widow, with her two young daughters, Elizabeth and Cecelia JOHNSON, returned to Washington, Louisiana. Evelina CARANTIN then married Rosemond DOUCET in St. Landry Catholic Church on August 9, 1853. [Hebert, Vol. 5.] Family tradition states that Rosemond DOUCET died of fever very soon after the marriage. This is supported by the newspaper article in The Opelousas Courier, 1853, quoted by The Daily World (Opelousas), in a special supplement dated November 3, 1955, pp. 201 - 204, wherein we find it reported that Rosemond DOUCET was among those who contracted yellow fever at Washington, Louisiana but died elsewhere. [See also, Succession of Rosemond Doucet, 1853, Folio 1788.] It is reported that no children were born to the marriage.

About 1859 Thomas BULLER moved to Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, settling near the present day town of Elton. The family of Thomas BULLER is found in the 1860 federal census in the Hickory Flats Post Office area, household 130 - 132. Still living with the family was "Mrs. Joseph BULLER." The 1860 slave schedule shows that Thomas BULLER owned twelve slaves.

Thomas BULLER died in 1869. He was buried in the Buller Cemetery about one mile north of Elton, wherein his mother was buried. Evelina (CARANTIN) BULLER died March 6, 1920, and was buried in St. Paul Catholic Church Cemetery in Elton, Louisiana. [Succession of Evelina CARANTIN BULLER, 1920, 15th Judicial District Court, Allen Parish, Louisiana, file number unknown.]

Thomas BULLER had children by both of his marriages. In the following list the three younger children were obviously by his second marriage. [See Succession of Miss Corrine Buller, No 253, 15th Judicial District Court, Allen Parish, Louisiana, for detailed outline of family relationships.]

Children of Thomas BULLER married (1st) Emelie BRIGNAC, (2nd) Evelina CARANTIN

- | | |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| a. Sosthene BULLER | (1832 - 18__) |
| b. Emile BULLER | (1834 - 1917) |
| c. Emelie BULLER | (1836 - 1911) |
| d. Laura Celeste BULLER | (1840 - 185__) |
| e. Cephaline BULLER | (1840 - 184__) |
| f. Corrine BULLER | (1844 - 1920) |
| g. Thomas BULLER | (1848 - 1938) |
| h. Benjamin BULLER | (1856 - 1951) |
| i. Eugene BULLER | (1866 - 19__) |
| j. Homer BULLER | (1869 - 1930) |

III Adam BULLER married Divine DESHOTELS

Adam BULLER, third child of Joseph BULLER, Sr. and Eleanor (SIDECK) BULLER, was born June 13, 1811, baptised October 4, 1811 in St. Landry Catholic Church. [Certified transcript, Book I., p. 542m, No. 118.] On December 15, 1830, Adam BULLER married Divine DESHOTELS, daughter of Maximilian DESHOTELS, deceased, and Lise VEILLON, in St. Landry Parish. [Hebert, Vol. 2.]

It appears that Divine (Lidivine) DESHOTELS probably died during the 1840's and Adam BULLER then married Lucille LANGLEY. [Hebert, Vol. 15, citing baptism of "Andre Bollor," Immaculate Conception Church, Lake Charles, Louisiana.]

At the time of Adam BULLER's death, the family was living on Caney Creek in St. Landry Parish.

(Buller family cont.)

Adam BULLER died about 1849 for his succession was opened in St. Landry Parish in that year. [Succession of Adam Buller, 1849, Folio 1456.] Thomas BULLER was named dative administrator. None of the papers in Adam BULLER's succession give the names of his children. For that reason we are probably lacking the names of some of his children. It is apparent that Adam BULLER died before the birth of his youngest child. We are able to establish the names of some of his children by using sources other than his succession record.

Children of Adam BULLER married Divine DESHOTELS

- a. Joseph Alcide BULLER (1835 - ____)
- c. Andrew BULLER (1850 - 1918)

Probable Child:

- b. Celestine BULLER (1838 - ____)

IV Celeste BULLER

Celeste BULLER, fourth child of Joseph BULLER and Eleanor (SIDECK) BULLER, was born September 1, 1813, and baptized in St. Landry Catholic Church. [Hebert, SWLR, Vol. 2., citing Vol. 2., p. 16 of church records.] It appears that Celeste BULLER died young, without ever marrying. Her name is not listed in the Succession of Joseph BULLER, Sr.

V Eugenia BULLER married John Reames MAINER

Eugenia BULLER, fifth child of Joseph BULLER, Sr. and Eleanor (SIDECK) BULLER, was born June 22, 1815, baptized in St. Landry Catholic Church November 8, 1815. [Certified transcript, Vol. IV., p. 64., No. 118.]

On November 13, 1833, Eugenia BULLER married John Reames MAINER, son of William MAINER, deceased, and Sarah Ann REAMES. [John R. Mainer's Cyphering Book, in John Mainer, (1759 - 1833) of South Carolina and Georgia, by Ella Frances Mainer Dodd, p. 95.]

Eugenia became a member of the Baptist church in Louisiana. In 1851 John R. MAINER moved his family to Polk County, Texas and made their home in the Louisiana Settlement of that county. John R. MAINER died September 26, 1889 and was buried in the Mainer Cemetery of Polk County. Eugenia (BULLER) MAINER died December 4, 1905 and was buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Lovelady, Texas. [Names of the children of John R. MAINER and Eugenia (BULLER) MAINER are found in the book, John Mainer (1759 - 1833) of South Carolina and Georgia, by Ella Frances Mainer Dodd, p. 84.]

Children of John R. MAINER and Eugenia BULLER

- a. Mary Elizabeth MAINER (1834 - 1835)
- b. Sarah Ann MAINER (1836 - 1931)
- c. William Buller MAINER (1838 - 18__) Died an infant
- d. Mary Ann MAINER (1840 - 1840)
- e. Ellen Aurelia MAINER (1845 - 1862)
- f. Nicholas Jackson MAINER (1848 - 1897)

(Buller family cont.)

- | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| g. Twin of above died an infant | (1848 - 18__) |
| h. Alice Cornelia MAINER | (1850 - 1938) |
| i. Mary Eliza MAINER | (1853 - 1881) |
| j. Emma Lavinia MAINER | (1855 - 1900) |
| k. Twin of above died an infant | (1855 - 19__) |
| l. Infant | [Triplets died
as
infants] |
| m. Infant | |
| n. Infant | |

VI John Pierre BULLER married Sarah Ann ROBINETT

John Pierre BULLER, sixth child of Joseph BULLER, Sr. and Eleanor (SIDECK) BULLER, was born July 15, 1817, baptized in St. Landry Catholic Church April 25, 1818. [Certified transcript Vol. IV., p. 127., No. 36.]

John Pierre BULLER retained the French form of "Peter" in his name and was known to his family and friends as "John Pierre." On December 21, 1837, John Pierre BULLER married Sarah Ann ROBINETT, daughter of Zebulon ROBINETT and Sarah CALLIHAM, in St. Landry Parish. [John Pierre Buller Bible Records; marriage bond, ect. Package P. No. 133, St. Landry Parish.] Sarah Ann ROBINETT was living with her uncle, Nicholas M. CALLIHAM, at the time of her marriage, as revealed by civil marriage document. Her parentage is proved by comparing several marriage records regarding Nicholas M. CALLIHAM, Ransom G. REAMES and Sinthey ROBINETT, all found in the St. Landry Parish Courthouse.

In 1847, while the Mexican War was occurring, John Pierre BULLER moved his family to Texas. [The Polk County Enterprise, (newspaper), Vol. VI., No. 19., page 1., January 27, 1910.] On July 31, 1849, he purchased land from Joseph T. CALLIHAM in DeWitt County, on the Texas frontier. [Deed Records, Book B., pp. 250 - 251.] While in that area the family lived in frequent fear of Indian attack, a very bloody battle with the Indians having taken place there only a few months before John Pierre BULLER purchased his land. [Wilbarger, J. W., "Captain York's Fight," in Indian Depredations in Texas, pp. 60 - 61.]

In 1850 John Pierre BULLER sold his land in DeWitt County and moved to Harris County, Texas, settling in the northwestern part of the county near his brother-in-law, Seborn J. ROBINETT. [Deed Records, DeWitt County, Book C., pp. 153 - 155.; Harris County Tax Rolls, 1852.] In Harris County John Pierre BULLER worked as a cowhand for T. W. HOUSE, (no relation to the House family of Louisiana). [Statement of Thomas M. Buller, the writer's grandfather.] In 1852 John Pierre BULLER, in Harris County, recorded the cattle brand of his deceased father, in the name of his son, Nicholas C. BULLER. [Brand Book of Harris County.]

By the spring of 1853 the family was living in the Louisiana Settlement of Polk County, Texas. On April 3, 1853, Sarah Ann (ROBINETT) BULLER became a member of Bethel Baptist Church of the Louisiana Settlement, having formerly been a member of Calvary Baptist Church at Bayou Chicot, Louisiana. In August of 1853 John Pierre BULLER became a member of Bethel Baptist Church. [Minutes of Bethel Baptist Church.]

John Pierre BULLER died of typhoid fever November 30, 1862 in Polk County, Texas. [John Pierre Buller Bible Records] He was buried in an unmarked grave in the "old" Bethel Baptist Church

(Buller family cont.)

Cemetery at Clouta. [Statement of Nicholas Penn Buller, April 4, 1953.] Sarah Ann (ROBINETT) BULLER died June 7, 1882, in Polk County and was buried beside her husband. [John Pierre Buller Bible Records.]

We find no succession record or estate file for John Pierre BULLER. The names of his children are taken from the John Pierre BULLER Bible Records.

Children of John Pierre BULLER married Sarah Ann ROBINETT

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| a. Mary Ann "Molly" BULLER | (1839 - 1936) |
| b. John Jefferson BULLER | (1842 - 1865) |
| c. Sarah E. "Sally" BULLER | (1844 - 1912) |
| d. Nicholas C. "Nick" BULLER | (1847 - 1930) |
| e. Martha Eugenia "Jennie" BULLER | (1850 - 1937) |
| f. William Ransom BULLER | (1854 - 1863) |
| g. Wade H. BULLER | (1856 - 1860) |
| h. Alice Cordellie "Allie Corrie" BULLER | (1858 - 1866) |
| i. Thomas Milton "Tom" BULLER | (1860 - 1951) |

VII William BULLER married Eugenie LANGLEY

William BULLER, seventh child of Joseph BULLER, Sr. and Eleanor (SIDECK) BULLER, was born October 28, 1819, baptized in St. Landry Catholic Church November 21, 1819. [Certified transcript.] About 1845 William BULLER married Eugenie LANGLEY, daughter of Andre LANGLEY and his wife, Marie de la FOSSE. [Based on baptismal records of children.] This marriage very likely occurred in Calcasieu Parish as we find no marriage record for William BULLER in St. Landry Parish.

William BULLER's family is found in the various federal census reports from 1850 to 1880 in Calcasieu Parish. During much of his life he was engaged in the timber business. About 1884 the writer's paternal grandfather, Thomas M. BULLER, visited with his Uncle William BULLER, who was living near the Calcasieu River. He was offered a partnership with his uncle if he would stay in Louisiana, but the offer was declined.

William BULLER died between 1884 and 1899 and was buried in an unmarked grave in the Indian Village Cemetery, southwest of Kinder, Louisiana. [Statement of Adrian Buller.] Eugenie (LANGLEY) BULLER died June 23, 1914, and was buried beside the grave of her husband. (has tombstone.)

We determine the names of William BULLER's children through census reports and various other sources.

Children of William BULLER married Eugenie LANGLEY

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| a. Joseph E. BULLER | (1846 - 1924) |
| b. John Pierre BULLER | (1848 - 1923) |
| c. Mary Eugenie BULLER | (1851 - ____) |
| d. Leonore "Ellen" BULLER | (1854 - 1945) |
| e. William BULLER | (1856 - 1936) |
| f. Estelle "Stella" BULLER | (1859 - ____) |

(Buller family cont.)

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| g. Emile BULLER | (1862 - 1960) |
| h. Adaline BULLER | (1865 - 1940) |
| i. Cyrus BULLER | (18__ - 1965) |

VIII Helaire (Eli) BULLER married Huldah COLE

Helaire (Eli) BULLER, eighth child of Joseph BULLER, Sr. and Eleanor (SIDECK) BULLER, was born about 1825. [Based on the 1850 federal census] We find no baptismal record for Helaire BULLER. In the Succession of Joseph BULLER, Sr. we find his name recorded as "Eli BULLER."

About 1844 Helaire BULLER married Huldah COLE. This is based on family tradition only but the tradition is supported, in part, by census records. We find no marriage record for Helaire BULLER in St. Landry Parish so it seems likely that the marriage occurred in Calcasieu Parish.

In the 1850 federal census we find "Helaire BOULARD" living in the Hickory Flat Post Office section of Calcasieu Parish, household 162 - 187. His wife was recorded as "Holley BOULARD." In the adjacent household we find Steven COLE's family listed, which leads us to believe that Huldah was a daughter of Steven COLE.

It appears that Helaire BULLER died between 1850 - 1860 and that his widow then married Steve NICHOLS listed in the 1860 federal census of Calcasieu Parish in the Lake Charles Post Office section, household 376 - 395. "Huldy NICHOLS" with three of her children by Helaire BULLER lived in the household. It appears that Helaire BULLER had only three children, these being listed in the 1850 and 1860 census.

Children of Helaire BULLER married Huldah COLE

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| a. Steven BULLER | (1845 - ____) |
| b. Ellen BULLER | (1847 - ____) |
| c. Elizabeth BULLER | (1849 - ____) |

Buller Family Cemetery
by John A. Young

At the request of Mr. Talmadge BULLER, who's article on the Buller family appears above, a search for the Buller Family Cemetery was conducted. With insufficient information on the possible location of the cemetery, the first two attempts to locate the cemetery failed. A third attempt, aided by Myrna SHUFF YOUNG and Wilma MANUEL REEVES, descendants of Thomas BULLER proved successful. The Buller Family Cemetery is located one mile north of Elton, on land currently owned by Mr. Alan PUTNAM, and is almost impossible to find without a guide. The cemetery contains only two tombs, one of which is unmarked but without a doubt that of Eleanor SIDECK, Thomas BULLER's mother. The only identifiable tomb in the cemetery is that of:

Thomas BULLER, born (date illegible), died 1869



JOHN PIERRE BULLER, SON OF JOSEPH BULLER, SR. AND ELEANOR SIDECK,
WITH HIS WIFE, SARAH ANN ROBINETT. COPY OF ORIGINAL PHOTOGRAPH
IN POSSESSION OF MISS JENNIE MANNING OF LIVINGSTON, TEXAS IN 1952



EUGENIA BULLER, 1815-1905

BORN IN ST. LANDRY PARISH, LOUISIANA; DAUGHTER OF JOSEPH BULLER, SR. AND ELEANOR SIDECK; WIFE OF JOHN R. MAINER; DESCENDANT OF GERMAN AND FRENCH IMMIGRANTS WHO SETTLED AT THE POST OF OPELOUSAS AND THE POST OF NATCHITOCHES IN SPANISH COLONIAL LOUISIANA; BAPTISED IN ST. LANDRY CATHOLIC CHURCH IN OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA; BECAME A BAPTIST AS AN ADULT; PIONEER OF THE LOUISIANA SETTLEMENT OF POLK COUNTY, TEXAS; HER GRAND-DAUGHTER, MYRTIE MAINER, WAS WIFE OF GOVERNOR PAT NEFF



SARAH ANN REAMS, 1790-1866

BORN IN EDGEFIELD COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA WHEN GEORGE WASHINGTON WAS SERVING HIS FIRST TERM AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. DAUGHTER OF STERLING REAMS AND ELIZABETH RICHARDSON; WIFE OF WILLIAM MAINER AND NICHOLAS M. CALLIHAM; CHARTER MEMBER OF BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH OF THE LOUISIANA SETTLEMENT OF POLK COUNTY, TEXAS.

The Meyer Family
Submitted by
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The Meyers, who trace their origin to the province of Alsac-Lorraine in the eastern part of France, are a prominent family in southeastern Louisiana. Much of their history is to be found in the towns of Chackbay and Thibodaux, and many Meyer descendants still live in the area which was settled by their ancestor.

The first member of this family to settle in this area of Louisiana was Solomon MEYER. The exact date of his emigration from Alsac-Lorraine is not known, but it was probably some time in the late 1850's. On July 31, 1861, in Thibodaux he married a young woman named Florida PERRILLIOUX, of German Coast ancestry. Florida was the daughter of Adam PERRILLIOUX and Rosalie TRICHE (originally TRISCHL). Her father had moved to Lafourche Parish from his family's home of St. John the Baptist Parish; he was the only son of Louis PERRILLIOUX, a tavern keeper, and Marguerite PERCLE (originally BUERCKEL).

Solomon MEYER was Jewish and remained in that faith until he died. Florida was Roman Catholic and she also did not convert to her spouse's religion. It is interesting to speculate at what life must have been like in this family made up of a couple with such divergent backgrounds. It is known, however, that their children were raised as Jews; at least four of them later converted to Catholicism as young adults, and it seems likely that the remaining children may have done the same. It is a fact that few, if any, of today's Meyers retain their forefather's religion.

Solomon MEYER and Florida (PERRILLIOUX) MEYER had nine children:

1. Joseph MEYER, b. ca. 1866
2. Louis MEYER, b. 12 Feb 1870
3. Mathilda MEYER, b. ca. 1872
4. Henrietta MEYER, b. 14 Jan 1875
5. Sarah MEYER
6. Leon MEYER
7. Clara MEYER
8. Jules MEYER
9. Isidore MEYER, b. 14 Sep 1883

> All of these children, as far as is known, were born in the Meyer home at Chackbay. I will now take the children one by one, and give what information is known about them. There are, of course, holes in what I know, and I welcome any help in filling them!

1. Joseph MEYER, the eldest son, was baptized at the Roman Catholic Church at Chackbay on September 13, 1892. The following day he married Eveline MORVANT, the daughter of Anicet Augustave MORVANT and Marie DUROCHER of Thibodaux. From this marriage were born seven children:

- A. Flora Marie MYER, b. 20 Sep 1893 (my grandmother)
- B. Joseph Ferdinand MYER, b. 20 Dec 1894
- C. Antoinette MYER, b. 27 Jan 1896
- D. Charles Claude MYER, b. 29 Nov 1899
- E. Leonard Antoine MYER, b. 5 Mar 1902
- F. Jeanne MEYER
- G. Armand MEYER

(The Meyer Family contd.)

All children were born in Chackbay, Louisiana.

2. Louis MEYER, the second child of Solomon and Florida, was baptized at the age of 27 in Chackbay on January 16, 1898. I know nothing more about him.

3. Mathilda MEYER, the eldest daughter, married and had seven children. I do not know her husband's name. Her children were:

- A. Jules
- B. Lubin
- C. Almance
- D. Natalla
- E. Lucie
- F. Aline
- G. Florence (died young)

4. Henrietta MEYER married Felicien CLEMENT on July 14, 1894, and was baptized in the Chackbay Church on March 29 of the following year. She had four children:

- A. Rene CLEMENT
- B. Lucille CLEMENT
- C. Erma CLEMENT
- D. Sylvia CLEMENT

5. Sarah MEYER died as a young girl and is buried with her father in the Jewish Cemetery at Donaldsonville, Louisiana.

6. Leon MEYER married Delphine MORVANT on June 15, 1898, at Chackbay, Louisiana. Delphine was the daughter of Anicet Augustave MORVANT and Marie DUROCHER, and thus was the sister of Eveline MORANT who married Leon's brother Joseph. Leon and Delphine had only one child, Almance. Almance was very dear to her cousin, my grandmother, Flora Marie (MEYER) AYO, and was the godmother to Flora's daughter, Marguerite Bridget AYO, my mother.

7. Clara MEYER. The name of Clara's husband is not known to me. She had three children:

- A. Altus
- B. Ferdinand
- C. Azema

8. Jules MEYER did not marry. According to family tradition, he was killed by a train on his first day of work.

9. Isidore MEYER was the youngest of the Meyer children. He was baptized in the Chackbay Church on September 8, 1901. He married Rose Bernadette MORVANT, daughter of Phillippe MORVANT and Rosa PONVILLE, on April 25, 1907. They had four children, all of whom are still living:

- A. Antoinette MEYER
- B. Ferdinand MEYER
- C. Joseph MEYER
- D. Claude (called Jack) MEYER

(The Meyer Family contd.)

The family memory of the Meyer clan agrees on the point that Solomon was a hard worker, and did a good business in horses. Unfortunately, it also agrees that Solomon may have drunk more than was good for him; my dear cousin Almance MEYER ESTEVE phrased it somewhat bluntly, that her grandfather "made bad deals while drunk." Other sources claim that the trials of the Civil War took a heavy toll on the Meyer resources. Whatever the case, it is certain that when Solomon died in June of 1883, three months before the birth of his youngest child Isidore, the family was in dire straits.

His widow, Florida, was forced to open the Meyer home as a boarding house in order to make ends meet, and it was in this circumstance that her children were raised. All of those who remember, recalled her as a resourceful woman, who singlehandedly (she never remarried) reared her children to be capable and God-fearing people.

The majority of this information comes from three sources, and I am deeply indebted to them for their help. My two cousins, Jack MEYER and Almance (MEYER) ESTEVE, surely must know how much I appreciate their assistance. And my debt to my mother, Marguerite (AYO) BONNET, goes without saying. In addition some of the dates and specifics herein were gleaned from Father Donald Hebert's South Louisiana Records.

FIRMIN - MAYEUX - JOHNSON - BROUSSARD

Submitted by Winston De Ville F.A.S.G

The two abstracts following are found on Louisiana State Archives, St. Landry Parish Documents, Microfilm Roll No. 13; no other retrieval device is available.

9 July 1808

Joseph FIRMIN gives permission to his daughter, Adelaide, to marry Narcise MAYEUX. A license from Thomas F. OLEVIR was issued on this day, and they were to be married the following day by the Rev. Louis BUHOT.

3 January 1809

Marriage license granted to Jean Baptiste JOHNSON and Judie BROUSSARD, both of the age of majority; both signed with their "ordinary marks." Witnesses, who also signed with their marks were Charles JOHNSON and Similien BROUSSARD. The marriage took place the same day.

Queries

LYONS - CHACHERE - MOORE

I am looking for information on my great-grandmother Helene Julia LYONS. Helene, the daughter of David LYONS and Lasterine CHACHERE was born July 17, 1857. She married Jules MOORE, born July 21, 1851, died December 15, 1932. Would like to know when Helene LYONS died. Would like to correspond and exchange information with anyone on the Lyons family.
Sandra TRAHAN, Rt. 10, Box 1201 B, Orange, TX 77630

FULLERS - DUNHAMS

Mr. Bob Dunham has compiled a 430 page genealogy of the Fuller-Dunham families, starting with Edward FULLER of the Mayflower to the present day. He would like to correspond with anyone related to any Fullers of Dunhams. Anyone interested in his book may write to him at the following address.
Bob DUNHAM, 5526 Marsha Dr., Madison, WI 53705-1351

ISAAC STAGG BIBLE
Submitted by Kathleen Stagg

The following entries were copied as they appear in the Bible of Isaac Stagg. The Bible was published by The Saalfeld Publishing Co., Akron, Ohio. No dates shown. Issac Stagg was the son of Philippe STAGG and Louisa TATE.

Family Record

PARENTS NAMES

Husband Issac STAGG
born Feb. 6, 1870

Wife Ester Emma WINFIELE
born Feb. 19, 1885

Married Isaac STAGG and Esther Emma WINFIELE were married July 5th, 1906.

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CHILDREN'S NAMES

Verval Louise STAGG	May 27, 1907
Virginia Theodosia STAGG	Nov. 6, 1908
Ellen Ruth STAGG	Nov. 15, 1910
Elizabeth Winfiele STAGG	Nov. 6, 1912
Isaac Thomas STAGG	Nov. 23 1914
Paul Curtis STAGG	March 14, 1917
Gerald Nathan STAGG	Oct. 21, 1922

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MARRIAGES

Fortune JAUBERT III and Verval Louise STAGG married Jan. 18, 1928.
Rene STELLY and Virginia Theodosia STAGG married June 24, 1931.
Alonzo DUNBAR and Ellen Ruth STAGG married April 1, 1937.
Isaac T. STAGG married Loretta BOURGEOIS July 3, 1941.
Paul C. STAGG married Clara ROBERT Oct. 7, 1945.
Gerald N. STAGG married Mabel MYERS June 29, 1956.

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DEATHS

Elizabeth Winfiele STAGG died Oct. 23, 1914
Isaac STAGG died Jan. 15, 1928.
Ellen Stagg DUNBAR died Sept. 8, 1949.
Esther Winfiele STAGG died Oct. 12, 1957

Genetics Genealogy and Health
by B. J. Sloane, Jr.

During my convalescence from open heart surgery I undertook a quiet sedentary chore. I was sorting through my recently deceased mother's personal belongings when I came upon a packet of letters all addressed to her in Natchitoches, and all bearing postmarks 1913 and 1914. She was away at school at the time. Most of the letters were from her parents Robert BURLEIGH and Euphemie DUBUISSON, and her 13-year-old sister Estelle. Most of the envelopes contained a short letter from her father and a longer one from Estelle. Most of her father's letters referred to a check for expenses, all itemized, (usually \$5.00 or \$10.00) also enclosed. Estelle's letters were breezy and sunny. They were detailed but terse accounts of her activities of the previous week or two. One of the letters from Estelle galvanized my attention. The letter was dated and postmarked February 15, 1914. A letter from her mother was also enclosed.

Before quoting from the letter I must review my medical history for the months leading up to the heart surgery. A heart murmur was discovered and tests revealed a condition diagnosed as Mitral valve prolapse. A year later, November 1989, I was admitted to the hospital with congestive heart failure and Subacute bacterial endocarditis (inflammation of the inner lining of the heart, most specifically the mitral valve). This terrible diagnosis came only after extensive lab tests. If the diagnosis was frightening, the symptoms were terrifying. For three days before going to the hospital I was miserable sick, being short of breath, gasping for breath when I woke up at night, and had a low grade fever. For several months prior to that I was plagued with fever at night with night sweats. Five rounds of oral antibiotics cleared up the symptoms only temporarily. The fever always returned. I thought sure I was dying. I was!

After the infection was cleared up in the hospital, using I. V. antibiotics, the mitral valve was found to be so badly damaged (destroyed was the word the doctor used) that surgical valve replacement was necessary. I am now the happy owner of a St. Jude 31 mm artificial mitral valve. And alive!

With that in mind I quote from Estelle's letter in it's entirety, as she wrote it.

"My dear Tealie,

I got your letter Saturday and appreciated it very much. We were worried about you. You took so long to write. Mama thought you had measles.

Papa is sending you a check and he asked me to write he is sick has been sick since school opened but is worse now especially today. He can hardly breathe he gasps for breath all the time. I am afraid death will come on suddenly. Mama is trying to make him go to N. O. but he won't he says it is interjection and asma he can't sleep at night.

Yesterday (sat) Misses PAYY and Miss FORD gave a dinner for the benefit of the school and they made \$25 and the school improvement league gave a rmmage sale for the benefit of the school so I suppose we got a little money. Bell BOYD was to be married today to Mr JENNIE I suppose you know him.

I am invited to a surprise party on the 27 of this month I am going with Guy McMELLON Lee's brother. Anette MOULLE is going to give the party.

We have some poetry to learn for Monday I do not know it but Henry does I will have to get to work in a few minutes. When Marie writes she usually writes on Edward's typewriter so does he.

I got mama to get me a hair brush when she went to Opelousas it const \$.75 only but I am going to write to Edward to get me one of those nice big combs like he gave Marie B. for Xmas. I have a \$1.00 to get it with. I do not know how much it costs Mama has about 20 little chicks They sure are cute Tell Hazel that certainly is too bad she sprained her ankle. Hope she is alright now, all well except poor papa.

With love and kisses
Estelle B."

(Genetics Genealogy contd.)

My Grandmother's account of the baby chicks didn't exactly agree with Aunt Tellie's but Aunt Tellie was looking optimistically at the bottom line.

"I'm having bad luck with the hatching of chickens. the first hen did well enough she has 13. one week old. but of the two next settings I only got six. I think the eggs froze. We broke two of the eggs left and they had chickens in them."

But they agree on Grandfather's health.

"Teelie, Papa is not in bed but mighty sick. I think he has asthma. he lies awake half of the night and can hardly breathe you would be surprised to see how he has fallen off."

Heart problems seem to run in the Burleigh family, at least among the men. The "Asthma" Grandfather believed he had was called "cardiac asthma" in those days to distinguish it from true bronchial asthma. Actually "cardiac asthma" is a misnomer. What grandfather had in my (non-medical) opinion was congestive heart failure! The "indigestion" in my opinion was angina pectoris. He was even sicker than I was last November. With medical science at the point it is was in 1914, Grandfather was doomed. He died on March 17, a month later.

His oldest son Edward had a history of atrial fibrillation, a somewhat benign disorder. His grandson Edward Jr. suffers from a similar heart ailment.

I never did subscribe much to the idea of the predominance of environment and nurture over heredity, even back in the days of the popularity of that notion. I think even less of it today, especially after getting into genealogy.

After those letters of February 15 were written, my grandfather succumbed to his family's wishes and went to the hospital in New Orleans. He stayed there only a week or so and left the hospital against the advice of his doctors, boarded a train and returned home to Bunkie and his family where he died. Grandfather was stubborn, a celtic trait inherited no doubt from his mother Milissa BUCHANAN.

Robert BURLEIGH (1855 - 1914) and Euphemie DUBUISSON (1855 - 1923) were married on October 14, 1891, in Washington, Louisiana. Robert was the son of Gilbert BURLEITH and Melissa Lovisa BUCHANAN. Euphemie was the daughter of Edouard DUBUISSON and Josephine Mirza STAGG. They had the following children:

1. Edward Gilbert BURLEIGH, b. 16 Dec 1893; m. Jennie Mae PORTER.
2. Marie Elizabeth BURLEIGH, b. 10 Apr 1895; m. Andrew LANIER.
3. Alice Lucile BURLEIGH, b. 22 May 1896; m. Bryan J. SLOANE.
4. Christine Anita BURLEIGH, b. 3 Feb 1898; m. Foster P. NASH.
5. Henry Dubuissou BURLEIGH, b. 18 Jun 1899; m. Lucille EVANS.
6. Estelle Alva BURLEIGH, b. 2 Apr 1901; m. Albert O FRANCIONI.
7. Melissa Lovisa BURLEIGH, b. 28 Oct 1902; m. (1), Ernest GULLINGTON; m. (2), Clarence BAKER.

Query

VEILLON - FONTENOT

Need the parents of Valmont VEILLON, married 19 Dec 1871, Marcelline FONTNOT. Their children Dorselin, Arville, Onesia, and Adraste were born between 1873 & 1882. They lived in the Ville Platte area and later moved to the Eunice area. Barney Ortego, 318 S. W. RR. Ave., Ville Platte, LA 70586

A FAMILY INQUIRY ON FREE PEOPLE OF COLOR
by Cherryl Forbes Montgomery

Cherryl Forbes MONTGOMERY, 13303 Ector Drive, Baker, LA 70714, is seeking anyone with information on "Free People of Color" from the parishes of Lafayette and St. Martin, Louisiana. I am especially interested in the JEAN-LOUIS (possibly SIMON), HENRI, WILTZ, MERCIER, DECLOUET, MASSE and BASILE families.

Don Louis JEAN-LOUIS born ca. 1812 married a woman named Eliza Simon GUILLAUME (possibly Celimene Simon DECLOUET) on February 11, 1839, at St. John's Cathedral in Lafayette, LA. Eliza is the possible daughter of Simon GUILLAUME also known as DECLOUET and Marie Eugenie GODEAU. They were found in the 1850 U.S. Census of Lafayette Parish in the household of Marie JEAN-LOUIS, a free woman of color who was also a property owner at the time. There are others living in the household of Marie JEAN-LOUIS and her son and his wife whom I have not been able to positively identify. Nor have I been able to identify Don Louis' father. Celimene Simon DECLOUET died on July 29, 1856 at the age of 32 years. I have not been able to find a death date on Eliza Simon GUILLAUME which leads me to believe that the two names are that of one person. The 1860 U.S. Census of Lafayette Parish indicates that Marie JEAN-LOUIS either died or remarried sometime before the 1860 census was taken as only her son Don Louis JEAN-LOUIS (Don Louis SIMON) is now the property owner with several unidentified persons living the same household. The 1870 U.S. Census of Lafayette Parish shows Don Louis JEAN-LOUIS with his second wife Marie Virginie BROUSSARD. My maternal great-grandfather, Don Louis, Jr., is a product of this union. He is identified as their offspring in Fr. Donald HEBERT's book, SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA CHURCH AND CIVIL RECORDS, when he married my great-grandmother, Clarra HENRI, the daughter of Norbert and Rose HENRI on January 19, 1874 at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Youngsville, LA. I have equally been unsuccessful in tracing the ancestry of Norbert and Rosa HENRI past the entry where their daughter marries.

There are several DON-LOUIS or JEAN-LOUIS living in the St. Martinville and Lafayette areas. Since there were poor written records kept on free people of color and slaves, or discrepancies used as to the surnames that free blacks used at the time, it is hard to tell who is who.

My great-grandfather Don Louis JEAN-LOUIS and Clarra HENRI had eleven known surviving children. One of those children is my grandmother Marie Perle JEAN-LOUIS who married Joseph Edgar MERCIER on September 7, 1916. Clarra died sometime after the 1900 U.S. Census was taken and is buried in the cemetery at St. John's Cathedral in Lafayette, LA. Clarra's husband, Don Louis, Jr., died sometime after the 1910 U.S. Census was taken and is buried in Milton, LA.

Adrien MERCIER, a free man of color, was born ca. 1802 to 1810, the son of Marie Magdaline MERCIER from St. Martinville, LA. Adrien married Felicite Francisque DECLOUET, also from St. Martinville, on September 22, 1835. Felicite was the daughter of Francisque DECLOUET and Marie MASSE. Adrien and Felicite had children: Angelle Philomene, Madeine Felicite, Emelie, Marie Amelia, Victor, and my great-grandfather, Adrien MERCIER, Jr., born May 5, 1844. Adrien, Jr. married Aline Corine WILTZ, the daughter of Terance WILTZ and Josephine MICHEL. Aline Corine brought to this union three children from a previous marriage: Eugene Clebert, Marie Louise, and Marie Adelle. The marriage of Adrien and Aline produced five children: Marie Adrienne, Josephine, Joseph Oscar, Terance, and my grandfather, Joseph Edgar MERCIER, born August 15, 1886.

Aline Corine's mother, Josephine MICHEL, was the daughter of Michel and Venus, the slaves of M. MAGILL of Mobile, Alabama. I have not been able to determine

when and how they came to Louisiana. Josephine and Terence WILTZ were found in HEBERT'S SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA RECORDS, VOLUME #8, formerly marrying after the Civil War when Terence recognized his children by Josphine. There are no records to indicate where their children were born. Terence WILTZ is the son of Philippe WILTZ and Hortence "Pouponne" FONTENETTE. They also had two other children besides Aline Corine, a daughter, Marie Estelle, and a son, Eugene. Marie Estelle married Louis BASILE on June 18, 1868 in St. Martinville. I have been unsuccessful in tracing the offspring of this union as well as those of Eugene WILTZ.

If anyone has information that can help me untangle the roots of my family tree on the JEAN-LOUIS (DON-LOUIS), SIMON, HENRI (HENRY), WILTZ (VILTS, VITS, WILTS, WILLSE), MERCIER (MARCIER, MERCIERE), DECLOUET (DESCLOUET), MASSE and BASILE (BAZILE) families, I can be contacted at the address given at the beginning of this inquiry.

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The Sonnier Cemetery is located in Allen Parish, six miles north of Elton off of La. Highway 26. Copied May 9, 1990.

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McGEE

Would like to correspond and exchange information with anyone on Pierre Hugo McGEE, s/o Alexandre McGEE and Alice OTTAHA (O'HARA) of Drogheda, Ireland. Pierre married Marie Francoise RICHARD on 11 Jan 1804 (St. Gabriel). Pierre and Marie had at least five sons: Norval, (d. age 7 yrs.); Thomas Hugo; Jean (John) Hugo; Joseph Hugo and Pierre, (d. age 18 yrs.). It appears that most if not all of the McGees in southwest Louisiana are descendants of Pierre Hugo McGEE and his wife Marie Francoise RICHARD.
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