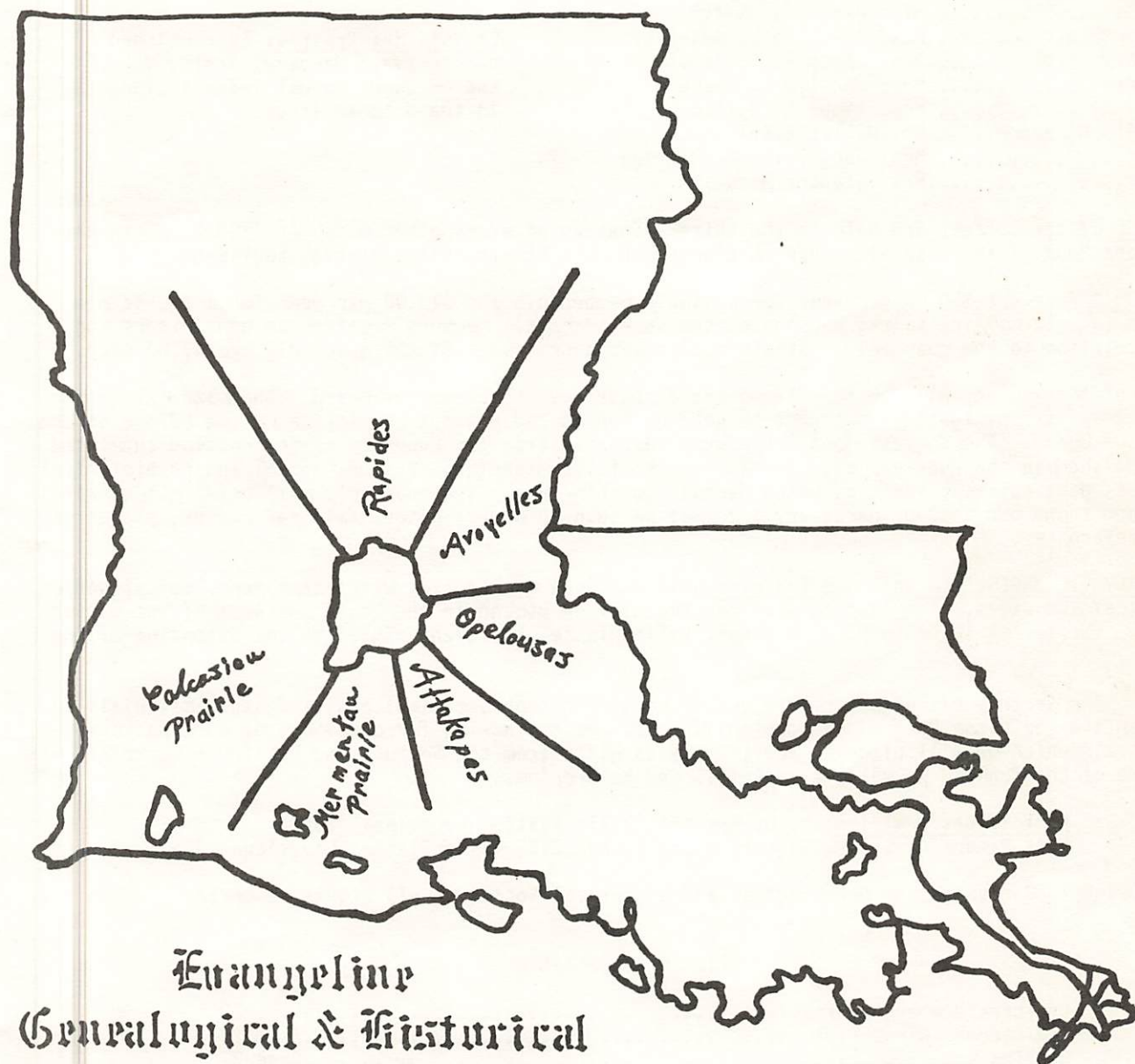


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THE DARDEAU MANUSCRIPT
by Elba Anthony Dardeau, Jr.

The DARDEAU family had been in the United States for nearly a century when Edouard "Nonc Fils" DARDEAU (1) wrote a family history ca. 1929 at the request of his nephew, Arthur, son of Oscar DARDEAU. Nonc Fils was the son of Edouard Alphonse Ferdinand DARDEAU, who emigrated from France to the United States in 1831 (2). In 1929, Fils was eighty-five years old and the only logical choice to prepare such a history. Arthur was most fortunate because this particular uncle was quite intelligent and had a good memory. Unfortunate, however, was the fact that Fils had known the elder Edouard for only about fifteen years, and now about seventy years after his father's death, Fils had to recall what he had learned in his youth.

Fils had served the cause of the Confederacy and was wounded in the right arm by Union fire in the second Battle of Manassas in 1862 (3). The battle injury caused Fils to write by holding his pen in his right hand, which he guided with his left hand. Both my grandfather, Arthur DARDEAU, and my father, Elba DARDEAU, witnessed Fils writing the DARDEAU manuscript in this manner. Even with this limitation, he had a surprisingly good penmanship. The DARDEAU manuscript, "Reminiscence of the DARDEAU Family", covered two legal-size ledger sheets. At Arthur's request, Fils made a second copy on a large single sheet that was later framed. When Arthur died in 1931, my father, Elba A. DARDEAU, inherited the first copy of the manuscript and my father's sister, Elise DARDEAU (Mrs. Leonard FONTENOT) received the framed copy.

Dad introduced me to genealogy long before I could even pronounce the word. He showed me the DARDEAU manuscript and took me to a number of our ancestor's graves in Le Vieux Cimetière in Ville Platte. I studied this manuscript with great interest and wished that I could meet my ancestors. I did not take an active interest in genealogy, however, until 1976, after I read Judge J. Cleveland FRUGÉ's book (FRUGÉ, 1971), which contained some data on the DARDEAU family. The Judge's book renewed my interest in family history. Dad and Aunt Elise were very helpful in answering my questions and in showing locations of family graves. Aunt Elise died on 30 Dec. 1977, and Dad on 26 March 1981. Dad left me his copy of the DARDEAU manuscript.

The manuscript has given me a special insight into the life of my great-grandfather, Oscar DARDEAU, and has been a starting point for more detailed studies. Although this document has been photocopied, referenced, and quoted, to the best of my knowledge it has never been published in its entirety; therefore, I have decided to share it with others. To my Dad, Aunt Elise, and of course, to the author, Nonc Fils, I dedicate the publication of the unedited DARDEAU Manuscript, "Reminiscence of the DARDEAU Family", more than a half century after it was written.

The second part of this article is the manuscript itself. The spelling, punctuation, and sentence structure are left as they were originally written; however, I have included some explanatory notes. In addition, I have underlined and placed a question mark after those words that were illegible and that could not be identified with complete confidence.

The third part contains additional data on the Louisiana DARDEAU line. I am deeply indebted to René-Pierre DARDEAU of Montlouis, dép. Indre-et-Loire, France, for sharing the fruits of his extensive research on our family.

"Reminiscence of the Dardeau Family"
Written by Edouard "Nonc Fils" Dardeau, ca. 1929

Edouard DARDEAU, born in France in the département of Loire (sic) and Cher (4), at the age of 25 years came to America and settled in Opelousas - Taught school there for two years then came to Ville Platte where he built the first tannery in South West Louisiana.

His first marriage was to a Miss VIDRINE (5). From this marriage there were four children, Alicia, Andre, Malvina and Marie (6). A year after Marie's birth, she and her mother died. Two years later he married Miss Lodoiska RAULIN (7), the daughter of a Frenchman once Secretary of Napoleon BONAPARTE who came to this country after Napoleon was taken prisoner and exiled until (sic) his death (8). Her mother was a HOLLEY, an orphan brought up by the refugees after the massacre of her parents and many other people by the Indians at Holley (sic) Springs and Natchez in Mississippi (sic) adopted and brought up by a family named FRANCHEBOIS (9).

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The issue from this second marriage was Edouard, Oscar, Ernestine who died at the age of 6 years, Camille, Yorick and Aurore, who died of yellow fever in 1868, aged about 12 years (sic) (10).

Oscar DARDEAU was born in Ville Platte, March 23rd 1846 (11). He went to the school at Ville Platte untill (sic) he was 9 years old, then to Valade School in Opelousas, then at 13 years went to St. Charles College in Grand Coteau - and during the Civil War, 1861 to 1865, he served in the militia or home guards composed of men too old and boys too young to serve in as regular army (12).

After the Civil War he went to Houma, La. (13) and was clerking for a Mr. DUPONT when he was offered a good position as a traveling salesman for the wholesale tobacco house of MOULOR and Co. of New Orleans. After the death of Mr. MOULOR, he returned to Ville Platte, Engaged in general merchandizing with Onezime TATE his brother-in-law, husband of Malvina DARDEAU - in 1868 or 1869 - Onezime TATE, his wife Malvina and younger sister Aurore died of yellow fever (14). In 1870 he married Cora TATE (15) and took his father-in-law Mr. Hilaire TATE as partner untill (sic) the latter's death (16). The issue from this marriage was three children Lydie, Arthur, and Regil (17).

In the year 1888 he married Louisa COREIL, widow of Joseph ROY, there is (sic) no children from this marriage (18).

In 1892 he moved to Opelousas bought a store where the then previous owners had failed in business there, some attributed it to the bad position on a street hardly ever used by country people coming? in the town and others said it was the competition of the Jews which was very strong at that time. He opened a small store with a small capital and in less than six months nearly every peddler operation? was bringing in his produce? of the South West part of St. Landry Parish. His former customers came and traded with him, the produce of the country then. Chickens, eggs, hides, wool were the things that brought the cash during the dull seasons and contributed to his success and made him able to stand against such strong competition, but most of the intelligent people attributed his success to his fair and honest dealings with everyone. He never did take advantage of an ignorant person, either white or black he considered it as a crime. A customer once was a customer always. During his whole life as merchant he never refused to help anyone in need. He died at his home in Opelousas (19) on the 22nd day of the month of June in the year 1928 (sic) (20) and buried in the old grave yard in Ville Platte (21).

Further Research on the Dardeau Family

The DARDEAU Manuscript states that Edouard's birthplace was the département of Loir-et-Cher, which can be confirmed on the 1835 Opelousas church record of Edouard's first marriage to Marie VIDRINE (See Note 6). This marriage record also contains other data, including "Selles" and the names of his parents (Andre and Rosalie "BORDIRIEAU"). (Perhaps Fils knew nothing more than the name of the French département where his father was born.)

René-Pierre DARDEAU has spent countless hours in the various archives of the Loire Valley trying to assemble as much data as he can about the DARDEAU family. René-Pierre found the act recording Edouard's birth in the canton of Selles-sur-Cher, dép. Loir-et-Cher, on 14 Jan. 1807 at 7:00 PM, the son of André and Rosalie BOURDERIOU (confirming the accuracy of the Opelousas record, but providing the correct spelling of Rosalie's surname). (DARDEAU, 1980). He also located death records for André and Rosalie, as well as records on seven of Edouard's siblings in the Archives of Loir-et-Cher (DARDEAU, 1980). André and Rosalie's dates of birth, based on their ages on their death records, were ca. 1757 and ca. 1760, respectively (DARDEAU, 1980). André was a "fermier", then a "propriétaire" in Selles (DARDEAU and DARDEAU, 1981).

In the Indre-et-Loire Archives, René-Pierre has traced his own DARDEAU line fifteen generations, to before the year 1545. However, he could find no data on André's origins or early life in either Loir-et-Cher or in Indre-et-Loire. René-Pierre then extended his research to the neighboring département of Cher, southeast of Loir-et-Cher, near the geographic center of France. He found that André was a "restaurateur" and "aubergiste" in Vignoux and that some of the older children of André and Rosalie were also born at Vignoux (DARDEAU and DARDEAU, 1981). There were a total of 12 children of the DARDEAU-BOURDERIOU marriage, including those born in Selles, with Edouard being the youngest (DARDEAU and DARDEAU, 1981).

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René-Pierre learned that André's parents were Etienne, bt. St. Meard de Bourges, dép. Cher, 5 Jan. 1717, d. 25 June 1783, and Jeanne MOSNY (MÔNY), d. before 1783. Etienne was "Premier Echevin" of the town of Mehun-sur-Yèvre, dép. Cher, during the pre-revolutionary epoch (22). The echevins were later replaced by the "Conseillers Municipaux". Etienne also farmed the lands of the Marquis de Blosset, who had a domaine in Vignoux (DARDEAU and DARDEAU, 1981).

Etienne's baptismal record shows his parents as Pierre, a "tailleur de pierres" (stone mason), and Magdeleine GERMAIN. René-Pierre comments, "Ce qui est intéressant pour nous, c'est que Pierre DARDEAU était tailleur de pierres; or ces ouvriers d'élite se déplaçaient à travers la France au gré des travaux: maison bourgeois, petits châteaux, grands châteaux, ponts, églises, cathédrales, etc..." (23). René-Pierre suspects that Pierre, in his travels as a stone mason, probably came from another part of the Loire Valley (?Montlouis) and settled near Bourges. René-Pierre is currently tracing Pierre's ancestors and investigating connections with the Montlouis DARDEAUS.

In summary, Edouard Alphonse Ferdinand DARDEAU came from Loir-et-Cher to Louisiana in February 1931 via the port of Bordeaux. He was the youngest of twelve children of Andre and Rosalie BOURDERIOU. Andre and his parents, Etienne and Jeanne MOSNY (MÔNY), were natives of the département of Cher, who later moved to Loir-et-Cher. Etienne's parents were Pierre and Magdeleine GERMAIN. Pierre, a stone mason, probably came from another part of the Loire Valley, perhaps Montlouis, and settled near Bourges.

(Editor's Note: Below is a photocopy of the first paragraph of the Dardeau Manuscript. Take note of the good penmanship of Mr. Dardeau, remembering that he had to guide his right hand with the left hand because of a war injury to the right hand.)

Reminiscence of the Dardeau Family.

Edouard Dardeau, born in France, in the département of Loire and Cher, at the age of 25 years came to America and settled in Opelousas. Taught School there for two years then came to Ville Platte where he built the first tannery in South West Louisiana.

Explanatory Notes:

1. The term, "Nonc" is an affectionate diminutive for "oncle", the French word for "uncle". Fils was born in Ville Platte, Louisiana, on 29 Dec. 1844. He died in the Faquetique community near Ville Platte, ca. 1930. For a discussion of the DARDEAU family, see DARDEAU, 1980.
2. Edouard Alphonse Ferdinand DARDEAU departed for Louisiana via the port of Bordeaux in Feb. 1831. He received his American citizenship on 23 Nov. 1840. (Taken from research notes of 1958 by Jacqueline Olivier Vidrine on Edouard's naturalization papers found in the Archives of the St. Landry Parish Courthouse, Opelousas, Louisiana. These papers have since disappeared from the Courthouse.)
3. Based on military service records in the National Archives, Washington, D. C. GARRETT, 1980, gives more details on Fils military service.
4. The correct name for this département is Loir-et-Cher, not Loire-et-Cher. Both the Loir and the Loire are French Rivers, with the Loir being a "rivière" and the Loire, a "fleuve". The Loir is a third-order, right-bank tributary of the Loire (via the Sarthe and the Maine) near Angers, dép. Maine-et-Loire. The Loire empties into the Atlantic Ocean near Nantes, dép. Loire-Atlantique.

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5. Edouard's first wife, Marie VIDRINE, the daughter of Pierre VIDRINE and Marie-Joseph BRIGNAC (and a sister of Marcellin GARAND's second wife, Hyacinthe), was baptized in Opelousas on 8 May 1813, age 9 months (Opelousas Church record). They were married in Opelousas on 21 April 1835 (Opelousas Church record). Marie died ca. 1841 (Opelousas Civil record). For a discussion on the origins of the VIDRINE-VEDRINES family, see VIDRINE 1981.
6. See DARDEAU, 1980, pp. 256-257, for correlation of the names of Edouard's children listed in the Dardeau Manuscript with those found in church and civil records. Note: André, b. 2 or 8 Aug. 1837, d. 25 Feb. 1876, married Elise (Lise) NAQUIN of Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, daughter of Francois and Eulalie BOURG, at St. Francis de Sales Church, Houma, on 3 July 1856 (St. Francis de Sales Cathedral records; tombstone (Le Vieux Cimetière) inscription; and HEBERT, Vol. 3, p. 164, p. 583).
7. Louise Lodoiska RAULIN was b. 12 July 1825. She and Edouard were married in a civil ceremony on 4 Feb. 1843 that was validated in the Catholic Church exactly two years later. Lodoiska had a second marriage to Fredric Aime Charles Marie DECOURSON, a native of France, b. ca. 1822, d. Pont Debaillon, Grand Prairie, Louisiana, 8 Oct. 1862. That marriage took place on 12 Aug. 1862. Lodoiska died ca. 1863 (data based on Opelousas church and civil records). See DARDEAU, 1980, pp. 256-257.
8. Lodoiska's father was Louis Nicolas RAULIN, a native of "Seine Infeuriere", probably dep. Seine-Maritime, and the son of Nicolas and Charlotte ? . RAULIN died ca. 1846 (data based on Opelousas church and civil records). No other connection between RAULIN and Napoleon has been established.
9. Lodoiska's mother, Sophie Marcelline HOLLEY, supposedly a native of what is now the state of Mississippi, was the daughter of Sam and Marcelline ADAM (?ADAMS). Sophie and RAULIN were married in the Opelousas Catholic Church on 2 Oct. 1820. If an Indian massacre did take place, as described in the manuscript, then the victims would have been Sam HOLLEY and Marcelline ADAM; however, research and conversations with knowledgeable persons in both Louisiana and Mississippi, including the Marshall County Historical Society at Holly Springs and the Indian massacre experts at the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, have failed to produce even a single clue. In addition, nothing further has been found on the FRANCHEBOIS family.
10. See Note 6. Yorick, bt. as Stanislas Hyonik, b. Ville Platte, 2 May 1854, d. 18 Oct. 1923, buried in Le Vieux Cimetiere, has a number of DARDEAU descendants, as do Edouard (Fils) and Oscar. The last child, Aurore, was born in Ville Platte on 15 Aug. 1857, and died in Ville Platte of yellow fever on 23 Sept. 1870 (Ville Platte Church records). Opelousas church records show a possible seventh child, Andre, d. 7 Aug. 1859, age 2 days.
11. Oscar's birthdate in the manuscript agrees with that on his tombstone in Le Vieux Cimetiere; however, Opelousas Church records show his date of birth as 22 March 1846.
12. A search of military records in both the National Archives and State Archives in Baton Rouge has yielded no record of Oscar's military service; however, record keeping by these militia units was very poor.
13. A possible reason for Oscar's going to Houma after the War was the fact that his half-brother, Andre, had married Elise NAQUIN from Terrebonne Parish (See Note 6). Possibly Andre's in-laws had arranged the job with DUPONT. In addition, Oscar's first cousin, Alexandre DARDEAU, born Noyers-sur-Cher, dep. Loir-et-Cher, 12 Sept. 1822, d. Houma, ca. 1862, son of Edouard's older brother, Jacques, bt. Vignous-sur-Barengon, dep. Cher, 6 Oct. 1789, and Catherine Francoise CHACONNIER, had come from France to Terrebonne Parish a number of years after Edouard's 1831 arrival in Opelousas. Houma church records show a 17 Sept. 1855 marriage of Alexandre DARDEAU ("from France"), son of Jacques and Catherine "CHANONIER", to Marie TASSET (CASSET, TAPET, etc.) ("from Terrebonne Parish"), daughter of Francois and Angele ARTIQUE. Whether or not Oscar ever knew (or even knew of) his cousin, Alexandre (who would have died before Oscar reached Houma), is not clear. See DARDEAU and DARDEAU, 1981, for more data of Jacques, Alexandre, and Alexandre's siblings and HEBERT (various volumes) for more on Alexandre's descendants.
14. Onesime (Onesime), Malvina, and Aurore, victims of yellow fever, died on Oct., 3 Oct., and 23 Sept. 1870, respectively. See note 10 and DARDEAU, 1980, pp. 256-257.
15. Marie Coralie (Cora), b. Ville Platte, 16 Dec. 1853, d. Ville Platte, 16 May 1880, married Oscar in the Ville Platte Catholic Church (Sacred Heart) on 21 June 1870. She is buried in Le Vieux Cimetiere. See DARDEAU, 1980, p. 256.
16. Hilaire TATE (II), b. 28 Dec. 1828 or 29 Sept. 1829, d. 27 Oct. 1878, was the son of Hilaire (Elie) TATE, bt. 10 Nov. 1803, age 3 months, d. 25 June 1864., and Eugenie Henri FONTENOT, b. 31 Jan. 1806, d. 7 Jan. 1883. Hilaire II, Eugenie, and probably Hilaire (Elie) are buried in Le Vieux Cimetiere behind the DARDEAU family tomb. For a discussion of the TATE line, see TATE, 1978 and TATE, 1980, and for more information on the early FONTENOTS, see VIDRINE and PUCHEU, 1975-1976.
17. DARDEAU, 1980, pp. 258-262 contains more data, taken from church records and tombstone inscriptions, on Oscar's descendants.

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18. Oscar and Marie Louisa COREIL, b. 4 Jan. 1849, aunt of Arthur's wife, Maria Rita COREIL, were married at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Ville Platte on 26 July 1888. DARDEAU, 1981, connects the COREIL line with the Louisiana explorer, St. Denis.
19. The Oscar DARDEAU home, built in 1896, still stands at 246 North Court Street. It is presently occupied by Oline DARDEAU ROBERTS, Arthur's daughter.
20. Oscar's death date on his tombstone is 20 June 1927.
21. Le Vieux Cimetiere.
22. DARDEAU and DARDEAU, 1981, article, supplemented by personal communication from Rene-Pierre DARDEAU, dated 27 June 1981. The DARDEAU and DARDEAU, 1981, article contains data on Etienne, Jeanne, and their known children.
23. Personal communication cited in Note 22..

QUERIES

MANUEL-LAPIERRE-CHAPMAN-JACQUEMON-LACASSE

Need information of Jean Baptiste MANUEL b. 1733 New Orleans who m. Marie Jeanne LAPIERRE ca. 1751, Opelousas Church. Who were the parents and where did they come from? Also, would like to contact someone who is working on the Manuel Family. Need info. on John CHAPMAN (Jean JACQUEMON) b. 1805, m. 13 Dec. 1825 Opelousas Church to Augustine (Jeanne) LACASSE, b. 29 Oct. 1811. Need family, parents, and place of origin....Melba M. Marcantel, Route 1, Box 100-A, Elton. LA 70532.

McDANIEL-EVANS-MARTIN-THEIL

Need information or willing to exchange information on Dennis McDANIEL, b. ca. 1779 possibly in Ft. Pitt, Penn. First known child of John Peter and Elizabeth EVANS. Dennis m. 13 Oct. 1803 Sarah MARTIN, d/o Zacharias and Sara THEIL. This couple had nine known children: Charlotte, b. 1806 m. 1827 Samuel BUNDICK s/of Philippe and Sarah BARKER; John, b. 1808; Zacharie, b. 1810; Rebecca, b. 1811 m. 1833 Thomas MILLER; Elizabeth, b. 1814 m. 1st John OLIVER, m. 2nd G. W. PARKS, m. 3rd Calaphas Kennard HAM; Sarah, b. 1817 m. 1835 William TEAR; Elaisa, b. 1820 m. 1839 Joseph Dalicour LEDOUX; Dennis, Jr., b. 1823; Mathilde, b. 1829 m. 1853 Thomas McCORRY....Malene M. Stelly, 249 Willow Dr., Gretna, LA 70053

PERKINS-RUDLEDGE

Need information on John PERKINS who lived in St. Landry Parish on Bayou Petit Prairie near Palmetto. John PERKINS, b. 1818 in North Carolina, d. age 34, m. Eliza RUDLEDGE from Woodville, Mississippi. Their children were George, Henry, William and Margaret...Mary A. Jenkins, Rt. 4, Box 651, Winnfield, LA 71483

CURTIS-BYRD-BIRD-McALLISTER-COLE-COURTNEY

Need information or willing to exchange info. on the CURTIS Family who lived in St. Landry Parish in 1820 and early 1830's. His wife was Zephia BYRD (BIRD). Related families were McALLISTER, COLE, COURTNEY, and BYRD....Edna D. Curtis, 665 W. San Antonio, Many, LA 71449

HAYES-ABSHIRE

Need information and parents of Jacob HAYES b. ca. 1835 Texas or Louisiana, m. Lucy Ann ABSHIRE. Jacob died in Crowley, La...Evelyn D. Garrett, 840 Meadowlark, Bridge City, Texas 77611

FONTENOT-SOILEAU

Need parents of Louis Henry FONTENOT, fils, who m. Selima Henry Bellevue FONTENOT in 1841. Only civil marriage record available and no parents names are listed. I believe Selima's parents were Henry Bellevue FONTENOT and Eugenie SOILEAU. Comments appreciated...Callie P. Avera, Rt. 5, Box HO-322, Prairieville, LA 70769

DOUCET-COMMEAU

Need information on Alexandre DOUCET, b. 1824, m. 1850 to Celeste COMMEAU, d. 1889. Any information would be appreciated...Gercie D. Daigle, Rt. 1, Box 848, Church Point, LA 70525

MILAN-LA HAYE

Need information on Arthemise Hebert MILAN, first wife of Nicolas Augustin LA HAYE. Marriage record indicates she is child of Francoise (Fanchonette) Hebert MILAN. Would also like to hear from anyone researching LA HAYE....Callie P. Avera, Rt. 5, Box HO-322, Prairieville. LA 70769

BOOK OF COUNTRY MARRIAGES, 1889-1910
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
Washington, Louisiana
Submitted by Mrs. James "Tootie" Bailey

(This listing of the country marriages was copied by the late THELMA SAVANT PIERREL. Mrs. PIERREL was a well-known genealogist of the Washington area who spent many hours doing valuable research. At the beginning of the work, Mrs. PIERREL writes that the book is in deplorable condition, and that the numbering is wrong. She continues that the book jumps from page 109 to page 200 and from 209 to 300 and that some pages are actually cut out. We are grateful that her daughter, Mrs. James BAILEY, has given the society permission to publish her work.)

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| Page 1 | 12 Nov. 1889 | Armond SOVET (Hyacinth & Victoire TONGLET) M. Eliza JOUBERT (Henry & Eleanora FONTENOT) The bridegroom was born in Fl??uy, Province of Lecge (or Licge), Belgium. Fr. Jouan |
| Page 3 | 30 Dec. 1889 | Joseph Millet RIDEAU (Preval & Charlotte NARCISSE) M. Mary Ann GOODWIN (Alfred & Alphonsia GODEAU) Fr. P.M. Jouan |
| Page 5 | 2 Jan. 1890 | Armand BREAUX (Emile & Virginie HEBERT of Ascension Parish) M. Leonora HALL of East Feliciana Parish (Samuel & Mary GAY) J.W. Bailey, Jr. was witness. Fr. P. M. Jouan |
| Page 7 | 15 Jan. 1890 | Ovide BUSH (Vosin & Leocadie HOWARD) M. Augustine MONTEILH (Auguste & Armantine GOUGIS) Fr. P. M. Jouan |
| Page 9 | 21 Jan. 1890 | Theodose DOUCET (Lastie & Amelie DOUCET) M. Emma Alice BRILEY (Thomas & Eliza MARTIN) Fr. P. M. Jouan |
| Page 11 | 28 Jan. 1890 | Alcide Durel DUPRE (Alcide Durel & Celonise VIDRINE) M. Marie Alza GUILLORY (Arcade? & Celestie FONTENOT) Fr. Jouan |
| Page 13 | 23 Oct. 1890 | Marshall STAFF (Philippe & Louisa TATE) M. Cora Celestine COMEAU (Cleophas & Emilie LACOMBE) Fr. P. M. Jouan |
| Page 14 | 6 Jan. 1891 | Paul EDWARD & Liza DANIEL M. at Petite Prairie, 5 miles from the Chapel - No parents given. Fr. Robert Moise |
| Page 15 | 22 Jan. 1891 | George WAINWRIGHT & Ella M. HUDSPETH (Note by Fr. Robert Moise says this marriage was never performed by him. The parties did not appear. This record above was written previously) |
| Page 16 | 10 Feb. 1891 | Ewg. MONTEY (MONTEILLE) (Aug. & Armantine GOURGISSE) M. Elvina CASMAN (Bodna & Clementine MARTE) of Bayou Petite Prairie. Fr. Robert Moise |

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| Page 17 | 10 March 1891 | Achille FONTENOT (Pierre & Louisa Elizabeth JOSEPH) M. Marie BERTRAND of Bayou Petite Prairie (Lize? & Laide JACQUES) Fr. Robert Moise |
| Page 18 | 22 April 1891 | John CALVIN (John Sr. & Helen BAILEY) M. Mary L. GODEAUX (Theodule & Antoinette D'ALCOURT) |
| Page 19 | 17 June 1891 | Fr. Moise blessed the marriage of Joseph DYELS and Fannie Josephine JACKSON of Petite Prairies. |
| Page 20 | 21 July 1891 | Charles CARETTE & Amanda JACQUES. No parents given. Fr. R. Moise |
| Page 21 | 21 Sept 1891 | Abram SOILEAU (Aug. & Louisa STAGG) M. Alice FONTENOT (Etienne & Orelia SOILEAU) Fr. Robert Moise |
| Page 22 | 14 Oct. 1891 | Robert Elwyn BURLEIGH (Guilbert & Melissa L. BUCHANAN) M. Euphemie DUBUISSON (Edouard & Josephine Anne STAGG) at Bayou Boeuf Chapel by Fr. Moise. Witnesses: H.C. MILBURN, W. H. MILBURN, Amelia DUBUISSON, Alise DUBUISSON, Cora DUBUISSON, A. L. STAFF, E. B. DUBUISSON. |
| Page 23 | 3 Nov. 1891 | Jules JOUBERT (Francois & Celeste McDANIEL) M. Celestine JOUBERT (Henry & Eleanor FONTENOT) Fr. R. Moise |
| Page 24 | 10 Dec. 1891 | Gerard TROULLER (Jos. & Orelia FONTENOT) M. Octavie FONTENOT (Jas. E. & Marcelline SOILEAU) Fr. Moise |
| Page 25 | 17 Dec. 1891 | William STEVEN (Jackson & Eoline SMITH) M. Eloise SYLVESTER (Pierre & Louisa FONTENOT) Fr. Moise |
| Page 26 | 17 Dec. 1891 | Homer SYLVESTER (Pierre & Louisa FONTENOT) M. Mary C. BRILEY (Thos. & Elvina MARTIN) |
| Page 27 | 23 Dec. 1891 | Onezime TATE (Adam & Camilde DARDEAU) M. Coralie BRIGNAC (Earnest & Celestine LAFLEUR) Fr. Moise |
| Page 29 | 25 Jan. 1892 | Arthur E. HENDRICKS (Geo. & Rhady CAMPBELL) M. Emma BUSH (Leon & Adovia LACOUR) Fr. Moise |
| Page 31 | 3 Feb. 1892 | Jno. GOUDEAU (Leon & Celestine RIDEAU) M. Frederica D'ALCOURT (Frederick & Delphene L. CAZANAVE) Fr. Moise |
| Page 32 | 16 Feb. 1892 | Louis S. REYNARD (REYNARD) (Veito & Corinne BEVIDOU) M. Mary J. GOUDEAU (Jules & Eugenie RIDEAU) Fr. Moise |
| Page 33 | 17 Feb. 1892 | Columbus RIDEAU (Zenon & Lucille LAFLEUR) M. LIZA L. THORNTON (Dr. A. G. THORNTON (dec.) & Louisa LAFLEUR) Fr. Moise |
| Page 36 | 1892 | Abraham C. VILLERET (Martin & Julie CARMOUCHE) M. Marie CARMOUCHE (Alde & Euphemie LANGLOIS) |
| Page 37 | 18 Jan. 1893 | John F. McMILLIAN (Dongald & Anne SALMONE) M. Ida REED (Jean Pierre & Melinda TATE) Fr. Moise. Witnesses: A. L. STAGG, Mart. LEWIS, C. W. REED, J. M. McMILLAN. |
| Page 38 | 19 Jan. 1893 | J. A. GUILLORY (Arcadie & Aloyie FONTENOT) M. Theotiste BRIGNAC (Ernest & Celestine LAFLEUR) Fr. Robert Moise |
| Page 39 | 2 Feb. 1893 | Louis A. DESHOTEL (Aldeus & Zelema Speyrer) M. Therese FONTENOT (Octave & Alida FONTENOT) Fr. Robert Moise |
| Page 40 | 7 Feb. 1893 | Arthur ROBIN M. Marie Cora SYLVESTRE. No parents given. Fr. R. Moise. Witnesses: Regile Howart, Arthur BRILEY, ROBERIE, W. A. CHACHERE. |

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| Page 42 | 12 Oct. 1893 | Onezeme BRIGNAC (Francois & Irene Pitre) M. Therese FONTENOT (Lucius & Cothanaize LAFLEUR) Fr. Robert Moise |
| Page 43 | 28 Dec. 1893 | Sam BUSH (Leonce & Adele DECOUR) M. Rose CHENEY (Milton & Milan DALCOURT) Fr. Moise |
| Page 44 | 3 Jan. 1894 | Gilbert SOILEAU (Louis & Lisa BURLEIGH) M. Eugenia BOUANCHARD (Emile & Elmira BERGERON) |
| Page 42 | 29 Jan. 1894 | Alexander DOUCET M. Martha ROBERIE both of Grand Prairie. No parents given. Wit: Eraste ROBERIE, Lucius DOUCET, Edgar DUPRE, Fr. A. E. d'Hommee |
| Page 44 | 17 April 1894 | Winder C. DUNBAR M. Eliza PRESCOTT. No parents given. Wit: L. PRESCOTT, B. R. SPLANE, L. P. REAN. Fr. A. E. d'Hommee |
| Page 48 | 26 April 1894 | St. Cyr. RIDEAU M. Elizabeth CARMOUCHE. No parents given. Wit: Augustine CARMOUCHE, Francois RIDEAU, Joseph RAMARD. Fr. LaForest |
| Page 49 | 16 June 1894 | William H. PARROTT & Cora STAGG. No parents given. Wit: A. L. STAGG, LAFLEUR, Fr. A. E. d'Hommee |
| Page 50 | 23 Jan 1895 | Braxton Bragg RAMBERT M. Odile RAPP. No parents given. Wit: Wm. CRAWFORD, J. J. NEYLAND, Leroy McNICOLL. Fr. A. E. d'Hommee |
| Page 51 | 4 Feb. 1895 | Willis BUSH M. Mary HOWARD. No parents given. Wit: Felix BUSH, Willie JETER, Gertrude BUSH. Fr. d'Hommee |
| Page 52 | 26 Oct. 1895 | John E. RISE of St. Mary's Parish M. Lena LEER of Washington. No parents given. Wit: A. Lacombe, F. A. LALANE, George W. CURTIS. Fr. A. E. d'Hommee |
| Page 53 | 30 Oct. 1895 | William Henry MILBURN M. Mary Amelie DUBUISSON. No parents given. Wit: E. B. DUBUISSON, R. E. BURLEIGH, H. C. MILBURN, M.D. Fr. A. E. Hommee |
| Page 54 | 26 Nov. 1895 | Frederick JETER M. Midna HOWARD. No parents given. Wit: Joseph G. BUSH, Jules LABY. Fr. Hommee |
| Page 55 | 23 Dec. 1895 | Henry V. JOFFRIEN M. Emma STAGG. No parents given. Wit: M. STAGG, Isaac STAGG, R. WATKINS. |
| Page 56 | 16 Jan. 1896 | Leon E. PORCHE M. Olymphe VILLERE. No parents given. Wit: Ulysses VILLERE, Ann PORCHE, HUDSPETH, L. E. PORCHE. Fr. A. E. d'Hommee. |
| Page 57 | 23 Jan. 1896 | Jerome SIMIEN M. Mary FRANCHEBOIS. No parents given. Wit: B. R. RIDEAU, Ogden FONTENOT, Adam GUILLORY. Fr. Hommee |
| Page 58 | 12 Feb. 1896 | Augustin CARMOUCHE M. Madeline GOUDEAU. No parents given. Wit: Joseph ELLIS, Teofield BARRE, John BARRE, Fr. d'Hommee |
| Page 59 | 13 Feb. 1896 | Joseph GOUDEAU M. Leontine BUSH. No parents given. Wit: Felix BUSH, Gertrude BUSH, Fr. A. E. d'Hommee |
| Page 60 | 17 Feb. 1896 | Cyprien PAIN M. Eleaneor CAZENAVE. No parents given. Wit: W. A. SIMS, August MONTEIL, Eugene CARRIERE. |
| Page 61 | 30 June 1896 | C. Hugh MILLER M. Alice DUBUISSON. No parents given. Wit: E. B. DUBUISSON, R. E. BURLEIGH, W. H. MILBURN, Fr. A. E. d'Hommee |

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- Page 62 5 Oct. 1896 Note by Fr. A. E. d'Homme- I have aneued the consent to matrimony to Jules GODEAU & Paulene MARTIN. The parties have united some 20 years ago but not before the priest. (signed by parties and priest)
- Page 63 23 Dec. 1896 Louis MAYER M. Corinne TODD. No parents given. Mr. MAYER is of the Jewish faith- a dispensation was obtained Dec. 18, Wit: D. L. TODD, Walter S. DUSK, L. D. TODD, Fr. A. E. d'Homme
- Page 64 18 Jan. 1897 John BARRE M. Mary Prudhomme. No parents given. Wit: Theophile BARRE, Leopaul VALLERY, John Gurry, Fr. A. E. d'Homme
- Page 65 18 May. 1897 Armond COREIL M. Emilie LAFLEUR No parents given. Wit: R. J. PETERMAN, Moise COREIL, C. W. SAVANT, Fr. A. E. d'Homme
- Page 66 26 Dec. 1898 Homere E. JOUBERT M. Aline MELANCON (Louis & Amelie CASTILLE) Wit: Leon ROBIN, Augustine B. Melancon, Corine ROBERIE, Fr. Turling
- Page 67 29 Dec. 1898 Hebrard SOILEAU (Isans? & Onesia SOILEAU) M. Alma DESHOTEL (Sosthenes & Corinne FOREST) Wit: Paul Guillory, Alex STAGG, D. VANLAUDINGHAM, Fr. Turling
- Page 68 12 Jan. 1899 Paulin FONTENOT (Charles & Orlaine SOILEAU) M. Mathilde DUPRE (Archile & Asema VIDRINE) Wit: Joseph W. ENER, Joseph PITRE, L. P. GUILLORY, Fr. Turling
- Page 69 25 Jan. 1899 Pierre SYLVESTRE, Jr. (Pierre & Louisa FONTENOT) M. Emelie LAFLEUR (Simon & Fannely DOUCET) Fr. Turling - Wit: Pierre SYLVESTER, Emila Lula LAFLEUR, Henry HUGUET, Henry VIDRINE.
- Page 70 18 May 1899 Alexandre FONTENOT (Jean Btse & Marguerite ORTEGO) M. Mary Louise "Lilly" STEVENS (Dennis & Mary Louise ARDOIN) Wit: Ulysse FONTENOT, Frederick ROBERIE, Willie BRILEY, Fr. Turling
- Page 71 3 Feb. 1899 Charles W. SAVANT (Oneseme & Elmina LAFLEUR) M. Lillie A. FERGUSON (Robert & Melisa Singleton) Wit: J. F. McMILLAN, C. W. SAVANT, Leon KENNEDY, Isaac STAGG, Fr. Teurling
- Page 72 9 Feb. 1899 Emile VIDRINE (Emile & Theotiste SYLVESTRE) M. Regina DOUCET (Theodile & Apoline ROBERIE) Wit: A. K. DOUCET, ROBERIE, FREDERICK ROBERIE, Fr. Turling
- Page 73 19 March 1899 Gilbert VIDRINE (Archilles & Euphemie BORSLIN) M. Laura NORMAND (Paul & Leocadie VIGE) Wit: Denis VIDRINE, Maruis GUILLORY, Rene LANDRENEAU, Fr. Teurling
- Page 74 4 April 1899 Joseph ST. AMANT M. Silesie NORMAND. Fr. Teurling (Blessing of marriage which was performed by Justice of the Peace, H. DURIO, Sept. 3, 1877 in Plaisance) Wit: Alphonsine DESMARE, Hattie Antonio, FERNANDO, N. St. AMANT.
- Page 75 4 April 1899 Daniel CHAPMAN M. Louise Julie JENNINGS. No parents given. Wit: J. L. CHAPMAN, Richardsman CHAPMAN, Fr. Teurling
- Page 76 1 May 1899 Henry L. HIGGINS (James & Arelie CHEVIS) M. Mary REED (Thomas & Fannie REED) Wit: Edmond BASSIL, Emile RICHARD, Frank PRUDHOMME.
- Page 77 27 May 1899 James McDANIEL (Robert & Marianne NICHOLSON) M. Marranne DONGIEUX. Blessing of civil marriage. The parties had been married on 26 July 1898 by Judge Gonselin. Wit: Agnes DONGIEUX, Emma DONGIEUX, Alice DONGIEUX, Fr. Teurling

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| Page 78 | 12 Sept. 1899 | Joseph PITRE (Lesime & Alcina VIGE) M. Elisa FONTENOT (Charles & Octavie SOILEAU) Wit: Francois GUILLORY, Dominique LELANNE, Paulin FONTENOT, Fr. Teurling |
| Page 79 | 29 Sept. 1899 | Jos. F. FONTENOT (mother Pauline GUILLORY) M. Armede ROBERIE (Maruis & Cass STEPHENS) Wit: Felix HARGRODER, Willie BRILEY, Henry VIDRINE, Fr. Teurling |
| Page 80 | 7 Oct. 1899 | Ogenes D. ORTEGO (Joachim & Euphemie SOILEAU) M. Omerine LAFLEUR (Eusebe & Emilin SOILEAU) Wit: Alexander LAFLEUR, Moise LAFLEUR, Auguste SOILEAU, Telemaque ORTEGO, Fr. Teurling |
| Page 81 | 9 Nov. 1899 | Nathaniel FONTENOT (St. Ange & Odile TATE) M. Euphemie Berthe GUILLORY (Octave & Emma FOREST) Wit: Edmond S. TATE, Edwin ORTEGO. |
| Page 82 | 12 Dec. 1899 | Ducoudry GUILLORY (Ivin & Adeline MANUEL) M. Tesima DUPRE (Alside & Clemise VIDRINE) Wit: Lucien DUPRE, Ambroise ANDRUS, D. ROBERIE, Fr. Teurling |
| Page 83 | 12 Feb. 1900 | Lewis CAMPBELL M. Evelina SAVANT (Onesime & Elmina LAFLEUR) Wit: Jne. P. SAVANT, J. F. McMILLAN, Charles LAFLEUR, Fr. Teurling |
| Page 84 | 15 May. 1900 | Felix Savant (Homere & Mary REED) M. Annie LEWIS (James & Minnie KNIGHT) She got a dispensation to marry a non-catholic. Wit: Louis MIDDLEBROOK, J. C. SAVANT, J. W. CLARK, Fr. Arthur Drossarts |
| Page 85 | 23 Oct. 1900 | Dalcour GUILLORY (Emile & Selina BERTRAND) M. Marie E. McDANIEL (David & Emilia FORET) Wit: Charles LAFLEUR, Lastie SAVANT, Leon KENNEDY, Fr. Teurling |
| Page 86 | 3 Dec. 1900 | Isaac Lewis JOHNSON (Joseph & Eugenie TATE) M. Alice FORET (Alicee & Ameline TATE) Wit: Pierre TATE, Polanie TATE, Fabuis TATE, FOREST, Fr. Teurling |
| Page 87 | 11 Sept. 1900 | Theodore BERTRAND (Derosin & Melina VIGERS) M. Octavie GUILLORY (Francois & Arelate Marcelline DESHOTEL) Wit: Lucien DUPRE, Gilbert ORTEGO, Evarste CHARLIE, Jos. Adras FONTENOT, Fr. Teuling |
| Page 88 | 24 Sept. 1901 | Emile LANDRENEAU (Hyppolite & Myrsa LAFLEUR) M. Rosa FONTENOT (Jean Louis & dec. Alicia DANNEL) Wit: Z enon LANDRENEAU, Emile LANDRENEAU, Lamas LAFLEUR, Louis FONTENOT, Fr. Teurling |
| Page 89 | 9 Sept. 1901 | Charles Edgar CURTIS M. Louise JOHNSON. The parties were married on the 9th Jan. 1891 by the Hon. Ely CLARKE. Wit: B. S. DOSSMANN, R. G. GUILLAUMIN, Louis PERRIN, Fr. Teurling |
| Page 89 | 9 Sept. 1901 | Blessed the Marriage of Aloise DOSSMAN & Adeline TUBRE, who were previously married at DOSSMAN by the Hon. Ely CLARKE 23 Oct 1884. |
| Page 90 | 23 Jan. 1902 | Walter VIDRINE (Domisine & Algaia DOUCET) M. Adele SOILEAU (Cleophas & Cecelia SOILEAU) Wit: Auguste SOILEAU, Abram SOILEAU, Conrad MARTIN, Fr. Teurling |
| Page 91 | 10 Feb. 1902 | Alfred SOILEAU (Isaac & Onesia SOILEAU) M. Odile FONTENOT (dec. Jean Louis & Alicia DANNIEL) Wit: Lamar LAFLEUR, L. P. GUILLORY, Abram SOILEAU, Fr. Teurling |
| Page 92 | 3 April 1902 | Edmond Lee NASH M. Maggie Eunice TATMAN (Charles & Martha MOORE) at Dossman, La. Wit: W.E. TUBRE, I. FONTENOT, C. E. CURTIS, Fr. Teurling. |

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| Page 93 | 24 April | 1902 | Laurent LAFLEUR (Rodolphe & Octavie DESHOTEL) M. Felicia FONTENOT (Gustave & Aremina SOILEAU) Wit: Pelham FONTENOT, Web ORTEGO, Jules LAFLEUR, Fr. Teurling |
| Page 94 | 29 July | 1902 | Auguste SOILEAU (Emile & Evelinna SOILEAU) M. Marie Berthe PITRE (Lucien & Elizabeth DOUCET) Wit: Conrad O. MARTIN, Lile GUILLORY, Felicien PITRE |
| Page 95 | 11 Sept. | 1902 | John Calvin JOHNSON (Lewis & Dec. Laura CAISON) M. Mollie CAMPBELL (Austin & Mary ELLIOT) Wit: W. E. TUBRE, Mart LEWIS, L.C. TATMAN, C. SAVANT. Married at Dossman, La. Fr. Teurling |
| Page 96 | 28 Oct. | 1902 | Octave THIERY (Felix & Marcelline DUROUSSEAU) M. Alma PITRE (John & Angeline PITRE) The parties were married last Tuesday week by A. G. JACKSON in the Baptist Church of Plaisance. Wit: Edna THIERY, Victoria THIERY, Fr. Teurling |
| Page 97 | 18 Nov. | 1902 | Edmond TATE (Edmond & Celina FONTENOT) M. at Whiteville, La. Coralie GUILLORY (Octave & Irma FOREST) Wit: Paul GUILLORY, Folanie TATE, Christine TATE, Fr. Teurling. |
| Page 98 | 14 Dec. | 1902 | John THOMAS M. at Catara, La. Marie RICHARD, Fr. Teurling |
| Page 99 | 16 Dec. | 1902 | Louis FONTENOT (Ben & dec. Mathilda PITRE) M. at Grand Prairie, Amelie LAFLEUR (Louis R. & M. Elisida ARDOIN) Wit: Pelham FONTENOT, Yves ARDOIN, A. LAVERGNE |
| Page 100 | 16 Dec. | 1902 | Ernest SYLVESTRE (Pierre & Louisa FONTENOT) M. at Grand Prairie, Isaure SOILEAU (dec. Abraham & dec. Emilie SOILEAU) Wit: Ernest Sylvestre, Pelham FONTENOT, A. A. LAVERGNE, Yves ARDOIN |
| Page 101 | 22 Dec. | 1902 | Alfrede B. FONTENOT (dec. J.B. & dec. Elizabeth BAILLIO) wid. of Marie V. Doucet m. at Grande Prairie, Alida STAGG (Paul & dec. Marguerite FONTENOT) Wit: Paul STAGG, John J. FONTENOT, Beulah KAVANAUGH, J. B. STAGG, Myra STAGG, Fr. Teurling |
| Page 102 | 15 Jan. | 1903 | Conrad O. MARTIN (Eyra & Louisa SOILEAU) M. at Grand Prairie Alice JOUBERT (Louisa & Elvina VIDRINE) Wit: Abram SOILEAU, Lamar LAFLEUR, Aruis SMITH, Fr. Teurling |
| Page 104 | 20 Jan. | 1903 | Philip SAVANT (Edmond & Mary LEE) M. at Whiteville, Alice DESHOTEL (Sosthein & Corinne FOREST) Wit: W.P. REED, C. SAVANT, S. J. REED |
| Page 105 | 4 May | 1903 | Joseph GUILLORY M. Octavie FABRE. Blessing of marriage. Parties were married civilly on 25 Sept. 1894 before J. Neyland in presence of Judge Gay. Wit: V. LEBLANC, N. LEBLANC, Fr. Teurling |
| Page 106 | 7 Oct. | 1903 | Armant SOVET M. Laura DEVILLE (Alex & Sophie DOUCET) Wit: A. DEVILLE, Alexandre DEVILLE, Olivia DEVILLE, Edmonia SYLVESTER, Fr. Teurling |
| Page 107 | 18 Nov. | 1903 | Jules DESHOTEL (Hildevert & Ferlinn SPIRA) M. Agnes DOUCET (Cleophas & dec. Marie Irene FONTENOT) Wit: J. B. DESHOTELS, A. DESHOTELS, Lucuis DOUCET, Fr. Teurling |
| Page 108 | 10 Dec. | 1903 | Victor CASBEN (CASTILE)(Josef & Catherine CASENAVE) M. Lillie MONIER (Philip & Sally Cavan) Wit: Doyninie CASTLE, R. HAZELTON, Clovis MONIER, Fr. Teurling |

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| Page 109 | 6 Jan. | 1904 | Sylvestre DUNN (dec. Theodens & Emilia FOREST) M. at Whiteville, Ella Ada DELAFOSSE (Angelas & Mary SAUCIER) Wit: Paul GUILLORY, James C. SAVANT, Albert REED, Fr. Teurling |
| Page 200 | 14 Jan. | 1904 | Alcinda O'CONNOR (dec. Alcinda & Sophie JULIEN) M. Therese TISSONEAU (Jean Bte. TISONNEAU & Alice BRADER) Fr. Teurling |
| Page 201 | 12 Jan. | 1904 | John MALBRUE (John & Armida LAFLEUR) M. Marie Alene FONTENOT (Henry & dec. Domelise COMEAU) Wit: Albert EDWARD, Henry NASH, Fr. Teurling |
| Page 202 | 8 Feb? | 1905 | Alfred Bloain (Jean Bte & Rosalie COLEMAN) M. Elenore FACHARIE (Philip Zachanah & Arelia DELAFOSSE) Wit: Anthony BROWN, Henry BROWN, Augustine BROWN, Fr. Teurling |
| Page 203 | 23 Nov. | 1905 | Abraham SOILEAU (dec. Abraham & dec. Amelia SOILEAU) M. Marguerite Alidia DESHOTEL (Sosthein & Corinne FOREST) Wit: Edward BURLEIGH, Arcuis SMITH, Alex STAGG, Fr. Teurling |
| Page 204 | 29 Nov. | 1905 | William Edwin TUBRE (John & Mary Jane BOOKER) M. Libbie TATMAN (Charles & Marsha N. MOORE) Wit: O. TUBRE, Alme TATMAN, Maggie NASH, Fr. Teurling |
| Page 205 | Dec. | 1905 | Harvie LEWIS M. Ella Lidwina BERTRAND. No parents given. Wit: J. C. SAVANT, R. L. FENNEL, R. HIMEL. Their dispensation is dated 19 Dec. 1905 at Whiteville, La. Fr. O. Vanderburg |
| Page 207 | 25 Jan. | 1906 | Edward MILES (Oscar & Adeline SON---) M. Marie Amelie COMEAUX (Sosthiens & Domelise TISSONEAU) Wit: Quinay MILES, Walter THOMAS, Ferdie VENAY, Albert EDWARDS, Fr. Teurling |
| Page 208 | 15 Nov. | 1906 | Arcuis SMITH (Jasper J. & Angeline SOILEAU) M. at Grand Prairie Odette GUILLAUMIN (Odin & Amelie MARTIN) Wit: C. O. MARTIN, Remy ARDOIN, Armand FONTENOT, Fr. Teurling |
| Page 209 | 20 Nov. | 1906 | Adolph DELAFOSSE (Angelas & Marie SOSSIER) M. at Whiteville, La, Marie JEANNISSE (Clemie & Emilia MILLER) Wit: J. S. REED, Lastie SAVANT, Ola SAVANT, Fr. E. M. SCHMITT |
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| Page 303 | 30 May | 1917 | Jimmie CHARLES, age 23 of Palmetto, bt. in Washington (Frank & Annie MITCHELL) M. Virginia McGEE, age 17 of Palmetto, bt. Palmetto (John & Lydia SOILEAU) Wit: D. M. FONTENOT, Elice SOILEAU, Fr. P. F. Jansen |

THE DE VILLE FAMILY OF SWITZERLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA AND LOUISIANA

A Progress Report

by Winston De Ville, Fellow, ASG, and John Woodworth

The Baron Jean Pierre de PURRY was a native of Neufchatel in Switzerland, and one of the early 18th century entrepreneurs in land development in the New World. Having made several proposals to Louis XIV of France for settling colonists in the virgin Louisiana Province, apparently without success, he turned to the Court and King of England. Thus it was that, after much delay, in early 1731, approximately 600 Protestants from Switzerland were settled in South Carolina; one of the major settlements was at a place which came to be called "Purrysburg", close by Charleston.¹

Among this group of Swiss Protestants was the probable ancestor of all DeVilles of Central and South Central Louisiana, Louis DE VILLE I. On 16 Sept 1738, he received a "Township grant" in Purrysburg of 50 acres of land.² To date, little additional information has been found about this gateway ancestor. What was the name of his wife, ancestress of the Louisiana DeVilles? Exactly where in Switzerland was he from?³ Where and when did he die?

The apparent son of Louis DE VILLE I was Michael DE VILLE, the known progenitor of the DeVilles of present-day Rapides, Evangeline, St. Landry Parishes and other areas. According to the 1773 Spanish Census of Rapides Post, Michel DE VILLE was b.ca 1738,⁴ the same year his proposed father received his land grant. According to his m. record,⁵ he was a native of "Port Royal" (very near Purrysburg, SC). Alas, his m. record is so deteriorated that only a gaping hole remains where the names of his parents would have been recorded. Michel DE VILLE probably arrived in LA shortly before his m. in New Orleans on 19 Apr 1768.⁶ His bride, and apparently his only wife and the mother of all his known children, was Marguerite KATZENBERG, dau. of Johann KATZENBERG and of a mother whose name may be Marie Anne DU ROCHE, or, according to some records, Marie Anne JEAN LOUIS.⁷

Approximately four months after their m., Michel DE VILLE and Marguerite KATZENBERG petitioned for and received from the Spanish Crown one of the first, if not the first, royal land grants at Rapides Post (near Alexandria-Pineville, LA).⁸ It appears that all their children were b. at this central LA settlement. Unfortunately, practically all of the colonial civil and ecclesiastical records for the Rapides Post are no longer extant,⁹ although bits and pieces of data can be found in the records of the nearby Avoyelles Post jurisdiction.¹⁰

Michel DE VILLE d. 7 Jun 1793,¹¹ at his homeplace which was probably on the right bank, ascending, of Bayou Rapides.¹² His will was filed in the records of the Cabildo at New Orleans. His succession file indicates that his wife, Marguerite, followed him in death less than two years later, perhaps in 1794. The names of their children are given in these documents: Nicolas Miguel DE VILLE, b. ca 1769; Luis DE VILLE, b. ca 1770; Valentin DE VILLE, b. ca 1777; Estevan DE VILLE b. ca 1779; Marie DE VILLE, b. ca 1780; Margarita DE VILLE, b. ca 1784; Juan DE VILLE, b. ca 1786; and another dau., Eufrogine DE VILLE, wf. of Jean Baptiste BELLEGARDE.¹³

Excursus: This brief survey of the beginning of the DeVille Family in America is the precursor of a book, now in preparation, on the subject. It is likely that future research and analysis will show that the DeVille Family has Huguenot origins, anciently, in France and that the family fled to Switzerland, perhaps during the Great Reformation, for religious freedom. There are some intriguing clues: we know, for instance, that the mother of the American progenitor of the illustrious GIGNILLIAT Family of SC was "Marye de Ville", b. in 1621 in Vevey, Switzerland. There are other, heady and vague, clues of documented descent from Charlemagne.¹⁴ Anyone wishing to share in future efforts on this family is invited to correspond with the authors at P.O. Drawer 51359, New Orleans, LA 70151.

(De Ville Family Cont'd)

Footnotes:

1. Marie-Antoinette MENIER et al, Correspondance a l'arrivee en provenance de la Louisiane, Tome 1 (Paris: Archives Nationales, 1976) p. 75; Henry A.M. Smith, "Purrsburg", The S.C. Historical and Genealogical Magazine, X (Oct. 1909) p. 187 ff. Mrs. Caroline Moore, CGRS, of Charleston, SC, kindly called the Purrsburg article to the attention of the authors.
2. Smith, "Purrsburg", p. 214. (Winston DeVille's agnatic grandfather was Louis DeVILLE V.)
3. From correspondence with the eminent genealogist, Dr. O. Clottu, we learn that the name DeVille is known to this day in Switzerland. One family dates from the 16th century, another (originally from Lyon, France, from whence they fled because of religious persecution) from the 16th century. One branch has as its arms the simple, and apparently ancient, "d'azur a la ville d'argent", (on a field, a "ville" of silver). Albert Dauzat's Dictionnaire Etymologique des noms de Famille et Prenoms de France (Paris, 1951, p. 596) indicates that, in the ancient sense, "ville" is translated as "a rural domain".
4. Jacqueline Olivier Vidrine, "Recensement du Post du Rapides, 1773", The Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Register, XXVII (June 1980), p. 128. The writers also wish to acknowledge Mrs. Vidrine's discovery, many years ago, of the DeVille-Katzenberg 1768 m. record, hereinafter cited. Mrs. Vidrine is also a DeVille descendant.
5. Marriage record of Michel DeVILLE and Marguerite KATZENBERG (Marriage Bk. #113, St. Louis Cath. New Orleans, LA)
6. Ibid.
7. Ibid.; Bapt. of Marguerite "CASBERG", 10 Aug 1751 (Bapt. Bk. 2, p. 228, St. Louis Cathedral, New Orleans, LA) (Courtesy, Mrs. Alice D. Forsyth). According to the mar. of the Katzenberg progenitor in 1722, this family came to LA from "Elbers", Germany, and were workers for the Co. of the Indies. During most of the colonial period, the Katzenbergs resided at the Cote des Allemands, just up the Miss. R. from New Orleans. (Mar. Bk. A, p. 44, St. Louis Cath., New Orleans, LA). "Elbers" in Germany we interpreted, phonetically, as "Heidelberg" and, indeed, 1963 correspondence with the Stadtarchiv's Dr. Wannemacher revealed that the name "Katzenberger" was not unknown in that city: One Niklas KATZENBERGER was a baker there in 1594, 1596, 1599, and in 1603, years when children were born to him and his wife, Anna. Another KATZENBERGER, Thomas, appears in the Heidelberg records in 1703, but the archivist reported that he had no known children.
8. The original of this grant of land is totally out-of-place among unrelated records in legajo no. 187 of the "Papeles Procedentes de Cuba", General Archives of the Indies, Spain. It is referred to in Winston De Ville's Rapides Post: 1799 (Baltimore, 1968). An effort is now being made to secure a photocopy of this important and elusive document.
9. Two articles by Elizabeth S. Mills, F.A.S.G., detail fires which perhaps destroyed the Rapides Parish records. See Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Society Register, Vol. XXVI, no.4, December, 1979, pp. 301-303 and pp. 305-306. The total or partial burning of the town of Alexandria in 1864 by Federal forces may also account for the missing records.
10. For instance, one son, August DeVILLE, of DeVille-Katzenberg marriage, was b. 9 Dec 1775, and bapt. 13 Dec 1775; this bapt. is recorded at St. Paul's Catholic Ch., Mansura, LA, Avoyelles Par. (Bapt. Bk. 7, p. 54). This Auguste is not mentioned in his father's succession papers and cannot be identified elsewhere; it is likely that he died at a young age.
11. Succession of Michel DeVILLE no. 3059X, Bx 3155-3169, in 1793, The Cabildo Records, LA State Museum Archives, New Orleans, LA. Among the items inventoried were: a habitation of 9½ arpents, with a "maison charpente poteaux en terre" (frame house of posts in the ground), 35 feet long by 18 feet wide, valued at 800 piastres (roughly translated, dollars); two storehouses of poteaux en terre and 5 cabins for slaves; another 15-arpent piece of land valued at 500 piastres; 11 slaves with a total value of 3600 piastres (including 70-year-old Jean who was only worth 50 piastres); the usual cattle, horses, pigs, etc., and the only item of luxury, one silver cup valued at 9 piastres; the total value of the estate was 5753 piastres. Debts totalling 1185.6 piastres, including 20 piastres willed to the church, were owed to Fortier FERRAND and Jacques FERRAND, Pierre DuCOTE, Madame DUPARC, Pierre MARIGNI, Francois NORMAND, Charles LeDOUX, Jean ARCHINARD, "and others".
12. Census of Landholders at Rapides, 1 Mar 1792 (Legajo 206, Papeles Procedentes de Cuba, Seville, Spain), courtesy of Elizabeth S. Mills, F.A.S.G. In this document, Michel DeVILLE is shown to be one of the largest landowners in his neighborhood.
13. Ibid.; the ages of the children are given in their father's succession record, as is the name of Eufrogine DeVILLE's husband. The names are written in Spanish, although it seems likely that the family used the French counterparts. Apropos names, in many records, Michel, the South Carolina-born father, and sons are referred to as "Don Michel", "Don Louis", etc. It is pleasantly appropriate that the title Don, signifying gentleman in Spanish, is perpetuated throughout the 19th century and to this day as the given first-name of several DeVille male descendants.
14. Henry B. Hoff, "A S.C. Royal Descent", The American Genealogist, L111 (Jul 1977) pp. 129-131.

LOUISIANA DESHOTELS AND ALLIED FAMILIES
by Joseph Manning Deshotels

Genealogical records show the family name, DESHOTELS, in the year 1100 as Terra de Altari, in the year 1160 as Terrade Altari, in 1260 as Altari. The name is derived from Altar-Church-Religion-Theology, patrons of the church. Tanguy shows the family as being from the city of Foix, Province of Ariège, in the Pyrenees Mountains of France near the scene of the Lady of Lourdes apparition. According to Tanguy, Pierre DESAUTELS, b. 1631, d. 19 Nov. 1708, the son of Thomas of Malicorne, Parish of LeMans, Province of Maine, France, and Marie BUISSON, Ladyship of Normandie, Province of Ile-de-France, arrived in Canada (New France) about 1653 as an early settler of King Louis XIV of France. Pierre married first on 11 Jan. 1666, Marie REMY, b. 1646, d. 11 Nov. 1676, the daughter of Nicolas and Marie des VIGNET. Pierre married for a second time on 23 Nov. 1676 to Catherine LORION, b. 1636, d. 20 April 1720, the daughter of Mathurin and Francoise MORIN.

Pierre DESAUTELS II, son of Pierre and Catherine LORION was b. 13 Sept. 1677 and died Aug. 1753 in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. He m. 12 Jan. 1699 to Therese Angelique TULLIER des Vignets, the daughter of Jacques TULLIER, son of Jean and Gillette LOUIER, and Jeanne BERNARD, daughter of Hughes and Perinee DESTOURNERE. Pierre DESAUTELS II was a Commander of the Cavalry.

Jacques DESAUTELS, son of Pierre DESAUTELS II, was b. 20 Nov. 1720 in Montreal and d. 2 Dec. 1773 at Opelousas. He m. at New Roads, Pointe Coupee Parish, on 1 May 1755 to Anne STEPHAN, b. 1 Oct. 1738, d. Sept. 1773, the daughter of Jean and Anne Francoise ROLLAND (ROLAND). Their marriage was the beginning of the Louisiana clan of Deshotels.

Nicolas DESHOTELS, son of Jacques and Anne STEPHAN, was b. 7 Feb. 1761 in Pointe Coupee Parish and his succession is dated March 1821 at Opelousas. He m. 10 Nov. 1778 in Pointe Coupee Parish, Marie Anne BREZA, b. 2 March 1754, d. 10 May 1810, the daughter of Joseph and Antoinette LEMOYNE. There were twenty children of this marriage including one set of twins,

Hildevert DESHOTELS I, son of Nicolas and Marie Anne BREZA, was baptized 16 Sept. 1792 at Opelousas and his succession is dated Dec. 1838. He m. on 9 Aug. 1822 Hortence GUILLORY, daughter of Louis, the son of Joseph Gregoire GUILLORY and Marie LACASE, and Henriette SOILEAU, the daughter of Noel and Angelique FONTENOT. Hildevert I and his relatives, the "Deshotels Nine", were in the 13th Regiment (Thompson) of the Louisiana Militia and served in the Battle of New Orleans under General Andrew JACKSON.

Hildevert DESHOTELS II, son of Hildevert I and Hortence GUILLORY, was b. 3 Aug. 1825 in St. Landry Parish and d. 22 Jan. 1862. He m. 16 Sept. 1845 Brigitte DE LA FOSSE, daughter of Jean Baptiste and Ozite LAMIRANDE, daughter of Pierre Cheval LAMIRANDE and Marie FONTENOT. Pierre Cheval LAMIRANDE was the son of Romain LAMIRANDE and Rosalie BENOIT and his wife, Marie FONTENOT, was the daughter of Jean FONTENOT and Mariana TRAHAN. While a soldier, Hildevert II fought for southern independence in the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, under Gen. Richard TAYLOR and directed by Gen. Stonewall JACKSON. He also fought in the Battle of Bourbeau near Grand Coteau under Gen. Alfred MOUTON of Vermillionville and he also defended the salt mines of Avery Island and Bayou Vermillion, Bayou Teche, and Bayou Courtableu. He died from pneumonia while on active duty.

Hildevert Henry DESHOTELS III, son of Hildevert II and Brigitte DE LA FOSSE, was b. 17 May 1849 in St. Landry Parish and d. 6 Nov. 1897. He m. 17 Dec. 1868, Zelima SPEYERER, b. 12 Feb. 1848 in St. Landry Parish, d. 22 Dec. 1927 in Ville Platte, the daughter of John SPEYERER of Bavaria, Germany and Clara GEORGE of Lancaster, Virginia. Hildevert III was Sheriff of St. Landry Parish during the 1896 term. He was in the river transportation and merchandising business in Washington, Louisiana. He used the river boat "Clooney" along the Bayous Courtableau and Teche and in the Atchafalaya River enroute to the New Orleans markets. He was also editor and publisher of the newspaper, "The People's Tribune". Hildevert III moved his business and founded the community of Deshotels where he became a farmer, a cotton gin owner, and raised cattle. One of Hildevert III's sons, Octave Henry DESHOTELS, moved to Kaplan in 1901 and worked for Abram KAPLAN, founder of that town. "King" was the first Mayor of Kaplan and also the first Postmaster. He served as President of the Vermillion Parish Police Jury. As one of the first residents of Kaplan, he lived in a tent while the town was being developed, helping that growth by selling lots along with Pauline MANCEAUX.

Jules Henry DESHOTELS, Sr., son of Hildevert III and Zelima SPEYERER, was b. 9 July 1883 at Washington and d. 8 Feb. 1955. His first marriage was in 1902 to Mary Agnes DOUCET, b. 11 May 1885 at Opelousas, d. 14 April 1911, the daughter of Cleophas DOUCET, son of Lastie and Amelie DEVILLE and Mary Irene FONTENOT, daughter of Jean Baptiste and Elizabeth BAILLIO. Jules Henry moved to Kaplan in 1908 and entered the mercantile business there. A leading Kaplan citizen for many years, he was a member of the Town Council and President of the Vermillion Parish School Board for six years. He was a Charter

(Louisiana Deshotels Cont'd)

Member of the 1945 establishment of the Rev. Odilon Brise Council 2913 Knights of Columbus and served as its Grand Knight in 1947. He organized the corporation of J. H. Deshotels & Sons, Inc. and included his six sons and one daughter in the company. He remained corporate president until his death in 1955. Jules Henry DESHOTELS, Sr. and Mary Agnes DOUCET had Howard Henry DESHOTELS, Francis Leo DESHOTELS, Jules Henry DESHOTELS, Jr., and Mary Agnes DESHOTELS. Jules Henry DESHOTELS, Sr. married his second wife on 3 Feb. 1913. She was Amelie FONTENOT, b. 20 July 1880 in Ville Platte, d. 17 May 1954, the daughter of Joseph Hypolite Larose FONTENOT, son of Hypolite Larose and Marguerite LANDRENEAU, and Amelia DAIRE, daughter of Marcel and Delphine VIDRINE. Jules Henry, Sr. and Amelie FONTENOT had three children, Norbert Anthony DESHOTEL, Curtis Xavier DESHOTELS, and Joseph Manning DESHOTELS.

Howard Henry DESHOTELS, son of Jules Henry and Mary Agnes DOUCET, was b. 8 Oct. 1904 at Iota. He served with the US Navy aboard submarines for six years. After that, he worked for the Farmer Supply Co. of Kaplan until his retirement. Currently, he works on a semi-retired basis as a land subdivider. He m. Wilda HEBERT of Kaplan, now a retired school teacher who worked in LeBleu and Kaplan.

Francis Leo DESHOTELS, son of Jules Henry and Mary Agnes DOUCET, was b. 27 May 1906 at Iota and d. 18 April 1964. He served as secretary-treasurer of the J. H. Deshotels and Sons Inc., as US Rural Mail Carrier for 36 years, and was president of the National Ass. of Rural Letter Carriers. Other accomplishments were Zone Chairman of the Lions International, president of the Kaplan Lions Club, and King of the Court of Krewe Chic-a-la-Pie. He m. Marguerite LINA of Crowley, b. 5 March 1907, d. 10 April 1978. Marguerite was a charter member of the Court of Krewe Chic-a-la-Pie, the successor organization to the Krewe of Kaplan Kill Kares.

Jules Henry DESHOTELS, Jr., son of Jules, Sr. and Mary Agnes DOUCET, was b. 21 July 1907 at Iota and d. 15 May 1967. He was a school teacher for more than thirty years and taught at Indian Bayou, Maurice, and Kaplan during that time. He also served as a member of the Town Council. During WWII, he served in the European Theater as Deputy Div. Commander of the 39th Infantry. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, one of the highest given by the US Army. He spent over forty years in the La. Army National Guard and was active in bringing a unit to Abbeville. He was special assistant to the La. Adjutant General and superintendent of the La. Officer's Candidate School. "Colonel" Jules was the first to be awarded, posthumously, the La. Distinguished Service Medal. He m. Virginia COLE of Ruston, b. 15 July 1914, also a school teacher who worked in Indian Bayou, Kaplan, and Gueydan.

Mary Agnes DESHOTELS, daughter of Jules Henry and Mary Agnes DOUCET, was b. 10 Oct. 1909 at Kaplan. She m. Aswell GIBSON of Gueydan, b. 30 Aug. 1907, now a retired oil driller and businessman.

Norbert Anthony DESHOTELS, son of Jules Henry and Amelie FONTENOT, was b. 6 June 1914 and d. 7 Dec. 1964. He was a USL graduate and a member of the Knights of Columbus. He served as State Revenue Tax Agent for Vermillion, Acadia, and Evangeline Parishes and was in business on his own at the time of his death. He m. Germaine HEBERT, dietician at the Abrom Kaplan Memorial Hospital.

Curtis Xavier DESHOTELS, son of Jules Henry and Amelie FONTENOT, was b. 8 Aug. 1916. He served in the US Army Air Corps during WWII in the China-Burma-India Theater. He was vice-president of the Deshotels & Sons Inc. during the company's beginning and became the president when his father died. Curtis retired on 31 Dec. 1979, ending seventy years of mercantile business for the Deshotel family. He m. Maudrey "Bobbie" MOUTON, a registered graduate nurse who retired after twenty years at the Kaplan Health Unit as its director and head nurse.

Joseph Manning DESHOTELS, son of Jules Henry and Amelie FONTENOT, was b. 17 April 1918. He was a school teacher during 1940 to 1941 at Gueydan. On 6 June 1941 he volunteered for the US Army Air Corps and served as Staff Intelligence Officer under Ad. Lord Louis MOUNTBATTEN and Lt. Gen. "Vinegar" Joe STILWELL at Supreme Allied Headquarters, Southeast Asia. He was assigned as Intelligence Officer Instructor at Lowry AFB in Denver during the Korean War and served in the Colorado Air National Guard as Squadron Commander, Base Comptroller, Wing Intell. Officer and Comptroller of HQ. He was ordered to active duty on 26 Jan. 1968 during the VietNam War and served as Comptroller of the 635 Combat Group at Utapao, Thailand until his release on 30 April 1969. Col. Joe retired from the US Air Force Reserve on 17 April 1971 after thirty-one years of service. In between those three wars, he was a hospital systems administrator at Fitzsimons Gen. Hospital for eighteen years, and Colorado State Director of Automatic Data Processing for the US Dept. of HEW. He retired after thirty-two years, but in 1978 he formed a Computer Management Consulting Firm and functions as its executive director. He m. on 18 Aug. 1945, Marcia LINDER, daughter of Roland L., prominent architect, and Lily J. STOFFEL. Marcia is an archaeologist, a photographer, a pilot, and served as Intelligence Specialist in Washington, D. C. during WWII.

The DESHOTELS family is a direct descendant of the early Americans and Revolutionary War Patriots. They left Canada via the Great Lakes, the Ohio River, and the Mississippi and arrived in Pointe Coupee ca. 1753, then traveled to Imperial St. Landry Parish in the 1790s and finally to Vermillion Parish and Kaplan in the early 1900s. They were pioneer settlers, military men, public servants, educators and leaders who defended our country's principles of freedom and actively participated in religious, fraternal, and civic organizations.

QUERIES

GUILHAS-GUILBERT-MARKS-SAVOIE-PEYROUSSET

Seeking information on Dominique GUILHAS, son of Jacques GUILHAS and Magdeleine PEYROUSSET. He came to St. Landry Parish (Port Barre) between 1850 and 1860, from France. He was b. ca. 1834 and m. in 1867 to Louise GUILBERT and m. 2nd on 27 Aug. 1872 to Madeleine MARKS, d/o Francois Jean Bte. MARKS and Madeleine SAVOIE. Dominique d. 11 Feb. 1885. I have not been able to find his port of entry nor his naturalization papers. His name is sometimes spelled GUILLAS, GUILIAS, GUIAS, but he signed his marriage contract GUILHAS....Shirley Guilhas P. O. Box 762, Athens, Texas 75751

REED-LANDRENEAU-FONTENOT

My paternal grandmother, Theotis Fontenot LANDRENEAU (Mrs. Lucius LANDRENEAU, Sr.) gave birth to fourteen children and also reared seven orphaned children. The family name of the orphans was REED. I think this REED family came from around the Mamou area. Anyone having information on these orphans can contact....Natalie L. Lassere, 506 W. Magnolia, Ville Platte, LA 70586

WHITE-DAVIS

I am trying to locate the burial place of Mary "Polly" Byler Davis WHITE, b. 1796 in North Carolina, m. Anderson WHITE, 1825 in Lauderdale Co., Alabama. Mary WHITE supposedly died in the St. Landry Parish area ca. 1874. Anderson WHITE and the family lived in Grayson County, Texas at the time of her death....Mrs. Lester L. Edlin, 3608 Maple Street, Odessa, Texas 79762

HERCLERODE-MEIER FAMILY ASSOCIATION

A family association for HERCLERODE-MEIER descendants has been formed in Fair Haven, New Jersey. Anyone descending from this Lebanon Country, Pennsylvania family that would like to receive information on this association may contact Philip G. Brown, 665 River Road, Fair Haven, New Jersey 07701

CORRECTION ON CHACHERE FAMILY ARTICLE

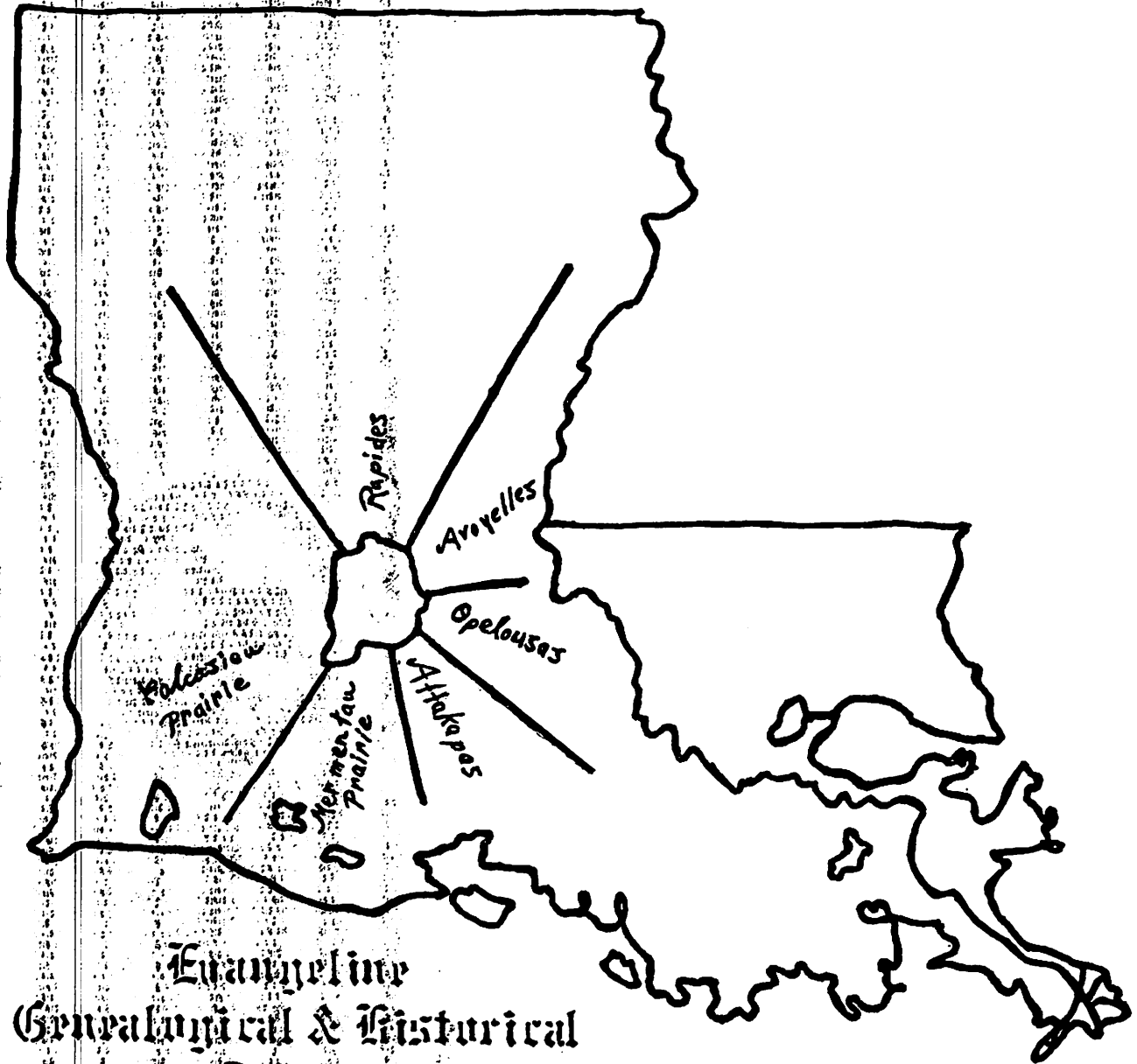
In La Voix des Prairies, Vol. 3, #8, page 6 (The Chachere Family of Louisiana), a correction should be noted on the surnames of c. 1., subnumbers b & c. The children of Roselta FUSELIER and Horace LAFLEUR should read Wanda Mae LAFLEUR and Larry Lloyd LAFLEUR, not FUSELIER.

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JOACHIN de ORTEGA y PRIETO
The Spanish Ancestry of a
Gateway Pioneer in Colonial Louisiana

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

Dedicated to the Memory of Mr. "Bill" Ortego of
Pine Prairie, Louisiana, 1909 - 1982



Joachin de ORTEGA y PRIETO, progenitor of the ORTEGO family of southwest Louisiana, was a fascinating, interesting, and far-sighted character. He apparently enjoyed a formal and highly-toned education in Spain and, when he married Maria Damasainte of the DE SOTO-ST. DENYS clan in Louisiana, at once he became an important figure in Louisiana colonial frontier life. (1)

We do not yet know when he arrived in Louisiana, or in what capacity he first served Spain. It is probable that he was here during the early days of the Spanish period. We know that, as early as 1782, he served the Spanish king as guardian of the royal artillery in Pensacola (2), and he appears with his family on the 1784 census of that place. (3) When he left Spanish service, it was to settle in what is now Evangeline Parish - the Bayou Chicot-Pine Prairie area - then the northern reaches of the Opelousas District. There is some evidence that he took part in an important military expedition to Texas Indian tribes early on in his career, and that he was seriously injured - perhaps permanently crippled or scarred - by some exploding gun powder during that campaign. This is another phase of his life left unexplored, except in the most cursory fashion.

One item of great interest, which tells us something of his character and philosophy, is an essay on conduct which Don Joachin penned prior to his death. This short narrative he titled "Exhortation to my Son Fifi"; it was translated and published by this writer in Volume III, No. 2 of Louisiana History, (pages 145-146). In all his writings, his penmanship is remarkably beautiful and his use of the Spanish language elegant.

Until the early 19th century, the orthography of the name was consistent: ORTEGA. It was only later that the current spelling, ORTEGO, began to evolve and finally became permanent in French-speaking southwest Louisiana. There are two reasons for this: The "O" sound is a very common final sound in many French names (Billeaudeau, Boudreaux, Fontenot, et al), while the "AH" sound does not usually occur in French as a final sound, being reserved for Spanish (and Italian) names. Further, in Spanish, the last syllable is usually given the accent; thus, pronouncing "Ortega" with the accent on the final sound would be quite foreign in a French-speaking community, hence the evolution of the current-day pronunciation and spelling. In Spanish, by the way, the name means "hazel grouse". In spite of orthography, there is no doubt that the Ortego family of present-day Evangeline Parish, Louisiana, is directly descended from the subject of this paper. (4)

The following data result from a research trip to Spain by this writer in 1972 (5), and, unless otherwise noted, from correspondence in the early 1960's with Spanish officials. (6) Since 1972, serious attempts have been made to learn more about the Ortega family, the most recent being the pooling of financial resources by several "co-operating cousins" who retained a highly qualified research historian to explore Spanish sources definitively. While this later research has revealed much interesting material on many Ortega names and related material, thus far, nothing has been discovered which extends the lines beyond what was known ten years ago. The purpose of this article, then, is not to document the history and genealogy of the Ortega family in the New World, but to outline the ancestry of it in the Old.

Illustrations: Spanish men's dress, late sixteenth century, the period during which the earliest Ortega ancestors are known. (Carl Kohler, A History of Costume, Dover, New York, reprint 1963, p. 220, figures 274 and 275.)

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(Joaquín de ORTEGA y PRIETO Cont'd)

The following ancestral table is based on the Sosa-Stradonitz system. No. 1 is the American progenitor, Joaquín de ORTEGA y PRIETO; nos. 2 and 3 are his parents; nos. 4, 5, 6, and 7 are his paternal grandfather, paternal grandmother, maternal grandfather, and maternal grandmother - in that order. The pattern is followed throughout. Basically, the numbers correspond to numbers as they would ordinarily be recorded on the lineage charts in common use. (7) All records cited (except those of Villavieja) were personally examined by this writer. It should be noted that, in some of the records cited here, the name was spelled "Hortega", but the use of this spelling was uneven, often within a single entry, and not only in the earliest records, so we eschew that spelling in this study.

The Ortega Ancestry in Spain

- 1: JOACHIN DE ORTEGA Y PRIETO was born August 2, 1755 and baptized on August 12 of that year in the town of Tordesillas, diocese and province of Valladolid, Spain. (Records of the Catholic Church Parish of Santa Maria la Mayor, Book VII, p. 159. Note: hereinafter, these records are referred to simply as "Tordesillas".) We will explore the marriage and death of this subject at a future date. There is strong evidence that he died in 1826. The ecclesiastical record of his marriage and his marriage contract are much more elusive. One descendant in particular, Mrs. S. M. "Zo" Slate of Lafayette, Louisiana, has put forth great effort to locate this marriage record and, we believe, has exhausted all logical sources - and some less plausible ones. The ecclesiastical ceremony should be either in Opelousas or Natchitoches, Louisiana, or in Pensacola, Florida, in that order - but there is no trace of it.
- 2: SANTIAGO DE ORTEGA was born in Pollos, nearby Tordesillas, on August 10, 1704 (Baptism Book II, p. 63. Records of the Catholic Church Parish of San Nicolas de Bari, Pollos, diocese and province of Valladolid, Spain. Note: hereinafter, these records are referred to simply as "Pollos".) He married (no. 3) on May 6, 1742, at Tordesillas. (Marriage Book III, p. 196, Tordesillas) He left a will dated January 26, 1764, drawn before Escribano Francisco Xavier del PASA, indicating that he and Francisca PRIETO were the parents of three children: Francisca, Manuel, and Joaquín, and that he was previously married to (but apparently had no children by) Isabel GARCIA. A codicil to the will was dated August 3, 1768. (This document is in the official archives of the town of Tordesillas. These records are well-kept, but are not well-organized, thus no further citation; the date implements the exact location.) His death occurred the following day, on August 4, 1768. (Funeral Book III, p. 313, Tordesillas)
- 3: FRANCISCA PRIETO was born in Tordesillas on May 1, 1712, and baptized ten days later, on May 11. (Baptism Book V, p. 23, Tordesillas) She had at least one brother, Gabriel PRIETO, who was baptized on April 11, 1721. (Baptism Book V, p. 270, Tordesillas)
- 4: FRANCISCO ORTEGA was born in Pollos on September 26, 1665. (Baptism Book I, known simply as the earliest book of baptisms, p. 120, Pollos) He married (no. 5) on January 2, 1694, in Pollos. (Book 1596-1727, p. 103b, Pollos)
- 5: ANA MOLINERO was born in Pollos on April 29, 1676. (Earliest Baptism Book, p. 171, Pollos)
- 6: MANUEL PRIETO was married first to Manuela FERNANDEZ, then, on February 9, 1711, to (No. 7). (Marriage Book III, p. 69, Tordesillas) Whatever his previous status, by 1750 his fortunes must have declined considerably, for in that year he was described as a "poor widower", residing in Tordesillas. (Records of the Alcalde, Book of Special Contributions, p. 426, Tordesillas, Valladolid, Spain)
- 7: TOMASA DEL RIO - only ancestry known (see below); no data are available on the subject herself.
- 8: SANTIAGO DE ORTEGA and (no. 9) were married on May 6, 1661, in Pollos. (Earliest Book, p. 54, Pollos)
- 9: ANA RODRIGUEZ - only ancestry is known (see below); no data are available on the subject herself.
- 10: JUAN MOLINERO was married to (no. 11) on November 5, 1663, in Pollos. (Earliest Book, p. 58, Pollos)
- 11: ANGELA RODRIGUEZ. A notation on her marriage to (no. 10) indicated that she is a native of the town of Velilla. (Ibid.)
- 12: SANTIAGO PRIETO, native of Tordesillas - ancestry unknown to date. According to Julio de ATIENZA's Diccionario Nobiliario (Madrid, Aguilar, 1959), page 634, the name Prieto originated in the mountains of Santander.

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- 13: PASCUALA GUERRERO - ancestry and additional data unknown to date.
- 14: GABRIEL DEL RIO, native of Tordesillas, married (no. 15) in Tordesillas on May 5, 1683. He died May 22, 1711, very shortly after his daughter's marriage (see no. 6). (Note: both these entries are recorded in the "Earliest Book", although the page numbers do not show, Tordesillas. Dates pinpoint exact location in the book.)
- 15: MARIA SAZ (also spelled SANZ) - only parents are known; no data available on the subject herself. the former spelling is identified with Castille, while the latter is identified with Aragon. (See pages 689 and 694 of Atienza's dictionary cited at no. 12)
- 16: ANTONIO DE ORTEGO - further ancestry and additional data unknown to date. Because the Ortego name re-enters this genealogy on the Prieto side during this generation (see no. 29) and a different place-name, the village of Villavieja (close by Tordesillas), was given as no. 29's birthplace, a search was made (in 1980, by a colleague, Dr. Eric Beerman of Madrid, the consultant retained by the "co-operating cousins") of the records of this area, but without success. The family name does appear many times in Villavieja, however, the earliest being in 1592. (Baptism of Andres ORTEGA, son of Bartolome ORTEGA and Isabel GARCIA, Book One of Baptisms, Confirmations, and Marriages, p. 44, Catholic Church records of Nuestra Senora de Santa Maria de la Asuncion, Villavieja, Valladolid, Spain)

This Antonio de ORTEGA, then, is the earliest known ancestor of the Louisiana family in the agnatic line. His son (no. 8) was married in 1661, so we might surmise, roughly, that the progenitor was born just following the turn of the 16th century. He is approximately fifteen generations and almost four centuries separated from his descendants living in Louisiana. We cannot assume that his father was Bartolome ORTEGA (mentioned above), who was fathering children during that time, but such a relationship is possible. In any event, the name is one of the most ancient in all Spain, as revealed in Enrique de TORAL's Historia del linaje de Ortega (three small volumes, published in 1953, by Ubeda, place of publication not shown), although this work does not mention "our" Ortega family specifically. See also Alberto and Arturo GARCIA y CARRAFFA, Enciclopedia heraldica y genealogica hispanoamericana (Madrid, 1919-1963, 88 volumes) Vol. LXV, pp. 183-185. In this work, highly acclaimed by scholars, but not without errors, the Ortega family is described as of an old and distinguished Castillian lineage, originating in the city of Carrion de los Condes, province of Palencia, and principally in Old and New Castille. In Old Castille (where, we will recall, Don Joaquin was born), one branch settled at Villanueva de San Mancio in the province of Valladolid. The coat-of-arms (remembering that the Louisiana branch is not necessarily entitled to it...) was a blue field, with gold fleur-de-lis, in the upper left and lower right corners; the other two corners carried a brown carriage wheel on a gold field, trimmed in silver with eight ermines. (Note: no authority on heraldry, this writer believes that such a blazon is not quite proper in technical terms, but such is the erudite description in GARCIA Y CARRAFFA.)

- 17: CATALINA BERCERUELO - ancestry and additional data unknown to date.
- 18: MATEO RODRIGUEZ - ancestry and additional data unknown to date. Likely, there is a strong relationship between this ancestor and (no. 44 and 45) the other Rodriguez line given in this genealogy
- 19: MARIA HERNANDEZ - ancestry and additional data unknown to date.
- 20: JUAN MOLINERO - ancestry and additional data unknown to date.
- 21: FRANCISCA GALLEG0 - ancestry and additional data unknown to date. The name "Gallego" indicates that one (or one's ancestor) is from Galicia, Spain.
- 22: ALONZO RODRIGUEZ was born (or baptized?) on June 9, 1617, in Pollos. (Earliest Book, p. 25, Pollos)
- 23: (first name not given) ASSERADURA (or possibly ATTERADURA). Ancestry and additional data unknown to date.
- 24-27: unknown
- 28: FERNANDO DEL RIO - ancestry and additional data unknown to date.
- 29: MARIA ORTEGA - ancestry and additional data unknown to date, except that, when her son (see no. 14) was married in 1683, she is recorded as being a native of Villavieja (also see no. 16), but this subject could not be precisely identified. Of course, in the Villavieja area church records there are many, many Maria ORTEGA names, but we cannot assume any one is our subject. One entry, however, is very tempting, as the dates jibe well: Baptism of Maria Ortega on April 12, 1642, born of March 27, 1642, daughter of Mateo Ortega and Isabel Martin. (Book II, Baptisms, Sta. Maria de la Asuncion, p. 41v, Villavieja)

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- 30: LORENZO SAZ/SANZ - ancestry and additional data unknown to date.
- 31: ISABEL MARTIN - ancestry and additional data unknown to date.
- 32-43: unknown
- 44: MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ - ancestry and additional data unknown to date. As his son was born in 1617 (see no. 22), he was no doubt born in the late 1500's.
- 45: CARRERO - ancestry and additional data unknown to date.
- 46-62: unknown (Note: this ends the sixth generation, ascending, from and including Don Joachin.) (8)

Unless some earlier records are located within a reasonable radius of the Tordesillas-Pollos-Villavieja areas, this writer believes it unlikely that the agnatic lineage of the Ortega family can be extended beyond the point shown here. There is, however, a great deal more research to be done on the ancestors named above: during the research in Spain, our primary purpose was to trace the Ortega lines and others as early as possible. Therefore, in many cases, we did not attempt to find some vital dates. These are, no doubt, waiting for us in the records cited above. There is more, too, to be done on Don Joachin and on his career. There is a bit of evidence that, in their early years at least, Don Bernardo de GALVEZ and ORTEGA were friends - perhaps classmates? These and other intriguing questions will, we trust, one day be resolved. (9)

Finally, if this writer is permitted to reminisce, as one enters the very lovely regions of Tordesillas and Pollos, it is evident that Don Joachin must have felt right at home in the prairie country of south-west Louisiana, where he finally settled - his ancestral home in Spain is surrounded by vast ranges, and dotted with pine trees, almost exactly like Pine Prairie, where Ortega's mother-in-law had one of the first (perhaps the first?) land grants, and where, in addition to many other places in Evangeline Parish and elsewhere, the Ortega family lives still.

Too, it seemed significant, somehow, on entering the magnificent Spanish church in Pollos where the Ortega family were early parishioners and the Louisiana progenitor was baptized, that the first thing the friendly priest told this writer was the date the building was completed - 1492, the year the New World was discovered.

Considering the contributions of Joachin de ORTEGA to Spain's Louisiana frontier, if any descendants of the Ortega family are interested in placing a small, dignified bronze plaque honoring Don Joachin at an appropriate place of honor in the Villa Tordesillas, written in Spanish and in English, please contact this writer at P. O. Drawer 51359, New Orleans, Louisiana 70151 - and be sure to enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope (and be patient).

Excursus

Joachin de ORTEGA's father-in-law was Manuel Antonio de SOTO y BERMUDEZ. Not nearly enough is known about the colonial career of this gateway ancestor. In the mid-18th century, as a Spanish military official in Texas, he was a very controversial figure. After his retirement from the military, he settled in the Opelousas district, probably in the Pine Prairie area (where it appears that he died), with his equally remarkable wife, Marie des Neiges JUCHEREAU de ST. DENYS, daughter of the founder of Natchitoches.

During this writer's 1972 research trip to Spain, he visited the ancestral home of de SOTO, the church parish of San Juan de Dorron, near the city of Pontevedra in Galicia, and only a very few miles inland from the Atlantic Ocean, on the northern shore of the Bay of Pontevedra. Two days of research in the pertinent church records of that area failed to disclose de SOTO's baptism record or, alas, the marriage of his parents. A busy travel schedule did not permit a thorough search.

Happily, however, and quite by chance, we were fortunate enough to meet a very distinguished "cousin", Don Santiago Mendez-Monroy, patriarch of the Dorron estate. He knew the de SOTO and BERMUDEZ families well, is himself descended from the families, and, amazingly, maintains a centuries-old family archives. One ancient document in this collection is a deposition by a scholar-priest and indicates that some families related to de SOTO-BERMUDEZ ruled the Dorron region as early as the year 711, A. D. The ALDAO family, somehow connected to de SOTO-BERMUDEZ, was honored in 1545 by the king, Charles I, for earlier services to Her Serene Majesty Catherine of Aragon, first wife of Henry VIII - one or more of the family members had been in her wedding party when the royal couple married in England.

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Still another fascinating piece of history related to the family is revealed by Don Santiago: the church of the parish is built of stone, granite, of original Roman design. During the earliest times, it served as a chapel of the manorial residence of the family. In more recent times, it was donated to the parish, but the family reserved the right to a special entrance (which has since been covered over) and to its own church bell which summoned the family to attend mass. In addition to this early site, one of the other area landmarks is the Torre Bermudez (Tower of Bermudez), built circa 700, A. D. by one of the early rulers of that part of Spain - a part which, according to tradition or fact, was never conquered by the Moors.

A definitive search in the Dorron area records and in other depositories in Spain and Mexico is required in order to discover the relationship of "our" de Soto family to the families of related names in Dorron - that there is a strong and direct relationship is hardly to be doubted, however.

Footnotes (not to be confused with the numbers beginning each entry in the table of ancestors)

- (1) Recognizance between Joaquin Ortega and "Madmoiselle Soto de St. Denis", January 14, 1782, at Opelousas Post, abstracted in Vidrine-De Ville, Marriage Contracts of the Opelousas Post (n. p., n. pub., 1961), p. 10. The text of this document states that the couple would be married the same day.
- (2) Ibid.
- (3) Ortega is shown in this census as 30 years of age; his wife "Maria Josefa Soto," as 19. One son, Juan, is 1-½ years old. Margarita, a slave, is 30, and a single person living in the household was Don Pedro de la Puente, age 34. Coker, William S. and G. Douglas Inglis, The Spanish Censuses of Pensacola, 1784-1820 (Perdido Bay Press, Pensacola, 1980) p. 43. The original is in the Cuban Papers, General Archives of the Indies, Iegajo 2360.
- (4) This family is not to be confused with the French-origin family of Natchitoches of very similar name, spelled variously Dartigaux, etc. See Elizabeth S. Mills, Natchitoches: 1729-1803 (Polyanthos, New Orleans, 1977). Ortega descendants trace their ancestry to the Louisiana progenitor primarily by research in the St. Landry-Opelousas area church and civil records.
- (5) We wish to acknowledge the kind assistance of Col. E. A. Montemayor, U. S. A. F. Ret., then of Torrejon, near Madrid, for his generous help during the research trip to Spain.
- (6) Particularly is the writer grateful to Sr. Alonson Alvarez de Toledo, then (1961) Secretary of the Embassy of Spain in Charge of Consular Affairs, Washington, D. C. It was through this gentleman's good offices that we first secured information from Don Joaquin's baptismal record which gave the names of his parents, the names of his four grandparents and where all were born. This kindness on the part of this distinguished Spanish official opened the way to further research in Spain. Gratitude also goes to the Rev. Father Ismael Rodriguez, then pastor of the Tordesillas church, who graciously supplied us with a certified copy (no. 109349) of Don Joaquin's baptismal record, now in the possession of the writer. We remember, too, the kindness of Ruth Robertson Fontenot, who made it possible, in this writer's early career, to obtain information on the Ortega and other families from St. Landry Catholic Church in Opelousas, and that of Jacqueline Olivier Vidrine, my colleague and cousin.
- (7) For a more detailed explanation of this system, which allows much greater flexibility in recording and documenting data, see the third chapter of Pierre Durye's Genealogy: An Introduction to Continental Concepts, translated from the French by Wilson O. Clough (Polyanthos, New Orleans, 1977).
- (8) This study is rather typical of the pattern of successful genealogical research in Europe - this study, in fact, may show a greater number of known ancestors than most research projects for the period covered. While it is not so unusual to trace a given ancestry to the end of the 16th century, it is difficult, very often impossible, to go beyond that time. Two major reasons exist for this frustrating but true fact: (a) Keeping records of any sort was not generally practiced until approximately this time, except for royal and noble families, some ecclesiastics, and perhaps a few other privileged classes. (b) Family names were not in common use among the general populace until just prior to this time. Indeed, some social classes and ethnic groups did not adopt surnames until well after this time. Our ancestress Francisca Gallego's (no. 21) ancestors obviously acquired their name only after leaving Galicia, and that could have been in her parents' generation or only slightly earlier. This is an excellent example of how family names, based on places of nativity, evolved.

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- (9) It seems apparent that Don Joachin's family was not particularly privileged or certainly not very wealthy. Yet, his obvious education and, we believe, that of his brother, belie their economic and social condition. The writer's theory is that, perhaps showing unusual ability as young children, the two sons won the favor of some more aristocratic family, or perhaps the royal court, or at least a scholar-priest of the area. Tordesillas is one of the most important historical sites in early-modern history; it was once a royal seat and it was here that the Treaty of Tordesillas (7 June 1494) was signed, parceling the New World between Spain and Portugal. Too, nearby Tordesillas is the city of Valladolid, an ancient and important seat of learning. These two facts make it evident that the environment for educational and social opportunity in this area was somewhat greater than in some other parts of Spain, even as late as the mid-18th century.

CUSHMAN'S CEMETERY

Located in Marksville, Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana
Recorded May 10, 1982 by Faye Edwards Williams

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| AFEMAN, James Gary b. 02-26-1940 d. 05-16-1940 | ANDERSON, John Carleton b. 04-02-1880 d. 11-28-1930 | ARMITAGE, Thomas J. b. 02-22-1842 d. 03-29-1916 | ARMITAGE, Thomas M. b. 01-18-1882 d. 10-13-1934 |
| ARMITAGE, Willard Trichel b. 1911 d. 1970 | ASWELL, Frank b. 02-06-1897 d. 10-08-1953 | ASWELL, William E. b. 12-11-1922 d. 01-28-1945 PVT, 226, AAA, SLT, BN, CAC, WWII | BALARD, Jessie b. 03-02-1896 d. 11-13-1900 |
| BARDWELL, James A. b. 03-14-1883 d. 04-24-1953 | BARDWELL, Mary Ann b. 10-16-1883 d. 06-19-1970 w/o James A. BARDWELL | BARHAM, Alpha P. b. 10-11-1884 d. 01-06-1968 | BARHAM, James M. b. 05-17-1878 d. 07-13-1958 |
| BARRE, Euell L. b. 03-28-1903 d. 09-05-1951 | BARRETT, David b. 1959 d. 1975 | BARTON, Allie b. 03-10-1862 d. 03-16-1949 w/o Rev. J. H. FRENCH | BEAUBOUF, Cleve b. 12-26-1902 d. 02-06-1980 |
| BERLIN, Tessy b. 01-26-1856 d. 07-25-1899 w/o Thomas J. ARMITAGE | BERNARD, Gerald b. 03-16-1936 d. 01-16-1965 | BERNARD, Herman Joseph b. 12-29-1918 d. 02-09-1963 PFC, 746, AAA, GUN, BN, CAC, WWII | BERNARD, Jesse "Buddy" b. 10-26-1949 d. 07-16-1981 |
| BERNARD, Sylvan b. 1922 d. 1975 | BETTEVY, Michel b. 06-21-1868 d. 06-14-1946 | BONNETTE, John A. b. 02-14-1868 d. 06-15-1959 | BONNETTE, Lee T. b. 1892 d. 1937 |
| BONNETTE, Maria Vana M. b. 03-30-1869 d. 04-16-1933 w/o John A. BONNETTE | BOONE, W. S. b. 10-07-1846 d. 10-02-1915 | BORDELON, Ann (LINEBARGER) b. 06-29-1911 d. 11-05-1948 | BORDELON, Edgar, Mrs. b. 1870 d. 1938 |
| BORDELON, Famy L. b. 06-26-1891 d. 12-26-1958 w/o Ulysses R. BORDELON | BORDELON, Kirby b. 09-13-1917 d. 01-19-1980 | BORDELON, Ulysses R. b. 01-03-1888 d. 06-03-1961 | BOULETTE, Belle b. 07-17-1873 d. 07-23-1906 |
| BOURAS, John D. b. 07-7-1897 d. 03-19-1954 | BRASHEAR, Esther Rebecca b. 03-03-1811 Maryland d. 11-09-1855 w/o Ralph CUSHMAN | BROUILLETTE, Bessie b. 1902 d. 12-29-1933 w/o Robert BROUILLETTE | BROUILLETTE, Dora b. 12-16-1890 d. 09-04-1981 w/o Louis ORTEGO |
| BROUILLETTE, Robert b. 1894 d. 06-08-1936 | BROWN, Mamie b. 07-18-1893 d. 05-27-1964 w/o George Dewey EVANS | BUDNIK, Anthony b. 01-17-1915 d. 02-11-1982 | CAMPBELL, Mary Bradley b. 07-02-1874 d. 10-06-1915 w/o Walter COUVILLION, Sr. |

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| CHATELAIN, Francois S. b. 08-10-1877 d. 03-05-1972 | CHATELAIN, Pearl S. b. 07-10-1892 d. 01-23-1969 w/o Francois S. CHATELAIN | CHAZE, Frances L. b. 05-05-1897 d. 12-08-1963 | CHRISMOND, Dewey L. b. 08-09-1898 d. 06-14-1964 | COLE, Lavaca b. 02-02-1905 d. 03-05-1972 |
| COLEMAN, Michael L. b. 02-20-1952 d. 08-28-1980 | COMPTON, James Hebert b. 1908 d. 1981 US Coast Guard WWII | CONDE, Francis H. b. 01-11-1908 d. 09-23-1974 | CONDE, Sylvia S. b. 11-30-1896 d. 01-05-1981 | COUVILLION, Eugenia b. 08-04-1896 d. 07-21-1979 w/o Charles W. FRANK |
| COUVILLION, Lauder H. b. 1898 d. 1919 w/o Walter F. COUVILLION, Jr. | COUVILLION, Walter F., Jr. b. 1899 d. 1921 | COUVILLION, Walter F. b. 01-05-1869 d. 01-12-1962 | CUSHMAN, Margery E. b. 02-11-1836 d. 07-29-1868 w/o A. M. KILPATRICK | CUSHMAN, Ralph b. 11-14-1801 d. 09-17-1855 b. Barnet, Vermont |
| DAUZAT, Dennis M. b. 08-13-1910 d. 11-09-1978 | DAUZAT, Ephrine G. b. 10-03-1882 d. 11-10-1966 w/o Morise A. DAUZAT | DAUZAT, Morise A. b. 08-12-1880 d. 06-19-1952 | DESCANT, Brian Keith b. 1973 d. 1974 | DUPUY, Julia (LAFARGUE) (no dates) |
| DUPUY, Noah J. b. 1901 d. 1970 | DUPUY, Sylvia (LAPRAIRIE) b. 10-17-1906 d. 05-20-1981 | EDWARDS, Bennette b. 05-03-1903 d. 02-14-1978 s/o Hayden EDWARDS | EDWARDS, Hayden b. 01-18-1876 d. 06-30-1942 s/o Wm. Wash. EDWARDS | EDWARDS, Helen b. 09-16-1879 d. 12-22-1904 d/o Wm. Washington EDWARDS |
| EDWARDS, Helen b. 01-17-1905 d. 03-19-1980 w/o Haywood PAUL d/o Hayden EDWARDS | EDWARDS, James LeRoy b. 05-05-1948 d. 05-07-1948 | EDWARDS, Liniere b. 09-22-1869 d. 01-16-1958 d/o Wm. Wash. EDWARDS | EDWARDS, Margaret b. 07-30-1886 d. 08-24-1971 w/o Joe TASSIN d/o Wm. Wash. EDWARDS | EDWARDS, Wallace b. 08-28-1866 d. 04-08-1909 h/o Nora BORDELON s/o Wm. Wash. EDWARDS |
| EDWARDS, William Washington b. 06-30-1840 d. 12-11-1922 h/o Clara MASTERS | ELDRIDGE, Gary W. b. 1893 d. 1958 | ELEMING, Edwin V. b. 04-27-1893 Michigan d. 10-17-1947 | ESPINOSA, Alphonse J. b. 01-30-1931 d. 05-05-1970 PVT. CO. A, WWII | EVANS, George Dewey b. 09-18-1899 d. 04-18-1957 |
| FALLS, Addie B. b. 1885 d. 1960 w/o J. C. FALLS, Sr. | FALLS, J. C., Sr. b. 01-04-1885 d. 01-17-1951 | FALLS, Mary Frances b. 01-14-1918 d. 03-21-1976 b. Mary F. ELDRIDGE | FERRELL, Mary A. b. 10-03-1925 d. 01-30-1971 | FIELDS, Anna d/o T. T. FIELDS and Carrie FIELDS (no dates) |
| FIELDS, Annie b. 04-19-1850 d. 12-28-1935 w/o E. J. JOFFRION | FIELDS, Carrie B. b. 06-10-1852 d. 06-13-1923 | FIELDS, Laura b. 02-22-1884 d. 03-03-1966 w/o Louis E. MONCLA | FIELDS, Liberty B. b. 02-13-1843 d. 05-23-1918 | FIELDS, Sophie d/o T. T. FIELDS and Carrie FIELDS (no dates) |
| FIELDS, Sue R. b. 1841 d. 02-24-1905 w/o Evariste Jos. JOFFRION | FIELDS, Thorn s/o T. T. FIELDS and Carrie FIELDS | FIELDS, T. T. b. 09-29-1846 d. 04-13-1921 h/o Carrie B. FIELDS | FOSTER, Ida b. 05-10-1889 d. 07-17-1950 w/o Roselius FOSTER | FOSTER, Roselius b. 10-13-1886 d. 04-29-1957 |
| FRANKS, Charles Wyman b. 09-16-1893 d. 07-21-1965 | FRENCH, Annie Lee B. b. 07-08-1893 d. 12-18-1952 | FURLOW, Mamie b. 08-15-1893 d. 04-18-1973 w/o Grover S. SELLERS | FURLOW, Marceline C. b. 09-01-1863 d. 03-13-1949 | GEORGE, Connie W. b. 04-26-1895 d. 01-29-1964 |
| GRAY, Florence B. b. 1863 d. 1957 w/o Joseph A. GRAY | GRAY, Joseph A. b. 1858 d. 1941 | GREER, C. D. b. 09-14-1905 d. 01-30-1948 | GREMILLION, Adine S. b. 02-20-1916 d. 09-20-1974 | GREMILLION, Clifton b. 02-26-1911 d. 01-16-1982 |
| GROSS, Charles L., Sr. b. 06-21-1903 d. 08-17-1981 | GUILLORY, Josephine L. b. 10-04-1892 d. 03-06-1969 | GUILLORY, O. P. b. 1879 d. 1941 | GUILLOT, Laura b. 09-25-1878 d. 04-13-1965 w/o Hayden EDWARDS d/o Azenor GUILLOT | GUILLOT, Clifford b. 04-30-1920 d. 08-13-1977 |
| GUILLOT, Maude L. b. 1897 d. 1971 | GUILLOT, Mazel L. b. 04-04-1920 d. 05-18-1981 | GUILLOT, R. M. b. 08-03-1868 d. 02-28-1933 | HALE, John H. b. 04-06-1899 d. 08-28-1950 Bugler II Infan. WWII | HATFIELD, Anne b. 10-07-1886 d. 03-18-1932 w/o Michel BETTEVY |

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| HAVARD, Bert E. Richard b. 09-21-1899 d. 02-18-1976 | HAVARD, Frank Lampion b. 12-11-1923 d. 07-05-1938 | HAVARD, Leroy Stafford b. 05-11-1895 d. 04-12-1941 | HENDERSON, Harold J. b. 08-30-1912 d. 10-27-1981 | JEANSONNE, Nina Ellen b. 02-13-1901 d. 06-10-1918 |
| JEANSONNE, Richard Hobson b. 01-16-1898 d. 08-19-1920 | JOFFRION, Bessie Karen b. 04-29-1872 d. 12-14-1854 w/o Joseph W. JOFFRION | JOFFRION, Doris Campbell b. 07-26-1898 d. 10-24-1981 | JOFFRION, E. B. b. 1862 d. 11-26-1884 | JOFFRION, Evariste Jos. b. 02-07-1838 d. 05-11-1905 |
| JOFFRION, Francis M., Jr. b. 1880 d. 11-11-1898 Florida | JOFFRION, Francis Marion b. 1836 d. 1918 | JOFFRION, J. W. b. 02-04-1871 d. 02-05-1929 | JOFFRION, Leila Perrin b. 06-04-1895 d. 04-30-1969 | JOFFRION, Sidney S. b. 11-23-1903 d. 02-05-1981 |
| JOFFRION, Viola b. 07-30-1890 d. 01-03-1976 w/o Gaston POTERIE, Sr. | JOFFRION, Winston Kernon b. 12-04-1900 d. 06-01-1960 | JOHNSON, Calvin b. 03-20-1900 d. 03-31-1969 | JOHNSON, James Cameron b. no date d. 11-09-1964 | JOHNSON, Richard G. b. 09-12-1890 d. 10-10-1918 |
| JOHNSON, Sheldon W. b. 1884 d. 1971 | JOHNSON, Col. W. W. b. 1818 d. 1879 | JUNEAU, Yvonne Rabalais b. 04-09-1914 d. 02-13-1977 | KILPATRICK, Infant Son d. 09-26-1945 s/o David KILPATRICK and Ethel SPEARS | KILPATRICK, David Pier. b. 06-30-1894 d. 02-04-1974 |
| KILPATRICK, Ellen (no dates) | KILPATRICK, Ellen T. b. 01-29-1867 d. 02-04-1867 d/o M. E. KILPATRICK | KILPATRICK, Dr. Ralph b. 12-21-1862 d. 05-14-1936 s/o Andrew Milton KILPATRICK & Margery Eliza CUSHMAN | KIMBALL, A. F. b. 1869 d. 1925 | KRUGER, Julie Eva b. 1880 d. 1954 |
| LABORDE, Chasity M. d. 07-20-1980 | LABORDE, Sarus b. 02-26-1883 d. 08-26-1939 | LACEFIELD, Chelcie B. b. 10-09-1915 d. 09-03-1975 Pvt. US Army WWII | LACHNEY, Mitchell b. 02-02-1911 d. 11-12-1956 | LAFARGUE, Edith b. 1911 d. 1980 w/o Willard T. ARMITAGE |
| LAFARGUE, Carl b. 12-05-1915 d. 03-17-1972 SPD, 2, US CG, WWII | LAFARGUE, C. U. b. 12-08-1869 d. 11-04-1944 | LAFARGUE, Desdemone b. 03-02-1893 d. 05-04-1934 w/o C. U. LARARGUE | LAFARGUE, Mary Oneida b. 01-07-1872 d. 11-06-1944 w/o Perry B. SNODDY | LAFARGUE, Sylvia b. 04-08-1903 d. 01-15-1979 w/o George R. MITCHELL |
| LANIUS, Rachel b. 10-12-1857 d. 11-15-1925 w/o Alfred SAUCIER | LAPRAIRIE, Joe b. 12-18-1915 d. 05-15-1977 | LUNEAU, Wed (Mrs.) b. 10-18-1883 d. 09-08-1960 | MASSICOT, Jules Anthony b. 05-23-1926 d. 08-14-1958 | MASTERS, Clara b. 11-01-1840 d. 12-13-1907 w/o Wm. Wash. EDWARDS |
| MASTERS, Mary H. (no dates) w/o Col. W. W. JOHNSON | MAYEAUX, Emadeline C. b. 11-26-1882 d. 02-16-1966 w/o Frank NORMAND | MAYEAUX, Florence L. b. 1893 d. 1969 | MCCARTER, B. H. b. 08-27-1880 d. 03-13-1934 | MESSICK, Harriet Lily b. 03-23-1898 d. 07-10-1960 |
| MITCHELL, George Richard b. 08-04-1910 d. 05-16-1972 | MONCLA, Alfred b. 06-26-1895 d. 07-21-1968 | MONCLA, Louis E. b. 12-18-1855 d. 11-05-1956 | MORACE, Dora b. 02-06-1907 d. 03-29-1975 w/o Cleve BEAUBOUF | MORACE, William G. b. 12-28-1902 d. 08-26-1951 |
| MOREAU, Elvira W. b. 02-29-1887 d. 11-26-1972 w/o Landry MOREAU | MOREAU, Landry b. 07-21-1886 d. 02-28-1954 | MORROW, Ronnie Joseph b. 08-23-1961 d. 06-21-1981 | NEITZEL, Robert Stuart b. 05--8-1911 Nebraska d. 08-20-1980 | NORMAND, Adras J. b. 07-22-1901 d. 07-20-1979 PFC US ARMY WWII |
| NORMAND, Azelia A. b. 10-18-1853 d. 11-09-1918 | NORMAND, Eura B. b. 01-20-1889 d. 08-31-1975 | NORMAND, Fabian T. b. 10-30-1847 d. 02-20-1910 | NORMAND, Flora b. 08-18-1862 d. 09-08-1903 w/o C. F. BORDELON | NORMAND, Frank b. 12-24-1876 d. 12-14-1940 |
| NORMAND, Henry J. b. 1911 d. 1964 | NORMAND, Ida (Barre) b. 1875 d. 1957 | NORMAND, John R. b. 05-07-1898 d. 03-27-1965 | NORMAND, Ludie b. 04-13-1888 d. 12-28-1943 w/o B. H. McCARTER | NORMAND, Mable D. b. 10-02-1908 d. 02-11-1980 w/o John R. NORMAND |

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| NORMAND, R. T. b. 05-04-1854 d. 05-22-1934 | ORTEGO, Louis b. 07-31-1889 d. 02-06-1938 | PARKS, Edwin Curtis b. 1904 d. 1974 | PEYTON, Mary Virginia b. 08-08-1836 d. 05-08-1897 w/o B. A. ROBERT | PIERSON, Alice b. 07-18-1870 d. 12-10-1954 w/o Dr. Ralph KILPATRICK |
| PIERSON, Ollie M. b. 03-16-1906 d. 01-14-1979 w/o Aaron Baxter SPEER | PONTHIER, Mildred D. b. 08-10-1940 d. 07-03-1974 | PONTHIEUX, John B. b. 03-06-1871 d. 09-11-1957 | PORTERIE, Gaston Louis, Jr. b. 09-07-1920 d. 11-23-1934 | PORTERIE, Gaston Louis b. 01-22-1885 d. 03-24-1953 US District Judge |
| PUCHER, William Carl b. 11-25-1895 d. 11-27-1896 s/o J. M. PUCHER & Winnie PUCHER | RABALAIS, Estine J. b. 1880 d. 1953 | RABALAIS, Helen G. b. 1889 d. 1970 w/o Estine J. RABALAIS | RABALAIS, M. E. b. 04-30-1911 d. 10-10-1972 | RENNEAUX, Arthur b. 11-27-1892 d. 12-09-1981 |
| RICHARD, Eugene G. b. 12-16-1903 d. 08-17-1953 | RIDDLE, Alvis R. b. 03-06-1888 d. 02-06-1972 | RIDDLE, Charles A., Jr. b. 07-19-1917 d. 03-18-1976 | RIDDLE, Charles A., Sr. b. 05-01-1879 d. 06-21-1954 | RIDDLE, Clifton W. b. 07-17-1892 d. 03-26-1949 |
| RIDDLE, Cora S. b. 1886 d. 1957 w/o D. Murphy RIDDLE | RIDDLE, D. Murphy b. 1881 d. 1953 | RIDDLE, Flora b. 02-18-1872 d. 06-20-1961 w/o Benjamin F. VOINCHE | RIDDLE, Glenn C. b. 12-25-1922 d. 03-22-1923 s/o D. M. RIDDLE | RIDDLE, G. C. b. 1850 d. 12-15-1903 |
| RIDDLE, G. C., Mrs. b. 08-10-1858 d. 08-08-1935 | RIDDLE, Mary b. 02-09-1874 d. 02-22-1967 w/o R. N. GUILLOT | ROBERT, Grimbail A. b. 01-27-1814 d. 12-30-1854 | ROBERT, Lavenia M. b. 05-13-1815 d. 12-13-1879 w/o Grimbail A. ROBERT | ROBERTS, Mackie (no dates) |
| ROBINSON, Margaret b. 10-09-1890 d. 01-06-1960 w/o Charles A. RIDDLE, Sr. | ROMERE, Delbert b. 01-23-1918 d. 02-25-1982 | SANDERS, Grace (LaCaze) b. 07-16-1926 d. 12-18-1964 | SAUCIER, Alfred b. 02-08-1885 d. 01-17-1927 | SAUCIER, Emile b. 08-30-1893 d. 10-23-1959 |
| SAUCIER, F. H. b. 03-23-1855 d. 07-10-1912 | SAUCIER, Forsythe b. 03-19-1882 d. 04-15-1950 w/o James A. SAUCIER | SAUCIER, Harriet b. 03-20-1877 d. 06-03-1917 w/o Richard H. Jeansonne | SAUCIER, James A. b. 1879 d. 1969 | SAUCIER, Susie J. b. 12-11-1893 d. 10-20-1972 w/o Emile SAUCIER |
| ST. ROMAIN, Russell b. 09-20-1945 d. 11-18-1980 | SCHOLTZ, Henry C. b. 12-26-1880 d. 03-23-1938 | SCHOLTZ, Marie Alidie b. 11-06-1881 d. 07-05-1957 | SECOY, R. E. b. 1849 d. 1942 | SECOY, R. E., Mrs. b. 1854 d. 1939 |
| SELLERS, Grover S. b. 01-30-1884 d. 07-13-1941 | SELVIDGE, D. C. b. 09-04-1879 d. 05-13-1965 | SELVIDGE, Ruth T. b. 03-12-1890 d. 01-03-1973 w/o D. C. SELVIDGE | SMITH, Anthony b. 09-06-1910 d. 04-22-1966 | SMITH, DeWitt J. b. 04-13-1903 d. 12-13-1958 |
| SNODDY, Arnaudlia F. b. 12-25-1894 d. 08-22-1970 | SNODDY, Benton E. b. 01-01-1900 d. 03-31-1977 | SNODDY, Helen Roberts b. 12-08-1911 d. 07-23-1976 | SNODDY, Perry Benjamin b. 09-07-1864 d. 08-18-1913 | SPEARS, Ethel b. 02-21-1902 Willis Point, TX d. 06-29-1978 w/o David P. KILPATRICK |
| SPEER, Aaron Baxter b. 06-25-1895 d. 03-05-1969 | SPUR, Sara b. 1832 d. 06-24-1890 | STURM, Walter b. 1889 d. 1966 | TAYLOR, Ann b. 1896 d. 1980 w/o James TAYLOR | TAYLOR, Ellen S. b. 1837 d. 10-13-1871 |
| TAYLOR, James b. 1885 d. 1963 | TAYLOR, John James b. 1836 d. 10-26-1856 | TAYLOR, Louisa b. 1808 d. 10-10-1874 | VOINCHE, Benjamin F. b. 07-02-1871 d. 02-18-1940 | VOINCHE, James b. 11-29-1898 d. 07-27-1917 |
| VOINCHE, Wilber W. b. 03-10-1893 d. 09-29-1959 | WHEAT, Eugene Salomen b. 1865 d. 09-26-1937 | WHEAT, Eugene Sal., Mrs. (no dates) | WHITE, Frank Coe b. 10-25-1939 d. 05-22-1949 | WOODWORTH, Ashley b. 10-30-1976 d. 10-30-1976 |

JEANNE MON(T)FORT DE BELLE-ILLE-EN-MER,
THE WIFE OF FRANCOIS GUILLORY
by Albert Tate, Jr.

In No. 7 (October, 1981), *La Voix des Prairies* published excellent articles on the GUILLORYs of Louisiana. As these articles recount, all of the Louisiana GUILLORYs in Southwest Louisiana are descended from Francois GUILLORY of Mobile (Dauphin Island), a native of Montreal, and his wife, Jeanne MONFORT. The purpose of this paper is to note some recently discovered information about this lady, whose surname is properly spelled as "MONTFORT", as well as to suggest further lines of inquiry concerning her and her marriage to Francois GUILLORY.

Until now, the only information concerning Jeanne has been found in the records of the Gregoire GUILLORY-Marie Jeanne LA CASSE marriage in the archives of the Mobile diocese. There, on August 20, 1739, Gregoire is described as a native of Dauphin Island and as the son of the late Francois GUILLORY and of (the apparently still alive) "jeanne monfort native of belle islle en mem diocese de vannes" (1)--i. e., a native of Belle-Ile-en-Mer (a small island off the coast of Brittany in France) in the Diocese of Vannes.

The earlier cited GUILLORY articles mentioned a theory of some researchers that Francois had married Jeanne MONTFORT on a voyage to France, after he left Canada in 1704, before arriving in Mobile in 1706-09. (2) In response to an inquiry concerning Jeanne and the possibility of the marriage in Belle-Ile, Mlle. Marguerite DALIGAUT (3), an authority on the island's history, replied on March 11, 1982 from Le Palais (the port and principal village of the island). Her letter states as follows:

Jeanne MONTFORT was indeed born in Palais on 8 February 1693 of Nicolas MONTFORT and Renee SAMZUN according to the decennial table 1690-1700 that is found in the Mairie (Town Hall) of Le Palais. She had one brother, Noel Nicolas (born on) 18 January 1691. However, I do not think you will be able to procure copies of these documents, for the registers of 1690 to 1698 no longer exists.

A sister, Marie, was born 12 June 1689. She had for godfather Martin MOREAU and for godmother Marie Jeanne CLECH.

I have searched as far back as 1680 without finding anything else by way of births, nor the marriage of Nicolas MONTFORT-Renee SAMZUN, nor any signature of Nicolas MONTFORT as witness (thereby) showing his presence.

I have searched for the marriage of Francois GUILLORY-Jeanne MONTFORT from 1712 to 1707 (she was then fourteen years of age) but have not found it.

In 1689 VAUBAN (Marshall of France, constructor of numerous fortifications) returned to Belle-Ile (he had previously come in 1686)-- He was a godfather in February, 1689. He had advised Louis XIV to tear down the town of Le Palais, which inconvenienced the defense of the fortress. The town was reconstructed on the shore opposite to the port of Le Palais, where a suburb already existed.

I think that Nicolas MONTFORT, whose signature in 1689 reveals a certain degree of education, had come to Le Palais from 1689 or 1694 for work at the fortress. (In 1694 indemnities were distributed to the inhabitants of Le Palais who had lost their trade during the destruction of the old town.) I believe this even more because I know from elsewhere of a Marie MOREAU (the godfather of Marie MONTFORT is a Martin MOREAU), who married in 1713 a PERIN, and whose daughter married Jean Claude Henry LOMBART de Combles, an engineer who moved to Canada 12 August 1756 and [who] was the son of another engineer wounded in the battle of Ettengin in 1732--PERIN [i. e., the husband of Marie MOREAU] was a treasurer of the troops in 1722.

SAMZUN is a name bien bellillois [translator: I think this means a family long established in Belle-Ile-en-Mer]. I was therefore surprised not to find the marriage of Nicolas MONTFORT with Renee SAMZUN, so many bellilloises had married the soldiers. However, I have searched only the Town Hall of Le Palais, and there are four town halls (four old parishes) on the island of Belle-Ile-en-Mer. The marriage could [possibly] be found in the town halls of Locmaria, of Sauzon, or of Bangor, a bit earlier than June, 1689. I am not able right now, for reasons of health, to visit these town halls. Besides, it is not certain any document exists that the marriage of Nicolas MONTFORT will give his place of origin; the records at that period of time are very succinct.

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If my supposition that MONFORT would be an aide of VAUBAN is borne out, it is rather the military archives at Paris that need to be searched. [End of letter. Translator expresses appreciation to Mrs. Jacqueline Olivier Vidrine for clarifying revisions.]

Suggested Lines of Inquiry by Translator

Jeanne's Parents: Mlle. DALIGAUT suggests, on the basis of circumstantial evidence pointing that way, that Jeanne's father, Nicolas MONTFORT, was a soldier or engineer attached to the command of Marshal Sebastien LE PRESTRE de VAUBAN (1633-1707), who was engaged in fortification works at Le Palais from ca. 1689-1694, and that while on Belle-Ile, Nicolas married a local girl, Renee SAMZUN, and had three children: Jeanne, b. 1693, Noel Nicolas, b. 1691, and Marie, b. 1692. She was unable to search the 1688-89 register of three parishes of the island (Locmaria, Sauzon, and Bangor), but she did not find any trace of the marriage in the fourth parish (Le Palais). Obviously, if the marriage is located in one of the three unsearched parishes, it will furnish leads to the place of origin of Nicolas and to the parentage of both spouses. Presumably, Mlle. DALIGAUT would have noted any such information if it had appeared on the Le Palais baptismal registry of Marie MONTFORT, b. June 12, 1692, but my generalized inquiry to her was not so directed; also, she does not cite the 1689 document on which Nicolas MON(T)FORT's signature appears (which is probably Marie's baptismal register), and perhaps a copy of the document(s) should be secured. The military archives at Paris will almost certainly verify or not her perceptive hypothesis as to Nicolas MONTFORT's soldierly calling.

The Francois GUILLORY-Jeanne MONTFORT marriage: Since no Canadian record of the marriage could be discovered, a previous hypotheses has been that Francois married Jeanne on a voyage to France (Belle-Ile-en-Mer was a noted port and staging area during the era) after he supposedly (not verified by the translator) left Mobile in 1704 and before he arrived in Mobile in 1706. This now seems unlikely. In the first place, Jeanne was born in 1693, and at her young age it is improbable that she married Francois (b. 1676) on any putative voyage by him to France in 1704(4). Further doubt is cast upon this theory by the circumstance that she was not listed as a passenger on the ship that arrived from France in 1706, if indeed Francois was a member of the official forces transported to it (5). While it is nevertheless possible that Francois later went to France and returned with Jeanne (see note 5), the probabilities are that Jeanne did not marry Francois until after she came to America. If the marriage occurred in Mobile, the surviving Mobile marriage records do not commence until 1724 (6), and it would be necessary to establish her arrival in Mobile (or at least in America, for perhaps Francois married her in New Orleans or elsewhere) through some other source (see, e. g., notes 4, 6, and 7). Her father's military service records, if Mlle. DALIGAUT's hypothesis proves to be correct, may very well provide the clue (7). As indicated by Gregoire's age of 58 as stated on 1771 militia and census records of the Spanish Opelousas Post, he was born ca. 1712-13, although he might have been born 1714-15 (8). Thus, the marriage probably occurred between 1708 and 1715. A search of the French colonial archives with reference to the Mobile colony and Francois GUILLORY's activities during that short period will quite possibly disclose when he first appeared as a married man, as well as provide some insight as to when and where the marriage occurred.

FOOTNOTES

(1) Marriage Book 1, p. 25-a, Chancery, Diocese of Mobile, Alabama.

(2) The excellent work by Jay Higginbotham, Old Mobile (1977; Museum of the City of Mobile), describes Francois GUILLORY as "recently come to Fort Louis [Mobile] from Canada" when added to the payroll list, p. 171; although the footnote documenting the several facts stated in that paragraph cites French colonial documents from both 1706 and 1709, by letter from Mr. Higginbotham dated March 26, 1982, I have been informed that Francois was listed on the payroll of August 1, 1706. A cited document of 1709 shows that Francois had recently moved to Dauphin Island to plant vegetable crops and to trade with incoming ships and with Pensacola. Id., p. 345. In September, 1710, Francois is described as helping repel a pirate attack on Dauphin Island when the marauders landed at Pointe a Guillory at the eastern end of the island, where Francois "had built his small dwelling." Id., pp. 447-48. A 1718 map of the island shows that the eastern end of the island was called "Pointe a Guillory", that the pass between Dauphin and Little Dauphin Islands was entitled "Passe a Guillory," and Little Dauphin Island was itself called "Isle a Guillory," Id., p. 530, a name that survived into relatively modern times. Francois had apparently acquired or occupied a substantial portion of the eastern acreage of Dauphin Island, and Gregoire was still living there at least by 1740, when in the baptism of a daughter he is described as both a native and resident of Dauphin Island. Peter Hamilton, Colonial Mobile (1710 revision; reprinted 1976, University of Alabama Press), at p. 169.

By 1749, according to another church record, Gregoire is shown as living at Fish River, Id., p. 170. (A Fish River is across Mobile Bay from Dauphin Island and some twenty miles from its eastern end). The writer has not checked the original church records of the children of the

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marriage, which may more definitely pinpoint the location of Gregoire GUILLORY from year to year.

(3) Mlle. DALIGAUT is the daughter of the late Rene DALIGAUT, a distinguished historian of the Belle-Ile area, who passed away on August 16, 1979, at the age of 82 years.

(4) However, examination should be made of the French colonial archives references relating to Francois GUILLORY in Higginbotham's Old Mobile, see note 2 above, which may well show whether or not he had a wife when he moved from old Fort Louis to Dauphin Island in 1708-09.

(5) Letter from Jay Higginbotham, Head, Local History Division, Mobile Public Library, to Albert Tate, Jr., March 3, 1982. Mr. Higginbotham, recognized as perhaps the most authoritative historian of the French Mobile period, noted that, if indeed Francois left Canada in 1704, he would have arrived in Mobile in 1705 if he had left with the LESEUR party, the only party leaving Canada for Mobile in 1704; but if, assuming he left Canada in 1704, he had gone to France, the Aigle arriving in Mobile from France on August 1, 1706 did not show her as a disembarking passenger. If the hypothesis is accepted that the marriage did take place in France, Mr. Higginbotham suggested that during the years 1708-10 Francois could have traveled from Mobile to France and back with GRAVELINE and the CHAUVIN brothers, with possible place of marriage including LaRochele, Rochfort, and Belle-Ile-en-Mer, etc.

(6) Letter from Rev. James W. OBERKIRCH, Vice-Chancellor, Diocese of Mobile, to Byron SMITH, July 30, 1974. Mr. SMITH, of Eunice and New Orleans, very generously afforded the writer access to his document collection relating to the GUILLORY, KREBS, and LA POINTE families in the French Mobile area. The suggestion therein of some interconnections between the GUILLORY and LA POINTE families caused the writer to hypothesize that perhaps Jeanne MONTFORT's arrival in Mobile had something to do with the activities of Joseph Simon de LA POINTE, who while at Dauphin Island on November 12, 1715, received a grant on Fish River. See Hamilton, cited in note 2, at p. 156. The SMITH papers show that LA POINTE reputedly in 1717 built a fort on Lake Catahoula, now Krebs Lake, near Pascagoula; Gregoire himself by 1749 moved to Fish River (see note 2). In a letter of March 22, 1982 to the writer, Jay Higginbotham noted that LA POINTE went back and forth from Mobile to LaRochele several times during the years 1706-1712; he states that LA POINTE came with IBERVILLE to the Mobile area in 1699-1700, lived at Fort Maurepas until 1706, thence at Old Mobile 1702-1706 or 07, then to Dauphin Island until about 1717, before building his Pascagoula home. Mr. Higginbotham also notes the possibility that Jeanne MON(T)FORT was among the girls brought to Mobile by CADILLAC in 1712-13.

(7) In a subsequent letter of March 25, 1982 to the writer, after receiving the history of the GUILLORYs in the Mobile area, Mlle. DALIGAUT points out that French sources note that Fort Conde was built by IBERVILLE in 1710, and she suggests that Nicolas MON(T)FORT might have been sent to help construct it, just as he had been in connection with building the citadel at Belle-Isle 1689-1693, and suggests check of the archives at Paris to see if the building of the fort there is documented. As one more circumstance tending to indicate Nicolas MONTFORT's military background, she points out that CLECH (it will be remembered that the godmother of Jeanne's sister Marie was Marie Jeanne CLECH, who was at LePalais 1675-1706, was chaplain of the citadel there.

(8) See, e. g., "Recensements des Postes Opelousas et Atakapas," 1771 Archivo General de Indias, Seville, Papales Procedentes de Cuba, legajo 188-C, folio 45, where Gregoire's age is shown as 58. (Microfilm at Center for Louisiana Studies, University of Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette) The age of his son Baptiste therein reflected corresponds with that established by his baptismal record in Mobile, but Claude, Joseph, and Louis are shown as two years older than they should have been in 1771. If the age is similarly overstated by two years for Gregoire, that would place his date of birth ca. 1714-15 instead of 1712-13. (No Mobile baptismal records could be found for Francois or other (if any) Gregoire children. See letter from Father OBERKIRCH, July 30, 1974, cited at note 6.)

QUERIES

BRIGNAC-SYLVESTRE-SMITH-CACHARC

Need parents, marriage date, and other data on Charles BRIGNAC who married Dionysia SYLVESTRE, the parents of Marie Therese BRIGNAC who married Pierre DOUCET of Alabama, between 1775 and 1780. Also need parents, etc. of Jean SMITH who married Marianne CACHARC, who were the parents of Thomas SMITH who was born 20 Dec. 1824 and married Marie Emma SMITH, 14 Oct. 1868...Allison J. P. Launey, 4709 Tartan Drive, Metairie, LA 70003

TEAR-JARDON-ADAMS-GODGGEU

Need parents, marriage date and other information on John TEAR who married Francoise JARDON, the parents of Ignace TEAR who married Marianne ADAMS of Illinois on 3 June 1820. Also need information on Abraham ADAMS and Marie GODGGEU....Allison J. P. Launey, 4709 Tartan Drive, Metairie, LA 70003

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THE STEAMBOAT SAINT LANDRY
Submitted by Keith P. Fontenot

Mr. Michel H. TESSON, captain and pilot of the Steamboat Saint Landry, reported that on the seventh of March, 1835, around 6:00 PM, he was piloting the seaworthy steamboat on Bayou Plaquemine in Iberville Parish. At a point near an Indian village, the Saint Landry struck an unknown underwater obstruction or snag. Immediately, the captain ordered a crew member to inspect the hull for possible damage. The seaman reported that the steamer had not sustained any apparent damage. Shortly thereafter, the steamboat stopped about two miles upstream, took on firewood, and continued steaming towards the Port of Washington, its final destination. A mate discovered, after entering the Grand River, that the Saint Landry was rapidly taking on water and listing. Mr. TESSON ordered the crew to man the pumps in hope of keeping the steamboat afloat. The crewman feverishly pumped as the Saint Landry traveled up the Atchafalaya River and Bayou Courtableau until the steamer reached the Port of Washington. The steamboat arrived at its port of call around 5:00 AM, the ninth of March, 1835.

Captain TESSON, furthermore, reported that the unnamed cargo received water damage and all possible haste was employed to unload it at the Port of Washington. Moreover, Mr. TESSON maintained that the Saint Landry was in good condition, and the accident was not due to negligence, but rather to unknown navigational hazards.

The above was related to the Honorable George KING, Parish Judge, Saint Landry Parish, at his office in the Town of Opelousas, the tenth of March, 1835

THE PRAIRIE OF MANOU BURYING GROUND
Submitted by Keith P. Fontenot

Jules B. J. FONTENOT, a landowner on the Mamou Prairie, donated to Felicien GUILLORY, Nerville GUILLORY, Similien DESHOTELS, and others, one square acre for establishment of a cemetery. The one acre was taken out of the southwest corner of Mr. FONTENOT's plantation. Moreover, the above named grantees and heirs obligated themselves to use the land for burying their dead, maintaining good fences, and proper care for this little necropolis. Mr. FONTENOT, however, reserved a sixty square feet of burying ground for his own personal and family use.

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Need information on Paul LAMBERT who married Therese BALODY, the parents of Antoine LAMBERT of D'Almacia. Antoine LAMBERT married Genevieve FONTENOT on 22 July 1799 and died July, 1822...Need information on parents of Marie Therese Denise SYLVESTRE who was born ca. 1743 and married Mathieu Jacque BRIGNAC. Marie was the mother of Francois BRIGNAC, born in 1773, and Marie Joseph BRIGNAC, born in 1770....Allison J. P. Launey, 4709 Tartan Drive, Metairie, LA 70003

THE DARDEAU MANUSCRIPT
by Elba Anthony Dardeau, Jr.

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QUERIES

FONTENOT-LAFLEUR-TESSON-JANNOT-JEANEAU-ALBERT-LEROUX-MANUEL

Need information on Celeste FONTENOT who married Olivier LAFLEUR on 10 Oct. 1820, mother of Onile LAFLEUR, born ca. Nov. 1829. Celeste FONTENOT was born ca. 1800...Need information on Elizabeth TESSON who married Victor JANNOT(JEANEAU) and was mother of Alphosine JEANEAU who married Francois FONTENOT on 15 May 1838...Need information on Antoine ALBERT who married Genevieve LEROUX on the First German Coast, father of Genevieve ALBERT who married Pierre MANUEL in 1790....Allison J. P. Launey, 4709 Tartan Drive, Metairie, LA 70003

DAVID-FONTENOT

Seeking the parents of Lezima (Onezima) Josephe DAVID who married Firman (Phirman) FONTENOT on 22 Feb. 1844 in Opelousas. Lezima was born ca. 1824, the mother of St. Ann (Lindane) FONTENOT, b. ca. 1859, who married Celanie SAVANT on 10 Nov. 1856 in Opelousas...Ramona Smith, Route 1, Box 215, Ville Platte, LA 70586

CHEVALLIER-HUFFMAN

Need information on Augustus CHEVALLIER, born ca. 1815-1820 who married Louise HUFFMAN, daughter of Lewis HUFFMAN. Their children were Cad, Mary M., Jeanette, Joseph, Auguste, Cecilia, Julia Ann, Jerry and Jane HUFFMAN...Need information on Peter SANSON who married Margaret BELGARD....Need information on Lewis TALLY who married Jane CHEVALLIER. Their children were Rose Phelona, Pauline, Salona Jane TALLY...Need information on Augustus O'NEAL born ca. 1783 who married Dorothy _____...Donna C. Manuel, 2614 Live Oak Dr., Brusly, LA 70719

ABBREVIATIONS

The following is a list of abbreviations commonly used in genealogical publications.

| | | | |
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| b. | born | g. gr. fa. | great-grandfather |
| bk. | book | Jr. | Junior |
| bro. | brother | m. | married (may also refer to license date) |
| ca. | about, around | p. or pp. | page or pages |
| co. | county | par. | parish |
| d. | died (may also refer to date of burial) | s. | son |
| D. B. | Deed Book | s/o | son of |
| dau. | daughter | sis. | sister |
| d/o | daughter of | Sr. | Senior |
| d. s. p. | died without issue | supra | above |
| d. unm. | died unmarried | unm. | unmarried |
| fam. | family | Vol. | volume |
| Gen. | Genealogical | W. B. | Will Book |
| ibid. | the same | wo/o | widow of |
| gr. fa. | grandfather | | |

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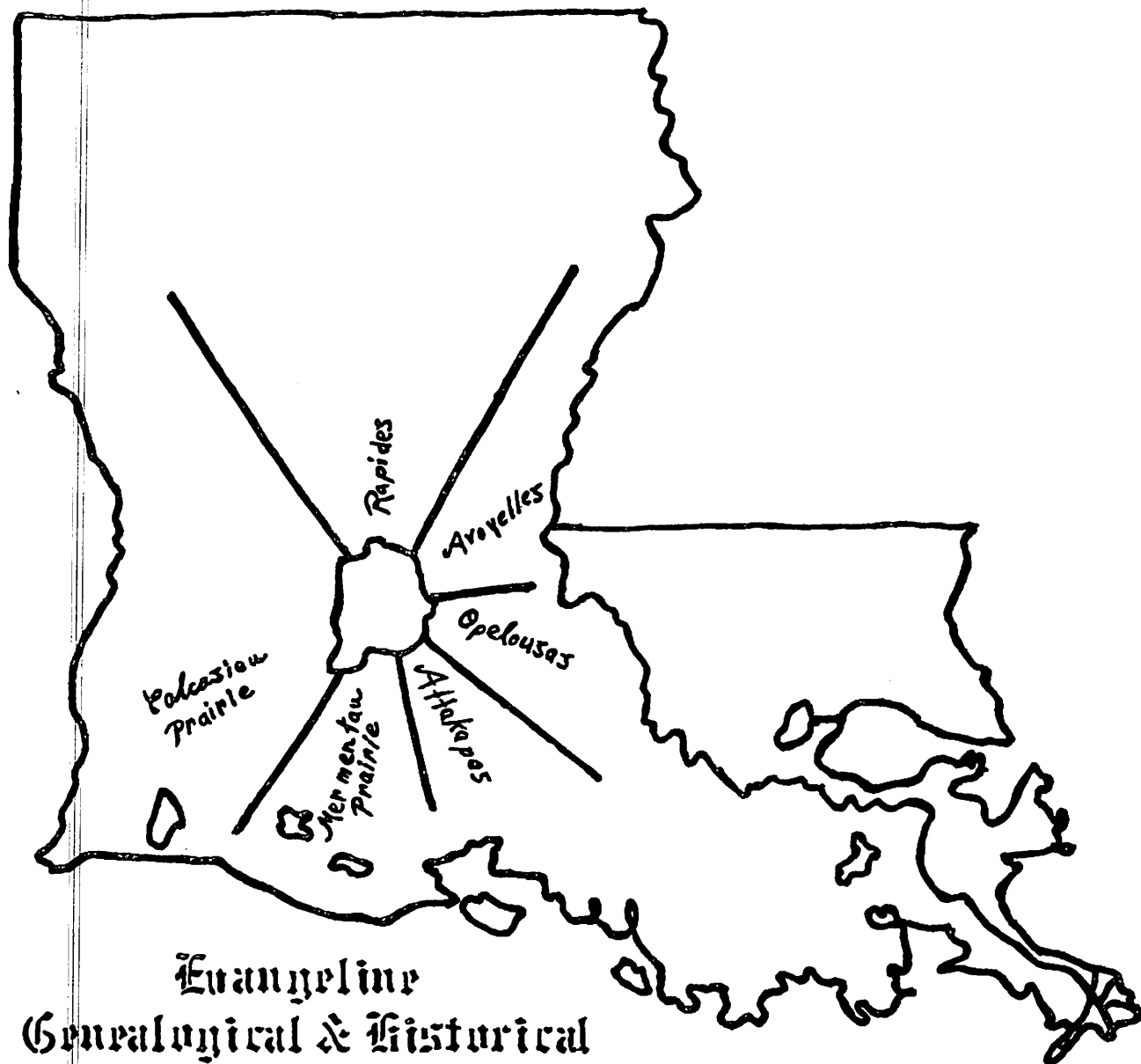


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THE ANTOINE ATTALES FAMILY
by Joyce Fusilier Fontenot

Antoine ATTALES was born at noon on 18 June 1804 in Junies, Canton de Caon de Lot, France, the son of Jean Pierre ATTALES and Jeanne BROUEL. Antoine, at the age of 23, married on 19 Feb. 1828 Augustine BARAT, daughter of Joseph BARAT and Marguerite FRANCONIE(?). Augustine, age 21 at that time, was born on 16 Sept. 1806, a habitante de Mouline Neuve, France. Antoine and Augustine had two children, both died in infancy, probably of diphtheria. Augustine BARAT ATTALES died giving birth to the second child on 28 Sept. 1831, at age 25. The two children were: Joseph ATTALES, b. 30 July 1830 at 6:00 PM in Junies, France, d. 8 June 1833 at 5:00 PM in Junies, France at age three (Acte de Naissance No. 12 and Acte de Deces, No. 19, Junies, France) and Marie Francoise ATTALES, b. 28 Sept. 1831 at 6:00 AM, d. 6 Nov. 1834 at the age of three (Acte de Deces, No. 19, Junies, France).

Antoine married for a second time at age 32 on 24 Nov. 1836 to Jeanne LABRO, age 22, domiciliée au lieu de Pincheurnerie, pres de Praissac, France. Jeanne was the daughter of Pierre LABRO and Marguerite LAFARGUE. The births of two children born to Antoine and Jeanne are recorded in Junies, France. They are Baptist ATTALES, b. 24 Dec. 1837 at 2:00 AM in Junies, d. 16 Jan. 1838 at the age of ca. 23 days (Acte de Naissance No. 25, Junies, France and Acte de Deces, No. 4, Junies, France) and Antoine ATTALES, b. 14 June 1839 at 4:00 AM, Junies, France (Acte de Naissance No. 13, Junies, France).

Antoine ATTALES and his wife, Jeanne LABROU, left France and traveled to the United States about 1841; the birth of their first child in the United States was in 1843. Stories told through the generations of ATTALES descendants, tell that Antoine came to America in a sailboat, the journey lasting about six months. Stories relate that his wife also traveled by sailboat when she came to meet him in the new country. Her father, Pierre LABRO, had given her "une dot" of "deux mille francs" (2,000 francs) and Jeanne had a personal "dot" or dotal of "deus cent francs" (1,200 francs). Antoine had purchased property, before his marriage, from Joseph LACOMBE of Junies, France. That property was sold, probably about the time of their departure from France.

Antoine and Jeanne settled in St. Landry Parish in Ville Platte, Louisiana. Antoine was a blacksmith (forgeron) in his native France, and continued with his trade in Louisiana, a highly respected vocation at that time. Antoine acquired a well-equipped blacksmith shop, eighty acres of farmland, fifteen acres of woodland, and a tract of fourteen acres with his domicile, situated in the Ville Platte area. His land is described as being in two parcels, the smaller portion with the domicile being separated from the larger tract of cultivatable land by the road in Ville Platte, described as the route from Opelousas to Alexandria (present day Main Street). The property with the habitation and other buildings was bounded on the north by Alexis LATOUR, south by Marcel DAIRE, east by Moise ROUX and Etienne COULEAU and west by Mrs. GOBER and MacDAVITT. According to the boundaries, it appears that the location was just east of Ville Platte. In succession records, Jeanne ATTALES states that the property was acquired by her husband from the Bureau of Lands and that it was "integralement payé" (paid).

Antoine ATTALES was also a merchant and owned a considerable stock of merchandise, most was purchased from New Orleans from the Theodor Frois Dry Goods Company on Canal Street and from Blanchin & Chandet and others. The merchandise was brought by boat to Washington and then on to Ville Platte. Antoine and his wife also owned a slave girl named Mary/Nathalie, later referred to as Nathalie Marie.

When Antoine died on 30 Nov. 1857, his widow, Jeanne LABROU, was named administratrix and "tutrice naturelle" for their three existing children, Augustine, Omer and Auguste. Succession records show that an auction sale took place at the domicile of the widow in Ville Platte; she retained the home place and land among other possessions. Jeanne continued to live in Ville Platte, rearing her children. In the US Census of 1870 for St. Landry Parish, Jeanne is listed as living in Bayou Chicot with her son Auguste. Her age is given as 52. In the US Census of 1880, St. Landry Parish, Jeanne is shown in the household of her son, Omer and his first wife, Elizabeth VIDRINE. There is a discrepancy in her age as the records of France show her birthdate as 1814 and the Census records indicated 1818 as her birthdate. Jeanne LABROU ATTALES died on 29 Dec. 1892 at the approximate age of 76, according to the Ville Platte Catholic Church records.

Antoine ATTALES was here in Evangeline Parish at a time when Ville Platte was a struggling little town just beginning to show progress. Some of his neighbors and friends were Alexis LATOUR, Etienne COULEAU, Marcel DAIRE, Jean Baptiste SOILEAU, COREIL, Pierre LAFLEUR, Paul L. E. GUILLEAUMIN, A. DARDEAU, Yves VIDRINE and others, some of their names appearing on old documents with Antoine's. Jean Baptiste GARAND, son of Marcelin GARAND named founded of Ville Platte, also appears on the old records of 1860. The ATTALES family no longer exists in the small town of Junies in the south of France. The descendants of Antoine ATTALES and Jeanne LABROU are in existence in Evangeline Parish though, their family record follows.

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Children of Antoine ATTALES and Jeanne LABROU (United States births):

- I. Jeanne ATTALES, b. 2 Nov. 1843, d. probably in infancy as she is not listed on succession records (Opelousas Catholic Church records, St. Landry Parish, LA)
- II. Henri ATTALES, b. 16 May 1849, d. in infancy (Opelousas Catholic Church records)
- III. Augustine ATTALES, b. 18 Jan. 1847 according to succession records of Antoine ATTALES, m. 16 Dec. 1868 Andre ROBERT, son of Francois ROBERT and Anne GONNARD (Ville Platte Catholic Church records). Some family members remember Augustine living in the Tee Mamou section of Evangeline Parish. She and Andre had no children.
- IV. Omer(Homere) ATTALES was born 16 May 1849 according to succession records of Antoine ATTALES. On 4 Nov. 1873 he married Elizabeth VIDRINE, b. 23 March 1856, daughter of Eloi VIDRINE and Felonise FONTENOT who married 24 Jan. 1837. Eloi's parents were Pierre VIDRINE and Adelaide Larose FONTENOT, Felonise's parents were Philip FONTENOT and Marie PITRE. Omer ATTALES died 27 Nov. 1926 at the age of 77 years. Elizabeth VIDRINE died 16 Sept. 1886. There is a family record, believed to have been kept by Omer, that is hand-written and contains records of births and deaths of the immediate family. According to the succession records of Omer ATTALES, at the time of his death, he owned land with buildings and improvements situated at L'Anse Aux Pailles and a parcel of woodland. Omer ATTALES and Elizabeth VIDRINE had the following children:
 - A. Henry ATTALES, b. 22 Feb. 1875, d. 17 July 1902 at the age of 27 years. He never married. (Ville Platte Catholic Church records)
 - B. Alice (Marie Alicia) ATTALES, b. 19 May 1877, d. 5 Feb. 1920. She never married.
 - C. Edvise ATTALES, b. 7 Nov. 1879, d. 18 Jan. 1933, buried in Le Vieux Cemetiere in Ville Platte. She never married.
 - D. Eudee (Udee) ATTALES, b. 31 Dec. 1880 according to the ATTALES family record, d. 18 Sept. 1885 in Ville Platte.
 - E. Marie Erita ATTALES, b. 31 Dec. 1882, d. 25 June 1922. She never married.
 - F. Ambroise ATTALES, b. 20 Feb. 1885, d. 15 March 1928, buried in Le Vieux Cemetiere in Ville Platte. He married Orena SAVANT on 15 Oct. 1905, daughter of Joseph (Josie) SAVANT and Ophelia FONTENOT (Opelousas Catholic Church records). Orena SAVANT was born 24 Sept. 1893 and died 23 Oct. 1875. Ambroise ATTALES and Orena SAVANT had the following children:
 1. Adderson (Addison) ATTALES, b. 3 Sept. 1909 according to ATTALES family record, m. Hester VIDRINE, daughter of Fabius VIDRINE and Emma SMITH. Adderson d. 24 April 1935. No children were born of this marriage.
 2. Hazel ATTALES, b. 12 Aug. 1914, m. Claude ROZAS, b. 19 Feb. 1914, d. 19 Feb. 1980, the son of Mayo ROZAS and Dorina F. FONTENOT. Their children were:
 - a. Mercedes ROZAS, b. 7 March 1932, m. Leroy Olivier, son of Dewey OLIVIER and Hilda SATTler. Their children were Charles Craig OLIVIER, Patrick Aaron OLIVIER, Steven Dale OLIVIER, Mary Jennifer OLIVIER, Jude Brent OLIVIER, Geri Lynn OLIVIER, Patti Ann OLIVIER, Jed Anthony OLIVIER, and Frances Todd OLIVIER.
 - b. Judy Gail ROZAS, b. 11 Dec. 1950, m. Ernest Charles FONTENOT, son of Ernest FONTENOT and Dorothy LAFLEUR. Their children were Laurie FONTENOT and David Keith FONTENOT.
 3. Ellie ATTALES, b. 15 Aug. 1918, m. 27 Oct. 1935 Clarence VIDRINE, son of Fabius VIDRINE and Emma SMITH (Ville Platte Catholic Church records). Their children were:
 - a. Delores Ann VIDRINE, b. 10 June 1938, m. Richard ENGEL, son of Anthony ENGEL and Josephine _____.
 - b. Billie Jo VIDRINE, b. 26 Feb. 1949, m. Linda YATES of Mississippi.
 - c. James Mitchell VIDRINE, b. 26 Sept. 1954, m. Ann FONTENOT. Their children were Hans Mitchell VIDRINE and James Paul VIDRINE.

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4. Clarence ATTALES, b. 9 Dec. 1922(?), d. 9 Oct. 1976. He married 1st Marjorie CHAPMAN, daughter of Orise CHAPMAN and Eudia LAFLEUR, and married 2nd Ruby FONTENOT in June, 1944, the daughter of Noah P. FONTENOT and Rena PERRON. Children of the second marriage to Ruby FONTENOT were:

- a. Cynthia Marie ATTALES, b. 12 Jan. 1948, d. 26 Oct. 1953 at age 5.
- b. Charlene Annette ATTALES, b. 3 Nov. 1952, m. Mark SHUFF, son of Hilton SHUFF and Louise LAFLEUR. Their children are Rhonda SHUFF and Jessica Renee SHUFF.
- c. Melissa ATTALES, b. 7 Jan. 1962, m. Jerry LANEUX, son of Paul Laneaux and Louella FONTENOT.
- d. Susan Marie ATTALES, b. 3 April 1963, m. Marty CHAPMAN, son of Laurel CHAPMAN. Their only child is Bridget Nicole CHAPMAN.

Omer(Homere) ATTALES was married a second time on 22 Nov 1887 to Marie Ida TATE, b. 23 Feb. 1866, daughter of William TATE and Onezima TATE. William was b. 12 Feb. 1839, son of Joseph TATE, bt. 10 Aug. 1800, and Caroline SOILEAU. Joseph TATE was the son of Adam TATE, bt. 31 March 1799, and Marie Louise FONTENOT. Caroline SOILEAU was the daughter of Jean Baptiste SOILEAU and Marie Fiedel GUILLORY. Jean Baptiste SOILEAU was the son of Noel SOILEAU, Jr. and Angelique FONTENOT. Noel SOILEAU, Jr. was the son of Noel and Marie Josephe RICHAUME from the German Coast area of Louisiana. Omer ATTALES d. 27 Nov. 1926 at the age of 77. He is buried in Le Vieux Cemetiere in Ville Platte. The children of the second marriage with Marie Ida TATE follows:

- G. Jules ATTALES, b. 2 Oct. 1888 according to the ATTALES family record, m. Rose FONTENOT, daughter of Ozema FONTENOT and Elizabeth VEILLON.

- 1. Lela ATTALES, b. 22 Jan. 1915, m. Austin DEMORUELLE, son of Charles DEMORUELLE and Anna DERROSSIER, on 3 March 1935. Their children are:
 - a. Jules Lee DEMORUELLE, b. 1 Jan. 1942, m. Lynn SMITH. Their children are Paul DEMORUELLE, Cynthia DEMORUELLE, Lorraine DEMORUELLE, and Gary DEMORUELLE.
 - b. Johnny DEMORUELLE, b. 29 Oct. 1943, m. Sue LATOUR. Their children are Peter Lawrence DEMORUELLE, Mary DEMORUELLE, Madeleine DEMORUELLE, Evelyn DEMORELLE, and Elaine DEMORUELLE.
 - c. Beverly Ann DEMORUELLE, b. 3 Dec. 1937, m. Frank CATO. Their child is Steven Randall CATO.
- 2. Wilson ATTALES, b. 13 Sept. 1919, d. 6 March 1969, m. Marjorie RABALAIS, daughter of Arnold RABALAIS and Bertha DUFOUR. Their children are:
 - a. Yvonne ATTALES, b. 5 July 1942, m. Edward BERGERON, Jr. Their children are Michelle BERGERON and Edward BERGERON III.
 - b. Sheila ATTALES, b. 22 March 1948, m. Gordon LONG. Their children are Tara LONG and Wilson Chase LONG.
 - c. Gerard ATTALES, b. 15 July 1950, m. Elizabeth Joan BENNETT. Their children are Letitia ATTALES and Stephanie ATTALES.
 - d. Janet ATTALES, b. 2 May 1955, m. Lige DUPUIS, son of Victor DUPUIS, Jr. and Dora June ROBERSON. Their child is Lige Roberson DUPUIS.
 - e. James Craig ATTALES, b. 3 May 1956, m. Jeanie GUILLORY.
 - f. Elizabeth ATTALES, b. 27 Feb. 1959, m. Joseph Turling LAFLEUR. Their child is Naomi LAFLEUR.
 - g. Lola Katherine ATTALES, b. 22 Feb. 1960, m. Randy FONTENOT.
 - h. Mark ATTALES, b. 5 Sept. 1961.
 - i. Suzanne ATTALES, b. 2 Aug. 1962.
- 3. Ida ATTALES, b. 27 Aug. 1913, m. 22 Feb. 1933 to Manuel CHAPMAN, son of Philemon CHAPMAN and Lydia FONTENOT.

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4. Marie Lou ATTALES, b. 28 March 1908, d. January, 1978 at the age of 69, m. Moise LEJEUNE, son of Moise and Donatille DAVID. Their children are:
 - a. Della Rose LEJEUNE, b. 12 Jan. 1926, m. 28 June 1943 to Verlin DAIRE, son of Lester DAIRE and Mea SOILEAU. Their children are Drucilla DAIRE, Melissa DAIRE and Lester DAIRE.
 - b. Annarella LEJEUNE, b. 28 Feb. 1928, m. Robert ORTEGO, son of Eloi ORTEGO and Odette TATE. Their children are Keith ORTEGO, Donna ORTEGO, Carla ORTEGO and Debbie ORTEGO.
 - c. Florence LEJEUNE, b. March 1933, m. John L. DAIRE, son of Darbes DAIRE and Omerine ORTEGO. Their children are John Grader DAIRE, Debbie DAIRE, Kim DAIRE, and Joey DAIRE.
 5. Dallas ATTALES, b. ca. 1926, m. Berline HARDY, daughter of Joseph HARDY, Jr. and Rhea HEBERT. Their children are Richard ATTALES, Connie ATTALES, Joey ATTALES, Rebecca ATTALES, Ramona ATTALES, and Anthony ATTALES.
- H. Edna ATTALES, b. 1 March 1890 according to ATTALES family record, m. Deus VEILLON, son of Angele DEVILLE, d. 15 April 1924. Their children are:
1. Armance VEILLON, b. 10 March 1909, m. Leo MANUEL, son of Thomas MANUEL and Mathilia FONTENOT. Their children are:
 - a. Burnell MANUEL, Sr., b. 24 April 1936, m. Wanda Mae LAFLEUR, daughter of Horace LAFLEUR and Roselta FUSILIER. Horace was the son of Paul LAFLEUR and Armosa GUILLORY. Roselta was the daughter of Oscar FUSILIER and Atila LAFLEUR. Their children are Burnel (Buddy) MANUEL, b. 24 May 1957, Melanie Marie MANUEL, b. 23 Aug. 1958, Tracy Ann MANUEL, b. 10 Sept. 1960, Kent MANUEL, b. 22 Feb. 1962, Mia MANUEL, b. 13 Sept. 1967, and Peter MANUEL, b. 24 June 1970.
 - b. Edna MANUEL, b. 15 Dec. 1927, m. _____ SMITH. Their children are Shellie SMITH, Ruby Nell SMITH and Charmaine SMITH (twins).
 - c. Nellie Grace MANUEL, b. 12 Dec. 1934, m. Ronald FORET, son of Etienne FORET and Lil FONTENOT. Their children are Kay FORET, Louis FORET, Christine FORET and Robert FORET.
- I. Martin ATTALES, b. 21 June 1895 according to the ATTALES family record, d. 20 Aug. 1956 buried in Le Vieux Cemetiere in Ville Platte. Martin lived in the Lanse Aux Pailles section of Evangeline Parish for most of his life, where he made his living as a farmer and contractor. On 7 Feb. 1914 he m. Onita (Nita) SOILEAU, daughter of Joseph Etienne SOILEAU and Octavie VIGE. Joseph Etienne's parents were Solomon Etienne SOILEAU and Marie Anne VEILLON of the Noel SOILEAU lineage. Their children are:
1. Lawrence ATTALES, b. 29 Dec. 1915 Ville Platte, LA. Lawrence is a landowner and farmer in the Lanse Aux Pailles section of Evangeline Parish. He married 1 Dec. 1935 Pearl ARDOIN, b. 26 March 1918, the daughter of Orise ARDOIN and Laura VEILLON. Orise's parents were Francois Geran ARDOIN and Emelie (Amelie) GUILLORY. Laura VEILLON was the daughter of Alphonse VEILLON and Alcina LAFLEUR. Alphonse was the son of Francois VEILLON and Marguerite DEVILLE. Alcina's parents were Jean Baptiste LAFLEUR and Domelise B. FONTENOT. Their children are:
 - a. Callie ATTALES, b. 28 Oct. 1936, m. Charles MARTIN on 16 April 1955, son of Edward MARTIN and Hazel REED of Basile. Their children are:
 1. Diana MARTIN, b. 2 Dec. 1957, m. James CROCHET on 21 April 1979. Their children are Leah Celeste CROCHET and Joshua CROCHET.
 2. Kay MARTIN, b. 23 Jan. 1959, m. 2 Sept. 1978 Paul McCULLEN, b. 24 Oct. 1955.
 - b. Gerald ATTALES, b. 28 July 1938, is a farmer of the Lanse Aux Pailles area and a member of the Evangeline Parish Police Jury. He m. Theresa VIDRINE on 31 May 1958, daughter of Morris VIDRINE and Nazel FORET, daughter of Darbes FORET and Theresa DEVILLE. Morris is the son of Joe VIDRINE and Marie LAFLEUR. Their children are:

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1. Mitchell Jude ATTALES, b. 12 March 1960, m. 11 Nov. 1978 Tammy DEVILLE. Their children are Starmey ATTALES, b. 24 June 1978, and Mitchell Jude ATTALES, Jr., b. 26 Sept. 1981.
 2. Lynette Marie ATTALES, b. 20 July 1961.
 3. Lisa Renee ATTALES, b. 29 Feb. 1968.
 - c. Darrel Wayne ATTALES, b. 8 Jan. 1947 in Ville Platte. Wayne is a farmer and board member of the Evangeline Farmer's Co-op. He m. 1 July 1967 Mary Chrysanna FONTENOT, b. 8 Dec. 1947, the daughter of Joseph Lionel FONTENOT and Mary Joyce FUSILIER. Lionel FONTENOT, b. 9 Aug. 1924, is the son of Eustace FONTENOT and Modeste Virginia BRIGNAC. Eustace's parents were Louis Dumas FONTENOT, son of Theophile FONTENOT and Emelie LAFLEUR and Josephine Therese DURIO, daughter of Simon DURIO and Alexandrine DEVILLE. The FONTENOT family descends from Jean Louis FONTENOT of Poitou, France. Mary Joyce FUSILIER, b. 25 June 1923, is the daughter of Oscar FUSILIER and Atilie LAFLEUR, daughter of Orise LAFLEUR and Emma DESHOTELS, and of Rodolph LAFLEUR and Hortense DESHOTELS of Grand Prairie, LA. Oscar FUSILIER was the son of Fremont FUSILIER and Julia CHACHERE. Fremont was the son of Etienne FUSILIER and Sydalise SOILEAU. Julia was the daughter of Felix CHACHERE and Amelia PITRE. Felix's parents were Felix Veilland CHACHERE and Heloise LAVERGNE, of the Louis CHACHERE family, descendants of the deCHARETTE or CHACHERESSE lines of France and Italy. Amelia PITRE's parents were Pierre PITRE and Emelie Eugene LEDOUX. The PITRE's and DESHOTELS are also of French descent. The children of Darrel Wayne ATTALES and Chrysanna FONTENOT are:
 1. Julie Kristen ATTALES, b. 5 July 1968 in Ville Platte, LA.
 2. Shelley Allain ATTALES, b. 30 Nov. 1971 in Ville Platte, LA.
 3. Lauran Wayne ATTALES, b. 1 June 1978 in Ville Platte, LA.
 2. Mary Elda ATTALES, b. 28 Dec. 1913, m. 8 March 1936 Thomas REED, the son of Emile REED and Myra ORTEGO. The REED family is of French descent and the ORTEGO family is of Spanish descent. Their children are:
 - a. Joseph Jimmy REED, b. 11 Dec. 1939, m. Geneva FONTENOT. Their children are Michelle REED, b. 16 March 1961, Joseph Jimmy REED, b. 23 April 1963, Christina Claire REED, b. 6 Oct. 1969, and Martin Emile REED, b. 4 March 1971.
 - b. Cecil REED, b. 21 March 1940 and m. 1 June, 1960 Diane ATTAWAY, daughter of Curtis Lee ATTAWAY, Jr., son of C. L. ATTAWAY, Sr., and Inez ARDOIN, and Ursula DEMORUELLE, daughter of Alexie DEMORUELLE and Rose WYBLE. Their children are Lynette Inez REED, b. 2 May, 1965, Jacob Attaway REED, b. 18 March 1968, and Yvonne REED, b. April, 1971.
 - c. Priscilla REED, b. 14 Sept. 1950, m. Glen LAFLEUR. Their children are Dirk Davis LAFLEUR, b. 18 Feb. 1970, Nicole LAFLEUR, b. 29 Feb. 1968, and Jamie Anne LAFLEUR, b. 21 Oct. 1975.
- Martin ATTALES, son of Omer ATTALES and Marie Ida TATE, married a second time to Odette FONTENOT, daughter of Manuel FONTENOT and Theresa JEANISE. Three children were born of this marriage:
3. Mazel ATTALES, b. 2 Nov. 1922 in Ville Platte, m. Hosea DARBONNE, son of Clephas DARBONNE and Lucille CORTEZ.
 - a. Patricia DARBONNE, b. 28 April 1945, m. 3 Nov. 1963 Charles FONTENOT. Their children are Shelley FONTENOT, b. 12 Sept. 1964, Charles Brian FONTENOT, b. 12 Oct. 1965, and Patricia FONTENOT, b. 12 Oct. 1965.
 - b. Wanda Lane DARBONNE, b. 23 July 1949, m. Bobby TATE, son of Douglas TATE and Irene LAVERGNE. Their children are Michael TATE, Susan TATE, and Vicki TATE.
 - c. Burnett DARBONNE, b. 1 Dec. 1951, m. 6 Nov. 1953 Carlene ORTEGO. Their children are Mary Rene DARBONNE, b. 20 April 1971, and Christopher Scott DARBONNE, b. 23 Jan. 1979.
 - d. Randy DARBONNE, b. 23 Aug. 1954, m. 11 June 1976 Juliana SHIPP, daughter of James Blake SHIPP and Beverly VEILLON. Their children are Lia Renee DARBONNE, b. 24 Sept. 1978, and Amy Louise DARBONNE, b. 7 Feb. 1981.

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- e. Charlene DARBONNE, b. 7 Nov. 1956, m. Jerry ADCOCK.
 - f. Darnel DARBONNE, b. 31 Dec. 1958.
4. Hulna ATTALES, b. 24 Feb. 1924 Ville Platte, LA, m. 27 June 1942 Duvie MANUEL, son of Avie MANUEL and Ludie MANUEL. Duvie is a farmer in the Lanse Aux Pailles community.
- a. Marie Renelle MANUEL, b. 9 Sept. 1943, m. 24 Nov. 1962 Eugene Crowel GILDER, son of Hal GILDER and Hollis LANDRY. Their children are Ruston Abney GILDER, b. 17 Nov. 1967, Tiffany Patrice GILDER, b. 10 Dec. 1974, Caroline Elizabeth GILDER, b. 23 Aug. 1976, and Margaret Anne GILDER, b. 22 Nov. 1978.
 - b. Theresa Katherine MANUEL, b. 24 Sept. 1956, m. 19 April 1981 James Beal DONHAM, son of Frank DONHAM.
5. Nita ATTALES, b. 31 Aug. 1925 Ville Platte, LA, m. 5 June 1948 C. O. (Bob) HOLDER, of Ponca City, Oklahoma, son of C. O. HOLDER, Sr. They have two children:
- a. Steven HOLDER, b. 25 Oct. 1950, m. 26 July 1975 Donna Kay RANNEFELD. Their children are Somer HOLDER, b. 16 Jan. 1976 and Sage HOLDER, b. 11 Dec. 1978.
 - b. Timothy HOLDER, b. 1 Nov. 1954.
- J. Marie Esola (Izola) ATTALES, b. 10 Dec. 1893 Ville Platte, LA, m. Noah VEILLON, son of Omer VEILLON and Cora FONTENOT. Their children are:
- 1. Hattie VEILLON, b. 13 Oct. 1914, m. Dallas ORTEGO, son of Avenant ORTEGO and Cora GUILLORY.
 - a. Theresa Melba ORTEGO, b. 6 Jan. 1937, m. Daniel Wayne DAVIS. They have two children, Laura DAVIS and Daniel Wayne DAVIS, Jr.
 - b. Barney ORTEGO, b. 20 Aug. 1946. Barney is single.
 - 2. Isabelle VEILLON, b. 21 May 1919, m. 13 Aug. 1936 Anthony TREMIE, son of Antoine TREMIE of Elton and Adella VIDRINE. They have two children:
 - a. Eugene Ray TREMIE (Rev.), b. 12 Oct. 1939.
 - b. Glenda TREMIE, b. 3 Jan. 1942, m. Herbert GUILLORY, Jr. Their children are Lisa Marie GUILLORY, Jeffrey Kent GUILLORY, Douglas Marshall GUILLORY and Ann Marie GUILLORY.
 - 3. Rodney VEILLON, b. 8 Feb. 1927 Ville Platte, LA, m. 1st Leatrice SOILEAU, daughter of Alexandre SOILEAU and Beatrice SANSAT. They had two children:
 - a. Christine VEILLON, b. 15 Oct. 1955.
 - b. Ted Anthony VEILLON, b. 11 Oct. 1958.

Rodney VEILLON married a second time to Gloria DUPRE, daughter of Onezime DUPRE and _____ OGE. They had the following children:

 - c. Phyllis Faye VEILLON, b. 3 Jan. 1960.
 - d. Scott David VEILLON, b. 12 Feb. 1961.

Rodney VEILLON married a thrid time to Anne ORTEGO. They had one child:

 - e. Kenneth VEILLON, b. 15 Aug. 1971.
 - 4. Nettie Wayne VEILLON, b. 6 Jan. 1930, m. Gervis THIBODEAUX, son of Thomas THIBODEAUX, a descendant of the Nova Scotia Acadians. Gervis is from Church Pointe, LA and he and Nettie have six children: Charmayne THIBODEAUX, Jacqueline THIBODEAUX m. Russell SMITH, Ricky Jo THIBODEAUX, Annette THIBODEAUX, Carla THIBODEAUX, and June Christie THIBODEAUX.

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5. Ruby VEILLON, b. 3 Jan. 1932, m. Frank DOYLE of Texas. They have five children: Judy DOYLE m. Danny SCHULTZ, Charlie DOYLE, Frank DOYLE, Jr., Allen Ray DOYLE, and Claude DOYLE.
- K. Raoul ATTALES, b. 14 Oct. 1891 Ville Platte, LA, m. 19 June 1911 Elena ARDOIN, daughter of Zenon ARDOIN and Emily MANUEL. Raoul ATTALES d. 17 Dec. 1940. Their children are:
1. Vella ATTALES, b. 9 Nov. 1914, m. 30 Dec. 1930 Alexandre VEILLON, son of Joseph VEILLON and Martha LAFLEUR.
 - a. Gene Lewie VEILLON, b. 19 Sept. 1939, m. Joyce SMITH, daughter of Aldes SMITH and Lorena FRUGE. They have two children, Duke VEILLON and Brian VEILLON.
 - b. Jerry Dale VEILLON, b. 11 Feb. 1945, m. Connie TATE, daughter of Melvin TATE and Zula Mae FONTENOT, on 7 May 1966. They have three children, Laurie VEILLON, Tracy VEILLON, and Jake Anthony VEILLON.
 - c. Loretta Gayle VEILLON, b. 25 Nov. 1946, m. Gerard PERRON. Their children are Julie PERRON and Tricia PERRON.
 2. Mary ATTALES, b. 17 Nov. 1915 Ville Platte, LA, m. Harry VEILLON, son of Regile VEILLON and Thelma MARCANTEL. Their children are:
 - a. James Winston VEILLON, b. 11 Dec. 1935.
 - b. Charles Harrell VEILLON, b. 12 Oct. 1941.
 - c. Wynelle VEILLON, b. 9 July 1943.
 3. Cleveland ATTALES, b. 9 Dec. 1917, d. 20 Feb. 1955, m. Ida ARDOIN, daughter of Adelma ARDOIN and Camelia M. FONTENOT. They had one child:
 - a. Rita Joyce ATTALES, b. 9 July 1943, m. Charles Ronald MILLER.
- L. Odet (Odette) ATTALES, b. 19 Oct. 1904 according to the ATTALES family record, m. George POMMIER, son of Martin POMMIER and Camille FONTENOT. Their children follow:
1. Wallace POMMIER, b. 1 Jan. 1923, d. 20 Jan. 1980, m. 28 June 1942 Mabel DUPRE. They had the following children:
 - a. Marie POMMIER, b. 23 Feb. 1947, m. 31 Oct. 1964 Joseph Alwood TATE. Their children are: Timothy TATE, Angela Marie TATE, Lisa Christine TATE, Carol David TATE, and Kirk Dwain TATE.
 - b. Trallis Ann POMMIER, b. 20 Sept. 1951, m. Roger Dale DUPRE. Their children are: Rachel Hope DUPRE, Michelle Renee DUPRE, Stephanie Marie DUPRE, Shawn Mayance DUPRE, and Roger Lee DUPRE.
 - c. Billie Gene POMMIER, b. 31 Oct. 1963, m. Sue Elizabeth DOWELL. Their children are: Tara POMMIER and Shea Amanda POMMIER.
 2. Roland POMMIER, b. 21 Sept. 1930, m. Rose YOUNG, daughter of Noah YOUNG and Eleanor ORTEGO.
 - a. Nicholas Neil POMMIER, b. 4 Aug. 1951, m. 1st Karen HOLLIER.
 1. Vickie POMMIER
Nicholas Neil POMMIER m. 2nd Vickie _____.
 2. Christina POMMIER
 - b. Martin Bennett POMMIER, b. 26 Dec. 1952, d. 11 Jan. 1953.
 - c. Bobby James POMMIER, b. 27 July 1954, m. 1st Sheila SAVANT, m. 2nd Sandy BARNES. One child was born of the first marriage, Nicola POMMIER.

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3. Rita Gayle POMMIER, b. 24 Dec. 1945, m. Robert (Bobby) GUILLORY. They have two children, Shelley GUILLORY and Katie GUILLORY.
- M. Hattie (Aniesse?) ATTALES, b. 18 Sept. 1907 according to the ATTALES family record. She died from severe burns.
- N. Gomer ATTALES, b. 29 Feb. 1898, m. at the age of 20, Emelia (Amelia) FONTENOT, age 16. She was the daughter of Valcour O. FONTENOT and Irma FONTENOT, b. 9 Sept. 1901, d. 19 Feb. 1963 (Emelia). Gomer ATTALES, d. 3 May 1951 and is buried in Le Vieux Cemetiere in Ville Platte, LA.
- O. Regile ATTALES, b. 2 Jan. 1900 according to the ATTALES family record.
- P. Stanislas ATTALES, b. 18 Dec. 1902, according to the ATTALES family record.
- V. Auguste Moise ATTALES, son of Antoine ATTALES and Jeanne LABROU, b. 9 Nov. 1850 Opelousas Church records and succession of Antoine ATTALES dated 8 Feb. 1860. He married Louisa SAVANT, b. 7 April 1857, the daughter of Adolph SAVANT and Marie McDANIEL. Adolph's parents were Jean Pierre SAVANT and Lucille FONTENOT. Auguste Moise ATTALES d. 19 Aug. 1875. They had the following children:
- A. Marie Elvena ATTALES, b. 20 May 1876 Ville Platte, m. Camille FONTENOT. They had the following children:
1. Christine FONTENOT m. Regile SMITH, son of Archille SMITH and Odele VIDRINE.
 2. Onezime FONTENOT m. Virginia SOILEAU.
 3. Augustine FONTENOT m. Joseph FONTENOT.
 4. Theodore FONTENOT m. Mel Bogard.
 5. August FONTENOT m. Weda BROWN.
 6. Louisa FONTENOT m. Ellis THIBODEAUX.
 7. Paul FONTENOT never married.
 8. Arthur FONTENOT m. Eva FONTENOT (?)
 9. Andrew FONTENOT, b. 15 May 1915, m. Alma CHAGOIS, b. 22 June 1917, daughter of Sebastien CHAGOIS of New Iberia and Linda BECKMAN. Their children are:
 - a. James Carroll FONTENOT, b. 18 Jan. 1941, m. Glenda MOREIN. Their children are: Angela FONTENOT, Shane FONTENOT and Victor Brandon FONTENOT.
 - b. Charles FONTENOT, M. D., b. 8 Feb. 1943, m. Brenda ASWELL, daughter of Dr. Charles ASWELL and Lura Jane DUPRE. Their children are: Mary FONTENOT, Charles Edward FONTENOT and Leslie FONTENOT.
 - c. Lionel Andrew FONTENOT, b. 31 May 1946, m. Emma WEST. Their children are Karen Renee FONTENOT and Steven Craig FONTENOT.
 10. Pauline FONTENOT m. Arthur CASTETTE.
- B. Elizabeth Jeanne ATTALES, b. 11 June 1875 (Opelousas Church records).
- C. Louise Jeanne ATTALES, b. 31 March 1880 (Ville Platte Church records).
- D. Antoine Moise ATTALES, b. 25 Feb. 1882, m. 11 Dec. 1906 Aurelia DESHOTELS, b. Feb. 1882, d. 19 Nov. 1919, the daughter of Jean Baptiste Dumas DESHOTELS and Irma FONTENOT. Jean Baptiste's parents were Onezime DESHOTELS and Eulalie VIDRINE. Antoine Moise d. 16 Dec. 1941 Brownsville, Texas. Children of Antoine Moise and Aurelia DESHOTELS are:
1. Joseph Clifton Edwin ATTALES, b. 10 Sept. 1907, bt. 31 Oct. 1907 Ville Platte, LA, m. Sarah Elizabeth _____. They had one daughter, Ruth ATTALES.

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2. Elton ATTALES, b. 30 Dec. 1908 Ville Platte, LA He never married.
3. Marie ATTALES, b. 21 Nov. 1910, m. Frank MAINE.
4. Henery (Henry) ATTALES, b. 28 Aug. 1914.
5. Lena ATTALES, b. 7 Dec. 1916, m. Roy POWELL.

Antoine Moise ATTALES m. a second time to Celima ISRAEL on 5 May 1920, daughter of William ISRAEL and Louisa FONTENOT. He married a third time to Evia FONTENOT on 20 Feb. 1927, daughter of Louis FONTENOT and Eulalie DESHOTELS.

- E. Jean Pierre August ATTALES, b. 7 Feb. 1884 Ville Platte, LA, m. 1st Mattie MANUEL on 2 May 1925, daughter of Thomas MANUEL and Mathilda FONTENOT. Mattie d. ca. 1930. Children of Jean Pierre August and Mattie MANUEL are:

1. Linton ATTALES, b. ca. 1928 as he was listed as 28 year of age on his father's succession, m. Elizabeth PLOUFFE. Linton moved away from Louisiana when still a young man. It is believed that he died in California. No further information on this family is available.
2. Thomas ATTALES, b. Aug. 1929, d. Nov. 1929 (twin).
3. Lee ATTALES, b. Aug. 1929, d. in infancy (twin).
4. Geraldine ATTALES, b. 17 Sept. 1932, m. Kirby VEILLON. Their children are:
 - a. Carl Brent VEILLON, b. 19 April 1950, m. Diane MONIER. They have two children.
 - b. Charlene Ann VEILLON, b. 17 July, 1945, m. Ricky MYERS. They have one child.

Jean Pierre August ATTALES m. a second time to Bridget ARDOIN and a third time to Edna VIDRINE.

- VI. Modeste ATTALES, daughter of Antoine ATTALES and Jeanne LABROU, b. 15 June 1852 Ville Platte, LA
No further information on this line.

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Note: The above history is intended as a family record for the ATTALES family. It is dedicated to my son-in-law, Darrel Wayne ATTALES and his family, to his wife, Mary Chrysanna FONTENOT, and to my grandchildren. It should be noted that some of the recent dates were given by individual family members and not necessarily from documented sources. My thanks to the ATTALES family for their help and to all who contributed towards this record. -s- Joyce Fusilier Fontenot

[Editor's note: Additions and/or corrections to the Attales family article are welcomed. Please send any information in care of the editor.]

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| AGUILLARD, Abel, Sr. b. 05-25-1903 d. 10-09-1974 | AGUILLARD, Alice T. b. 06-01-1888 d. 08-07-1965 | AGUILLARD, Allen b. 04-25-1928 d. 07-18-1966 | AGUILLARD, Elson Earl b. 01-21-1920 d. 12-10-1975 TECS US ARMY WWII | AGUILLARD, Eurma Jane b. 01-12-1940 d. 02-24-1940 d/o Abel & Lucy AGUILLARD |
| AGUILLARD, Evans b. 1890 d. 1951 | AGUILLARD, Frank b. 10-26-1888 d. 12-31-1953 | AGUILLARD, Harry b. 02-14-1918 d. 11-27-1969 | AGUILLARD, Hebrard P. b. 09-12-1891 d. 08-13-1956 h/o Ophelia DURAND | AGUILLARD, Ophelia DURAND b. 01-02-1888 d. 10-20-1971 w/o Hebrard P. AGUILLARD |
| AGUILLARD, Lillia b. 12-01-1919 d. 07-27-1939 d/o H. P. AGUILLARD | AGUILLARD, Louis E. b. 04-03-1930 d. 10-14-1972 | AGUILLARD, Ned b. 04-26-1904 d. 03-14-1956 | ARDOIN, Eveline b. ca. 1911 d. 05-24-1968 age 57 | BELLON, Miguel b. 03-02-1896 d. 02-05-1967 LA PVT CO C 156 INF WWI |
| BLACKSHEAR, Beverly b. 04-07-1929 d. 02-07-1935 d/o Roy BLACKSHEAR | BRUNET, Adam b. 02-25-1886 d. 10-05-1973 h/o Odile McGEE | McGEE, Odile b. 07-29-1896 d. 07-07-1970 w/o Adam BRUNET | BRUNET, Everel b. ca. 1885 d. 01-13-1948 age 63 | CALK, H. U. b. ca. 1848 d. 07-19-1936 age 88 |
| CLARK, Adzema b. 08-21-1868 d. 02-27?-1935 | CLARK, Henry b. 04-14?-1851 d. 07-09-1935 | COURVILLE, Ursin b. 01-18-1907 d. 06-02-1962 | CUMMINGS, George W. b. 02-04-1906 d. 04-12-1967 CPL HQ 1460 SVC CO UNIT WWII | CUMMINGS, Orena J. b. 05-03-1889 d. 07-22-1963 |
| DOUGET, Estelle F. b. 09-01-1899 d. 11-11-1955 | DOGET, Sidney P. b. 02-02-1904 d. 09-17-1966 | ESTES, James "Mat" b. 04-22-1874 d. 10-15-1945 h/o Eddie H. ESTES | ESTES, Eddie H. b. 12-30-1878 d. 11-27-1962 w/o James ESTES | ESTES, Maurice Earl b. 01-15-1913 d. 03-24-1966 |
| FONTENOT, Tanice J. b. 10-24-1920 d. 03-18-1964 LA PVT 46 GEN HOS WWII | FRUGE, Mary Lola b. 11-05-1903 d. 02-03-1967 | FUSILIER, Warren D. b. 1921 d. 1968 | GRISSOM, Raymond Lee b. 1953 d. 1964 | HAVENS, Hubert E. b. 06-20-1885 d. 12-05-1944 |
| HESTER, Clarence L., Jr. b. 05-28-1924 d. 09-06-1975 "Chunkie" | HESTER, Clarence Lee, Sr. b. 10-11-1884 d. 05-29-1950 h/o Hattie Carol HESTER | HESTER, Hattie Carol b. 12-25-1899 d. 12-27-1978 w/o Clarence L. HESTER | HOSEID, Lucy M. b. 12-01-1896 d. 01-18-1977 | HOSEID, Maurice J. b. 08-27-1888 d. 07-28-1965 LA CPL CO C 331 INF WWI |
| HUNT, E. B., Sr. b. 12-17-1897 d. 10-31-1961 | HUTSON, Lawrence E. b. 10-21-1901 d. 07-12-1969 | HUTSON, Lillian H. b. 10-26-1901 d. 09-12-1969 | JENKINS, Cullen Lee b. 11-05-1927 d. 12-25-1968 | JENKINS, George b. 01-04-1923 d. 07-02-1972 LA 51 US NAVY WWII |
| JENKINS, Newburn b. 05-23-1890 d. 01-20-1953 | JOHNSON, Dorothy Gray b. 02-11-1914 d. 09-01-1970 | JOHNSON, Joseph Adam b. 05-27-1910 d. 02-25-1966 | JOHNSTON, Ricky L. b. 05-21-1957 d. 03-26-1977 | LANGLEY, Columbus b. 11-19-1906 d. 12-09-1959 |
| LANGLEY, Edolia Marie b. 08-01-1966 d. 08-23-1966 | LANGLEY, James b. 09-17-1888 d. 04-10-1963 | LANGLEY, Tina Jo b. 11-11-1966 d. 11-14-1966 | LANGLEY, Violet C. b. 01-15-1898 d. 11-12-1950 | LEDOUX, Wilbur A. b. 01-04-1916 d. 08-26-1968 |
| LEENEY, Bessie D. b. 08-12-1896 d. 02-03-1978 | LEJEUNE, Ernestine P. b. 04-14-1895 d. 05-18-1973 | LEJEUNE, Zepherin b. 01-22-1893 d. 02-23-1962 LA PFC 316 FIELD ART WWI | LEJEUNE, Zepherin, Jr. b. 01-30-1918 d. 07-13-1968 | MANNING, Earl Lee b. 03-29-1904 d. 01-12-1981 |
| MANNING, Gladys Dorman b. 09-24-1906 d. 01-17-1980 | MANUEL, Sophie G. b. 06-26-1899 d. 06-05-1979 | MEEK, Mary D. b. 07-28-1878 d. 11-13-1968 | MEEK, W. A. b. 06-10-1875 d. 02-19-1960 | MILLER, Leopold b. 05-06-1903 |
| MILLER, Louis b. 05-31-1894 d. 11-09-1960 LA PFC EMB HOS WWI | MILLER, Pauline B. b. 01-26-1909 d. 03-07-1981 | MILLSAP, J. W. b. 07-17-1861 d. 08-09-1948 | MOSBROKER, Henry b. 07-22-1910 d. 05-24-1979 | MOSSBROKER, Alby J. b. 01-25-1938 d. 08-10-1970 |
| MOSSBROKER, Arvelia G. b. 02-19-1888 d. 05-05-1966 | MOSSBROKER, R. J. b. 03-11-1879 d. 03-13-1956 | NEALY, W. H. b. 12-25-1894 d. 04-20-1980 | NETTLES, N. A., Jr. b. 08-13-1922 d. 11-08-1926 | PARKER, Eva Stockwell b. 03-03-1898 d. 05-20-1965 |

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PARKER, Ruby Earl
b. 03-29-1892
d. 06-27-1972

PARKER, Thelma Gertrude
b. 07-12-1920
d. 07-12-1920

PROWELL, Geo. Dave
b. 02-13-1868
d. 03-02-1890
h/o Henriett SIMMS

SIMMS, Henrietta
b. 11-21-1873
d. 02-23-1948
w/o Geo. Dave PROWELL

PROWELL, James Robert
b. 02-03-1911
d. 06-02-1939

REED, Mabel L.
b. 04-08-1917
d. 12-27-1976

REICH, Elvin Dwain
b. 08-04-1940
d. 04-19-1943
s/o O. E. REICH

RICHARD, Bertha Nettles
b. 02-22-1907
d. 07-23-1959

RUDASILL, Lester L., Jr.
b. 09-15-1930
d. 08-22-1969
LA PFC 9301 TEC SVC WWII

SCHAMBER, Marie L.
b. 03-04-1887
d. 12-11-1974

STOCKWELL, Ella C.
b. 09-11-1877
d. 06-07-1968

STOCKWELL, Jodie
b. 01-22-1877
d. 03-29-1956

STOCKWELL, John
b. 04-30-1911
d. 11-29-1942

STOCKWELL, Leroy
b. 11-24-1900
d. 07-12-1966
LA PVT 928 GUARD SQ AAF WWII

WALL, Carrie F.
b. 02-28-1895
d. 05-17-1978

WALL, Willie Orestus
b. 09-19-1887
d. 03-10-1949

WALL, Infant sons
b. 05-29-1923
d. 05-30-1923
s/o Willie O. WALL

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Most of the 1890 population schedules were so badly damaged by fire in the Commerce Dept. Building in January 1921 that they were disposed of. Only a few schedules remain. The Centroplex Library has these.

WILLIAM BUNDICK'S MARRIAGE TO MARY HAY IN MOBILE, (1778)

by Judge Albert Tate, Jr., Ville Platte, La.

In a previous paper, the writer recounted the arrival of the William BUNDICK family in the Spanish Opelousas Post area by 22 Apr 1780 when their first child was baptized there at the age of seven months. (See: "The First Tates of the Evangeline - St. Landry Parish Area", *Attakapas Gazette*, Vol. XIII, No.3, Fall 1978, 107-120.) That article noted that at the time it was unknown where and when William BUNDICK had mar. Mary HAY, dau. of Gilbert HAY and Eugenia (Jean, Jane) JACKSON, and it also noted the conflicting indications as to whether Mary HAY was the mother by a first union (with Adam TATE of Mobile) of the little Tate boys (Adam TATE and Joseph TATE) raised by the BUNDICKS, or whether instead she was their aunt-foster mother.

Since then, an 1809 lawsuit between Mary HAY and William BUNDICK, during the American territorial times, has come to light, which answers one of these questions and which may furnish additional indicia as to the other. The suit is found in St. Landry Parish collection in the Louisiana State Archives in Baton Rouge and it is entitled Mary BUNDICK vs. William BUNDICK, Case #126, Superior Court of the Territory of Orleans in and for the 5th District, 28 June 1809. Of particular interest in this regard is the deposition of "Buckner PITMAN" (he signs his name as PITMAN at the end of the deposition, and from other records we know that in fact such is the correct spelling of his name).

We will set forth this deposition in full, to be followed by notes annotating some of the implications and statements. First, however, we will briefly describe the lawsuit. Today, it would be denoted as a suit for judicial separation and for alimony. The suit may be of interest as one of the earliest such ones extant, as well as because of what it contributes to knowledge about the BUNDICKS.

On 28 Jun 1809, a petition filed by Mary BUNDICK, through her attorney, Isaac BALDWIN, commenced the suit. She alleged that she was the lawful wife of William BUNDICK and had several children by him, but that her husband now refused to provide for her and them, and she prayed for provisions for support as deemed equitable by the court. Fifteen days later on July 13th, her attorney filed a motion praying to take the testimony of Buckner PIT(T)MAN, stating that the attorney "believes from the information which he has received that a material point in this cause depends upon the testimony of Buckner PITMAN and that he has reason to believe that before the trial of this cause the said Buckner PITMAN will remove so far from this district that his testimony cannot be obtained by subpoena". Through Judge MATTHEWS of the Superior Court an order was issued the next day to the Honorable George KING, parish judge for St. Landry, to examine PIT(T)MAN under oath.

PITTMAN's deposition of 18 Jul 1809 was directed solely at proving that William BUNDICK and Mary BUNDICK had been lawfully married in Mobile in about 1778. The difficulty of making this proof had apparently been William BUNDICK's sole hope of avoiding a judgment against him, for (after an unsuccessful delaying tactic) he compromised the suit within two months, just before it came to trial in September. Prior to that, subpoenas had been issued, apparently at the wife's request, for Henry HARGRODER, a neighbor to the husband BUNDICK at the Bayou Teche and Bayou Sale lands to which he had moved in the Attakapas Districts, and for Alexander GOYER (? GOYON, GOGON), who is presently unidentified; meanwhile the husband William had unsuccessfully sought a continuance to the next session because he could not obtain the testimony of "_____ (left blank by BUNDICK) GORDON", whom BUNDICK alleged to be a material witness living outside the court's jurisdiction.

The litigation was concluded on 9 Sept 1809. On that day, the clerk of the superior court entered a decree "by the consent of the parties" by which William BUNDICK conveyed to Mary BUNDICK the 400-acre tract of land on "Bayou Chico" on which she resided, "a Negro woman Rose", ten cows and calves, two "broke" horses, and two mares. The decree concluded that the wife was released from the power and authority of her husband, and that Mary BUNDICK had relinquished and was forever barred from any claim upon William BUNDICK or his estate "during his lifetime or after his death". To the degree is attached an agreement to the same effect between the two parties, witnessed by Joseph REEVES, a deputy sheriff, and (other names on tear in the sheet), to which are affixed the marks of William BUNDICK and Mary BUNDICK.

Before setting forth Buckner PITTMAN's affidavit and annotations to it, some description should be made of Buckner PITTMAN, the affiant. He was an adventurous and seemingly quarrelsome man, a fierce partisan, an American patriot in the time of the Revolution, but also an individual who sometimes skirted on the thin edge of the law. The outline of his life is of interest since in his deposition he stated he had known William BUNDICK "from a child" and since it affords perspective by which to judge his credibility. PITTMAN was born in Amelia Co., Virginia, in 1748; some time after 1756 his father John PITTMAN moved to Edgefield District, S.C., then prior to 1770, to St. Paul's Parish (later, Richmond Co., then Columbia Co.), GA, where he died in 1785. (See: L.R.ELROD, *Pittman Family Record*, 2d ed. 1958; Pittman Family Soc., Athens, GA; 4-9.) Buckner, however, remained in S.C.; he owned land and was involved in lawsuits in 1770 and in 1773 (see: S.C. Court of Common Pleas, 1 Nov 1770, Bx 88A, Roll 140A; and S.C. Court of Common Pleas, 22 Oct 1773, Camden Dist., Box 97A, Roll 130A).

(Bundick's Marriage Cont'd)

During the Revolution, he served in the VA-IL Regiment of the Continental Army, taking part as a sergeant in the George Rogers Clark Expedition that captured the Illinois forts in 1778 and later entitled to a grant for three years service with Clark and receiving a bounty of 200 acres for this service (possibly the land to which he was bound at the time of the deposition below). (K.W. Seineke, The George Rogers Clark Adventure in the Illinois; Polyanthos Press, N.O., 1981; 583.) He is reputed to have died in Adams Co., MO, some time after the deposition. (H.H. McCall, Roster of Revolutionary of Georgia, Vol. III; Baltimore, 1969; 186.) For whatever reason, after the Revolution, PITTMAN shows up in the Natchez Dist. of Spanish West Florida by at least 1790, probably earlier, where in 1792 Gov. Gayoso refers to him as a known counterfeiter (J. D. L. Holmes, Gayoso, The Life of a Spanish Governor in the Miss. Valley, 1789-99; LSU Press, 1965; 57), where he acquired land on Bayou Pierre, and where, in 1797, Gov. Gayoso had his papers seized and then restored to him, and where as late as 1806 he appears as a witness to land claims. (McBee, The Natchez Court Records, 1767-1805; Greenwood, MS, 1953; reprint, Baltimore, 1979; 77, 127, 423, 517, 535, & other pages cited.)

So far, no record other than his affidavit below has surfaced to show that he was ever in Mobile, nor apparently did he ever live in or own land in the Opelousas area. However, he may have been one of the members of the George Rogers Clark forces sent down the Miss. River to buy supplies and ship them back (cf. J.W. Caughey, Bernardo de Galvez in LA, 1776-1783; 1934; reprint, Pelican Pub. Co., N.O., 1972; 98-99). If so, and there is inferential support to this supposition, in PITTMAN's brief appearance at Opelousas in 1779 (see annotation (1) to his desosition), he may indeed also have gone over to Mobile to spy, if not merely adventurously to see old friends, and thus may have been present at the BUNDICK wedding, as he testified.

With this long prologue, we come at last to Buckner PITTMAN's deposition which is found in the 1809 BUNDICK suit. We set this forth verbatim, with numbers in parentheses inserted as a guide to the annotations that follow the depositions:

Deposition of Buckner PITMAN taken, and to be used in evidence in a suit, now deposes this statement in the Superior Court of the fifth district, wherein Mary BUNDICK is plaintiff and William BUNDICK is defendant, before George KING, Judge for the Parish of St. Landry pursuant to a dedimus issued for that purpose, by one of the Judges of said Superior Court; began on the 14th of July and continued day to day, until the present 18th of same month; who being duly sworn deposeth & saith:

This deponent saith, that he saw the plaintiff & dependant lawfully married, at the Dist. of Mobile by a Protestant Minister, then attached to the British army; that the marriage took place at the said Minister's House, that about two years thereafter the said Dist. was taken by the Spanish, the English troops evacuated the Country and with them the said Minister went also, he being state Chaplain to said troops; that during two years after the marriage, and while this deponent resided in said Dist. the plaintiff and defendant, cohabited and lived together as man & wife, and were so universally considered, that after this period, this deponent went to reside at Orleans, where the said parties were also, & that they there lived together on the same character. (1)

Question: Are you certain that the person present is the (hole in page ?) and plaintiff in the suit is the same to whom the defendant was married, as before stated?

Answer: Yes, he has known him from a child - - And this deponent further states, that during the Month of Sept. ensuing, he will either be within the Miss. Territory, or several hundred Miles up the Red River - - and that he does not expect to return under a year; (2)

And this deponent believes, that at the time said Minister left the aforesaid Dist. of Mobile, he took with him all the papers attached to his function as chaplain - - and this deponent further saith not. (3)

Parish of St. Landry, Sworn & Subscribed to as
before Stated 18th July 1809 Before me /s/ Geo King, Judge /s/ Buchner Pittman

Annotations

(1) English Mobile surrendered to the Spanish 14 Mar 1780. (Caughey, Galvez, cited above; 182) PITTMAN's 1809 deposition would thus place the BUNDICK marriage in late 1777 or early 1778. George Rogers Clark, with whom PITTMAN served for 3 years, was in VA assembling his force between 2 Jan and 15 May 1778 and he captured Kaskaskia on July 4th. (Caughey, cited above; 94) PITTMAN's whereabouts before he joined Clark (his prior documented last discovered appearance was in S.C. in 1773) are unknown; he may, for instance, have been in Mobile then, and it is also possible that he was one of Clark's men sent down to New Orleans after the fall of Kaskaskia to obtain supplies - - and while there, made a trip to Mobile. It is also possible that his account is inaccurate as to date, or that PITTMAN was testifying as to what he knew about rather than to what, as he testified, he saw. However, the substance of his account may be assumed to be correct since William BUNDICK did not contest it.

PITTMAN is most probably inaccurate in his statement that the BUNDICKS remained in Mobile until its fall in 1780. The list of Englishmen who on 17 Mar 1780 took a loyalty oath not to obstruct the Spanish following the fall of Mobile does not, for instance, include William BUNDICK. (F. de Borja Medina Rojas, Jose de Expeleta, Gobernador de la Movila, 1780-1781; Seville, Spain, 1980; 39-40.)

(Bundick's Marriage Cont'd)

Further, William BUNDICK was in the Opelousas Post area by 22 Apr 1780 about 5 weeks after Mobile fell, when his first child (Angelique BUNDICK, who d. young) was baptized at age 7 months. (St. Landry Cath. Ch. Bapt. Records, Bk. 1, p. 32.) It would seem unlikely that BUNDICK could have transported his family including 5 children (three HAY children still minors, 2 TATE nephews) from newly fallen Mobile to the then far interior of Opelousas-Attakapas in that short period. Additionally, Gilbert HAY, his father-in-law, testified in Spanish proceedings in N.O. on 8 Mar 1779 that his family, which included Mary HAY as his only adult child, the others being young children and grandchildren, had come from Mobile to New Orleans by ship between 1 Jan and 8 Mar of that year. (See: "Gilberto HAY, 8 Mar 1779, Proceedings by Guillermo Strother", Document #544, File 3620, LA State Museum, N.O.) Some corroboration to PITTMAN's account that he saw William and Mary BUNDICK in N.O. living together as man and wife is furnished by his presence at the Opel. Post in 1779, probably on a supply mission for Clark at this cattle center. On 21 Jun 1779, he executed a sworn affidavit before the Opelousas commandant and 2 Opel. residents (AGI-Papales Procedents de Cuba, legajo 192, folio 227; USL Center for LA Studies microfilm). That affidavit, and the commandant's evaluation of it, may afford some insight as to PITTMAN's credibility and his fierce partisanship even under oath. The affidavit was executed in support of the innocence of one PUMPHREY, accused of breaking into and stealing from the house of Christophe TYLER. PITTMAN swore that instead, Gabriel MARTIN and Zacquerie MARTIN should be charged with the crime. In forwarding the affidavit on to N.O., where PUMPHREY was imprisoned, Comm. DeClouet evidenced a strong feeling that PUMPHREY was indeed guilty. (ID. at folios 223-224).

(2) If PITTMAN's statement is true that he had known William BUNDICK "from a child", this information may furnish a lead to William BUNDICK's origin in VA. (Opel. Ch. records show that he was a native of VA, s/o William BUNDICK and Elizabeth MATTHEW(S). It was previously assumed that he descended from the BUNDICK family of Accomack Co., VA, although as yet no documentary corroboration has been found.) PITTMAN was b. in 1748 in Amelia Co., VA, and lived there at least past the birth in 1756 of a brother, and probably later, before going some time before 1770 to S.C. See text. From analysis of his age groupings in the Opel. 1785 militia list, 1788 census, and 1796 census (Voorhies, Some 18th Century Louisianans, USL Hist. Series, 1973) and in the 1792 census of Rapides Post (AGI-PPC legajo 205, folio 654; USL microfilm), it can be deduced that William BUNDICK was b. between 1740 & 1745, probably in 1742-43. Check of Amelia Co. records to see if a BUNDICK was among those who lived there 1740-1760 is indicated. However, we must also recognize that PITTMAN was known in other instances to have exaggerated his information.

PITTMAN's info in 1809 that he himself would be either within the Miss. Territory (roughly the present state of MS, where he owned land), or else "several hundred miles up (past?) the Red River", generally accords with the PITTMAN family Georgia records cited in the text that showed that Buckner PITTMAN left the Natchez area for MO some time after 1805.

(3) In the "First TATES" article cited in the text, the writer pointed out the conflicting indications as to whether Mary HAY BUNDICK, who raised Adam TATE and Joseph TATE in the Opel. Post area, was their mother or instead their aunt-foster mother. In another paper ("The Father of Adam TATE II A Hypothesis", La voix des prairies, Vol. 1, #3, pp. 44-46; 1980), the writer pointed to the strong indications that an Adam TATE of Guilford (later Rockingham) Co., N.C., who secured land acreage in British W. Florida in 1776 based on his having a wife and 2 children, was the father of Adam TATE and Joseph TATE; he had left Mobile in the latter part of 1779, never to return, and d. in Rockingham Co., N.C., with his estate proceedings indicating no marriage and no children.

Under the circumstances of the anticipated defense by William BUNDICK (that no marriage with Mary had taken place), it would seem more probable than not that Mary HAY BUNDICK had not married, formally or informally, to Adam TATE. Given that Wm. BUNDICK apparently intended to deny his own marriage to Mary, until countered by the PITTMAN affidavit, it would seem that he would likewise have been willing to raise the easier defense that because of Mary's prior marriage to Adam TATE either no Mary-William marriage could have taken place or else that it was bigamous and void - - with 2 sons of the union there in the Opel. area as living proof of the prior marriage. (Of course, if both parties believed that Adam TATE was indisputably dead before the BUNDICK marriage, the defense might not have been conceived. But the Georgia records, if accurate, indicate that Adam I did not leave Mobile for GA until Aug 1779, i.e., after the BUNDICK marriage, and in fact, probably after Mary HAY had left Mobile for N.O. by Mar 1779.) (See note (1) above.)

This still does not explain Mary BUNDICK's 1819 sale to Adam TATE of 400 arpents of land in Avoyelles Parish as "inherited (by her) from Joseph (Adam's brother)". (BK. E-1, p. 60, Conveyance Records, St. Landry Par.). In 1811, Adam had applied for American title to this same land as himself the heir of Joseph TATE, which was later confirmed to him. (Amer. State Papers, Claim 111; Gales & Seaton Ed., 1834; 182.) Perhaps Joseph willed it to her. Unless this proves to be the case (with research in the unindexed George King papers at LA State Archives), Mary HAY BUNDICK's claim upon the property is strong evidence to being mother to Adam & Joseph TATE. Strong evidence to the contrary is reflected by 1862 proceedings (Estate Docket #2515, rec St. Landry Par.) opened for Wm. & Mary BUNDICK. Purpose of the reopened succession proceedings was to sell a 1300-acre tract on Bayou Nezapique, now in Acadia Par., granted to Wm. BUNDICK during Spanish times, and it required the concurrences of all heirs of both parents. Proceedings state that there were 37 unnamed heirs of the couple, except for minors (all minors named were descendants of the BUNDICK children, none of Joseph TATE's minor children were named, although he had died in 1857). It is obvious that the total of 37 could not have included Joseph TATE's 16 children, nor Hilaire nor Adam TATE, still living, as descendants of Mary HAY BUNDICK; tabulation of the living descendant heirs of Wm. BUNDICK including the minors named in the proceedings totals at least 37 heirs by themselves.

THE PUCHEU FAMILY
Submitted by Penny Anne Pucheu

(This article on the Pucheu Family is the work of the late Elaine Guillory Pucheu. We are grateful that her children have given the society permission to publish her work.)

Jean PUCHEU and Jeanne Marie BRUNE of Pau, France, in the Haut Pyrenees, had three sons who came to America while still young men. The first to come was the oldest son, Jacques Charles PUCHEU, who settled in the Bay St. Louis area of Mississippi. Another son named Jacques Thomas came to America in 1869 with his brother, Louis Donat PUCHEU, both supposedly being sponsored by an uncle living in New Orleans. This must have been Jules PUCHEU, whose name has appeared several times in the New Orleans genealogical publications.

According to family tradition, the reason that two sons were named Jacques was that when the older Jacques Charles left for America, his mother, fearing that she would never see him again, named the next son "petit Jacques", but he also came to America. My ancestor, Jacques Thomas PUCHEU, settled in Ville Platte and was in the farming and restaurant business. Louis Donat PUCHEU, the third brother, lived in Washington for a while, where three children were born, then moved to Rayne in 1887 where two more children were born. Both Jacques Thomas and Louis Donat were naturalized in 1882 at Opelousas, La.

Jacques Charles PUCHEU, the oldest and first of the PUCHEU brothers to come to America from France, settled in the area north of Pass Christian, Mississippi and homesteaded hundreds of acres of land in the region. Some sections of the land extended from near Delisle, Mississippi to Fenton community, northeast of Bay St. Louis near Kiln, Mississippi. He operated large saw-mills and was quite successful for years. As he grew older, he lost all of the land he had acquired and, at the time of his death, left his wife and three young sons with considerable financial burdens. He was approximately 66 years of age when he died in February of 1911. He was buried in the Rotten Bayou Cemetery near Fenton, Miss.

- I. Jacques Charles PUCHEU, b. ca. 1845, d. Feb. 1911, m. 1st Prudence MAUFFRAY. Eight children were born of this marriage:
 - A. Josephine PUCHEU, b. ca 1866, m. Tom DEDEAUX, parents of 6 children
 - B. John PUCHEU. He lived in Bay St. Louis and had 10 children with his first wife and 3 by the second.
 - C. Roland PUCHEU, d. at 11 months of age
 - D. Rene PUCHEU, b. ca 1878, d. ca. 1968 near Kiln, Mississippi. No children
 - E. August (Gus) PUCHEU, married and had one child, "Josie" PUCHEU who m. Norman M. McDONALD and lives in Long Beach, Mississippi.
 - F. Leo Paul PUCHEU, never married. He was a deaf mute who was educated in Akron, Ohio.
 - G. Florian PUCHEU of Gulfport, Mississippi retired a boat captain and had 2 children, Eldred PUCHEU who m. L. C. KIRKPATRICK and Irene PUCHEU who m. a KELLY
 - H. Regina PUCHEU, b. September 23, 1888, resides in Gulfport with her widowed daughter. She was married to William SCHEELER

Jacques Charles PUCHEU married for a second time ca. 1897 to Leona SAUCIER. They had three children.

 - I. James W. PUCHEU, b. ca. 1898, lived in Gulfport and retired a tugboat engineer and captain. His children are:
 1. Mrs. Ernest PUCHEU NORRIS of Gulfport
 2. James C. (Jake) PUCHEU, president of a Plumbers Union. He had 4 children.
 3. Harvey A. PUCHEU of Gulfport, was in the loan and furniture business and had 7 children.
 4. Leroy P. PUCHEU of Gulfport was a city building inspector and had 5 children.
 - J. Elder John (Eddie) PUCHEU, b. ca 1900. He lives in the Nugent community and is semi-retired. His children are:
 1. Eddie John PUCHEU who lives in New London, Connecticut. He has 8 children.
 2. Jackie PUCHEU who is a construction worker in the Nugent community.
 3. Earl Douglas (Doug) PUCHEU, b. ca 1940, is a junior loan officer in a local bank. He has 3 children.

(Pucheu Family Cont'd)

- K. Harold L. PUCHEU, b. ca. 1902, never married. He was a movie projection operator in Biloxi.
- II. Louis Donat PUCHEU, b. 1850, d. 1908 and is buried in the old St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Rayne, Louisiana. He married 4 Oct. 1875 in Washington, La. to Marie Marcellite AGNELLY, a native of Houma, La. They had five children.
- A. Cecile Eva PUCHEU, b. 16 Sept. 1878 in Washington, La., m. Olivier BROUSSARD, Sr. of Rayne
1. Thelma BROUSSARD m. _____ PETTIJEAN
 2. Olivier BROUSSARD, Jr.
 3. Lastie D. BROUSSARD
 4. Cecile Evelyn BROUSSARD
 5. May BROUSSARD
 6. Bertha BROUSSARD
- B. Laurent PUCHEU, b. 18 Oct. 1880 in Washington, La.
- C. Marie (Mamye) Emerante PUCHEU, b. 24 March 1883 in Washington, La., m. Octave "Jack" BONIN
1. Estelle BONIN m. Larry FLEMING
- D. Martha Augustine PUCHEU, b. 24 Jan. 1888 in Washington, La. m. George MAZANG of California.
- E. Anna PUCHEU m. Harry KURTZ and lives in Jennings, La.
- III. Jacques Thomas PUCHEU, b. Pau, France, d. 15 Oct. 1919 in Ville Platte, La., married 15 Nov. 1881 to Catherine Amyanthe TATE, daughter of Emile TATE and Marie Louise LAFLEUR. Catherine was b. 25 Nov. 1861 in Ville Platte and d. 19 Oct. 1894. After her death, the children were reared by her sister, "Nan" ASHLOCK. Jacques Thomas and Catherine had four children.
- A. Marie PUCHEU, b. 7 Sept. 1882 in Ville Platte, d. 11 Feb. 1968, m. J. M. COREIL
1. Frank COREIL
 2. Jacques Robley COREIL, Sr., m. Carrie FONTENOT
 - a. Jacques Robley COREIL, Jr. m. Ethelyn MONIER
 - b. Dianne COREIL m. Robert PERRODIN
 1. Melissa PERRODIN
 2. Robert Curtis PERRODIN
 3. Joseph Emile COREIL m. Anna Soileau TATE
 4. Jeanne COREIL, b. 27 July 1922
 5. Otis COREIL m. Bernice RANSOM
 - a. May COREIL m. Wilfred CANTELLI
 1. Karen CANTELLI
 - b. Ruth COREIL m. Clifford ACOSTA
 1. Clifford ACOSTA, Jr.
 2. Elise ACOSTA
 - c. Shirley COREIL who became a nun
 6. Malvern COREIL
 7. Marious COREIL
- B. J. Emile PUCHEU, b. 21 June 1885 in Ville Platte, d. 24 May 1958, m. 19 April 1919 Thelma FONTENOT
1. Mary Lynn PUCHEU, b. 29 Sept. 1921, is a retired librarian
 2. Jacques Berchmans PUCHEU, b. 19 May 1923, m. 27 Nov. 1946 Jean Louise FONTENOT, d/o
 - A. H. FONTENOT and Anna STEELE.
 - a. J. B. PUCHEU, Jr., b. 5 Nov. 1948, m. 23 Jan. 1971 Rebecca Faye FORBES
 1. Katherine Renee PUCHEU
 - b. John Henri PUCHEU, b. 2 July 1951
 - c. Annette Louise PUCHEU, b. 5 March 1955
 3. Jean William PUCHEU, b. 11 Sept. 1926, m. 22 Dec. 1956 Alice Gay SOILEAU, d/o Audley J. SOILEAU and Alice STE. MARIE
 - a. Paula Lynn PUCHEU, b. 10 Feb. 1958
 - b. William Douglas PUCHEU, b. 28 March 1959

(Pucheu Family Cont'd)

- c. Guy Alfred PUCHEU, b. 22 March 1960
- d. Jay Anthony PUCHEU, b. 1 May 1961
- e. Mary Pamela Gaye PUCHEU, b. 31 March 1964

C. Francois Antoine Clarence PUCHEU, b. 21 Aug. 1892 in Ville Platte, d. 10 May 1973, m. Sylvia BALZER who now resides in New Orleans

- 1. Gerald PUCHEU m. Janice _____
 - a. Cherie Marie PUCHEU

D. Charles Henry PUCHEU, b. 6 Jan. 1885, d. 27 Dec. 1948, m. Lillie Mae FRYE on 27 Dec. 1922 at Minden, La. Lillie Mae was born on 26 May 1902, the daughter of William J. FRYE, a planter and cotton merchant of Minden. She graduated from Louisiana Polytechnic Institute at Ruston and was a teacher at Ville Platte High School before her marriage. Charles Henry PUCHEU was a Ville Platte merchant where he had been identified with business since boyhood. One of the best known men in Evangeline Parish, he was active in local politics since the organization of the parish and at various times held the position of sheriff, tax collector and registrar of voters. Charles Henry attended public schools until the age of fifteen and then went to work earning his own living as a clerk in the store owned by R. L. DEROUEN of Ville Platte. He worked at the Derouen establishment as clerk and cotton buyer for a period of fifteen years, then in 1915, went into business for himself buying and selling cotton.

- 1. Charles Frye PUCHEU, b. 20 June 1924, d. 11 Nov. 1971 in Vermillion Parish, m. 5 Oct. 1949 at Lafayette, La., Elaine GUILLORY, d/o Arcille G. GUILLORY and Cora O'CONNOR
 - a. Carmen Elaine PUCHEU, b. 8 April 1952, m. 28 July 1973 William H. STEWART, s/o W. H. STEWART and Marie CLEVELAND
 - b. Pennye Anne PUCHEU, b. 11 Nov. 1957
- 2. Kenneth Howard PUCHEU, Sr., b. 14 Sept. 1931, d. 31 March 1968, m. 3 May 1951 Gwendolyn LEGER, d/o Ben LEGER and Bertile YOUNG
 - a. Paula Marie PUCHEU, b. 8 Dec. 1951, m. 27 May 1972 Don Paul MEYER, s/o Paul H. MEYER and Sedelle SKOLNIK
 - b. Jeanne Annette PUCHEU, b. 10 Aug. 1953, m. 12 Aug. 1972 Russell ATCHETEE, s/o R. J. ATCHETTE and Audrey O'BRYAN
 - c. Kenneth Howard PUCHEU, Jr., b. 14 Sept. 1955

QUERIES

MARCANTEL-FRUGE-RIDER

Need information on Michel MARCANTEL and Aureline FRUGE, m. 27 July 1840, parents of Melina MARCANTEL, b. 7 May 1855 in Ville Platte, m. 17 Oct. 1866 to Onezime RIDER...Mona Y. Navickas, 1806 Jerry Abbott, El Paso, TX 79936

BOONE

Need information on the BOONE family of Rapides and Feliciana Parishes. John Crittenden BOONE and Joseph H. BOONE were in Rapides Parish in 1820 & 1830 and in Feliciana Parish in 1815 & 1816... Kathleen Boone Overton, 302-V 11th Avenue, Holbrook, Arizona 86025

MALLET-STERLING-BROUSSARD-LEDE-LANDERNO-BOFTZ-LEMOINE-JUNEAU

Need information on August MALLET m. Mary Elizabeth STERLING on 24 Nov. 1853, Avoyelles Parish. Don Louis BROUSSARD m. Marguerite LEDE ca. 1790. Pedro LANDERNO m. Anna Marie BOFTZ ca. 1765 to 1750. Jean Baptiste BROUSSARD m. Manette LANDRENEAU on 11 Sept. 1810 in Opelousas. Death date of Francisco LEMOINE m. Claude JUNEAU is 1755. Will exchange information and answer all letters...Dorothy Meyer, Route 5, Box 161-A, Victoria, TX 77901

DOGA-ORTEGO-YOUNG-TRAHAN-HAYE

Need information on Cyril DOGA and Emma ORTEGO, parents of Leora DOGA, b. 17 Nov. 1862, m. 18 Feb. 1879 to David YOUNG, Sr., d. 4 Dec. 1894. Leora is buried in the Langley Cemetery outside Basile in Tegetate. Need information on Jean YOUNG(LEJEUNE) and Marguerite TRAHAN, parents of Joseph YOUNG, Sr., b. ca. 1737 who m. Patsey HAYE of Mobile, Alabama. Also need information on same Patsey HAYE and her family.... Mona Y. Navickas, 1806 Jerry Abbott, El Paso, TX 79936

SWEAT

Requesting family lines and records on descendants of the SWEAT family of North and South Carolina. Also interested in pictures for a publication on the SWEATs...Erbon W. Wise, P. O. Box 99, Sulphur, LA 70663

SOAP MAKING - A DYING ART REVIVED
by Charlene V. Quinilty

Once a necessity, home soapmaking is now being enjoyed by the craft person for a variety of reasons; economy, ecology, beauty, practicality, and the pleasure of reviving an almost forgotten art.

There are many variations of the standard lye soap recipe. You can use a variety of molds to shape the soap, or cut, carve or sculpt the soap, inlay patterns and/or add scent and other beauty oils. I have recorded the basic lye soap recipe below.

Note: Soap is made from animal fat of three types. The three types are: Lard (fresh pork fat melted down and cooled quickly), Tallow (beef fat), and Lanolin (sheep fat)

Basic Lye Soap Recipe and Instructions

6 lb. beef fat to be rendered or 38 oz. tallow (lard can be used)
1 13-oz. can of 100% pure Lye (Lewis Red Devil Lye Drain Opener is the only type recommended)
1 quart cold water

vinegar (to rinse with in case of accidental contact with the lye)
thermometer (meat or dairy type)
9-quart enamel, stainless, or iron pot
wood or stainless steel spoon for stirring
large measuring cup
mold for soap (can be a cardboard box lined with cotton cloth, allowing the cloth to hang over the box)
heat resistant glass bowl to dilute lye (never use aluminum or teflon pots)
rubber gloves

Render fat in large pot until completely liquefied. Do not allow fat to burn or smoke. Strain impurities out and allow to cool to 95-98 degrees; if you are using fat which has already been rendered, heat to 95-98 degrees.

In separate container add 1 can (13 oz.) of lye to 1 quart of cold water. This will reach temperatures as high as 200 degrees. Stir lye until completely dissolved. This will have to cool until 95-98 degrees also.

Measure out 38 oz. of tallow when both lye and tallow are at the right temperature. Very slowly, pour lye solution into fat, stirring slowly but continuously (quick pouring or fast stirring will cause the fat and lye to separate).

Stir until mixture is as thick as honey (45-minutes to 2 hours). Pour into the box lined with the cloth (put a tray under to catch any leakage). Cover the box with a blanket for slow cooling of the solution and leave it for 24 hours. After 24 hours has elapsed, wearing rubber gloves, remove the soap from the box by lifting out the cloth lining. Cut into pieces the size of regular bath soap. Aging improves the soap; allow it to air dry for two weeks or more before using.

NOTE: For those of you who are interested in more recipes for soap making, I am in the process of preparing a booklet of all the variations of soap making recipes that I have collected in my research. Send me a card if you are interested and I will advise you of the cost when the booklet is published...Charlene V. Quinilty, Route 6, Box 118-A, Ville Platte, LA 70586

PARENTS OF EMILIEN BABINEAU
by Nell Lavergne Albert

In volume 6 of Hebert's Southwest Louisiana Records, the parents of Emilien BABINEAU are listed as Charles and Marguerite SONIER on Emilien's marriage record to Elisa LANDRY on 18 Sept. 1855. I tried, unsuccessfully, to research this line with that combination of names. I finally decided to go to St. John's Cathedral in Lafayette and secure a copy of the marriage certificate for myself. The parents of Emilien BABINEAU are given as Charles BABINEAU and Marguerite MELANCON, not SONIER.

1880 Census Records
by Rita F. Soileau

On the 1880 Census for St. Landry Parish, the following family was listed on page 16, residing in Ward 3 on the 5th of June, 1880: Joseph FRICHE, WM, age 45 of France, his wife Denisa FRICHE, WF, age 29, two sons, Rodolph FRICHE, WM, age 6 and Anateole, WM, age 5, and a daughter, Francoise FRICHE, WF, age 3.

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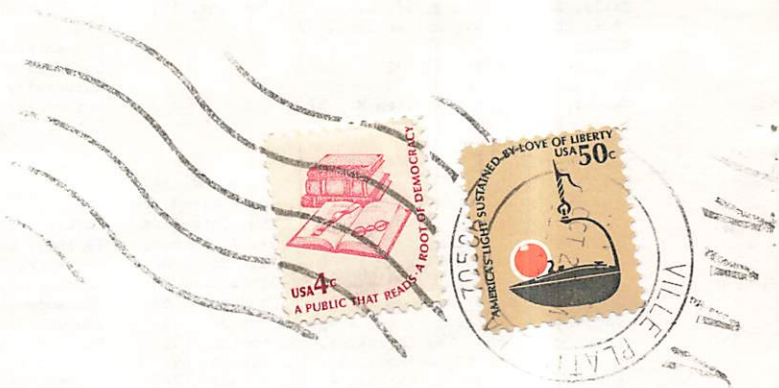
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