

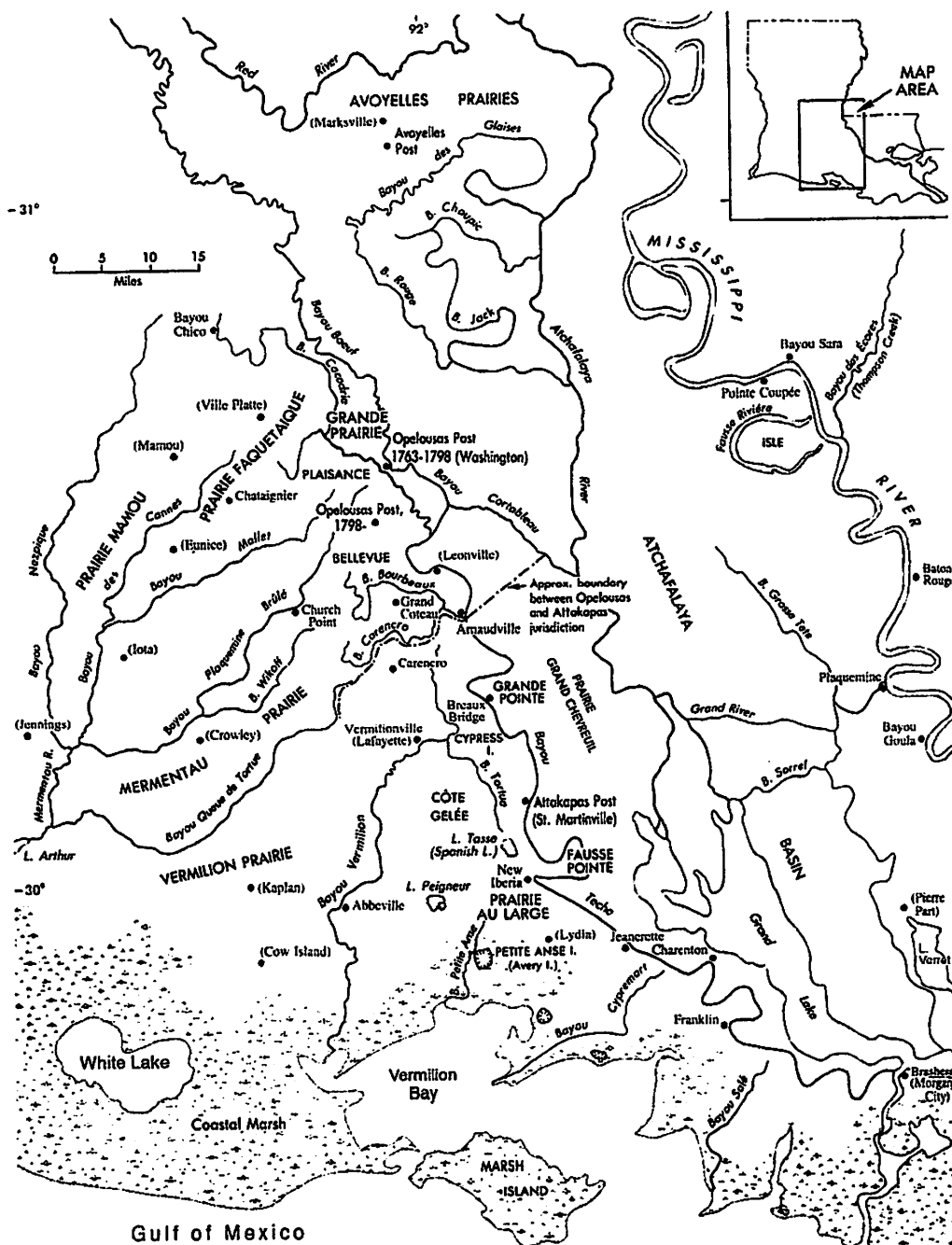
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Looking for any information on Homer DeVille born on November 14, 1902 in St. Landry Parish, LA. His parents are Homer DeVille and Augustine Soileau. The birth record is the only information found. No death, marriage, or military record has been found. Please email me at [carla\\_deville@yahoo.com](mailto:carla_deville@yahoo.com) or send in to this newsletter.

**Query:**

Looking for information of Descendants of Elizabeth Thompson married to Whiley Adams. Also looking for Lucinda Thompson who married John W. Gossett. St. Mary Parish. These are two sisters. Parents are Josilah Thompson and Marguerite Row(e). Married between in 1840s – 1850s. Please call **Mary Ann Thompson Fontenot at 337.363.7428** with any information.

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**Family Reunions coming soon!**

**Demourelle/Fontenot Family reunion, July 25, 2015.**

We are planning to have another family reunion on July 25, 2015, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the KC Hall in Ville Platte, Louisiana. Our Fontenot family honors our ancestors from Simon Phillipe Fontenot who married Marcelite Simon Baptiste Manuel. This family line extends into the Manuel, Perron, Marcantel, Fuselier, and Jeansonne/Johnson, Brunet, and Soileau. There are many, many more family names from Evangeline Parish.

This reunion we are planning to do something different and are including the Demoruelle descendents (Hypolite Ursin Demoruelle who married Louise Catherine Lartigue in New Orleans and moved here to Evangeline parish in the 1800's. Our family tree begins from Savoy, France, then to Fort de la Louisiane de Mobile, Alabama, and then to New Orleans from Humbert Demoruelle married Suzanne Lavergne in New Orleans. We are also family tree members from the Derosier/Vidrine/Ortego family from Anna Derosier who married Charles Jean Baptiste Demoruelle. These reunions are for you to see the progress made on our family ancestry both the Demoruelle and Fontenot families. We hope that you will come and see where our heritage originates and the progress we have made over the last 10 years. In the past, some of our older family

genealogist and researchers have shared a lot of their knowledge in the family tree. Their 40+ years of experience is wonderful and very much appreciated.

We will have a wonderful time. If you do decide to attend please contact me, as invitations have all been sent out to keep track of how many will be attending, not attending, or maybe. RSVP to Donna Demoruelle Johnson at [donnapaul87@att.net](mailto:donnapaul87@att.net) or call me at 337-856-2053 or 337-256-0918.

Hope to see you there!!

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### **Vidrine Reunion, November 7, 2015**

The Vidrine reunion committee is hard at work making plans for a wonderful reunion. If anyone would like to set up a booth to sell books, have your own family table, etc. please email Mardell Sibley at [masibley@att.net](mailto:masibley@att.net). Also if you have any questions about the reunion you may contact her at her email as well.

The reunion will be held at the Ville Platte Civic Center Pavillion from 11-4 (Saturday). We need as many Vidrine descendants as possible for a wonderful day for a family reunion.

There will be more details as they become available.

Hope to see you there!

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At both reunion, Evangeline Genealogical & Historical Society will set up a table for membership renewals, new members, information, etc.

We will have The Fontenot Families book for sale, Prairie Pioneers, and Images of America: Evangeline Parish. If you have not pick up a copy of these books and you are interested they will be available.

The Fontenot families book is \$75.00; Prairie Pioneers is \$10.00; Images of America: Evangeline Parish is \$22.00. We will also have maps of Evangeline parish for \$5.00.

Hope to see you all at both reunions!

**EDOUARD ALPHONSE FERDINAND DARDEAU  
SELLS HIS VILLE PLATTE TANNERY, 1847**

Submitted by E.A. (Tony) Dardeau, Jr.\*

Source: *The Daily Picayune*, New Orleans, Louisiana, advertisement, Friday, 7 May 1847, and several later days. Notes: Spelling, capitalization, and punctuation are unaltered. Ville Platte would not be incorporated until 1858, so the area was simply referred to as "La Ville Platte (Flat Town), Opelousas."

***Tan Yard for Sale***

*One of the most splendid TAN YARDS in this State situated in La Ville Platte (Flat Town), Opelousas; the most convenient situation on account of the proximity of navigation in the bark and the quantity of hides in the vicinity and the facility for commercial businesses. Some of the buildings of said tan yard are calculated for all kinds of business made in the country. Also a good Dwelling House with extensive lots, well fenced and in good order. This establishment is in full activity. Apply on the premises, to E. DARDEAU, owner, or in New Orleans to*

*REYNAUD, CUCULLU & CO., 34 Tchoupitoulas Street.*

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## **The life and Accomplishments of Kirby Lee Vidrine Sr.**

By John R. "Randy" Vidrine

Kirby Lee Vidrine Sr. was my paternal grandfather. He was the son of Aurelie Vidrine and his second wife Louisiana Singletary. Aurelie's first wife Zoe Fusilier died June 26, 1891. Her youngest child, a daughter Marie Zoe was three months old. Older siblings no doubt helped care for her, but on July 4, 1892 Aurelie married Louisiana Singletary of Turkey Creek, LA. She was the daughter of Joseph Britton Singletary and Sarah Trayler Singletary. Aurelie was a Confederate veteran of Company K. 28<sup>th</sup> Louisiana Infantry (Col. Allen Thomas' 28<sup>th</sup>) CSA and was 49 years old. Louisiana was 20 years old. Kirby Lee Vidrine Sr. was born on July 2, 1893 in Turkey Creek, LA. He was followed by Hamilton Aurelie Vidrine in 1899, Fay Vidrine in 1901, May Vidrine in 1904 and Joyce Vidrine in 1907.

Kirby grew up in the Vidrine community in the home of his father Aurelie Vidrine. He related to me as a boy that he worked on the farm doing everything that needed to be done. This is where he learned to work and it was in school that he excelled and showed the initiative that propelled him through life achieving the goals he set to achieve. Kirby's oldest half brother Dr. Jules Vidrine was a great proponent of education to include the poor people in the Parish who could not travel to Ville Platte to attend school. Dr. Vidrine was instrumental in organizing and building the Agricultural School at Vidrine. He donated the land and helped finance the building of the school. Kirby was a student there and was in the first graduation class of 1910. He was the class valedictorian. One of his teachers was Daisy Neal Hester from Ruston who he married in 1911.

Kirby worked on the Vidrine farm along with his older brother Octave Aurelie Vidrine and his family. After a disastrous rice crop (the price failed) he moved to Mamou, Louisiana and ran the weekly newspaper there for a period of time. He and Daisy had the following children (my father Kirby Lee Vidrine Jr., Beverly Aurelie "Bill" Vidrine, Winifred Louise Vidrine, Marjorie Vidrine, Robert Stanley Vidrine and Evelyn May Vidrine. Sadly Marjorie, Robert Stanly and Evelyn May contracted polio. At that time medical science had no handle on the disease and Kirby was told by his brother Dr. Vidrine that it was thought that a drier climate may be beneficial. This proved untrue and the children died at a young age. Kirby pursued work in the banking industry and studied law in the evenings. In those days one had only to pass the State Bar exam to become a Lawyer. Kirby moved to Phoenix in 1924 when it was a city of 25,000 people. In 1925 Kirby and Daisy became the parents of John Lionel Vidrine.

Kirby organized and operated the Kirby Lee Vidrine Stock and Bond business in Phoenix in addition to practicing law. He was instrumental in selling the bond issues that resulted in the establishment of the Salt River Dams and reservoirs. This made

possible the Salt River Valley Water User's Association, a utility cooperative that serves as the primary water provider for much of central Arizona.

Kirby Lee Vidrine Sr. ran for and won office as a member of the Arizona State Legislature as one of the representatives of Maricopa County in 1938 where he served as Chairman of the Judiciary Committee. He was very interested in agricultural and irrigation issues undoubtedly because of having been raised on a farm. He maintained an interest in agriculture and especially cattle all of his life. Although he had a law firm and later a Stock and Bond business, he owned and operated a dairy farm North of Phoenix in Maricopa County. My father Kirby Lee Vidrine Jr. and his brother Beverly "Bill" Vidrine worked on this dairy until they finished college.

A Conservative Democrat and a business entrepreneur he was committed to have government live within its means. An example of this is an excerpt from the Arizona Republic newspaper dated February 6, 1941. He stated that: revenue pledged for servicing of bonds could be spent for no other purpose, and further it would preclude expending of tax money, or any funds except the revenue so pledged, for such bond servicing. "We talk a lot about reduction of taxes," he said. "This is one way we can be absolutely sure taxes will be reduced, because when revenue is pledged under that bill, it must go for that purpose, and taxpayers will not be called on to pay off bonds.

He and his first wife (my grandmother) divorced in 1940. He married Carrie Litton in 1941 and in 1942 Patsy Lee Vidrine was born followed by Robert Julius Vidrine, Jerry Mac Vidrine and James Edward Vidrine. He continued in his legal practice and in operating his stock and bond business in Phoenix. I remember going to his office as a boy and watching the stock ticker operate with great interest. Kirby Lee Vidrine was also a principle in establishing the Bank in Mesa Arizona in 1950. He was an officer on that bank's board for a number of years.

He retired and moved to Mississippi where he owned two different farms before moving to Waco Texas in about 1963. He died there on July 8, 1973 at age 80. From his humble beginning in Vidrine, Louisiana he became a man of substance and achievement. He lived a long and interesting life.

Proud Grandson  
John R. "Randy" Vidrine







## The Dancehall Fire of 1919

Saturday night November 22, 1919 began no differently than any other Saturday night in the small farming community of Ville Platte, Louisiana. The town was crowded with country people buying their supplies for the coming week and getting ready for the big ball given on the second floor of the Deville Building. The first floor of the structure contained the P. D. "Duffy" Martin grocery store where a twelve-year-old boy was making a fresh pot of coffee towards the rear of the building on an old oil stove.

The dance had just begun when the oil stove exploded sending flames rapidly onto the store's dry pine walls and high ceiling, igniting the building before the estimated crowd of 3,000 people could find their way to safety. A panic ensued; everyone rushed for the only exit, which resulted in a virtual human barrier, especially after the burning stairway collapsed onto hundreds of struggling, terror-stricken people. The fire soon engulfed the large wood framed building.

Adjacent to the Deville Building was the town's movie theatre, which was also packed with moviegoers. The dancers overhead sounded the alarm with their frightful screams. Dr. T. H. Littell and A. P. Garland were in the movie at the time. They acted quickly by telling everyone there was sufficient time for everyone to safely exit the theatre.

Help from the nearby towns of Eunice, Bunkie and Opelousas responded. More than a hundred automobiles and trucks carrying doctors, nurses and medical equipment were dispatched to Ville Platte.

Most of the extricated bodies from the structure were charred beyond recognition; and many of the dead died from suffocation without any visible indications of having been burned or injured.

The bodies were taken to a nearby spacious garage owned by Deville and Lefleur. The dead were lined on the floor and covered with sheets.

According to the *New York Times* and *The Gazette* of Ville Platte many of the dead were self-sacrificing mothers of about twenty babies who had brought their babies and young children to the dance while chaperoning their daughters. Some of the mothers passed their babies forward with the aid of other people in the jammed exit until the infants were out of the building. Others deliberately flung the infants over the heads of the human wall that cut off the means of egress.

The first reports indicated that all of the babies had perished, but this was due to the great confusion and pandemonium that prevailed. In the end when all was counted, there were a total of twenty-eight dead and fifteen seriously injured, but not a single baby died in Louisiana's second deadliest fire.

Article written by William Thibodeaux, Lafayette, LA

## **The Orphan Train Riders**

Most people think there was only one Orphan train. However, they are wrong. The Orphan trains operated in every state of the union between 1853 and 1929. From 100,000 to 200,000 children accompanied by nurses and Catholic nuns, migrated from New York to other states by way of the Orphan Trains which were the cheapest way to travel in large numbers.

More than 2,000 of the orphans came to Louisiana, primarily to St. Landry and Evangeline Parishes. The trains, after leaving Louisiana, continued westward into Texas and beyond.

There were no children's rights or Child Protection organizations; children were considered property. Child protection laws came about as a result of the Orphan Train movement, the first form of foster care.

America was full of immigrants because of oppression and famine in other countries. Without the help of extended family (grandparents, aunts, uncles) to rely upon in times of need, families fell apart. Usually after the death of one or more parents meant a child would be living on the streets. Where would the children go? The children's relatives were in the old country. These children ranged in age from infants to teenagers, and they were from all nationalities and religions.

Orphan implies that both parents are dead, and many of these children were not orphans; many had at least one parent still alive. Priests or police usually removed many of the children from the parents without due process of the law.

Committees of local citizens or priest were in charge of placements for the children. Advertisements about the Orphans were from the church's pulpit and local press. When the children arrived at a town the children were cleaned up and dressed, then were "Put up for adoption" onto platforms, usually at opera houses or theatres. The prospective new parents would check their muscles and teeth.

Many of the siblings were separated, some never to be seen again. Both the foster parent and the child had to approve of the arrangement. Applications for the children had to be approved and endorsed by the local citizen committee or priest.

The Orphan train children have no family medical records and researching family history reaches a dead end because of sealed, closed or missing records. Other problems developed because of no birth certificates; and it was difficult obtaining driver's license, marriage license and many other documents.

Most of the Orphan train children became responsible citizens who were loving parents and tended to adopt children themselves.

Non-Fiction

William J. Thibodeaux is a former resident of Rayne, Louisiana, and now resides in Lafayette. He is a member of UL's Life Writing Class.



## Medicinal Plants and Herbal Teas

Perhaps it's the ever-increasing cost of medicine that has sparked a renewed interest in natural cures, home remedies, and herbal treatments. Many modern medicines had their origin in medicinal plants, and the practice of using plants for medicinal purposes has existed since prehistoric times. People often took what they believed to be helpful herbs for various ailments or conditions. An article in the St. Landry Courier of 1853 mentioned a Mrs. Lefleur from near Flat Town—today's Ville Platte that accidentally poisoned herself using native roots. According to the paper, the 50-year old widow sent a boy into the woods in search of "tetchy" roots, which was supposed to be for making an herbal tea. When the boy returned, she made tea with the roots and drank a large cupful. Her daughter also tasted some of it, but finding it bitter set the cup down and didn't drink anymore. Sometime later Mrs. Lefleur experienced some of the most excruciating pain she had ever experienced before dying. Her daughter was extremely ill too, but survived the ordeal.

According to the article, the young boy brought the root of the yellow jasmine instead of tetchy root, which was said to be very similar in appearance. Although, it is one of the most fragrant, yellow jasmine is said to be highly toxic. According to the newspaper, tetchy root tea was very popular years ago among the Creole population. It was supposed to relieve certain ailments much as the tisane plant. Back then people used many different herbal plants for medicinal purposes.

As a young boy growing up in Acadia Parish, I would often go out into fields and pastures and gather herbe cabri or goat weed for my mother to make tea. She would also make thé laurier from our bay leaf tree. I also remember her making an herbal tea from the Mamou plant, which we drink for colds and coughs. As an adult I have made tea from the bitter tasting manglier plant, which is a medium sized bush or scrub. It worked well; I sweated out the fever and felt refreshed. Don't even think about sweetening it, there is nothing made that would accomplish that.

At Vermilionville UL Associate Professor C. Ray Brassieur has helped organize The Healer's Garden, which according to their pamphlet, contain all plants native to Louisiana or were imported to our area prior to the 1900s. Much of the research for the project came from Charles Bienvenu's 1933 master's thesis that was submitted to LSU. We often use medicinal plants without being aware of it. For instance we use bay leaves in many of our favorite dishes. If you use gumbo filé in gumbo, it's made from pounded sassafras leaves. The sassafras tree is one of the easiest trees to identify. It has three very distinct leaf patterns on the same plant. The leaves are also used for making tea and they can be used as a dressing for insect bites. Sassafras tree roots were once the main ingredient for making root beer.

Remember, everything in moderation and please beware: there are some plants that are very harmful and may cause illness or even death. The above information is intended for historical use only and should not be used without consulting a medical professional.

Courtesy of William Thibodeaux

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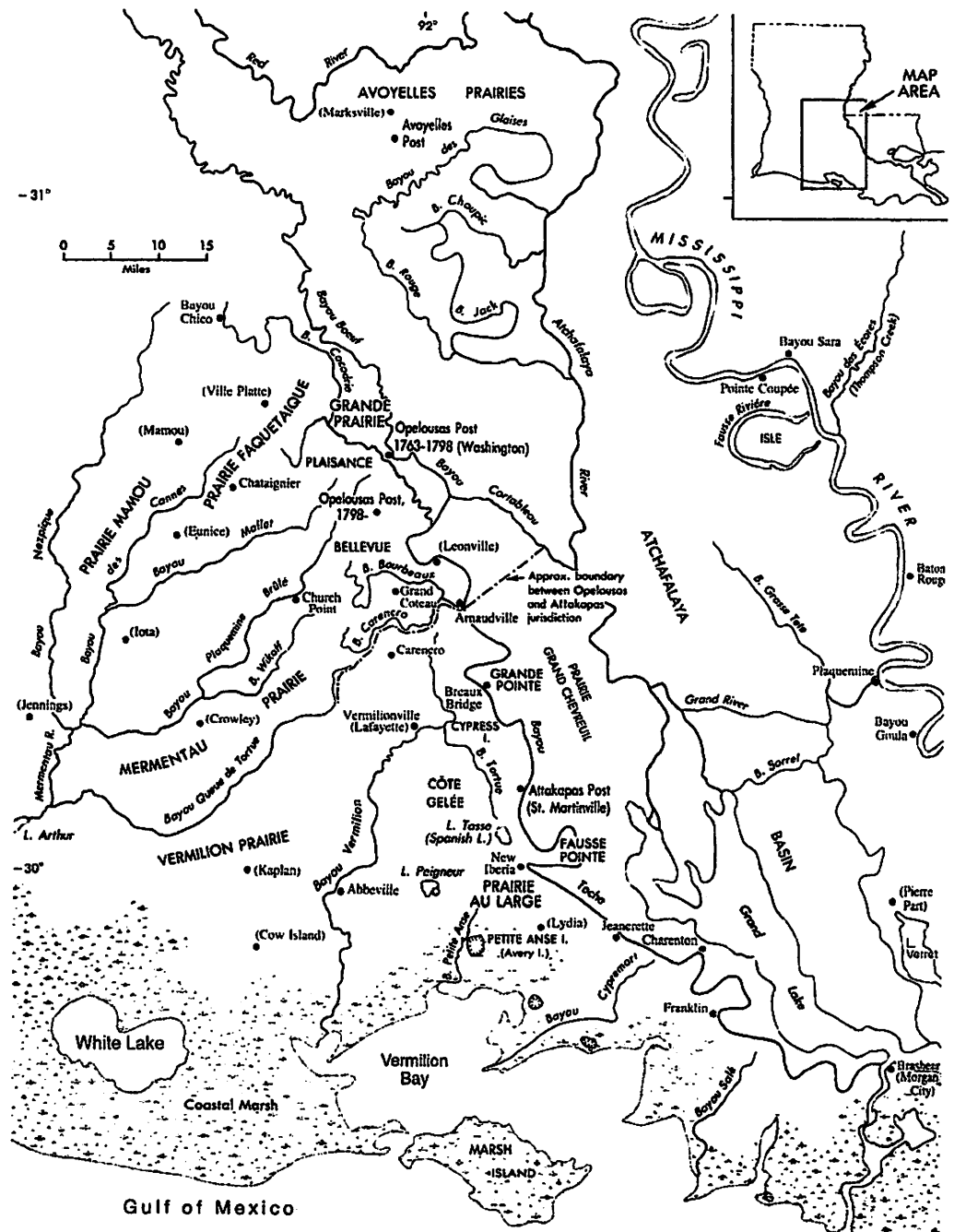
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# The Days of Now & Then

The days of yesterday is what any researcher yearns and craves, from the wondering of what things were like in the olden days or how people traveled, to what they ate and where or how did they shop are a few things that can be answered with one trip from your computer today. The Library of Congress has a great site for traveling back in time, <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/newspapers/>. Searching by the name of the newspaper, state, or a random search of words can be easily done at your fingertips. The web site allows you to download, print and crop pieces of a page. The old microfilm was such a strain on the eyes, this web site is wonderful.

For instance, many shops would advertise lots of products in the newspaper, such as flour, rice, and tobacco. Many of which were very necessary or the ads would make you think that your life was unimaginable without their products. The aim of selling products to a large group of people is still basically the same, and as a recent series (MAD MEN) stated, "Happiness" is the key to the heart of many consumers. While the goal is the same, the newspaper of today is not at all like the ones of yesterday.

For example, flour sold for about 10 cents for 5 lbs.

**PRICES OF FLOUR**  
**At Louis Desmarais' Grocery**  
 Now and during the Coming Week:

King of Patents, best in market.....	\$5.80
Extra fancy flour (Chesterfield).....	5.35
Admiration, a fancy flour.....	5.00
Delight, a choice family flour.....	4.50
Snowflake, a fine family flour.....	3.75
Staff of Life, a good family flour.....	3.45

**AT LOUIS DESMARAIS'**  
**The Cheapest Grocery in Town.**  
**AT RETAIL:**  
 Five Pounds of Good Flour for Ten Cents.

March 17, 1888 "The Opelousas Courier"

[www.kingarthurfour.com](http://www.kingarthurfour.com)

<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/newspapers/>.



\$4.95/5lbs.

Retrieved March 22, 2015

Today's shopper is very different from yesterday or are they? The consumer of yesterday used the same basic items only today we view, view, click, click, click and it is at our doorstep, okay not that fast, but compared to when our grandmothers were young it seems as though the items are here in an instant. Yesterday, the paper was sometimes delivered just not in the same way as the internet and ordering was a lot harder, or was it? The delivery was not nearly as quick and paying was about the same. Payments were either sent through the mail or a person went to the local store and now we send our payments through the "magic mail" or electronically.

Other interesting items include births, deaths, marriages, people visiting your local area, legal information, places of interest, entertainment, and lots more. Today a lot of this information would be illegal to print due to so many privacy laws. Here are a few tips for researching:

- 1) Use the advance mode.
- 2) Use the exact newspaper for better results or at least the state
- 3) Search for random words at first until you get a feel of searching.
- 4) Last but not least, many facts can be sourced to this web site, but always remember to make sure to put the proper date in which the information was retrieved.

This web site includes many newspapers that were in circulation from 1836-1922. While not all are included, many are and a wealth of information is at your fingertips.

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Prepared by: Carla DeVille

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# Individual Summary for Hiram ALLEN-258

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Event	Date(s)	Place	Description
Born	1768/1772		
Christened			
Died	1813	, , LA	
Buried	1813	, , LA	
Nickname:	AKA:	Married Name:	
Sex: M	ID:	AFN:	
Last Changed: 24 Jun 2001			

## Parents

MRIN	Father	Relationship	Mother	Relationship
127	Benjamin ALLEN-148	Biological	Mary -1940	Biological

## Marriages

MRIN	Spouse	Marriage Date/Place
196	Mary Suzanna ALLEN-3391	Abt 1793

## Notes

!From Katherine Allen Harison," A Hiram Allen died between 1812/1814 (So could have been in or following The Battle of Medina). His widow Mary Ann Allen married Drury Thompson in St Landry Ph La in 1814. John W.Allen who married Mary Holcombe is the son of Hiram Allen. We know Hiram is a brother to Martin Allen because in Martin's petition to The Republic of Texas he states that his brother was a member of the Gutierrez/Magee Expedition that was all but wiped out in The Battle of Medina where Benjamin Allen was killed.We know that Hiram lived in N. La where Martin lived and after the battle Hiram's wife remarried in N. La. He may have been wounded, made his way back to N. La., and then died?

THE FOLLOWING IS FROM THE CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY TAX LIST RELATIVE TO HIRAM ALLEN:

6 July 1795 - lived at Wilmington, owned 1 lot (So did Benjamin)  
 29 July 1796 - 1 male above 21  
     1797 - 1 male above 21 - 1 town lot  
     1798 - 1 tithable above 21 - 1 town lot  
     1799 - records water soaked-almost impossible to read  
     1899 - See 2nd Census of KY

NOTE:Probate proceedings #99B Hiram Allen Dec 15, 1818 Parish of St. Landry Louisiana  
 William Campbell and Mary Ann Allen, wife of Drury Thompson, of St. Landry Parish, appoint Drury Thompson attorney in fact in Estate of Hiram Allen, deceased. Witnesses included Sarah Allen, wife of William Campbell.

NOTE: Court Proceedings, St.Landry Ph. La. 15 January 1820: Family

## Individual Summary for Hiram ALLEN-258

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### Notes (Continued)

meeting called for Rebecca Allen, aged 11 years; Nesbett Allen, aged 16; James Allen, aged 15; and Mary Allen, about 19 years of age. Drury Thompson appointed tutor to Rebecca and curator ad bona to other 3, these 4 being minor heirs of Hiram Allen, deceased.

Mrs Verena L. Garvey (Mrs Wallace L. Garvey, 106 Primera Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78212, as of June 29, 1984) is a descendant of Hiram Allen and exchanged information with Katherine Allen Harrison from 1971 through June of 1984. Following is an excerpt from some of Mrs Garvey's letters:

"The 1860 census of Angelina County, Texas shows John Calhoun Allen as being 65 years of age and born in Kentucky. He married Mary Holcombe about 1818 around Claiborne Parish, Louisiana (He is a son of Hiram Allen)."

"Several years ago, I employed Mrs. S. J. Nations of Shreveport, La. to search and exhaust all possible records of Claiborne Parish. In her report she gave the following miscellaneous item: Connecticut Hist. Soc, Vol VIII, Page 39, March 1776. MARTIN ALLEN enlisted Feb 6, 1776 on the pay roll of Capt. Titus Watson's Co., being the 8th Co. in C. Charles Burrells Battalion, Conn. Battalion. THE SAMENESS OF THE NAME MAKES ONE WONDER??? (Could this person be an early ancestor of our Martin, Benjamin and Hiram? It is not our Martin as he was not born in 1776).

"Another puzzle to me is my great-grandmother, Rebecca ALLEN McAuley moved with two sons to Kimble County, Texas in 1881. Her husband, Cornelius McAuley, had died in Coleman County, Texas a short time before. THEY HAD COME FROM CLAIBORNE PARISH, LOUISIANA! One of her sons, a bachelor, often went to Angelina County, Texas and spent the winters with his Allen relatives there.

In those early days Rebecca Allen McAuley loaned money she had to H. H. "TIP" Allen in Kimble County. I do not know from whence Tip Allen had come nor when he left Kimble County but there is still a safe in existence there, I understand, that has his name on it. I wonder if the Tip Allen was related to Rebecca and if he could have been the son of JOHN CALHOUN ALLEN and MARY HOLCOMBE, who was born 24 May 1829 or 1830. John was born in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana and died in Angelina County, Texas." (Was there a Harmon Holcombe Allen?)"

Hiram, along with brother Martin and father Benjamin are listed on the Old Attakapas Census (Present day St Mary's Parish, Louisiana, and surrounding Parishes) in the year 1810.

Did Hiram have addition children other than those shown for him? If so was there a Harmon Holcombe "Tip" Allen child who resided at one time in Kimble County, Texas?

## **JOSEPH TAYLOR, TO HYRAM ALLEN, SALE OF LAND**

On this eighteenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eleven before me Henry Johnson Judge of the Parish of St. Mary, personally appeared Joseph Taylor of the Plaquemine in the territory of Orleans who acknowledged and declared to have bargained, sold, aliened, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell, aliene, convoy, confirm and deliver unto Hyman Allen of the the Attakapas , a certain tract or parcel of land, containing two arpents in front with the ordinary depth of forty arpents, situated on the west side of the Bayou Teche, adjoining the lands of Louis Villeors below, and above by the lands of said Joseph Taylor, being part of a grant for twenty arpens in front with the depth of forty.

To have and to hold the above described premises, with all the rights, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging to the sole proper use and behalf of him the said Hyman Allen his heirs and assigns forever, which he the said Joseph Taylor, doth hereby engage and bind himself his heirs, executors and administrators to warrant and forever defend against all other legal claim or claims of every person whomsoever. This sale being made for and in consideration of the sum of four hundred and fifty Dollars in hand paid by the said Hiram Allen to the and Joseph Taylor before the delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged. In testimony whereof the said parties have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals, the day and year aforesaid in the presence of Matthew Nimmo & John Reeves assisting witness and of me the aforesaid judge.

Witnesses:  
Matthew Nimmo  
Jno. Reeves.

(Signed)  
Joseph Taylor  
Hiram Allen

Done and acknowledged before me the day and year aforemaid.  
J. Johnson,  
Par, Judge

(submitted by Mary Ann Thompson Fontenot)



I have all over by their present that William Campbell &  
 Henry are either wife of Henry Thompson of the date of  
 Louisiana & Bank of Bank of Bank of Bank of Bank of  
 & consideration have made the constitution and appoint  
 and do by their present nominate constitute & appoint  
 the said Henry Thompson their agent and attorney  
 attorney in fact to represent them in all things touching  
 their interest in the Estate of William Henry deceased, and  
 particularly to all transfer and conveyance and to  
 parcel of land situate on the above date of being in  
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 ing to lands of Alexander Porter having two acres front  
 by the date of party - authorizing their and attorney  
 to agree & execute for them and in their names a deed of  
 conveyance for the said tract of land to receive payment  
 of the purchase money and to give for them and their  
 names sufficient receipts & discharges for the same  
 giving to their said attorney full power to do all things  
 touching the premises as they themselves could do  
 they personally present & had done the same themselves  
 having authority & power to do all things then said at  
 Henry may lawfully do in the premises by virtue of  
 their present. — the Attorney who is the said William  
 Campbell & Henry are either have already agreed  
 in presence of the said Henry Thompson and before  
 George Henry says in and for the date of Bank of Bank  
 at Orleans on the 11th day of December 1808 Thomas  
 eight hundred & eighty three A. D. in presence of  
 James Roy. —  
 Joseph Gate  
 The District Court  
 Henry Thompson & others  
 in

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Campbell  
a Men  
to  
Thompson  
Power of  
Att. P.  
15<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1818

Recorded in Book F,  
page 45 of the Records for  
the Parish of Saint Lan-  
-day this 15<sup>th</sup> day of Decem-  
-ber in the Year of our  
Lord one thousand eight  
Hundred of Eighteen and  
in the forty third Year of  
the Independence of the  
United States. —

Geo. King Judge

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I know all men by these presents that I George King  
Judge in & for the Parish of Saint Landry in the State of  
Louisiana & ex officio Judge of Probate, being thereto  
requested by the family Council of Rebecca Allin aged  
Eleven Years, & by the Petitions of Nestitt Allin aged  
Sixteen Years, James Allin fifteen Years old, & Mary  
Allin aged about nineteen Years, have appointed &  
do hereby appoint Drury Thompson tutor to the said  
Rebecca & curator to the said Nestitt, James & Mary,  
he having complied with the previous requisites of  
the Law — the aforesaid Rebecca, Nestitt, James  
& Mary being the minor heirs of Sturam Allin  
dec'd — and as tutor & curator as aforesaid be  
the said Drury Thompson is hereby Vested with all  
the powers & authority contemplated by the Laws  
of this State —

Given under my hand & official  
seal at Opelousas the 15<sup>th</sup> day of  
January one thousand eight  
hundred & Twenty.

Geo. King J. Judge

A true Copy from the Original in my  
Office — 17<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1820

Geo. King J. Judge

Geo. d. King, Esq.  
Attorn. at Law.

Wife of William Campbell  
of one of the heirs of the said

David + Mrs. Allen  
(ind)

Att. at Law Campbell

The undersigned, have for divers good causes & considerations  
of themselves & said of said land, and against & against  
attorney in fact to represent us in the date of a fact of  
land situated in the Parish of St. Mary belonging to the estate  
of the said Allen dec'd, having two copies sent by the date  
of forty appearing on one side to said new or formerly  
belonging to Alexander Porter - to stop for us & in our  
names the conveyance for the same & to receive the purchase  
money and give acquittances therefor - finally to do all  
things touching the premises which may be necessary - we  
lawfully do - in testimony whereof we have  
hereto signed & affixed our seals at Philadelphia the  
eighteenth day of January one thousand eight hundred & 29  
Twenty in presence of the undersigned witnesses & said

John Thompson  
John McDonald

Witnesses  
J. Allen



To the Honorable John McPherson Clerk of the  
Court of Chancery & Co. Office Judge of Probate -

The Petition of William Campbell &  
Sarah Collins his wife of the Parish of St. Andrew, West  
Indies dependent, that the said Sarah is one of the heirs at  
law of John deceased - that there is a tract of land  
belonging to the Estate of said deceased situated in the  
Parish of St. Andrew adjoining on one side to land now or  
formerly belonging to Alexander Porter - having two adjoining  
fronts by forty in depth - which tract of land your  
petitioners may be sold at auction in Order  
that a Division of the proceeds of the sale be made,  
agreeably to an act of the Legislature "concerning the  
sale of Estates the property of minors passed November  
1811 Chap. 9, par 30 & 31 - your petitioners may for  
such other & further relief as the nature of the case  
may appear to require - & as in duty bound we  
obey - 13<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1820 - Wm Campbell

Sole

James Gray

Sarah his wife of  
West  
William Campbell

At a Court of Probate, holden before George Thompson Esq. J. P. in & for  
the Parish of St. Andrew in the State of Louisiana & Confessio juris  
of Probate on the fifteenth day of January in the year 1890  
said Court heard & viewed, a family account of the deceased Mary A.  
Thompson, wife of, deceased, comprised of George Thompson Esq. J. P. William  
Campbell brother in law, & in default of relations John Thompson  
Deamus McDaniel, & John McDaniel formerly friends to said deceased  
being convened & sworn for the purpose of deciding whether it  
will be advantageous to the interests of the said deceased to sell  
at auction a certain tract of land belonging to the deceased of  
said deceased situated in the Parish of St. Andrew on the bayou des  
appertains on one side to land now or formerly belonging to the deceased  
Porter, having two arpens front by forty in depth, and the said  
Counsel having duly deliberated on the subject, one of opinion  
that it will be conducive to the interests of the said deceased,  
that the aforesaid tract of land be immediately sold at public  
auction as aforesaid & for ready money - In testimony  
whereof the said Council have hereunto signed with me this  
day at Orleans the day & year above written.

Deamus McDaniel — John Thompson — Deamus  
John McDaniel — William Campbell

George Thompson Esq. J. P.

Attest at Orleans the 17th Feb. 1890

Not being able to do the several last cases  
 in the amount of the information I have thought  
 with the subject and on the recommendation of  
 many gentlemen representing in the House  
 of the late Government and later ones  
 later of the Government and later ones

On the twenty first day of February in the year of  
 our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty is offered  
 for sale at public auction by John Mathewson Esq. of  
 the parish of St. Andrew a tract of land belonging to the  
 of St. Andrew's parish and being situated with  
 fourth of St. Andrew on the north side of the Bay on the  
 containing two acres and a half with the ordinary rights  
 of fishery adjacent thereto on the south side by the  
 now owned by Joseph Mathewson and on the north side  
 by the parish of St. Andrew. For both  
 the lot having been recommended and authorized  
 a meeting of the parish of St. Andrew and St. Andrew's  
 relations and friends of the same St. Andrew and St. Andrew  
 of the parish of St. Andrew as well as the St. Andrew's  
 parish of St. Andrew of the parish of St. Andrew on the  
 15th day of February last and approved by a parish  
 presented to me from St. Andrew's parish and St. Andrew's

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The attorney in fact of William Campbell and  
his wife Sarah Campbell have again offered  
the aforesaid tract of Land for sale at public  
auction on a credit until all the month of  
April next the purchaser to give a Special  
Mortgage on the land to secure the payment  
of the purchase money, and Joseph Gibeau  
being the highest and best bidder the same  
was adjudged to him for the price and sum of  
Six hundred dollars on the credit and containing  
aforesaid Habermory the twenty first in May  
one thousand eight hundred and twenty,

Witnesses  
Lewis Moore  
L. M. Chapman

John Wilkinson  
Purchaser  
J. Gibeau  
L. M. Chapman



State of Louisiana  
Parish of Pellice

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It having been made appear to me John Wilkinson  
parish Judge of the parish aforesaid and ex officio  
Judge of Probates in & for the same that Horace Allen  
late of the Parish of St. Landry has died intestate and  
that there is in the Parish of Pellice a tract of land  
belonging to his estate, situate on the west side of the Bayou  
L'Anse au Loup on the lower side by lands formerly  
belonging to Peter M. Baldwin at this time to Joseph  
Charpentier and on the upper side by lands at this time  
belonging to Joseph Gurbau, containing two arpents  
in front with the depth of forty arpents. I have therefore  
at the request of Drury Thompson the husband of the late  
widow of the said Horace Allen representing his said  
wife and representing the minor children of the said  
as then Curator & Tutor and as attorney in fact of them  
of the heirs that have arrived to full age duly appointed  
attended at the House of Joseph Gurbau for the purpose  
of making an inventory and estimation of the said  
tract of land, and for that purpose I have appointed  
and by their presents do appoint Lewis Moore  
& C. M. Charpentier appraisers and they having been first  
duly sworn to make a just and true estimation of the  
same have estimated the aforesaid tract of land at the  
sum of one hundred Dollars. This twenty first  
day of February 1830,

Notaries

Drury Thompson

Thomas J. Gurbau

Lewis Moore

C. M. Charpentier

John Wilkinson parish Judge

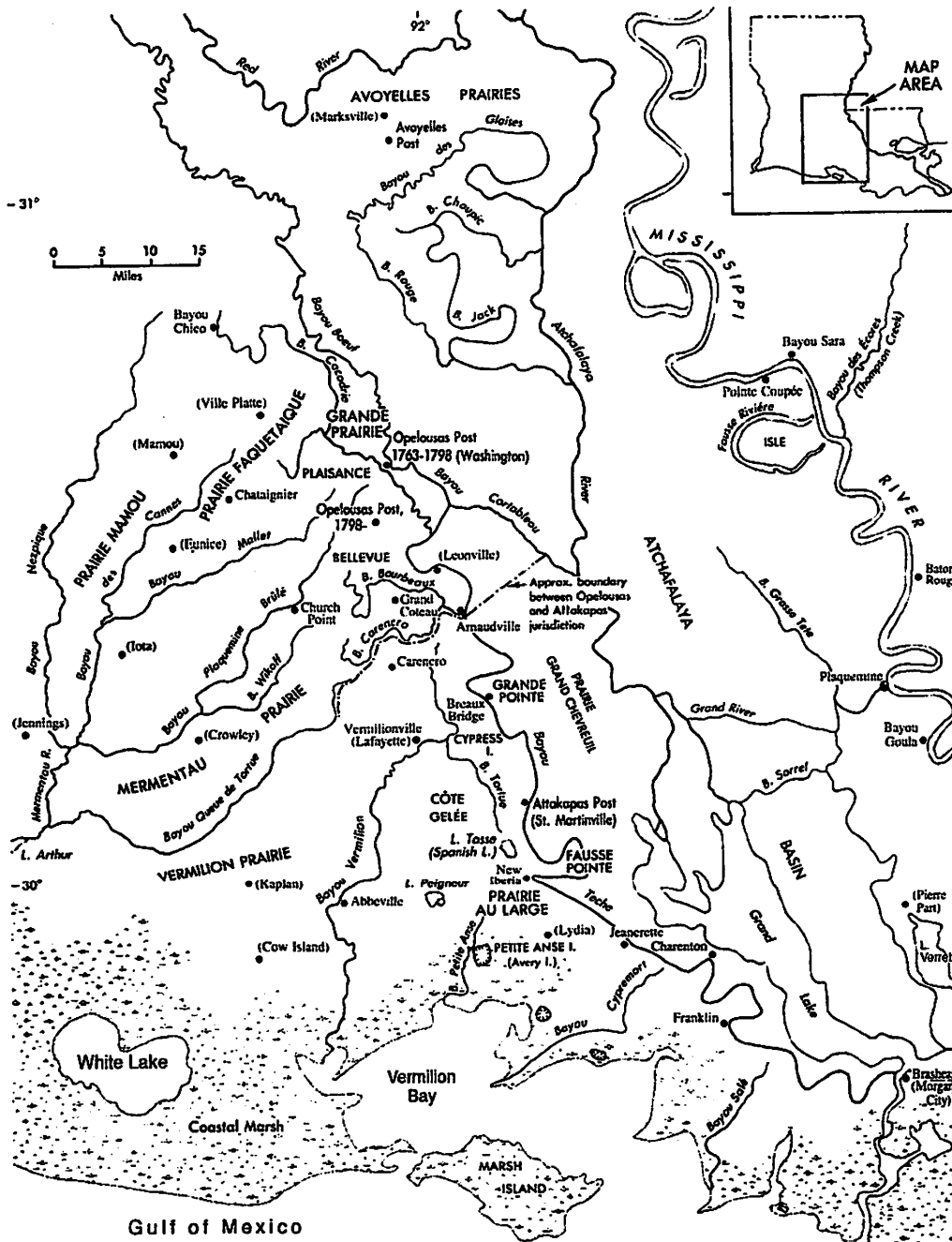
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Please call **Mary Ann Thompson Fontenot** at **337.363.7428** with any information.

Any other queries please contact Jane Vidrine at [eghsvp@yahoo.com](mailto:eghsvp@yahoo.com) , EGHS, P.O. Box 664, Ville Platte, LA 70586, OR my cell 337.459.0284.

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MAY 23, 1796

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Pierre Joubert  
Amable Bertrand  
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Antoine Doza  
Louis Cartier  
Nicolas Levasseur  
Janneau  
Phillippe Fontenot  
William Reed  
Denys Liberge  
Joseph Thierry  
Gallau  
Widow Boisdore  
Grandenigo  
Prudhomme  
Baptiste Fontenot  
Jacques Gomez

### QUARTER OF PLAQUEMINE

William Wickoff  
Joseph Andrews  
James Andrews  
Benjamin Andrews  
William Gilchrist  
Edward forman  
Michel Stouts  
Jacques Will  
Thomas Hoffpauir  
John Dunman  
James McLeland  
Isaac Johnson  
John Clark  
Thomas Lauglin

### QUARTER OF MANNE

Laurent Baily  
Femme Diau



Francois Hinard  
Francois Robin  
Barthelemy Dejean  
Beletre  
Andres Myer  
Baptiste Lalande  
Roquigny  
Jacques Roman  
Lenclos Brothers  
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Balthazar Marq  
Baptiste Morin  
Joseph Frozard  
Andres Duclos

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Jean Doucet  
Widow Latiolais  
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Widow Mondon  
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Diego Lafleur  
Jean Baptiste Roujot  
Francois Ledoux  
Berthelemy Lebleu  
Lamirande, pere  
Chevalier Lamirande  
Louis Laperche  
Jean Baptiste Lafleur  
Simon Fontenot  
Henry Fontenot  
Pierre Doucet  
Baptiste Riviere  
Claude Guillory  
Jean Bureau  
Jean Ponsony  
Jean Baptiste Duplechin  
Michel Janis  
Baptiste Lafleur  
Jean Baptiste Felix  
Jean Louis Fontenot  
Francois Ardouin  
Charles Langevin  
Georges Desmarais  
Pierre Maniel  
Jacob Beaulieu  
Pierre Lelong  
Jean Rion  
Antoine Anselin  
Joseph Campeau  
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Louis Fontenot  
Louis Guillory  
Jacques Dupre  
Nicolas Bordelon  
Francois Fontenot

Jean Baptiste Desmarais  
Louis Belair  
Florentin Poirer  
Joseph Guillory  
Pierre Guillory  
Simon Fontenot  
Charles Belair  
Victor Deforets  
Francois Pitre, fils  
Joseph Boisdore  
Charles Savoyard  
Sylvestre  
Francois Pitre  
Louis Rideau  
Baptiste Doucet Brothers

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Joseph Chretien  
Francois Valle  
Noel Levasseur  
Jean Benoit  
Augustin Bodreau  
Widow Georges Miller  
Jean Fall  
Jean Tayler  
Andres Meuch  
Charlers Smith  
Michael Ritter  
Joseph Boutin  
Paul Boutin, pere  
Paul Boutin, fils  
Jean Tyson  
Jacob Miller  
Widow Stelly  
Jean Baptiste Stelly  
Frederic Miller  
Michel Leger  
Robert Burleigh  
Paul Peger  
Mathurin Richard  
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Pierre Richard  
David Guidry  
Jean Savoie  
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Charles Comeaux  
Andres Favron  
Anaclet Cormier  
Joseph Landry  
Blaise Brasseaux  
Jean Johnson  
Campiran  
Jacques Fontenot  
Widow chals Jeanson  
Louis Carriere  
Guillaume Despaux  
Joseph Bourg  
Basile Chaisson  
Charles Bourrassas  
Jacques Marayon  
Louis Lavergne  
Baptiste Grange  
Silvain Sonnier  
Widow Buissonnier  
Michael Blanchet  
Louis Augeron —  
Victor Richard Widow Thibodeaux  
Fabien Richard  
Cyrile Tibodeau  
Jean Sonnier, fils  
John Liver  
Georges  
Louis Clement  
Antoine Belard  
Pierre Pariseau  
Daniel Callaghan  
Hubert Janis, fils  
Joseph Cormier, fils  
Pierre Comeau  
Louis Richard  
Pierre Richard, pere  
Pierre Richard, fils  
Jean Bourg  
Charles Normand  
Ethienne Brancogne  
Joseph Janson

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Charles Lacase  
Auguste Roi  
Pierre Trahan  
Jean Flecher  
Blaise LeJeune  
Blaise Lejeune, fils  
Michel Carriere  
Eustache Moreau  
Joseph Lejeune  
Jean Ignau (or Ignace)  
Widow Donato Bello  
Francois Marcantel  
Jean Fruge  
Nicolas Fruge  
Pierre Fruge  
Antoine corkins  
Joseph Fruge  
Francois Fruge  
Joseph Joaquim  
Jean Buck  
Widow Jean Baptiste Derbanne

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Julien Lessassier  
Luc Collins, pere  
Luc Collins, fils  
Antoine Langlois  
Joseph Roi  
Jacques Debordes  
Michel Ritter  
Jacob Bogard (or Boyard)  
Widow Wible  
Michael Bordelon  
Joseph Roi, fils  
Seth Hanchette  
Jacob Beam  
Pierre Connar  
Pierre Carriere  
Widow Carriere  
Chevalier Villiers  
Pierre Tauriac  
John Sappinthon  
Auguste Soileau

Luc Hollier  
Charles Barre Antoine Nezat  
Widow Noel Roi  
Francois Marcantel  
Michel Wyble  
Tesson

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Antoine Dubroquas  
Baptiste Figuran  
Widow Carron  
Henry Lastrapes.  
Louie Chacherie  
Rev. Father Pierre Zamora  
Lamelle Brothers  
Francois Batin  
Antoine Simien  
Antoine Lambert  
Michel Audibert  
Charles Vige  
Widow Viderine  
Widow Brignac  
Baptiste Viderine  
Joseph Brignac Pierre Gerome  
Sabot  
Marie Carron

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John Hayes  
Patrik JmAulay  
James Campbell  
Widow Prou  
Jean Ortega  
Gott Krieger  
John McDaniel  
William Dannegan  
James Brown  
Adam Tait

## Early Colonial LA. Drugs

Medical drugs of early colonial Louisiana were more or less herbs and other compounds mixed, hoping for a good outcome. On the other hand, some of the herbs and compounds were used to poison people. The book "From Humors to Medical Science" by John Duffy, 1976 (retrieved April 17, 2015 from [www.books.google.com](http://www.books.google.com)) includes several medications used during the early colonial times.

These medications were derived from Dragon's Blood, Queen of Hungary's Water, Lavender Oil, Rose Oil, Witch Hazel, Crab's eyes, Corn Poppy Flowers, Boar's Trunk, Pike's Jaw, Peach Pit Holy Thistle Seeds, Turpentine, and Oil of Sweet Almonds. These ingredients must be mixed with just the right compounds or other household items such as vinegar or could prove deadly. For instance, in 1596, the Oil of Sweet Almonds and clear turpentine was used to calm down a crying baby and easily put them to sleep, however the outcome was deadly. Later, the book "The Sick Child in Early Modern England" 1580-1720 was written by Hannah Newton, University Press (Retrieved April 17, 2015 [www.books.google.com](http://www.books.google.com)) to help young parents learn how to use the Oil of Sweet Almonds by anointing the head and temples. A compound used for purging a person or an animal is known as Hipecac or Ipecac. Usually the compound caused vomiting and sweating to rid the body of any poisons. "From Humors to Medical Science" by John Duffy, ([www.books.google.com](http://www.books.google.com), retrieved April 17, 2015).

Dragon's blood, made from the fruit and trunk of a large tree, *Dracaena Draco*, native of the Canary Islands and East Indies is used for dysentery or diarrhea. The trunk is cracked opened emitting each drop that looks like a red tear of a dragon or blood. The fruit can be boiled to make an intoxicating drink, which is used for dysentery or diarrhea. This tree is one of the oldest trees found in the vegetable kingdom. Other uses of Dragon's blood were to create an embalming solution used by Egyptians. ([www.botanical.com](http://www.botanical.com), retrieved on April 17, 2015).

Other ingredients such as Crab's eyes were used for a great relief of pleurisy when ground up with Corn Poppy Flowers, a boar's tusk, pike's jaw peach pit, and Holy Thistle Seeds. The concoction was applied by bleeding the vein on the infected side of the arm or by using just the ground up crab eyes to draw out the inflammation on the arm. "Chris Sayer's Herbal Cures" Weaver, William Woys, and Routledge, 2001. (Retrieved April 17, 2015, [www.books.google.com](http://www.books.google.com)).

A final formula created and used by Gypsies is "Queen of Hungary's Water" is a very old formula used to keep the gray out for dark hair, cleanser for the face, mouthwash, aftershave, headaches, and relax those tired feet. The ingredients used to make this wonderful formula includes:

6 parts lemon balm	4 parts of chamomile
4 parts of roses	3 parts of calendula
3 parts of comfrey leaf	1 part of a lemon peel
1 part rosemary	1 part sage

Vinegar (apple cider or wine) use enough to rinse all dry ingredients.

Mix dry ingredients with vinegar to cover about 1 to 2 inches over the top, add 2 to 3 drops of rose water or witch hazel extract, and essential oil of lavender or rose oil. For every cup of herbal vinegar add 2/3 to 1 cup of rose water or witch hazel. Store in a jar for 2 to 3 weeks, cover tightly, and no refrigeration necessary.

Here are a few pictures of some of those items used in the medications or formulas used for illnesses or other ailments.

Holy Thistle Plant  
[www.kingcounty.gov](http://www.kingcounty.gov)



**Dracaena Tree (Dragon's Blood)**  
[www.arkive.com](http://www.arkive.com)



**Boar (wild hog) Tusk**  
[www.duxfeminia.wikispaces.com](http://www.duxfeminia.wikispaces.com)



Witch Hazel Plant (yellow in color)  
[www.acneassassins.com](http://www.acneassassins.com)



Corn Poppy Flowers (red in Color)  
[www.fineartamerica.com](http://www.fineartamerica.com)

All of these wonderful formulas and concoctions would require for a person to become a hunter and gatherer! Most of us will have to check our schedules to see if time will permit those activities during the day! Happy Hunting!!!

Carla DeVille



"Having noticed every thing belonging to the Estate and  
have cleared the debt, the present amounting to the  
sum of twenty four thousand four hundred and eighty five  
dollars, which adds to the amount of the former  
debt amounting to the total sum of thirty three thousand  
two hundred and thirty dollars, eight and four tenths cents  
together with the interest the day of year above

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From each of  
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# Family Group Sheet

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<b>Husband Joseph FONTENOT dit LaRose</b>		
Birth	1755	Fort Toulouse, Alabama
Birth	abt 1756	Mobile, AL [Louisiana Territory]
Living	1818	Grand Prairie Area, La
Death	1828	
Death	22 Oct 1828	Grand Prairie, St Landry Ph, La
Probate	Jan 1829	Opelousas Area, La
Alt. Name		Joseph FONTENOT Larose
Occupation		Tobacco grower
Marriage	1776	Opel Area, St. Landry Par, La
Marriage	abt 1777	Opelousas Area, La
Father	Philippe FONTENOT (1727-1806)	
Mother	Marie Nicole BRIGNAC (1722-1799)	
<b>Wife Magdelaine (Hier) HAYES</b>		
Birth	1762	Germany
Death	bef 22 Mar 1843	Grand Prairie, St Landry Ph, La
Probate	22 Mar 1843	Opelousas Area, La
Alt. Name		Magdalen HAYES Hier
Probate	1843 #1052	Opel Ct Hse, Opelousas, La
Occupation		Housewife
Father	Nicolas HAYES ( - )	
Mother	Marguerite FOLTZ "Volz" (1732- )	
Father	Nicholas HAYES ( - )	
Mother	Marguerite FOLSCH (VOLZ) (1730-1775)	
<b>Children</b>		
F	<b>Modeste FONTENOT</b>	
Chr	15 Oct 1797	Opelousas Area, La
Death	20 Jan 1835	St Landry Ph, La
Burial	20 Jan 1835	Grand Prairie Cem, Grand Prairie, La
Probate	20 Jan 1835	Opelousas Area, La
Occupation		Housewife
Spouse	Marcelin LAFLEUR (1795-1868)	
Marriage	24 Apr 1816	St Landry Ph, La
M	<b>Joseph Philippe FONTENOT</b>	
Spouse	Marie Josephe ORTEGO ( - )	
Marriage	1803	
F	<b>Marie Louise FONTENOT dit Larose</b>	
Birth	abt 1777	Opelousas Area, La
Chr	25 Nov 1777	Opelousas Area, La
Death	15 Nov 1850	St. Landry Parish, LA
Probate	18 Nov 1850	Opel Ct Hse, Opelousas, La
Spouse	Adam TATE II (1774-1819)	
Marriage	22 Apr 1799	Opel Area, St. Landry Par, La
M	<b>Philippe FONTENOT dit LaRose</b>	
Birth	Oct 1780	Opel Area, St. Landry Par, La
Spouse	Marie Josephe Mathilde ORTEGO (1790- )	
Marriage	21 Dec 1803	
M	<b>Joseph FONTENOT</b>	
Birth	6 Jan 1783	Opel Area, St. Landry Par, La
Chr	6 Jul 1783	

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**Husband** Joseph FONTENOT dit LaRose

**Wife** Magdelaine (Hier) HAYES

**Children**

6 **M** Phillip Joseph FONTENOT Ldit arose

Birth	abt Feb 1783	Opelousas Area, La
Chr	6 Jul 1783	Opelousas Area, La
Probate	15 Jan 1858	Opelousas Area, La
Death	abt 1858	Opelousas Area, La
Spouse	Marie Joseph Mathilde ORTEGO (1790-1865)	
Marriage	21 Nov 1803	Opelousas Area, La

7 **F** Julienne (Julie) FONTENOT

Birth	7 Apr 1786	Opel Area, St. Landry Par, La
Chr	28 May 1786	Opelousas Area, La
Probate	19 Nov 1835	Opelousas Area, La
Alt. Name	Julienne (Juelie) FONTENOT	
Spouse	Andre DESHOTELS (1786- )	
Spouse	Andre DESHOTELS (1784- )	
Marriage	1 Aug 1807	Opelousas Area, La

8 **F** Adelaide LaRose FONTENOT

Birth	18 Feb 1788	Opelousas Area, La
Chr	24 Aug 1788	
Death	21 Sep 1843	Opelousas Area, La
Probate	29 Dec 1843	St. Landry Parish, LA
Alt. Name	Adelaide FONTENOT	
Occupation	Housewife	
Spouse	Pierre de VIDRINE 3 (1790-1837)	
Marriage	14 May 1816	Opelousas Area, La

9 **F** Eugenie FONTENOT

Birth	abt 1790	Opel Area, St. Landry Par, La
Death	17 Jun 1815	Opelousas Area, La
Occupation	Housewife	
Spouse	Jean Francois (FiFi) ORTEGO (1782-1843)	
Marriage	4 Feb 1806	Opelousas Area, La

10 **M** Augustin (Larose) FONTENOT

Chr	6 Jan 1791	Opelousas Area, La
Birth	abt 1791	St. Landry Parish, LA
Will	8 Jan 1836	St. Landry Parish, LA
Death	8 Aug 1868	Ville Platte, Evang Ph, La
Probate	10 Aug 1868	Opelousas Area, La
Spouse	Felonise FONTAINE (1807- )	
Marriage	4 Nov 1826	Opelousas Area, La

11 **M** Louis Lucas FONTENOT

Birth	15 Aug 1792	St. Landry Parish, LA
Death	bef Feb 1837	St. Landry Parish, LA
Probate	Feb 1837	Opelousas Area, La
Probate	Feb 1837 # 78	Opel Ct Hse, Opelousas, La
Spouse	Marie Anne GULLORY (1806-1872)	
Marriage	28 Jan 1822	Opelousas Area, La
Spouse	Genevieve ROUGEAU (1796-1822)	
Marriage	22 Jan 1818	

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**Husband Joseph FONTENOT dit LaRose**

**Wife Magdelaine (Hier) HAYES**

**Children**

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**M Alexandre FONTENOT Larose**

Chr	29 Jun 1794	Opelousas Area, La
Birth	abt 1794	Opelousas Area, La
Probate	11 May 1859	Opelousas Area, La
Death	abt 1859	St. Landry Parish, LA
Alt. Name		Alexander FONTENOT
Spouse	Eugenie DESHOTELS (1799-1847)	
Marriage	11 Feb 1817	Opelousas Area, La

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**M Cyprien LaRose FONTENOT**

Birth	17 Nov 1795	Opel Area, St. Landry Par, La
Death	Dec 1869	St. Landry Parish, LA
Probate	5 Sep 1870	St. Landry Parish, LA
Alt. Name		Cyprien FONTENOT Larose
Spouse	Silise Celine (Celeste) LAFLEUR ( -1890)	
Marriage	22 Apr 1816	Opelousas Area, La

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**M Don Diegue FONTENOT dit LaRose**

Birth	bef 26 Sep 1799	Opelousas Area, La
Chr	26 Sep 1799	Opelousas Area, La
Death	7 Dec 1863	Grand Prairie, St Landry Ph, La
Probate	20 Feb 1864	Opelousas Area, La
Alt. Name		Baptized as Diegue Fontenot.
Alt. Name		Don Diegue (Larose) FONTENOT Pere
Native of		Grand Prairie, La
Spouse	<del>Marie</del> LAFLEUR (1803-1882)	
Marriage	9 Feb 1819	Opelousas Area, La

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Birth		
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## FAMILY NOTES

Marriage (abt 1777): unable to locate marriage record, census 1777 shows married

## HUSBAND NOTES: Joseph FONTENOT dit LaRose

Birth (abt 1756): death record shows age 72

### General:

He was shown as a tobacco grower on 10 Feb 1791, assessed 7830

He was assessed 3040 acres in the 1800 landowner census

He may be the Joseph Fontenot listed as trooper on 8 June 1777 troop rolls of Opelousas.

317 FONTENOT, Jos. Laroze ?-1765	Joseph LaRose	1755? LA
female	?-1765 Madeleine HAYES	1761? AL
male	1785-94 Augustin	1791? LA
male	1785-94 Louis Lucas	1792 LA

male	1785-94 Alexandre	1794? LA
female	1785-94 Cyprien	1795 LA

female	1795-1800 Modeste	1797 LA
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male	1795-1800 Don Diegue	1799? LA
male	1801-10	
male	1766-84	

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male	1785-94	Alexandre	1794? LA
female	1785-94	Cyprien	1795 LA

female	1795-1800	Modeste	1797 LA
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male	1801-10	
male	1766-84	

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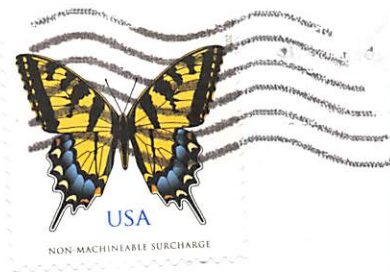
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