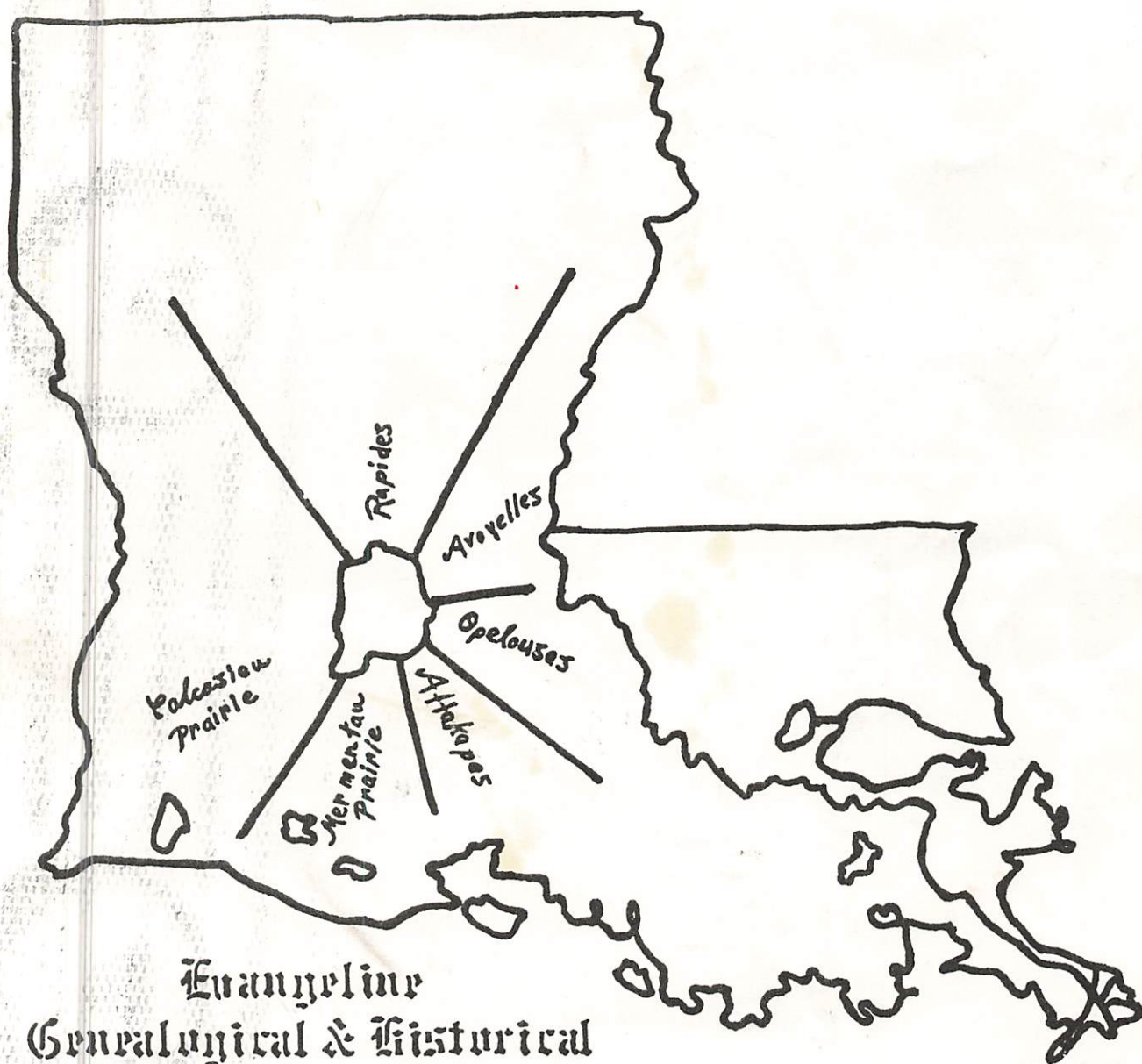


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NOTES ON THE DUBUISSON FAMILY
by Robert Bruce L. Ardoin

(Extracts from 'Notes généalogiques sur les familles Fuselier et Dubuisson de différentes villes en Louisiane, de Lyon, de Vignory, et de Vauvray en France')

Besides my interest in Louisiana history and its pioneer settlers, the reason for my research on the Fuselier and Dubuisson families stems from the fact that I am a descendant of the Fuselier family once on my mother's side, and of the Dubuisson one (and so inevitably from the Fuselier family again) on my father's side.

The research was done for the publication both in Louisiana and in France, but due to the nature of the work, the research was done principally in France.

The first few pages presented here are a resumé of the Fuselier and related families. The Fuselier descendants from Lyon and Louisiana have all been proven, the Fuselier families from Vignory-en-Bassigny were established either by solid proof or by deduction based on the family relations mentioned in different church records of that area. The Dubuisson family and affiliations are based on precise evidence and proof from church and notarial records.

I transcribed the documents reproduced here as close to the originals as possible, that is, with respect to the line setting, spelling and capitalization, marginal annotations, and even recognized errors. The research on the different families was done both in the departmental and municipal archives (Depts. of the Rhône, l'Ain, and Haute Marne) as well as in the National Archives in Paris and from printed matter and microfilms.

Working in the archives in France was indeed a pleasure for very often in dealing with those records, I could not help marveling at the quality of the record keeping and at the conservation of those records, whether from the 1850's, 1750's or the 1650's! They often seem to have been written only yesterday! The complexity and precision of record keeping in France demonstrates an already well developed archival system dating back long ago. Often, the extra information and data give are of great interest and help to the researcher precisely because of the details. But this is not always systematic. Sometimes the record keepers wrote only the minimum required information in order to be in conformity with the standards and laws of those days. All depends on the record holders and the different regions of France.

Researching in the church archives of Lyon, whether in the original records (generally kept in the municipal archives) or in the copies (kept in the departmental archives), was very tedious and almost never ending - on the one hand, due to the present-day system of distribution and limitations of records for consultation by researchers, and on the other hand, due to the hundreds of voluminous books representing three-hundred years in the numerous parishes of Lyon. Another difficulty confronted with in this research was the frequent moving of the people from one parish to another - especially those involved in the silk factories during the 19th century. One other major problem was the French Revolution which was the cause of the dislocation of many families.

The publication, 'Notes généalogiques...' is far from being exhaustive. In fact, very little information was found on the collateral lines of the Fuselier and Dubuisson families, and there is certainly much more to be found. This publication is not a history of the Fuselier and Dubuisson families, but merely a genealogical summary. The research continues!!

If any interested researchers have any suggestions, corrections, or additions to offer, I would be very happy to receive them. At this time, I would like to make a formal invitation to any and all persons interested, to join in together in the continued research on the Fuselier and Dubuisson families for a more complete and thorough study.

--Robert Bruce L. Ardoin
May, 1983 Paris, France

Notes on the Dubuisson Family

It would be difficult to believe that when François Joseph DUBUISSON, progenitor of the DUBUISSON-FUSELIER line in Louisiana, left for the New World, that he did not know of, or at least had not heard of the FUSELIER family, already numerous in Louisiana. Gabriel FUSILIER and François Joseph DUBUISSON were surely not the only two men that left Lyon to go to Louisiana, but both were from neighboring parishes in Lyon and both were from mercantile families. The first blood-tie ever made between the two families was made in New Orleans in the year of 1804 when François Joseph DUBUISSON married Eugénie FUSELIER, one of the FUSELIER-SOILEAU daughters. Their descendants are today concentrated around the Evangeline and St. Landry Parishes.

(Dubuisson Family Cont'd)

The beginning point of the DUBUISSON family from France commences with the birth of François Joseph DUBUISSON, son of Joseph DUBUISSON, "jeweler merchant" and of Louise MAIGRET. He was born and baptized on the 5th October 1783 in the Parish of St. Vincent, at Lyon, almost fifty years after the birth of his father-in-law. His godfather was his brother, Joseph, his godmother, Anne DUBUISSON, his aunt. The signing parties of the religious act were: Joseph DUBUISSON, aîné, François DUBUISSON, Joseph DUBUISSON l'aîné, Anne DUBUISSON, Barthelemy VELLAY, femme DUBUISSON, and RUDIGOZ, vicar.

Baptism of François Joseph Dubuisson 1783

*Baptême de François Joseph Dubuisson le 5 Octobre 1783
 François Joseph fils de Sr. Joseph Dubuisson Md. Bijoutier & de
 Dlle. Louise Maigret Sa femme, né aujourd'hui, a été Baptisé par
 moi vicaire Soussigné Ce Cinquième octobre 1783. parrain Joseph
 Dubuisson son frère & marreine Anne Dubuisson Sa tante qui ont
 Signé avec le père / Jph. Dubuisson L'aîné
 Joseph Dubuisson l'aîné Barthelemy Vellay
 François Dubuisson femme Dubuisson
 Rudigos ? vicaire*

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 François Dubuisson Barthelemy Vellay
 Jeanne Dubuisson
 Radigos ? vicaire

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(Archives Communales, St. Saturnin, Lyon)

In reality, there were two François Joseph DUBUISSONS. Both were the sons of Joseph and Louise MAIGRET. The first was born the 11th January 1780. His godfather was Joseph MAIGRET, his grandfather, and his godmother was Anne FEUILLET, wife of DUBUISSON, his grandmother.

The second François Joseph DUBUISSON, the one mentioned first was born 5th October 1783. If we accept the fact that both of them lived until the age of adulthood, then it would be almost impossible to distinguish one from the other. Logically speaking, there is the possibility that the first Joseph died, and that the second one was named for him. Neither of them had been named for their godfathers - a common thing during those days. This is one theory that we can take into consideration until other information helps us to distinguish between the two François Joseph DUBUISSONS.

The parents of François Joseph DUBUISSON were married in Lyon in the Parish of St. Vincent on the 2nd July 1772. Joseph DUBUISSON was the son of Joseph DUBUISSON and Anne FEUILLET, and Louise MAIGRET was the daughter of Joseph MAIGRET, master manufacturer, and of Nicolle PORTIER. François Joseph and Louise MAIGRET's children were all baptized in the Parish of St. Saturnin at Lyon: Joseph Nicolas DUBUISSON, b. 18 October 1774; François DUBUISSON, b. 30 October 1775; Joseph DUBUISSON, b. 24 October 1776, d. 28 May 1781 at 5 years; Magdelaine DUBUISSON, b. 19 April 1779; François Joseph DUBUISSON, b. 11 January 1780; Pierrette DUBUISSON, b. 30 March 1781; François DUBUISSON, b. 5 October 1783; Magdelaine DUBUISSON, b. 28 June 1785 (see marriage of DUBUISSON and MAIGRET next page)

Until present, I have not been able to locate the funeral records of Joseph DUBUISSON and his wife, Louise MAIGRET. The family name almost completely disappears from the parish and civil records in Lyon around the 1790's. Did that family immigrate to another city or did they go back to their native villages in the country side not too far from Lyon? Was the revolution, that made a great upheaval and demographical change in Lyon, the cause of their moving?

(Dubuisson Family Cont'd)

Marriage of DUBUISSON and MAIGRET:

Dubuisson

Maigret

marriage of
2 July 1772St. Vincent,
Lyon

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Joseph 1-
Dubuisson

Louise Maigret

see next

page for

transcription

Ensuite de la dispense de la publication de deux bans
signés Delaforest vicaire general et de la remise
accordée par le Sr. Curre vicaire de St. Nizier j'ai Donné
le second juillet, la benediction nuptiale a Sr. Joseph
Dubuisson Marchand clinallier fils de deffunt François
Dubuisson et de presente anne feuillet son Epouse et
Delle. Louise Maigret fille de Sr. Joseph Maigret
me. fabricant et de Delle. Nicole portier
présents au dit mariage. En présence des Srs.
Josephs Dubuisson frères du dit époux, Joseph Dubuisson
Négociant, Jacques descour me. fabricant, Edme
Bourseier, Bourgeois de cette ville, témoins requis qui
ont certifié la liberté des contracteurs et le domicile
de l'époux sur cette paroisse et ont signé Excepté
le père de l'épouse et la Mère de l'épouse et la Mère de l'épouse
pour ne scavoir de ce enquis.

Dubuisson Laine
dubuisson
françoise dubuisson
Bourcier
Jeanne Marie Edme Bourcier
Jacques Décour
Joseph dubuisson cadet
Joseph dubuisson
Jean baptiste dubuisson
Colomb vicaire

Alors Maigret Nicolas portier Dubuisson
françoise dubuisson Pour crier Jeanne Marie Edme Bourcier
Jacques Décour
Joseph Dubuisson cadet Joseph Dubuisson Jean baptiste Dubuisson
Colomb vicaire

Mariage de Dubuisson et Maigret 1772

Ensuite de la dispense de la publication de deux bans
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Transcription

of the

Dubuisson -

Maigret marriage

1772

(Archives Communales, St. Vincent, Lyon)

The DUBUISSON-FEUILLET Family - The parents of Joseph DUBUISSON, husband of MAIGRET, were François DUBUISSON and Anne FEUILLET. They were married in 1749 in the Parish of St. Nizier in Lyon. At the time of their marriage, François was a domestic in the house of the Jesuits in Lyon. He was a native of Vauvray-en-Bugey, and was the son of Antoine DUBUISSON and Françoise FAMy. Anne FEUILLET was a native of Jujurieux, and the daughter of Claude FEUILLET (FOLLIET) and Angélique PASTEUR. Both Vauvray and Jujurieux are some 20 kilometers apart from each other, and are situated at about 50 kilometers Northeast of Lyon in the departement of the Ain.

(Dubuisson Family Cont'd)

Marriage of DUBUISSON and FEUILLET:

Dubuisson
Feuillet
marriage
1749 St. Nizier
Lyon

Le 18e May 1749
 a François Dubuisson domestique dans la -
 pension des R.R. p.p. Jésuites du Collège fils mineur de -
 présents Jean Antoine Dubuisson habitant de la paroisse de la paroisse
 de Vauvray en Bugoy et de Françoise Amy et a Anne
 folliet fille mineure de Claude folliet habitants de -
 la paroisse de Jujurieux aussi en Bugoy et de défunte
 Angelique pasteur. présents: Jean Claude Molard, Ye.
 embaleur, François Velay Marm. boucher beaufrère de
 l'épouse et Jean Marie petit Traiteur témoins qui m'ont
 certifiés les parties libres domiciliées dans la paroisse -
 et qui ont Signés avec l'époux et son père, non la
 Mère du dit époux, l'époux et son beaufrère pour ne le
 savoir enquis.
 François Dubuisson
 Jeanne Molard
 Petit Armand
 Mathieu vic.

Transcription of
Dubuisson-Feuillet
marriage of 1749

Marriage Dubuisson - Feuillet

Le 18e [May 1749] j'ay donné la benediction nuptiale,
 a François Dubuisson domestique dans la
 pension des R.R. p.p. Jésuites du Collège fils mineur de
 présents Jean Antoine Dubuisson habitant de la paroisse
 de Vauvray en Bugoy et de Françoise Amy et a Anne
 folliet fille mineure de Claude folliet habitants de
 la paroisse de Jujurieux aussi en Bugoy et de défunte
 Angelique pasteur. présents: Jean Claude Molard, Ye.
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 Mère du dit époux, l'époux et son beaufrère pour ne le
 savoir enquis.

Dubuisson	françois Dubuisson	petit
jeanne Molard	? l'ainé ?	ntaire Armand
		6°
		Mathieu vic.

(Archives Communales, St. Nizier, Lyon)

The DUBUISSON-FEUILLET children were all baptized in the parish of St. Saturnin at Lyon: François DUBUISSON, b. 23 March 1750; Françoise DUBUISSON, b. 18 October 1752 (She is probably the same Françoise that died the 30th of July 1762 aged 4 years and 6 months. Her age in fact does not correspond to her birthdate, but even less with her sister's who was born in 1757 and who is most likely the one who died in 1811. Mistakes are not very frequent but there is always the possibility that there was another sister by the name of Françoise of whom I did not take note.); Joseph DUBUISSON, b. 16 January 1754 (He is probably the one who was married in 1772 to Louise MAIGRET.); Pierre DUBUISSON, b. 27 February 1756, d. aged 4 years in 1760; Françoise DUBUISSON, b. 10 October 1757, d. 9 January 1811, aged 53 years, m. 1776 to Pierre PERRAYON; Joseph DUBUISSON, b. 10 September 1758, d. October, 1784 aged 26 years; Jean DUBUISSON, b. 20 April 1760; Pierre Marie DUBUISSON, b. 5 May 1762, d. 2 September 1767, aged 5 years; Jeanne Françoise DUBUISSON, b. 30 September 1763; Joseph DUBUISSON married 18 August 1776 the same day as his sister Françoise. His wife was Magdelaine DAVIER. He died on the 21 "pluviose", 2nd year of the republic [Editor's Note: This date is 21 January 1793].

The constant repetition of first names in the same families tends to make a general confusion. Such is the case with the DUBUISSON-FEUILLET family. (This is common of that period - it occurs more often among men than women.) Children are often named after their godparents, and often the godparents are their own brothers and sisters or uncles and aunts and even sometimes their grandparents...additional confusion which only deepens the impasses! It is difficult to distinguish between two and sometimes among three or four brothers of the same name, and unless very precise information exists in other documents with references to their exact birthdates or other such information, it is often impossible to identify them precisely.

Three brothers, all named Joseph DUBUISSON, were all the sons of the DUBUISSON-FEUILLET family. In addition, these brothers had two sisters named Françoise. Even with information such as "l'aîné" (the eldest) or "le cadet" (the youngest), one still cannot be sure if those qualifying adjectives refer to brothers or to father and son, or to a combination of generations including grandfathers and sometimes even cousins. Concerning the DUBUISSON family, the problem of "l'aîné", "le cadet", and "le IIIème" concerns most probably the first, second, and third brother, all having the same first names. Generation wise, there seems to be no other solution for their father was François, their grandfather was Jean Antoine, and their great-grandfather was François. Even if it were possible, it does not seem plausible that these distinctions concern their uncles and nephews.

Another brother, Joseph DUBUISSON, who could well be the one whose birth record dates back to 1754, was married in 1756 to Magdelaine DAVIER. At the time of his marriage, he was identified as "Joseph DUBUISSON" but at the time of his death, he was identified as "Jean Joseph DUBUISSON, husband of DAVIER". He was forty years old at the time of his death in 1795 and so would have been born ca. 1753. However, the DUBUISSON born in 1754, was named "Joseph DUBUISSON" and not "Jean Joseph". It is also possible that he was born in another parish one or two years before or after and that his name was not registered (something that is quite unusual at that period for the city of Lyon).

The MAIGRET-PORTIER Family - The parents of Louise MAIGRET, wife of Joseph DUBUISSON, were Joseph MAIGRET, master worker in silk cloth, the son of Claude MAIGRET called "Collet" and of Jeanne Marie FALAVIER, and of Nicolle PORTIER, the daughter of Louis PORTIER and Marie DURAND. Joseph and Nicolle were married on the 30 November 1747 in the parish of St. Vincent at Lyon. In spite of the research done, the only MAIGRET-PORTIER children discovered were all baptized in the parish of St. Vincent at Lyon. Children of Joseph MAIGRET and Nicolle PORTIER were: Etienne MAIGRET, b. 1 October 1748; Louise MAIGRET, b. 18 Feb. 1750, m. DUBUISSON; Catherine MAIGRET, b. 30 August 1751; Antoine Noel MAIGRET, b. 24 December 1754.

Meygret
Portier
marriage
1747
St. Vincent
Lyon

[illegible]

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(Dubuisson Family Cont'd)

Transcription
of the
Marriage
Portier
marriage
1747.
(see preceding
page for the
act)

Marriage Maigret - Portier
 Joseph meygret m. ouvrier en draps de soye, fils des defunts claudio meigret dit Cottet et jeanne marie falavier, de la paroisse de St. vincent dont la remise d'une part et nicole portier fille de Louis portier et de marie Durand, de cette paroisse d'autre part agissant luy comme majeur maître de ses droits et elle Comme majeure aussi et néanmoins du consentement de son père present, après avoir été proclamés deux fois Sans empêchement et obtenus dispense d'un ban, ont contracter mariage par paroles de present et ont recus la bénédiction nuptiale par moy vic. Sous ce 30e 9bre 1747 en présence de Joseph Courbet, cousin de l'époux, de Joseph meygret Son frère, du Sr. edmond Boursier maître en topographie qui a Sed signer avec le d. Courtbet non les autres illiterés.
 Bourcier Joseph corbat Jullien allegre
 nicole portier Louis decour Marguerit bouricane
 Ravet ? vic.
 (Archives Communales, St. Saturnin, Lyon)

The DUBUISSON-FAMY Family - Francois DUBUISSON, husband of Anne FEUILLET, was born on the 11 December 1724 at Vauvray in the department of the Ain. He was the son of Jean Antoine DUBUISSON and of Françoise FAMY.

Baptism
and trans-
cription
of
François
Dubuisson
1724.

Le 16e Xbre 1724 est né et le lendemain a été baptisé François fils d'Anthoine Dubuisson, et de Françoise Famy parrain a été François Bonneville qui at Signé marraine Catherine Vernay illitterée // Mariés de Vouvray & su supra
françois Bonneville Maître, vicaire

Baptême de François Dubuisson

Le 16e. Xbre 1724 est né et le lendemain a été baptisé françois fils d'Anthoine Dubuisson, et de françoise famy // parrain a été françois Bonneville qui at Signé marraine Catherine Vernay illitterée // Mariés de Vouvray & su supra
 françois Bonneville Maître, vicaire

Jean Antoine DUBUISSON and Françoise FAMY were married on the 30 April 1720 at Vauvray. He was the son of François DUBUISSON. The name of his mother was not mentioned in his marriage act. Françoise was the daughter of Pierre FAMY and Louise JASQUENET (JAQUENET). Antoine DUBUISSON and Françoise FAMY had at least two children: François DUBUISSON, m. Anne FEUILLET; Joseph DUBUISSON, a linen merchant who married on the 18 May 1760 to Françoise AUDIBERT at Lyon. They had at least two children who were born at Lyon: Joseph François DUBUISSON, buried in 1770 at age five years, and Estiennette DUBUISSON, buried in July 1776 at age eight years.

Act and
trans-
cription
of the
Dubuisson
Famy
marriage
1720

Le mil sept cent vingt et le trentieme Avril j'ay donne la benediction nuptiale a Jean Anthoine Dubuisson et a françoise fille de Pierre famy et de Louise Jaquesnet maries de Vouvray et c'est après avoir été confessés et communies et reûs la dispense du quatrieme degre de consanguinité qui se soit rencontre entre eux ? et cette dispense est venue d'Avignon par les ordres et Monsieur Roydelet official en la partie de France et ce mariage a ete celebré en presence des parens deux parties françois Dubuisson pere du dit Jean Anthoine a Signé non les autres pour ne scavoir de ce enquis.

Marriage Dubuisson - Famy

L'an mil sept cent vingt et le trentieme Avril j'ay donne la benediction nuptiale a Jean Anthoine Dubuisson et a françoise fille de Pierre famy et de Louise Jaquesnet maries de Vouvray et c'est après avoir été confessés et communies et reûs la dispense du quatrieme degre de consanguinité qui se soit rencontre entre eux ? et cette dispense est venue d'Avignon par les ordres et Monsieur Roydelet official en la partie de France et ce mariage a ete celebré en presence des parens deux parties françois Dubuisson pere du dit Jean Anthoine a Signé non les autres pour ne scavoir de ce enquis.
 (Archives Communales, Vouvray, l'Ain)

Jourdan, vicaire de Vouvray

(Dubuisson Family Cont'd)

The FEUILLET-PASTEUR Family - Claude FEUILLET and Angelique PASTEUR, parents of Anne FEUILLET, wife of François DUBUISSON, were probably married in Jujurieux before 1708. The children whose baptisms were located were: Claude Philippe FEUILLET, b. 28 July 1708 at Jujurieux and married there in 1736 to Claudine DEVEUX; Marie FEUILLET born ca. 1719 at Jujurieux, died 28 November 1789 at Lyon, aged seventy years old. She was married on the 28 July 1746 to Pierre Françoise VELLAY, a butcher of Lyon. They had the following children: Jean Ennemond VELLAY, b. 1742 at Lyon and Anne VELLAY, b. 3 June 1748 at Lyon. The other children whose baptisms were located were: Jeanne FEUILLET, b. 1 April 1720 at Jujurieux; Anne FEUILLET, b. ca. 1721, married François DUBUISSON; Claude Louis FEUILLET, b. 11 December 1721 at Jujurieux.

The DUBUISSON-FUSELIER Family - The Joseph François DUBUISSON that left for Louisiana, married on the 8 March 1804 in New Orleans to Eugénie FUSELIER, daughter of Gabriel FUSELIER and Hélène Elisabeth SOILEAU. Not long after their marriage they settled down in the area of Opelousas where they reared their children. They had two children that are known: Louise and Joseph. Louise DUBUISSON was born on the 1 April 1805 and baptized in the St. Landry Church at Opelousas. According to the marriage of her brother Joseph, he would have been born in the Rapides area around 1806. Listed below are a few of the descendants of the two DUBUISSON-FUSELIER children.

- I. Louise (Omalise) Dubuisson born 1st April 1805 near Opelousas died 1850 at 47 years, married first to Joseph Lemoine, son of Joseph and Hortense Soileau, on the 16th February 1816 at Opelousas. Joseph died the 22 January 1839, 43 years old.
 - A. Joseph Lemoine born 17 September 1824 died before 10th August 1852 married 7 June 1847 at Opelousas to Josephine LeBas born 4 April 1829 and died the 14 May 1896.
 1. Joseph Lemoine 23 May 1848 - married 19 March 1870 at Washington to Cecilia Dejean.
 - a. Marie Ora Lemoine born 19 January 1871
 - b. Cecilia Eve Lemoine born 17 September 1874
 - c. Edgard Lemoine born 22 November 1876
 - d. Genivra Lemoine born 18 September 1879
 - etc.
 2. Christine Lemoine born 11 July 1850 died between 8 December 1853 and 1851
 3. Azéma Lemoine born 28 February 1852
 - m. 1st Ciriús Brignac
 - m. 2nd Ozémé Ardoín on the 22 January 1880 at Ville Platte
 - B. Adèle Lemoine born 20 January 1831 died 3rd February 1870 near Washington married 1st on 3rd March 1851 at Opelousas to Lastie Etienne Soileau, son of Etienne Soileau and Manette Veillon. He died before 14 July 1866.
 1. Adèle Soileau died at Grand Prairie February 1896. She married on the 5th May 1874 at Ville Platte to Lucius Joseph Pitre son of Joseph Poupon Pitre and Joseph Soileau. He died the 7th December 1897. Adèle and Lucius were third cousins. (Lucius remarried on the 21 September 1897 to Octavie Brignac)
 - a. Joseph Pitre 1876 - 1953 m. Marie Louise Soileau 1881 - 1964
 - b. Ambroise Pitre born 29 May 1877 died young
 - c. Willey Pitre 1878 m. 1906 to Florence Soileau
 - d. Ida Bernadette Pitre 1880-1954 m. 1897 to Artemon Guillory 1876-1945
 - e. Rosa Pitre 1882-1961 m. 1899 to Elie Ardoín III 1880-1913
 - f. Cossuth Pitre 1884- circa 1924
 - g. Aimée Pitre 1887-1961 m. 1905 Odín Ardoín 1880-1965
 - h. Elina Pitre 1890-1972 m. Alfred Ardoín, brother of Odín, died 1975
 - i. Marie Pitre 1894 - circa 1909
 - j. A child died February 1896
 2. Onésia Soileau born 11 December 1851 married 21 November 1872 at Washington to Isaac Soileau, son of Auguste and Louise Stagg, born December 1850. Onésia and Isaac were third cousins.
 - a. Caroline Soileau born 22 February 1875
 - b. Adélaida Soileau born 10 October 1876
 - c. Louis Hérard Soileau born 4 February 1879
 - d. Alfred Soileau born 18 October 1880
 - e. Onésia Soileau born 28 November 1884
 - f. Marie Ella Soileau born 20 March 1886
 - g. Rose Blanche Soileau born 8 January 1888
 - h. Albert Soileau born 18 March 1892
 - i. Willie Soileau born 12 December 1893
 3. Octavie Soileau born 13 February 1858 married 1st 27 October 1874 to Charles Fontenot, her first cousin, son of Jean Baptiste Fontenot and Louise Lemoine. Charles Fontenot died before 7th February 1889 (probably the Charles Fontenot who died the 21 January 1888 aged 32 years)
 - a. Paulin Fontenot born 1st January 1879
 - b. Octavie Fontenot born 5 August 1882
 - c. Joseph Adras Fontenot born 24 January 1885
 - d. Louisa Fontenot born 18 February 1887
- Octavie Soileau married 2nd on the 7th February 1889 to Achille Dupré, son of Durel Dupré and Irma Deville.
- a. Joseph Evabe Dupré born 20 August 1890
 - b. Jean Dupré born 22 December 1891
 - c. Marie Dupré born 31 December 1893
 - d. Berthe Dupré born 24 October 1896

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4. Cecilia Soileau born October 1854 married 1st in 1874 to Jerand Fontenot, her first cousin. He died the 7th January 1881 at 27 years.
 - a. Lucilla Fontenot born 4 November 1878 and died before 7th January 1881
 - b. Jean Baptiste Fontenot born 4th June 1880
 - c. Alma Fontenot

Cecilia Soileau married 2nd on 27 June 1882 to Cléophas Soileau born August 1861, son of Cirile Soileau and Léocadie Vigé.

 - a. Amédée Soileau born 25 July 1883
 - b. Adèle Soileau born 23 May 1885
 - c. Hermer Soileau born 4 April 1887
 - d. Marius Soileau born 19 Avril 1889
 - e. Jules Soileau born 25 December 1891
 - f. Yves Soileau born 27 May 1894
 - g. Maria Soileau born 25 February 1898
 5. Amélie Soileau married 19 October 1875 to Abraham Soileau her third cousin. He was the son of Auguste Soileau and Louisa Stagg.
 - a. Benjamin Soileau born 28 December 1876
 - b. Marie Armide Soileau born 24 October 1878
 - c. Ermine Soileau born 23 October 1880
 - d. Abraham Soileau born 23 September 1882
 - e. Isaure Soileau born 1st October 1884
 - f. Constant Soileau born 9 June 1887
 - g. Lastie Soileau born 24 March 1890
- B. Adèle Lemoine, widow of Lastie Etienne Soileau married 2nd 28 May 1866 at Bayou Boeuf to Onile S. Fontenot, son of Jean Baptiste Simon Fontenot and Joséphine Soileau. Adèle died the 3rd February 1870 and her husband died one day before at the age of 32 years.
1. Marie Fontenot born 29 January 1870
- C. Azéline (Adéline ?, Céline) Lemoine born 16 March 1820 married 30 July 1838 to Charles Derosier born 1819, son of François and Marie Zéline Ledoux. He died the 8th June 1882 aged 66 years.
1. Philogène Derosier born 9 April 1844
 2. Odélie Derosier born 18 February 1846
 3. Ofilia Derosier born 15 April 1848
 4. Eliza (Liza Anne) Derosier born 11 October 1850
 5. Mirsa Derosier
 6. Adèle Derosier born 31 September 1855 married 14 November 1877 C.T. Andrus
 7. Marie Louisa Derosier born 18 March 1858 married 29 January 1878 Martin Leger
 8. Emilia Derosier born 8 October 1861 m. 14 October 1877 Louis Fontenot
- D. Amélie Lemoine born 13 November 1822 died after 1852
- E. Louise Lemoine born 6 August 1826 died 10th June 1882 aged 55 years, married 1st 18 Juillet 1848 to Jean Baptiste Simon Fontenot, son of Jean Baptiste Fontenot and Josephine Soileau. He was born 15 February 1822 and died 6th November 1877 aged 54 years.
1. Gervais Fontenot born 13 March 1851
 2. Gerand Simon Fontenot born circa 1852 died 7th January 1881 aged 27 years. He married (his first cousin) on the 13th October 1874 to Cecilia Soileau. (See the preceeding page)
 3. Charles Fontenot born 25 February 1855 married 27 October 1874 to Octavia Soileau his first cousin (see preceeding page)
 4. Louis Fontenot born 2 August 1857 m. his first cousin Emilia Alice Derosier, daughter of Charles and Azéline Lemoine on the 14 October 1877 at Eunice.
 - a. Marie Odélie Fontenot born 27 August 1878 at Eunice
 - b. Henriette Fontenot born 15 April 1880
 - etc.
 5. Josephine (Louise ?) Fontenot born 23 July 1859 (died circa 1881 ?)
 6. Paulin S. Fontenot born 21 February 1862
 7. Marie Emma Fontenot born 30 March 1864 married 8 July 1880 to Gustave Soileau, son of Noël Soileau and Brigitte Bordelon.
- F. Zénon Lemoine born 19 October 1828 died before 1853 ?
- ? G. Léon Lemoine died before 1853 ?
- ? H. Alexandre Lemoine died before 1853 ?
- I. Eraise Lemoine born 20 February 1836 died 20 August 1840 3 years old
- J. Azéma Lemoine born 13 January 1839 died before 1853 ?
- II. Louise Dubuiss widow of Joseph Lemoine remarried 9 January 1841 to Samuel Derosier, son of François and Marie Bogard. Samuel was born the 25 July 1818
- A. Emile Derosier born 13th November 1844 died before 8th December 1853
 - B. Amélie Derosier married 9th November 1864 to Emile Simon Fontenot, son of Jean Baptiste Fontenot and Josephine Soileau.
 1. Théophile Fontenot born 23 September 1867 at Bayou Boeuf
- II. Joseph Dubuisson born circa 1806 in the Rapides died 15 April 1861 near Opelousas. He married on the 26 September 1826 at Opelousas to Euphémie Stagg, daughter of Henry Stagg and Joséphine Fuselier.

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- A. Edouard Dubuisson born 6 February 1828 died after 1868 married 13 January 1857 to Josephine Mizre Stagg
1. Euphémie Dubuisson born 16 March 1858 near Washington died 4th September 1870
 2. Edouard Benjamin Dubuisson born 20 February 1865
 3. Joséphine Dubuisson born 9 December 1861 married 26 February 1884 to Herschel Curry Milburn at Washington
 4. Alice Dubuisson born 26 February 1888
 5. Marie Amélie Dubuisson born 29 January 1870
 6. Marie Corah Dubuisson born 5th September 1872

B. Henri Dubuisson born 26th April 1830

Louise DUBUISSON and her brother Joseph, children of François Joseph DUBUISSON and Eugénie FUSELIER, were not to know their father very long, nor was Eugénie to know her husband long. He disappeared around the year 1808 and was never seen again.

In 1816, Eugénie FUSELIER contracted a second marriage, this time with a native from Louisiana, Louis SOILEAU, one of her first cousins. A copy of an affidavit concerning the disappearance of DUBUISSON was included in their marriage license. It reads in part:

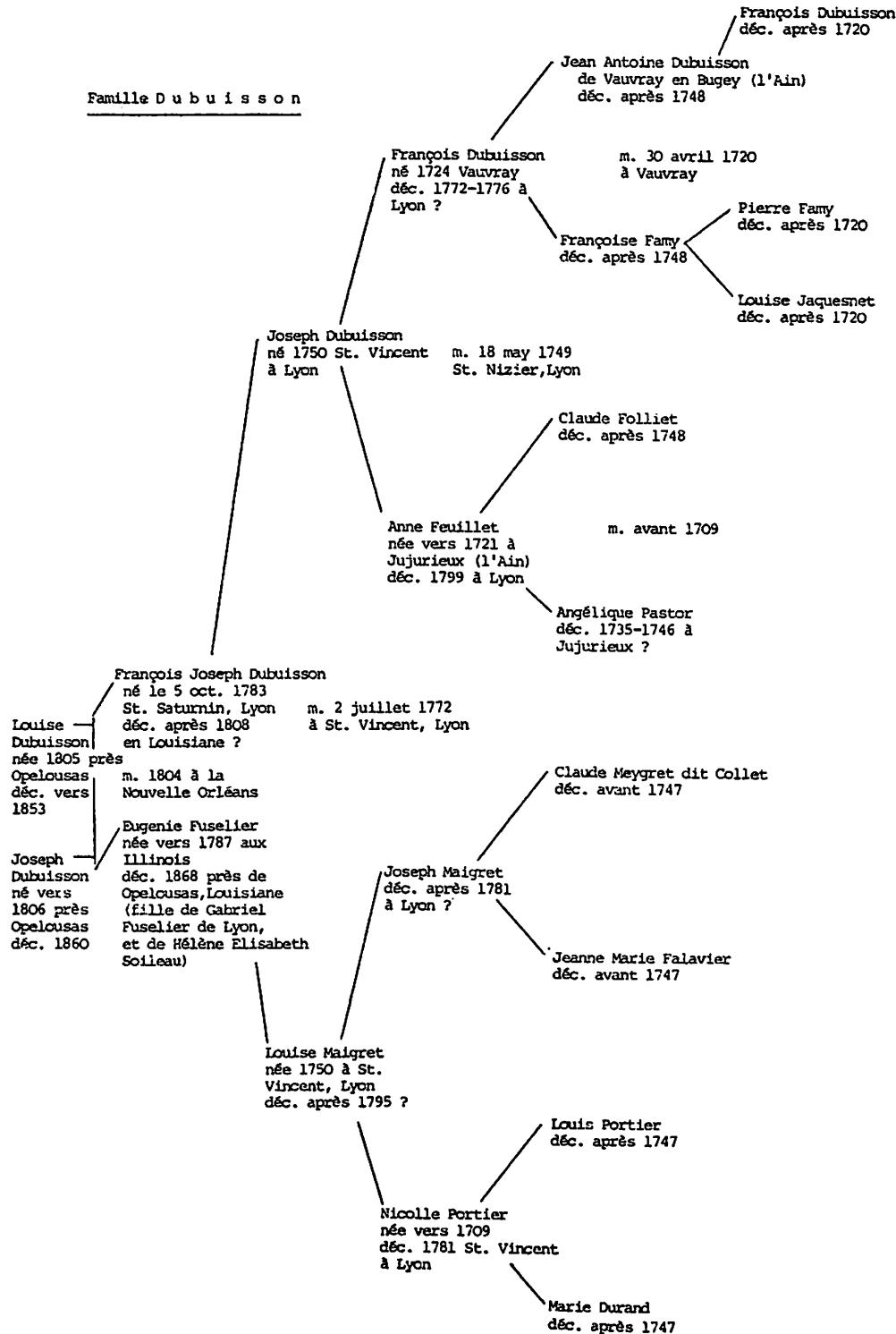
"Thursday the fourth of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and Sixteen before me George King, Judge in and for the aforesaid Parish appeared personally, Etienne de la morandier Pere and Louis Chev. de Villier, and made oath, that they knew and were personally acquainted with (blank) Debuissou who in or about the year one thousand eight hundred and three married Eugénie Fusilier Daughter of Gabriel Fusilier and Helene Soileau; that they have since that time lived in the same neighbourhood + constantly known the said Eugénie; that the said (blank) Debuissou in the Summer and as nearly as the deponents can recollect, in the month of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and six absented himself from his family and from the Country; and that since the last mentioned period they have not heard any news of the said (blank) Debuissou, not even of his existence - and the deponents further say that if there had been, during the time, between the year 1806, + the present moment any accounts of Mr. Debuissou, they believe from their intimacy with the family that they should have been informed of it"

Thus, eight years after the disappearance of her husband, Eugénie FUSELIER was able to remarry. Her second husband was the son of Noel Soileau and Angélique FONTENOT. Noel was Eugénie's paternal uncle. Louis and Eugénie had several children, all born in the Opelousas-Grand Prairie area:

- Hélène Soileau born 15 August 1817 died 10 October 1819 aged 2
- Adélaïde Soileau born 16 October 1818 married 16 April 1838 to Henri Soileau, one of her first cousins, son of her uncle Etienne Noël Soileau and Manette Veillon.
 - Etienne Soileau born 30 April 1843 m. 11 June 1861 to Octavia Vigé
 - Benoit Soileau born 1840 ?
 - Célestine Soileau born 13 September 1844 m. 21 September 1865 Alphonse Manuel
 - Adélaïde Soileau born 4 June 1840 m. 2 February 1867 to Azéline Manuel
- Auguste Soileau born 22 February 1820 died 3 October 1866 aged 45 years. He married on 2nd October 1838 to Louise Stagg, his first cousin, daughter of Henry, native of New York City, and of Joséphine Fuselier.
 - Auguste Soileau born 16 October 1847
 - Ophélie Soileau baptized 12 June 1843 at 4 months
 - Léon Soileau born 26 February 1845
 - Louise Soileau born 29 April 1849 m. Erasme Martin
 - Joséphine Soileau born 18 September 1852 m. 18 January 1869 at Washington to Octave Lafleur
 - Evie Soileau m. 23 November 1869 to Benjamin Guillory
 - Isaac Soileau m. 21 November 1872 to Onésime Soileau, his 3rd cousin
 - Abraham Soileau m. 19 October 1875 to Amélie Soileau, sister of Onésime Soileau, his third cousin
 - Evéline Soileau m. 22 May 1876 at Washington to Emile Soileau
 - Angélique Soileau m. 8 October 1874 to Colin Fuselier
 - Amélie Soileau m. 1st to Théodore Lafleur on 19 October 1875
- Eugénie Soileau born 9 August 1821 m. 17 January 1837 to Auguste Guillory
 - Eugénie Guillory born 28 February 1842
 - Sirinac Soileau born 8 August 1846
 - Pauline Guillory born 15 November 1847
 - Benjamin Guillory born 19 January 1849
 - Augustin Guillory born 7 September 1851
 - Laure Guillory born 13 August 1859
- Gabriel Alcide Soileau born 27 September 1822 m. 27 December 1849 Sophie L. Fontenot. Gabriel died before 1869
 - Félix Soileau born 26 June 1851
 - Louise Soileau born 29 April 1849
 - Louis Soileau born 3 September 1854
 - Emile Soileau born 13 August 1862

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- Honoré Soileau born 16 December 1823 died 2 November 1851 aged 27 years. He married 22 August 1848 to Léocadie Deshotels.
- Amélie Soileau born 24 August 1824 died before 31 December 1846. Married Constantin Hardy on 27 October 1840 at Opelousas
 - Constantin Hardy baptized 12 April 1843 at 7 months died before 15 October 1868
 - Laura Hardy born 16 June 1844
- Edmond Soileau born 23 October 1827 died 18 September 1828 aged one year
- ? - Marie Soileau born around 1828



ANSELM CIVIL WAR LETTERS
Submitted by Josie Griffith Horne

[Editor's Note: Amos K. ANSELM, a 17-year-old from the Pine Prairie area, wrote letters to his mother while he served with the Confederate Army during the Civil War. Amos requested his mother to "file" his letters so he could see them "upon my return home". The letters were written to his mother, Eleanor GURNETT ANSELM, the widow of Joseph ANSELM. Eleanor GURNETT was the daughter of Patrick GURNETT of Ireland and Ann TEAR of Maryland. Her late husband, Joseph ANSELM (d. ca. 1843), was the son of Jacob ANSELM and Marie DROUT. Eleanor GURNETT ANSELM was the mother of four sons and at least two daughters. Three of her sons, Amos K. ANSELM, Theodore ANSELM, and Adolph K. ANSELM, were killed in the Civil War.

Amos K. ANSELM's Civil War letters came into the possession of several descendants of that family. Dr. Robert Helmer submitted nineteen of the letters for publication in a special edition of the Daily World newspaper called "Some History of St. Landry Parish from the 1690's". That special edition was printed in the 1950's and reprinted in 1982. Josie GRIFFITH HORNE recently submitted seven of the ANSELM letters that have never appeared in print. Included in those seven letters is one from R. HUMPHRIES who has the sad duty of writing Eleanor G. ANSELM about her son's death in Maryland. Following is a breakdown of dates and places of Amos' letters followed by the seven letters. Members who would like a copy of the original nineteen letters may obtain them by sending a legal-sized, self-addressed, stamped envelope with 20¢ postage to the editor at the EGHS post office box.]

May 8, 1861	Opelousas, LA	Amos takes a boat from Washington to New Orleans
June 14, 1861	Camp Moore, St. Helena Parish, LA	
	8th Regiment of La. Volunteers	
June 23, 1861	Camp Moore, St. Helena Parish, LA	
	Amos sworn in and leaves for Richmond, VA	
July 2, 1861**	Camp Pickens, Manassas Junction, VA	
July 14, 1861	Manassas Junction, VA	
July 21, 1861	Manassas Junction, VA	Amos writes about the battle of Bull Run
July 24, 1861	Camp Pickens, Manassas Junction, VA	
August 17, 1861**	Camp Pickens, Manassas Junction, VA	
September 2, 1861	Camp Pickens, Manassas Junction, VA	
September 25, 1861**	Camp Bienville, Centreville, VA	
September 27, 1861	Camp Walker, Fairfax County, VA	
October 30, 1861	Camp Reserve, near Centreville, VA	
October 31, 1861	Camp Reserve, near Centreville, VA	
November 9, 1861	Camp Reserve, near Centreville, VA	
November 27, 1861	Camp Florida, Centreville, VA	
December 10, 1861**	Camp Florida, Centreville, VA	
December 19, 1861	Camp of the 8th Brigade, near Manassas, VA	
January 27, 1862	Camp Carondelet, near Manassas, VA	
February 12, 1862	Camp Carondelet, near Manassas, VA	
February 26, 1862	Camp Carondelet, near Manassas, VA	
March 7, 1862**	Camp Carondelet, near Manassas, VA	
March 23, 1862	Camp Bellevue, Rappahamock Station, VA	
April 16, 1862	Bank of the Rappahamock, VA	
June 16, 1862	Camp near Port Republic, Rockingham County, VA.	
July 7, 1862**	Camp on James River, 25 miles from Richmond, VA	

**dates of the ANSELM letters that follow

December 28, 1862** Camp near Port Royal, Maryland
Letter from R. HUMPHRIES telling of Amos K. ANSELM's death

Camp Pickens, Manassas Junction,
Prince William County, Va.
July 2, 1861

Mrs. E. ANSELM,

My dear Mother,

Today....our destination we are only 32 miles from Washington City and in seven miles of the encampment of the enemy. Our guards today took four prisoners and killed eight of the enemy. We lost one man. Times are considered pretty equally. I guess it will be some time before you get this letter. Write and address as I told you in my last letter. I wrote to Sis two days ago at Bristol, Tenn. We expect to leave this encampment in two or three days if we are not attacked. To act on the defence is ten times the best. We have cannon and breastworks up all around. Breastworks are big embankments thrown up and we stand behind them. The boys are all well. I am messed in a tent with Jun. ALLEN, John WALDNUM, Dick and Louis and John LANDEFEN, they send their respects to you. Show this letter to others and tell

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them after this all my letters will go to you. I have not time nor opportunity to write to all. Too, it is bad chance. One is holding the candle for me; the other the ink, and I am sitting flat on the floor of my little tent.

Dear mother the tattoo to go to bed is beating. I must close immediately right at once. We have to toe the mark here.

Your Affectionate Son,

A. K. ANSELM

Camp Pickens, Manassas Junction,
Prince William County, Va.

August 17, 1861

Mrs. E. ANSELM,
Bayou Chicot, La.

My dear Mother,

This morning most happily came to hand your favor of the 6th inst. I must here confess my failure in the usual punctuality in my correspondence. I think it has been ten days since I received yours July 27th and I have not answered yet. I have been awaiting opportunity all the time. Of late, a number of the men of the Company have been sick, and those who were well had to do their work. So many men go on duty out of the Company anyhow if half of them are sick it makes no difference.

I am glad to hear of your recovery from your recent illness and hope by this time you are entirely well and going on a usual. I am enjoying the times about as much as I can expect. We are camped on the same spot on which we landed first in Virginia. Perfectly quiet and undisturbed. I see some account of another victory lately on this side of the Potomac River. The information first reached us three days ago and was afterward contradicted, but in a Richmond paper bearing date of yesterday, confirms it. The story is that a Division of Federal Forces were surrounded by General EVANS, a battle ensued, losses 50 confederates, 200 Federalists when the evening made an unconditional surrender of the two Regiments said to number 1700 strong. As for our own Regiment, I cannot from personal appearances anticipate anything at all. All I know is that I see how, wherethat we are situated, I see that our Regiment at present is occupying a position or place alone, entirely alone, which is strongly fortified, that cannot be left. So, to me, that looks like we are permanently located here. No prospects of us doing anything at all. I am certain the enemy can't come close enough here for us to get a shot at them. Candidly and honestly, I must confess I am afraid my time of enlistment will expire with out my getting to fight any at all. I must not forget to tell you about our fine living lately. Today, I ate a good dinner, all I wanted, and yesterday. We are having roasting ears, now from that you may judge the situation we are in. Some old Virginia planters are.....annoyed with us here. We help ourselves at their expense. It is the Principles of Soldiers' Rights. This morning myself and a comrade of the Company took a long walk after some snapbeans, and unfortunately, we got in too late to have them for dinner, but I left Dick cooking, and we had bean soup any how out of the snapbeans. We got in our rations. We are all learning to cook finally, in fact we cook anything just as we wish to have it. We have plenty of meat. Every fellow takes his time. Ma, I must tell you one thing. Some of your neighbors are bothering their brains about you more than you are about yourself. That famous family of Liars write that you are grieving yourself to death about your son. My reply when the information was given me was I did not believe any such thing. And moreover those who know such was not true. I said my Mamy had better sense. Lord, I can't stuff me up with any of that stuff. Another thing I wish to warn you against. That is not to listen to any reports from this Company. I tell you anything worth writing myself. Anything more is apt to be gum.... or falsehoods. Anything at that should come to me I am sure to communicate to you. Since I have been here, I have had fever once, and sore feet once, and now I am perfectly well, but I want some more soup. I think after awhile I may have some too. I wish I could get hold of those possums, but I will wait contented until I again embrace home.

This morning had a death in our hospital, a man of the Regiment, and a Company from Lafourche Parish, La. I think from relapse of measles. His name is ROLL. So far we have had only two deaths in the Regiment. The boys of your acquaintance are I think are all right. I have heard of Theo's adventure to war. From you and from others. I think they are now in Richmond. In a letter to George ANSELM,

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his sister, Leocaddie, says Theo is in Capt. SPENCER's Company, but your information I prefer to think is correct. From the circumstances connected that he left with Alex HAAS and I know HAAS belonged to....Company. They were on the boat with us from Washington to New Orleans. Ma, can you tell me why Ellen don't write to me. I have no letter from her yet. I am sure she knows my address. I have been trying to keep a letter on the road to you all the time. But I think this time too much procrastination has been practiced, and I fear that before you get this you may become uneasy, simply a consequence of my indulgence.

William....reply to you is very satisfactory. But did he intimate that any trouble existing in obtaining the money. At least did he say that BASSET refused or acknowledged the amount being due. But I presume it is alright anyhow.

Well, I am now come to the point that I must close. The boys are in here sitting and being around wrestling, making fuss, and so on. Oh I must state I am pretty well posted on what is going on in my old Range.

I saw Dr. RUSHING from Evergreen, he is here, He and his lady. He is putting up at the Manassas Hotel. I sent Adolph those maps of this place showing the positions of the Batteries and Company strength of the fortification. Adolph will send to you for care.

I must now go to dinner, and bid you adieu. I am writing, you must remember without my subject or something to reply to. I will try to answer punctually when the next letter comes. From Your Same Affectionate Son,

Amos K. ANSELM

Goodnight.

Write Adolph the contents of my letter.

Amos

Camp Bienville, Centreville, Virginia
September 25, 1861

My dear Mother,

This morning being an opportunity for writing to you, I with the greatest pleasure, embrace it, although this will be the third letter which I have written to you since I have heard from you. The last, I think, came to hand about three weeks, since the date is August 19th. Sometimes you see, I am endeavoring to punctually mail one letter a week to you. Allow me, here to request (so I am sure not to forget it) you to assume another small trouble for me: that is to file my letters to you away so I can see them upon my return home. I will give you my reasons for this request. I want to continue my memorandum book which you are aware of my keeping from the time I first left home. By reviewing these letters when I go home I can find everything I want to record in that book. I can't offer it as a matter of interest or profit but I assure you that record is a theme which affords me great satisfaction. So much anyway but for little trouble. I presume you know which of my books is the one to which I refer. The largest one. Before going any further I must give you some sketches of my pleasant, comfortable, and most beautiful situation for writing. The first fundamental material composing my....situation is a dense shade and a pleasant breeze. (Oh this miserable pen!) and a beautiful sunshine beaming down in all its radiant glory. I don't know that I ever felt better than this instant, right now. Another important feature of my situation is my most admirable desk and seat formed by nature. A large rock seven or eight feet long in a shape exactly suited for writing, about five feet wide on the left hand side, and as I am sitting, it is about eighteen inches lower on the other side, and shaped as if sawed out by a stone mason. So I just sit down and the desk is there for my purposes. I tell you it is admirably built. And in front of me is a sick companion resting himself on another, just as much a curiosity, for a bed a flatrock just welled up out of the ground and one such elevation exactly for a man to lie on. John WALDRUN is resting himself there, says it is the best bed he has had since has been a soldier.

Our Regiment is now camped about one half mile east of Centreville, about eight miles from Manassas Junction. On the 19th inst. we marched out here from Manassas and are belonging to the 8th Brigade composed of four Louisiana Regiments, 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th, and what is called Major WHEAT's Special Battalion. A Regiment is often called a Battalion, always so in any command from an officer. If he wants the Regiment to fire, or march, or anything of the sort, he commands B-a-t-t-a-l-i-o-n Fire.

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Always calls Battalion. Our Brigadier General W. WALKER of Louisiana I am not able to comment, on our General in any degree at all. Neither of his character or abilities, so far as looks are concerned, I don't admire him. But he is highly esteemed by those who know him. But de don't look fine at all, sharp faced fellow, his head is too small, I am sure. But these are only the ideas of an humble private amongst the five thousand of his command. Our time for marching was quite an interesting one for me. It was the first one of any consequence I ever made. Since we had been out here in Virginia I was never away from camp but twice, once, three miles off on signal duty, once off four miles to a creek to bathe. You surely would have laughed if you had seen us on the 19th wading across the famous stream Bull Run, see our gallant boys wade in, about the time he would get in up to his knees, he would say ughf, just like a scared hog. And go on gallantly, in four ranks, four men abreast, and then four more, twenty-eight or thirty inches behind him. And so on until the whole Battalion was over, about twenty or thirty minutes before all of them were over. That is one example of a soldier's life. That morning we had our breakfast, dinner time, no dinner, suppertime, no supper, next day, breakfast, no breakfast, dinner, same thing, supper time the same, breakfast about ten o'clock the next day. We were five meals without anything at all. Well, really, and candidly, I minded it no more than I used to come in from the wood four or five years ago with old Roan and the little old car....at three or four o'clock in the afternoon with wood and without my dinner. We get along fine in camp. Our rations are abundant. The articles selling so high, coffee, we get plenty. But after the present supply the Government has it out I think from the fact of the Blocade being kept up we will get no more of it.

You see we are using it up, and other nations cannot bring in any more. So in a few more months the supply will give out. But, my anticipation is, that by the 1st of May next, the Confederate ports will be open, and a free trade. Provided the cotton planters keep their cotton at home, but times must consequently be hard. I think sugar and tobacco will go cheap, such tobacco as we paid 75 cents and a dollar a pound this morning I see sold at sixteen cents plug tobacco by a kind of peddlar. They come to the camps with all those articles for the boys. We pay for eggs 25 and 30 cents, butter 25 cents.

Our Regiment was paid off day before yesterday. The evening of the 23rd, I received \$24.90 for my services up to from the time we were mustered into the Confederate Service June 23rd to 1st September at \$11 per month.

This is the country to see the consequences of War. Oh! The destruction of property is alarming. Right where we are, the Yankees have been by the thousands.

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Camp Floriday, Virginia
December 10, 1861

Mrs. E. ANSELM

My dear Mother,

I wrote not long since to you, and am agoing to send a paper this time, not much of importance, but still it may interest you to some degree. Yesterday I witnessed something I think amongst the saddest scenes of all my life, that of seeing two men shot to death by military law. One, Denis COCHORAN, and one, Mr. O'BRIEN of the Tiger Rifles, Co. B, 1st. Special Battalion of La. Volunteers, commanded by Major WHEAT. The men were taken out and tied to a post, then twelve men brought up in front of each, and commanded to take aim, fire-and they were no more. I would judge there were seven or eight thousand men to witness the scene. I am sure the crowd was big, and the biggest one I ever saw.

I am well.....Arthur SINGLETON has gone home on furlough in bad health. I guess he will haveenough to call on you and give you the news. He left the Company for the hospital, and left the hospital for home, so I did not see him on his departure at all.

Adios, Your Son

A. K. ANSELM

I am writing you in a hurry to get at cooking. Answer, Amos

Camp Carondelet, Virginia
March 7, 1862

Mad. ANSELM,

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My dear Mother,

I wrote some days ago stating our Army to be under marching orders and I presume when you get it you will imagine circumstance in a terrible condition and your son included.

I am this morning prepared to write for Theo and me too. I heard from Theo two days since, he is well. I wrote that letter nearly two weeks ago. We are still expecting to march. Our baggage has gone off and we are here yet ready to go on one minute's notice, no more baggage than we can carry, 2 blankets, 1 suit underclothes, nap sack, it even contains gun cartridges, 1 box.

This morning we hear a heavy cannonading some distance from us here, which we suppose to be our Batteries on the Potomac River some 15 miles from Manassas Junction-Allow me to state that we are under the same orders we were when I wrote last to you. It is supposed that we may move tonight sometime. My principal inducement for writing is to make sure of the opportunity. If we march, it might be more than a week or a month before I get a chance to write. Again, nothing new had transpired. In particular, in this neighborhood very extensively of the Army whether to retreat or to make a bold defence in case of an advance of the enemy. However, I sometimes get to see a paper lately. They don't come as regularly as they used to. What I learn from the papers and what I hear is about all I know. So it aint much of anything reliable.

I received a letter yesterday from Adolph. He writes still in a fine humor-and seems to be well, and I. He spoke of not having heard from you in some time. A letter from Mrs. FISITS to Louie bearing date of February 19th informing that you had not heard from me in a month and were uneasy about me-fearing some mishap or sickness-I cannot account for you not getting my letters I am sure I have written often enough. Right now, your letter written February 19th comes to hand. I am astonished at that idea of Mrs. CAMPBELL telling you I was discharged. That is stuff. It is a thing I never thought of. I am in first rate health and sufficiently flourishing, I wrote to you by Mr. B. M. MORROW. I presume by this time he has been to see you. Also, I guess Capt. PRATES is in St. Landry recruiting his Company to go in for the War. I am sure that you will hear that when they get there soon after. I wrote in one of my letters giving a full explanation of my reasons for not reenlisting. I understand the Parish of St. Landry will have to draft men to fill the number of troops called for by the Government. I tell you it is time for them to come out. The Enemy is gaining too much foothold on us. I am getting uneasy about getting home when my time is out. If they get those railroads how an I going to get home.

George ANSELM got home on the 4th of February. He wrote to me on the 13th saying he intended to go to see you. I lent him \$40 which he will pay you, or promise to. I guess he will.

.....

A. K. ANSELM

Camp on James River 25 miles from Richmond,
July 7, 1862

Mrs. E. ANSELM,

Dear Mother,

No time to write anything more than a short letter. The fight of Richmond has, I think, passed. I am yet among the spared. The fight was seven days, the enemy routed. They were within three miles of Richmond. They are now back to their gunboats in silence, and I have not got time to give you any account of the fight.

Our Regiment was engaged twice on the 29th, Friday, and Monday, July 2. I will give the names of the killed and wounded in our Company. During the whole campaign those killed, A. G. MOORE, Calhoun W. OFICET, J. ANDRUS. Wounded, Theofield FONTENOT, C. SWAYZIE, James DEMOREST, John P. HUDSON, A. BOUNTIN, Lastie JOSEPH, J. CHACHERE, Edward GOUDEAU, Jno. TAYLOR. Your letter by BEAM came to hand. Your letters by hand of May 8th and 12th came three days ago. Theo is well and close to me. I am going to try and go to see him. I am sure of his being well. I got a note from him he sent through the fight. John WALTON in Theo's Company was killed July 1st. Thousands were slain; but we were victorious. They destroyed a great quantity of military stores,or provisions. I write now merely to let you hear from me. I have written every possible opportunity and am agoing to continue every chance, and if I ever get a chance, I will write a good letter. We are getting two days rations of flour and must get to cooking.

(Anselm Letters Cont'd)

I send Adolph's best to you. It came to hand about two hours ago. I send your best to him. I as ever your affectionate son, A. K. ANSELM.

Tell Dudle's wife he is not hurt.

Camp Near Port Royal,
Dec. 28th, 1862

Mrs. ANSELM

Dear Friend,

I have to undergo the painful duty this morning to write you a few words that I wish I could avoid but it is my duty as a sincere friend to you and your dear son to do so. Your son, Mrs. ANSELM, was wounded in Meriland. He got well of his wound but had took some disease of the heart and now he is dede.

Amus was a messmate of mine while he was a live. Him and me were as brothers. In fact I always looked upon him as such. The last time that I saw Amus he was in the hospital in Meriland shot through the knee. I bid farewell there when I had to go and it the last time I ever saw of him.

Lut HUGHTER wrote to Capt. DEJEAN that Amus was dead. I got the news this morning and requested to write to you as I live so close to you. There is one thing that Amus companions can all say for him- he was a good soldier and a good messmate but alas he has paid the debt that we all have to pay. My wishes are that he is now embraced in the arms of his dear savior. Weep not Mrs. ANSELM for the loss of your dear son for when the almighty sees proper to call us home we shall see him in heavin. With these words I bid you adieu.

I true friend

R. HUMPHRIES

QUERIES

SAISAN-ROQUIGNI-BUGUOY-GUIDROZ-MILLER-BURLEIGH-THIEGEN

Need parents of Jean Bapt. SAISAN and Carlota ROQUIGNI who m. ca. 1775 possibly in New Orleans....Need parents of Delle Catherine BUGUOY who m. 20 July 1762 in New Orleans to Abraham GUIDROZ...Need parents of Jacob MILLER and Anne Marie THIEGEN. Their daughter Isabelle MILLER married Robert BURLEIGH before 1782 in Opelousas....Jess Bergeron, 130 Everette Drive, Houma, LA 70364

DUCOTE-CHATELAIN-JUNEAU-CARMOUCHE-GUILLOT

Need any information available on Eugenie DUCOTE, m. Ludger CHATELAIN on 22 Nov. 1859 in Avoyelles Parish; Gervais JUNEAU m. Marie CARMOUCHE on 30 Dec. 1869 in Avoyelles Parish; Patient CARMOUCHE m. Celeste GUILLOT on 12 Aug. 1850 in Avoyelles Parish...Joanna C. Wallbillich, 7031 Mayo Boulevard, New Orleans, LA 70126

SINGLETON-VERNON

Researching the SINGLETON family. Need the parents, siblings, birth, death & burial of John Robert SINGLETON, b. ca 1810, m. Mary Elizabeth VERNON in Avoyelles Parish in 1839. His uncles were Seth and Asa SINGLETON of St. Landry Parish, both from South Carolina. His children were Frances Marion SINGLETON, Matthew Vernon SINGLETON, Seth B. SINGLETON, Ann Eliza SINGLETON, Melissa SINGLETON, and Andrew Jackson "Jack" SINGLETON. Would like to hear from anyone who has information on this family. Will gladly share data I have on this and other SINGLETON families....Karen T. Moreau, 112 Summit Drive, Lafayette, LA 70507

DESHOTEL-REED

Need info. on family of Arcius(Alceus) DESHOTEL & Genieve REED. Dejean DESHOTEL, b. 24 Dec. 1889, Louisa DESHOTEL, b. 24 March 1891, Simon DESHOTEL, b. 15 Oct. 1893, Millven DESHOTEL, b. 9 June 1895, and Aline DESHOTEL, b. 26 July 1897. Who did these children marry?...Gercie D. Daigle, Rt. 1, Box 848, Church Point, LA 70525

COMSTOCK-ALLRIDGE-BERWICK-BRIGETTA-JANNY-PETITO

Need parents of William COMSTOCK and Raquel Edward ALLRIDGE of Boston who married ca. 1770...Need parents of Thomas BERWICK of England and Helena BRIGETTA of Wales or Ireland who m. ca. 1770....Need parents of Hubert JANNY of Langers, France and Catherine PETITO, b. ca. 1756, d. 1810 Opelousas...Jess Bergeron, 130 Everette Drive, Houma, LA 70364

LANGLEY CEMETERY

Located in Acadia Parish off Hwy. 190 East in Basile
Recorded September, 1982, by Joan Reed & Barbara Swire

ARDOIN, Gladys Marie b. 1927 d. 1942	ARDOIN, Lawrence b. 1885 d. 1967	ARDOIN, Mrs. Lawrence no dates	ARDOIN, Marie Langley b. 11-09-1894 d. 04-22-1958	BERTRAND, Amadice b. 08-29-1896 d. 07-08-1962 Pvt. Co. A 23 Inf. World War I
BERTRAND, Artemond b. 11-03-1877 d. 11-05-1958	BERTRAND, Elizabeth Y. b. 09-12-1883 d. 04-04-1904	BERTRAND, Marie Nola no dates - d/o Artemon Bertrand & Elizabeth Young	BOULAR, Emely b. 11-28-1836 d. 10-10-1911 d/o Thomas Buller & Emelie Brignac	CARRIER, Philonise b. 01-04-1869 d. 01-23-1935 w/o David Young, Sr. Reared 14 orphans
CARUTHERS, Clovis b. 12-03-1906 d. 03-25-1971	CARUTHERS, Clyde b. 11-07-1935 d. 12-17-1935	CHILDRESS, Elizabeth C. b. 06-19-1901 d. 03-21-1975	DO IA, Berni ce b. 01-17-1922 d. 02-25-1942	DOGET, Leorore b. 11-17-1862 d. 12-04-1894 d/o Cyrille Doguet & Azelema Fontenot
DUHON, William b. 05-1919 d. 06-1919 s/o Mauris Duhon	FO _____, Beula b. 06- d. 1917	FONTENOT, Bridget Y. b. 1892 d. 1919 name on same headstone as Hazel Fontenot	FONTENOT, Hazel b. 1915 d. 1919	FONTENOT, Dorick b. 03-17-1886 d. 01-27-1959
FONTENOT, Mrs. Dorick b. 01-29-1902 d. 05-04-1966	FOURNERAT, Alcide b. 07-09-1860 d. 04-28-1948	FOURNERAT, Artesian b. 01-16-1889 d. 06-12-1969 Pvt II Co. 165 Depot Brig. WWI - h/o Victoria L. Fournerat	FOURNERAT, Clara b. 04-12-1893 d. 04-04-1927	FOURNERAT, Victoria L. b. 06-25-1896 d. 01-16-1959 w/o Artesian Fournerat
FUSELIER, Emilia M. b. 02-11-1895 d. 10-10-1966	FUSILIER, Marie F. b. 06-14-1883 d. 09-23-1971	FUSILIER, Theogene O. b. 04-23-1874 d. 09-13-1959	FRUGE, Gerald & Jerome 06-02-1951.	GUIDRY, Artesia F. 12-02-1897 same head stone with Relise Guidry
GUIDRY, Relise b. 03-14-1894 d. 10-04-1981	GUILLORY, W. Onezime b. 1892 d. 1964	HUNT, Evia L. b. 01-29-1895 d. 10-26-1942	HUNT, George W. b. 04-01-1889 d. 11-04-1975	JOHNSON, Carma M. b. 10-10-1875 d. 02-16-1941
JOHNSON, Lodi b. 1899 d. 1947	LANGLEY, Ap_tie b. 04-21- d. 04-30-1902	LANGLEY, Marceline Y. b. 03-11-1884 d. 02-09-1965	LANGLEY, Francois b. 02-13-1845	LANGLEY, Gayhart b. 06-11-1900 d. 06-20-1939
LA_EY, John no dates	LANGLEY, Lazma no dates	LANGLEY, Lucien b. 08-01-1871 d. 06-06-1937	LANGLEY, Lucien J. b. 05-31-1872 d. 08-27-1957	LANGLEY, Mrs. Lucien J. b. 03-12-1879 d. 08-02-1968
LANGLEY, Lucius b. 12-16-1840 or 1846? d. 03-26-1897	LANGLEY, Miss M. H. no dates	LENGLY, Marie b. 01-27-1819 d. 05- -1917	LANGLEY, Oscar no dates	LANGLEY, Shirley b. 01-29-1936 d. 04-01-1936
LANGLEY, Willie b. 09-21-1907 d. 09-21-1908	LEJEUNE, Prosper G. b. 12-16-1936 d. 11-25-1969 SP 4 US ARMY	MANUEL, Elodie b. 03-26-1854 d. 04-25-1936	MANUEL, Lorice b. 07-26-1911 d. 01-25-1919	MARCANTEL, Dennie b. 02-16-1877 d. 06-09-1954
MAR _____, Jea_ no dates	MARCANTEL, Martin b. 04-24-1901 d. 10-21-1964	MARCANTEL, Severan b. 11-01-1880 d. 02-10-1966	MARCANTEL, Zelia b. 10-12-1884 d. 06-16-1976	MILLER, Felix b. 01-09-1901 d. 07-10-1972
MILLER, Marcia M. b. 03-09-1903 d. 10-23-1963	MILLER, Percy b. 06-12-1922 d. 06-18-1968 SGT 307 BOMB GP AAF WWII	MYERS, Mariea Leoror no dates	NAQUIN, Clopha b. 03-10-1898 d. 08-08-1974	NAQUIN, Joseph C. b. 12-21-1927 d. 10-28-1974 PVT US ARMY
ORTEGO, Mrs. Ozemia b. 1893 d. 1930	ORTEGO, Theogene b. 1883 d. 1936	POMMIER, Lorena L. b. 01-19-1904 d. 08-01-1962	POMMIER, Norval b. 04-09-1902 d. 06-12-1978	RYDER, Marcellite Y. 04-08-1882
SCHAMBER, Victoria b. 04-21-1886 d. 10-08-1886 d/o L. F. Schamber	SONIER, Mayous b. 11-04-1888 d. 09-27-1919 France s/o Philonise Carrier & Sonier	SONNIER, Sherman Ray b. 12-14-1950 d. 06-24-1969	WEIDEMAN ground marker no dates	YOUNG, Alcide no dates
YOUNG, Arnold b. 12-12-1898 d. 11-16-1916 s/o David Young, Sr. & Philonise Carrier	YOUNG, Mrs. Ben b. 12-05-1893 d. 06-07-1911	YOUNG, Benoit b. 03-20-1903 d. 06-07-1980	YOUNG, Clara b. 01- -1868 d. 02-10-1901	YOUNG, Cora M. b. 10-12-1879 d. 08-01-1968

(Langley Cemetery Cont'd)

YOUNG, David, Sr. b. 04-11-1856 d. 01-23-1916 s/o Jessie Young, Sr. & Emelie Buller - David Young m. 1st Leorore Doguet and m. 2nd Philonise Carrier	YOUNG, Edvina O. b. 05-15-1871 d. 11-23-1961 Harold & Mildred double headstone but no family name	YOUNG, Genevieve 07-04-1926 infant d/o Siris J. YOUNG	YOUNG, Idell F. no dates	YOUNG, Jessie b. 03-22-1836 d. 04-24-1909 d/o David Young & Azelie Belair Fontenot & h/o Emelie Buller
YOUNG, Mrs. Jessie (Leolus) d. 04-05-1919 age 55 d/o Cryille Doguet & Azelema Fontenot & w/o Jessie Young, Jr.	YOUNG, Joseph no dates	YOUNG, Joseph Kelly b. 10-21-1909 d. 11-26-1978 same headstone with Lenia Vige Young	YOUNG, Lenia Vige 04-25-1914	YOUNG, Kenny b. 05-05-1903 d. 04-11-1921 s/o Jessie Young, Jr. & Leolus Doguet
YOUNG, Melasie b. 01-31-1857 d. 07-30-1940	YOUNG, Ophelian b. 02-15-1888 d. 06-17-1962	YOUNG, Prelne no dates	YOUNG, Owen no dates	YOUNG, Zephern no dates

WHITE'S CHAPEL AND POIRET PLACE ON REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

State Historic Preservation Officer Robert B. DEBLIEUX has announced that a house and church in our area have been entered into the National Register of Historic Places. The two sites are White's Chapel United Methodist Church located in the Whiteville/Gold Dust area, and Poiret Place, located in the Opelousas area.

White's Chapel Church, a small wood-frame Gothic Revival Church was built by Hugh and Lee EVANS in 1894. The chapel is considered to be the finest of a small number of Gothic Revival style ecclesiastical buildings in St. Landry Parish. For more information on the church and a listing of the cemetery, see La Voix des Prairies, Vol. II, #6, page 53.

Poiret Place, a frame and brick fully raised plantation house, was built in the 1820's by Florentin POIRET. It is a small number of French colonial style residences remaining in St. Landry Parish. The house represents the French architectural influence in its purest form before it came strongly under the influence of the American Greek Revival.

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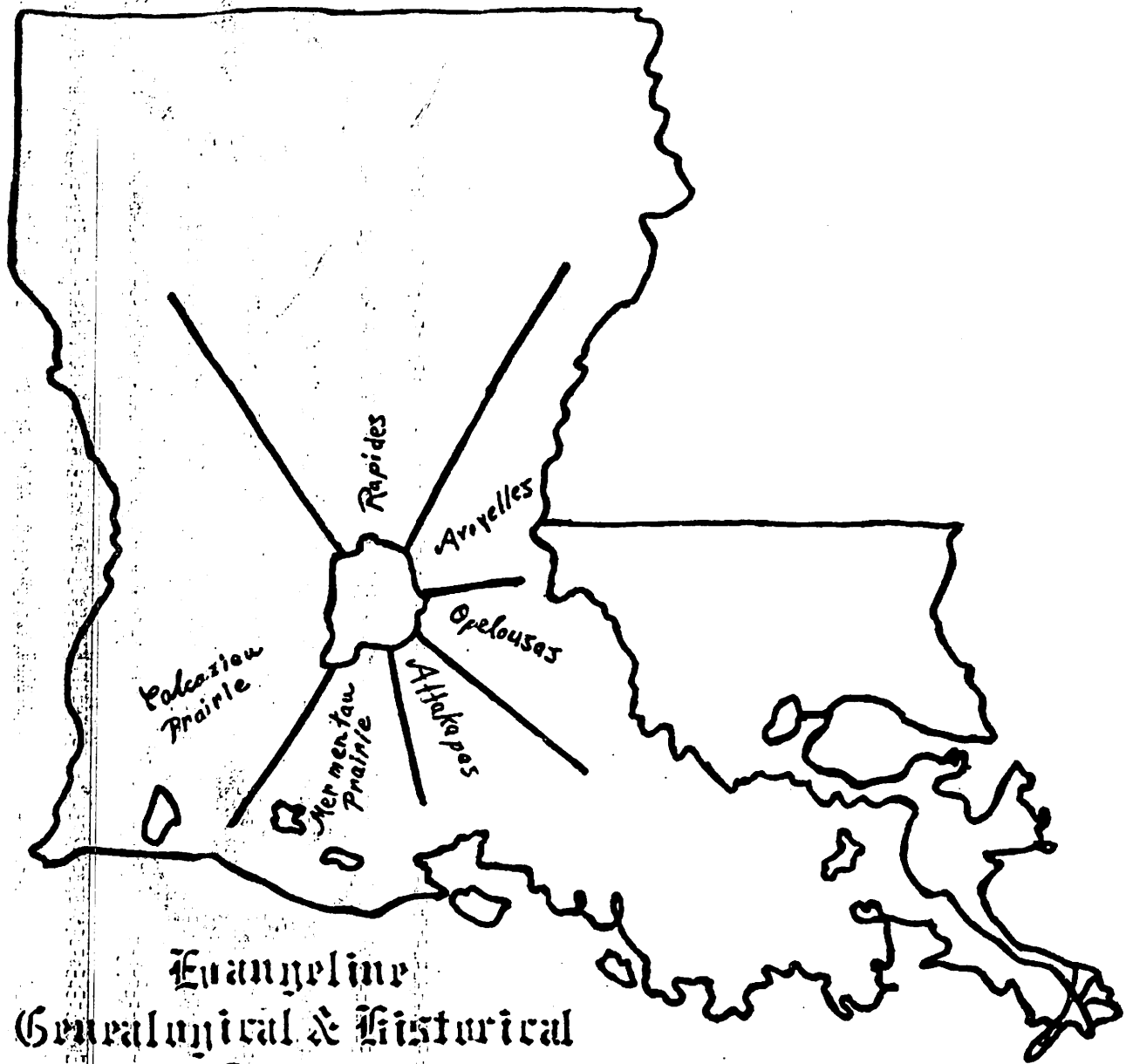
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THE BILLEAUDEAU FAMILY OF FRANCE, ST. DOMINIQUE, AND LOUISIANA: A Progress Report
by Winston De Ville, Fellow, American Society of Genealogists

This article had its beginnings in about the year 1943, when the writer asked his maternal grandfather, Jean Sévola JOHNSON of Bayou Chicot, Louisiana, the name of his mother. When "Pop-Pop" answered "Anthénaise BILLEAUDEAU," the pleasant fever of genealogy set in. Much later, learning that Jacqueline Olivier VIDRINE's (Mrs. Drouet W. Vidrine of Ville Platte, Louisiana) maternal grandmother, herself a BILLEAUDEAU, was closely related on the side of this family, Mrs. Vidrine generously assisted the writer in learning more about this subject. It was, in fact, Mrs. Vidrine who did the keen detective work which eventually located the indemnity books mentioned below, and provided many of the essential clues which were later followed through by the writer and are reflected in this article.

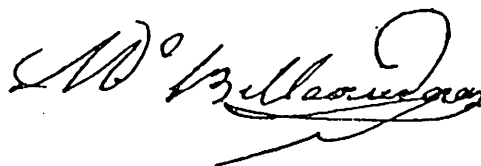
The writer, as stated above, descends from the BILLEAUDEAU family on his maternal side. The father of Athénaise BILLEAUDEAU (above) was François René BILLEAUDEAU who married Azélie JEANSONNE/JOHNSON on October 8, 1844, in a civil ceremony at Opelousas, Louisiana. The un-numbered marriage record is on file at the Office of the Clerk of Court, St. Landry Parish, Opelousas, La. François René's father was Michel BILLEAUDEAU, the Louisiana progenitor shown below as number one. François René's mother was Bridgette ARDOIN, born August 5, 1799, daughter of François ARDOIN and Honorine QUEBEDEAU (St. Landry Catholic Church, Opelousas, La., Vol. 1, p. 218).

A key date to remember is 1791, the year unrest and a weak government culminated in the general slave revolt on St. Domingue. Another significant period is 1803-1804, when one of the largest massacres of Caucasians by slaves occurred there. It was probably between 1804 and 1816 (see no. 3 below) when, as refugees, the family arrived in Louisiana. According to the late Charles MADUELL, "New Orleans in 1806 contained 7000 white souls... In May and June of 1809, some thirty four vessels containing 5754 refugees from Cuba, who were in fact refugees from the Negro revolts in St. Domingue... [landed at New Orleans], bringing with them the culture of educated Frenchmen..." (Marriages and Family Relationships of New Orleans: 1820-1830, New Orleans, 1969, p. 46).

The following data are presented by the Sosa-Stradonitz system (see La Voix des Prairies, Vol. 3, No. 10; July, 1982, p. 44, first paragraph, for an explanation of this system.)

The Billeauveau Genealogy (a)

(1) Michel BILLEAUDEAU, a native of St. Domingue, married Bridgette ARDOIN at Opelousas on 6 January 1823. (St. Landry Catholic Church, Vol. 1, p. 410) Three records give positive information on his parentage: his marriage (see above), wherein his mother is named, and baptisms of two of his children, wherein his father and his mother are named. (St. Landry Catholic Church, Opelousas, La., Baptismal Book IV, p. 135 and Baptismal Book III, p. 168) According to Etat détaillé des liquidations opérées par la commission chargée de répartir l'indemnité attribuée aux anciens colons de Saint-Domingue (Paris, 1828-1833, six volumes in four), volume four, page 496, the BILLEAUDEAU family owned a coffee plantation at Les Cayes de Jacmel. Among those to whom indemnity payments for the loss of the plantation were made was Michel BILLEAUDEAU. According to a pleasant, but un-documented, family tradition, as a child, he was smuggled out of rebellion-torn St. Domingue by a faithful servant - in a clothes hamper. We note, but do not expand on the subject here, that very many families with pre-Louisiana origins in St. Domingue have similar "smuggled-out" stories in their family lore. Michel BILLEAUDEAU's date of birth is not known. However, he was probably born after his parents were married in 1786, and before his wife in 1799, thus, he was perhaps between fifty-five and sixty-five years old at his death. A resident of Mamou Prairie, in what is now Evangeline Parish, Louisiana, death occurred prior to 17 May 1852, as his succession record (no. 1641, St. Landry Parish Courthouse) bears that date. That he somehow managed to receive a high degree of education is reflected in his penmanship - a reproduction of his signature is given here.



(Signature of Michel BILLEAUDEAU, as he wrote it in the succession proceedings of his mother-in-law, Honorine QUEBEDEAU, February 26, 1846, no. 1216, Probate Court, St. Landry Parish, Opelousas, Louisiana. At the sale of this estate, he purchased one-quarter barrel of flour, a corn mill, two barrels of ginned cotton, and a Spanish saddle.)

(The Billeau Family Cont'd)

(2) Jean BILLEAUDEAU was a native of the Catholic Church parish of St. Andre in Dolus, on the Isle d'Oleron (b), in the ancient province of Saintonge, France. According to research conducted for this writer in 1982 by Mlle. Suzanne BONNIOT of La Rochelle, in the departmental archives of the Charente-Maritime located in that city, he was baptized on 20 November 1754; his godparents were Pierre BRODUT and Marie BILLEAUDEAU. (Register of Baptisms and Marriages, 1753-1756, Parish of Dolus). According to Mlle. BONNIOT's findings, he had at least six siblings. On July 4, 1784, after arriving in St. Domingue, he married Marie Marguerite SALLAUD, native of the parish of Baynet in St. Domingue, minor daughter (approximately sixteen at the time of her marriage) of Francois Mathieu SALLAUD, retired captain of the militia, and Marie Genin SALLAUD (sic), residents of Baynet. At this time, BILLEAUDEAU was described as of major age, serving as a lieutenant of the militia, and residing in the quartier du gris-gris (c) in the jurisdiction of St. Pierre de Baynet. This first wife died, apparently in childbirth, June 13, 1785, and was buried the next day. The child from this marriage survived and was baptized on January 17, 1786, with the name of Marie Marguerite Francoise BILLEAUDEAU. Eleven months later, on November 21, 1786, Jean BILLEAUDEAU married his second wife; it is she from whom the Louisiana family descends. Their marriage record indicates that they were cousins in the second degree, and that they received a dispensation, dated July 6, 1786, from "the court of Rome". (d) BILLEAUDEAU still was serving as an officer of the militia, and was a parishoner at Baynet, although he actually was living at Cap Rouge, parish of St. Jacques and St. Philippe at Jacmel. Several dignitaries attended the wedding and signed the record as witnesses: Monsieur Antoine Fournier de l'HERMITAGE, commandant of the Jacmel battalion; Monsieur Pierre Joseph Jean-Baptiste Antoine Funel de SERAMON, who represented the king's attorney; Charles Georges FILLATREAU, royal surveyor; and Nicolas Augustin de BOISSON, a merchant. It is believed that Jean BILLEAUDEAU was killed during the slave insurrections on that island, another family tradition which is, at least, logical.

(3) Elizabeth Magdelaine BOUTIN was born July 26, 1771, and baptized on January 24, 1772, apparently at Baynet. As a widow, she had remarried (to Simon DUMONTEL), apparently in St. Domingue, and bore him two daughters who were both baptized on the same date in New Orleans in October of 1816. One daughter had been born in St. Domingue in January of 1815; the other in January of 1816, also native of St. Domingue. We note here the earlier statement about the large number of refugees arriving in New Orleans in 1809, but do not attempt to reconcile the time of their arrival in Louisiana in this article - except to note that the political situation in St. Domingue was not actually rectified until long after the family appeared in New Orleans; certainly, not all the French families left in 1809, and the BILLEAUDEAU-DUMONTEL couple could have arrived after that time. The information presented here strongly suggests that the arrival date was between January and October of 1816. (Baptisms of Elizabeth DUMONTEL and Marie-Genie (probably Virginie) DUMONTEL, Baptismal Book 8, page 72, act 449, and page 72B, act 450, (then) St. Louis Cathedral Archives, New Orleans, La.). In the volumes on indemnity cited above, she is shown as heir of coffee and cotton plantations at Baynet, a legacy of her father. (Vol. VI, page 758) That the family had lost the apparently extensive property they had owned in St. Domingue is further reflected in the fact that when her second husband, Simon DUMONTEL, died in 1824, the priest noted that the funeral was gratis. (Funeral of Simon DUMONTEL, Funeral Book 1820-1824, page 128B, act 1248, (then) St. Louis Cathedral Archives, New Orleans, La.)

(4) Jean BILLEAUDEAU. There is no indication that he ever was in St. Domingue. According to his son's second marriage record, 1768, he was living on the island of Oleron at that time. He married (to no. 5) on 12 February 1743 in the parish of Dolus, on that island - alas, no parents are given in this church record. (Archives, Charente-Maritime, Register of Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals, 23 June 1738 - 30 September 1747, as supplied by Mlle. BONNIOT in abstract. (Mrs. Vidrine had earlier provided the author with data on this marriage record.) This is as early as the agnatic line has been traced by this writer, although, as we shall see, other lines in this genealogy are traced considerably earlier. We have examined very early (ca. 1685-1713) census and military lists for St. Domingue, but no BILLEAUDEAU names are found in these. We note, too, that the good mayor of Dolus, in a letter dated 12 July 1982 to this writer, reports that the name BILLEAUDEAU no longer survives in his town, nor, he believes, anywhere on the island of Oleron. (The mayor also requested that his most cordial greetings be given to all the BILLEAUDEAU family in Louisiana. Dolus is one of the famed resort spots in Europe.) According to Albert DAUZAT's Dictionnaire Etymologique des Noms de Famille et Prenoms de France (La Rousse, Paris, page 44), the name is of Germanic origin, appearing in one form or another by 1399, and means something like "benevolent governor."

(5) Marguerite PREVERAUD. The family name is only somewhat in doubt. A vaguely similar name, PAVATEAU (and the legibility of this name is also unclear), does appear on a 1695 census of the island (Memoir des habitants du quartier de Port Paix qui ont ete tues ou blessez par les Ennemis et ceux qui sont restez, August 18, 1695, original in the St. Domingue Section, Archives National, France). We recall here that numbers 2 and 3 were related. It will be shown (see no. 15) that the maternal grandmother of number 3 was surnamed PERRONEAU. We are, then, led to conclude that it is through PREVERAUD - or - PERRONEAU that the second degree affiliation existed between number 2 and 3. We were, at one time, inclined to believe that the correct spelling should be PERRONEAU, as it is so spelled most consistently and is a known French family name; PREVERAUD is not - or it is very rare. (See DAUZAT's Dictionnaire) Confounding the issue, however, we note that the name was spelled "PREVEREAU" on her marriage record (see no. 4 above).

(6) Michel BOUTIN was a native of La Rochelle, France, parish of St. Jean. When he married (no. 7) on April 4, 1769, he was a resident of the quartier of gris-gris, parish of St. Pierre, Baynet, St. Domingue. By 1772, he was a sub-lieutenant of the militia.

(7) Marie Louise GENIN was a native of the parish of St. Thomas d'Aquin in St. Domingue, and when she married, as a minor, in 1769, resided in the parish of St. Pierre at Baynet.

(8) - (11) Unknown

(12) Michel BOUTIN and his wife probably never left France. There is, at least, no indication that they ever were in St. Domingue. According to the marriage record of their son (see no. 6), they resided in the parish of St. Jean, La Rochelle, and were still living there in 1769.

(13) Anne Magdeleine RIVASSON - no additional data know. This is an uncommon French family name, if indeed, it was originally French. The "Riva" portion of the name indicates possible Corsican or Italian origins. (See Dauzat, Dictionnaire, p. 523).

(14) Pierre GENIN, master-surgeon, was born ca. 1711, probably in France. On April 16, 1742, before Maitre Delorme de ROISSEY, notary of St. Domingue, he contracted to be married (with no. 15) and did marry. Unfortunately, neither the actual marriage contract nor the ecclesiastical record can be found. Only an index entry remains to give us the approximate date of marriage, 1742. In addition to no. 7, he fathered at least two other children by no. 15: Marie Francoise, baptized on July 26, 1773, and Pierre, baptized on January 10, 1776. We note, but do not attempt here to reconcile the matter fully, the time span between the marriage and the baptisms of these two children. He died at Baynet on December 4, 1771, before the baptism of the two children, thus it is likely that the children were actually born some years before they were baptized. He was sixty years old when he died. The fact that he was apparently a well-trained surgeon (e) leads us to believe that he probably studied in France and, it is likely, was born there.

(15) Marie Francoise PERRONEAU was a créole of St. Domingue, having been baptized at Jacmel on December 26, 1722.

(16) - (29) Unknown

(30) Julien PERRONEAU was an early créole, native of Leoganne, and it appears that he was baptized June 4, 1695. He was living at Jacmel by 1722, when his daughter was born (see no. 15). Later, the family moved to Baynet, where he was buried on May 19, 1763.

(31) Francoise Le Roy - additional data unknown.

(32) - (r9) Unknown

(60) Nicolas PERRONEAU - additional data unknown.

(61) - (121) Unknown

(122) Guillaume BLETTEAU - additional data unknown.

(123) Renee MAUGEAIS - additional data unknown

(124) - (127) Unknown

Comments on Sources:

The pre-Louisiana known lineage of the BILLEAUDEAU family given here is based entirely (except where otherwise noted) on the Etat-Civil registers of Centre Baynet, Territoire de Saint Domingue, in the Archives Nationales de France, section Outre-Mer, with specific folios as described below. Because so relatively few documents are involved, we chose to review them here, without citing each repeatedly in the ancestral table shown above. From whence all data derive may easily be deduced by comparing the information with the following folios:

Folio 33 r^o: Ecclesiastical marriage record of Michel BOUTIN and Marie Louise GENIN, April 4, 1769.

Folio 64 r^o: Baptismal record of Elisabeth Magdelaine BOUTIN, January 24, 1772.

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Folio 13 v^o: Ecclesiastical marriage record of Jean BILLEAUDEAU and Marie Marguerite SALLAUD, July 4, 1784.

Folio 15 v^o: Funeral record of Marie Marguerite SALLAUD, June 14, 1785.

Folio 1 v^o: Baptismal record of Marie Marguerite Francoise BILLAUDAUD (sic), January 17, 1786.

Folio 11 r^o: Ecclesiastical marriage record of Jean BILLAUDAUD (sic) and Elisabeth Magdeleine BOUTIN, November 21, 1786.

The writer wishes to express his deepest thanks to Mlle. Marie-Antoinette MENIER, now Director of the Section Outre-Mer of the France National Archives. It was she who, when this study was at its most active period, graciously searched the records in France and supplied typescripts of the pertinent documents used here (unless otherwise noted). In addition, Mlle. MENIER reviewed related records (all in the same general collection as described above) and supplied the data reflected in the fifth, sixth, and seventh generations. (MENIER to the author, Paris, August 11, 1970, 3 pages in possession of the author.) We are obliged to note for future research that no attempt has been made to extend the lineages of the non-agnatic lines by research in church and civil records in France.

Footnotes:

(a) For this study, we standardize the spelling thus: BILLEAUDEAU. The records on which the data are based contain these variations: BILLEAUDEAUD, BILLEAUDAUT, BILLAUDAU, and BILLAUDAUD. All, of course, are pronounced: Bee-yoh-dough.

(b) Nineteen miles long and covering a 59 square-mile area, this historically important island is near La Rochelle, and opposite the Charente and Seudre Rivers. It is famous as the birthplace of the "Judgements of Oléron," the earliest modern code of maritime law, used in western Europe in the Middle Ages.

(c) Gris-Gris is a term used in voodoo rites, and is a West-African term for an amulet or charm.

(d) The Vatican, we assume. An attempt is being made to secure a copy of the dispensation. It should reveal much data on the PREVERAUD vs. PERRONEAU question and add more ancestors to the BILLEAUDEAU lineage in the agnatic line.

(e) We recall, however, that in the 18th century and earlier, a "surgeon" (chirurgien) was not as prestigious a position, or required as much training as did a medecin (physician). The "surgeon" was the "saw-bones," amputated limbs and performed the less attractive operations, while the "physician" was skilled at prescribing potions, diagnosing ailments, etc. As a matter of practice, in fact, their activities most often over-lapped, particularly in the colonies where each was scarce enough. For more details on this subject, see John DUFFY (editor), The Rudolph Matas History of Medicine in Louisiana (two volumes, Baton Rouge, L. S. U. Press, for the Rudolph Matas Trust Fund, 1958).

Billeaudeau Family Chart

(4) Jean BILLEAUDEAU

(2) Jean BILLEAUDEAU

(5) Marguerite PREVERAUD

(1) Michel BILLEAUDEAU

(6) Michel BOUTIN

(3) Elizabeth Magdelaine BOUTIN

(7) Marie Louise GENIN

(12) Michel BOUTIN

(13) Anne Magdeleine RIVASSON

(14) Pierre GENIN

(15) Marie Francoise PERRONEAU

(30) Julien PERRONEAU

(31) Francoise LE ROY

DUPLECHIN CEMETERY

Located in Allen Parish, 5 miles on Parish Road 150, behind the Abel Duplechin home
Recorded October, 1982 by Joan & Gary Reed - Submitted by Barbara Swire

FONTENOT, Mrs. Dorelle b. 1861 d. 1957, age 96	FONTENOT, Osma b. 1876 d. 1943	SAUCIER, Marie b. 07-25-1888 d. 10-18-1925	FONTENOT, Ephram b. 1889 d. 1944
FONTENOT, Frank (?) b. 1895 (?) d. 1936 (?)	SAUCIER, Homer b. 10-10-1871 d. 11-26-1960	FONTENOT, Paul b. or d. (?) 1935	FONTENOT, Agnes Connie b. 1917 d. 1930
DUPLECHIN, Dacy (?) b. d. 08-01-1942	DUPLECHIN, David W. b. 11-19-1955 d. 01-28-1976	DUPLECHAIN, _ancelc_ b. 1872 d. 1943	DUPLECHAIN, Amos b. 01-13-1902 d. 03-30-1972
FONTENOT, Canay b. d. 1930	COURVILLE, Jercy Lee b. November d. November, 1934	LeJEUNE, Mable D. b. 12-25-1920 d. 10-17-1967	DUPLECHAIN, Leta Louise b. 08-24-1923 d. 03-19-1925 d/o M/M Earl Duplechain
COURVILLE, Jos _____ b. 05-29-1936 d. 06-24-1938	DUPLECHAIN, Floyd b. & d. 02-08-1935 d/o M/M Foster Duplechain	JOHNSON, Mary b. 1873 d. 1849	DUPLECHAIN, Calahan b. 04-11-1876 d. 10-?-?
DUPLECHAIN, _____ C. b. 08-25-1945 d. ?-19-1930	MANUEL, orlla b. 02-25-184____ d. age 50	FONTENOT, Frank b. 08-29-1862 d. 11-27-1940 age 78	

FENTON CEMETERY

Located in Jefferson Davis Parish on La. Hwy. 99, 1/4 mile east of Fenton, La.
Recorded October 13, 1981 by Wridley Fontenot

PALMER, Dora Belle d. 02-04-1900 d/o Thed & Nellie Palmer	MILLS, Harrold d. 01-02-1899 d/o W. E. & L. A. Mills	DECKER, Vera d. 05-13-1904 d/o Guy & Josephine Decker	McNABB, Susanne b. 1839 d. 1900
KEELY, Maude Ruth b. 1898 d. 1943 w/o Arthur Sharp	KEELY, Daniel H. b. 10-29-1862 d. 07-23-1955	GREEN, George H. b. 09-16-1912 d. 09-14-1980 1st LT. US Army WWII	THOMPSON, Leo Leroy b. 04-04-1903 d. 02-23-1906 s/o E. W. & B. E. Thompson
McNABB, Maye b. 1833 d. 1899	FENTON, Philena b. 08-29-1808 d. 01-12-1898	SHARP, Arthur b. 01-27-1892 d. 05-22-1964	JACOBS, Nora P. b. 11-14-1895 d. 05-20-1978
JACOBS, Augustus S. b. 01-25-1883 d. 04-04-1960	JACOBS, Milton M. "Swook" b. 10-21-1916 d. 01-08-1979 f/o Paula & Annette Jacobs		

OLD GRAND PRAIRIE CEMETERY

Old Grand Prairie Cemetery, lying about seven miles west and north of Washington, La., is getting a lot of attention from some members of St. Peter's Parish, the Catholic Church in care of the old cemetery. The cemetery is connected with a lot of community and national history, dating back as far as December 19, 1855. That is the day when Josephine (GUILLORY) STAGG, wife of Phillippe STAGG, was buried in part of the seven acres, more or less, that the cemetery now comprises. Actually, the first parcel of land deeded over as church and cemetery property was the four acres (more accurately, "arpents") donated, by a formal deed, by Octave FONTENOT on January 17, 1867.

Mr. Fontenot is described in the deed, then recorded at Ville Platte, as "of St. Landry Parish and residing in the Old Grand Prairie". He is forefather of a host of descendants, many of whom still reside in Grand Prairie and the surrounding communities. Fontenot, who was buried in the cemetery, is one of six Civil War veterans known to be buried there.

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A recent on-the-site count determined there are at least 256 persons buried in the cemetery. Well-founded claims now being made suggest that 50 or more persons were buried in what are, at the present time, "lost" gravesites.

"The sad thing about the cemetery," says the Rev. Joseph WOERDEMAN, currently pastor of St. Peter's Parish in Grand Prairie, "is that it has become a forgotten and neglected place, whereas it should be a revered monument that holds, for literally thousands of people, a rich treasury of loving memories and personal histories." "Only a few persons and families nowadays show any interest in the cemetery or make any effort to help maintain it," Father WOERDEMAN says. "In fact, we have no funds to maintain it," he says, "even though we have the obligation and authority, by state law, to care for it."

As a result, it now is a struggle to keep the cemetery from being a sad sight of weeds and damaged tombs, and even the victim of vandals. Several graves have been opened and the bodies stolen or mutilated, Father revealed. Just recently, two young men were charged for having taken a skull from the cemetery, putting it on public display, and then destroying it. These conditions have moved a group of parishoners into action. A cemetery committee has been formed and initiated plans to stir up public interest and support. The committee members are: Defline BRILEY; Georgianna BYRNE; Francis DOUCET; Dudley W. FONTENOT; Marshall P. FONTENOT; Irene LAFLEUR; Pearl LAFLEUR; and Father WOERDEMAN.

Three immediate goals have been set: 1) to determine as accurately as possible what persons have been buried in the cemetery; 2) to encourage related families to restore the damaged graves of their loved ones; 3) and, most of all, to establish an irrevocable trust fund which will, once-for-all, provide the financial means for maintaining the cemetery, and also to aid in restoration work.

A strong effort is under-way, by personal contact and through the news media to attract public support, especially of those persons who have a definite blood relationship with the persons buried in Old Grand Prairie Cemetery.

The irrevocable trust fund is the primary focus in getting this support together and becoming effective. "Our minimum goal for the fund is \$30,000," Father WOERDEMAN says. "That sum will allow us to purchase equipment for maintenance, and place the principal in an irrevocable trust fund. This will provide, through its annual interest, the money needed for continuing maintenance." "If we can gather \$30,000 or more in a one-time drive," he says, "then we have the problem of taking physical care of the cemetery solved."

All contributions are welcomed, large or small. Donations can be sent to: Old Grand Prairie Cemetery Trust Fund, Star Rouge, Box 140, Washington, LA 70589. Following is a list of names of persons known to be buried in the Old Grand Prairie Cemetery. Often the dates of birth and death have not been determined. A great service can be given by anyone who has such information on persons buried in the cemetery. Persons can mail that information to the address given for the trust fund.

OLD GRAND PRAIRIE CEMETERY
Recorded July 18, 1983

ADAM, Teet b. d.	ARDOIN, Ameli b. 11-07-1848 d. 05-03-1927 w/o Valmont Soileau	ARDOIN, Apoline b. 10-10-1854 d. 07-10-1936	ARDOIN, Hippolite b. d.
ARDOIN, Mrs. Paul b. 09-11-1853 d. 11-14-1926	BRIGNAC, Alcee b. 06-16-1866 d. 09-30-1923 Dr. Deshotel's g-father	BRIGNAC, Anna Labarze b. 1866 d. January, 1938 w/o Alcee Brignac	BRIGNAC, Ernest b. d.
BRIGNAC, Celestine Lafleur b. d.	BRILEY, Ella Mae b. 1925 d. 1930	BRILEY, Emma Alice b. 08-18-1872 d. 10-26-1895 w/o Theo. Doucet	CALVIN, Ella Mae Malveaux b. d. see Olivea Malveaux
CATOIRIE, Cyiel b. 06-29-1876 d. 08-08-1957	CATOIRIE, Edmond b. 07-20-1881 d. 01-18-1958	CATOIRIE, Eulice b. d. 1927	CATOIRIE, Horace b. 07-13-1918 d. 10-20-1974
CATOIRE, Ida b. 1881 d. 07-25-1959	CATOIRIE, Louis A. b. 03-31-1921 d.	CATOIRIE, Mark b. 03-18-1901 d. 02-02-1945	CATOIRE, Orelia b. 03-26-1905 d. 06-13-1973

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CATOIRIE, Paul b. 10- -1909 d. 02-10-1973	CATOIRIE, Will b. 1914 d. 1933	COMMEAUX, Maya (Mary Mae) (Underground, no grave) b. d.	COMMEAUX, Joseph "Tee Neg" b. d.	COMMEAUX, Donus (Joseph Commeaux's "Tee Neg" father buried under him)
DELAFOSSÉ, Ben b. 02-01-1894 d. 08-19-1935	DELAFOSSÉ, Cyprien H. b. 11-21-1868 d. 05-12-1898	DELAFOSSÉ, Ducroix b. 06-14-1890 d. 01-14-1916	DELAFOSSÉ, John b. 10-10-1891 d. 10-27-1949	DELAFOSSÉ, Lillian F. b. 06-14-1894 d. 01-09-1916
DELAFOSSÉ, Odrie b. d. 11-07-1921	DEVILLE, Adrine V. b. d.	DEVILLE, Alfred b. 1850 d. 1961	DOUCET, Aaron b. d.	DOUCET, Arthemise Fontenot b. 12-27-1887 d. 03-24-1939
DOUCET, Augustin b. d.	DOUCET, Mrs. Augustin (headstone is wrong, it reads Lucile SMITH, it should be Elizabeth KIMBALL	DOUCET, Edith b. d.	DOUCET, Pauline Roberi b. d.	DOUCET, Theodule b. d.
DUPRE, Clebert Leonard b. 08-27-1903 d. 11-23-1925	DUPRE, Elric A. b. 07-23-1887 d. 01-19-1891	DUPRE, Everist b. 08-14-1871 d. 08-17-1931	DUPRE, Homer b. 11-10-1876 d. 05-31-1947	DUPRE, Leon b. 01-21-1910 d. 12-08-1925
DUPRE, Michael b. 02-12-1849 d. 12-06-1918	DUPRE, Verna b. d. 1924	DUPRE, Mary Amentine b. 06-08-1877 d. 06-28-1911 w/o Henry Smith	DUPRE, Octave b. 03-11-1885 d. 11- -1958	DUPRE, Rosa Bordelon b. d. 41 years old
DUPRE, Adam F. b. 04-04-1862 d. 02-09-1894	DUPRE, Alcide b. 02-12-1849 d. 12-06-1918	DUPRE, two infants children of Alcide Dupre from Prairie Ronde	DUPRE, Mrs. Archile b. 02-18-1858 d. 11-08-1936	DUPRE, Armide S. b. 10-24-1878 d. 10-20-1973
EDWARDS, Anna Lee b. d. G-mother of Olivea Malveaux	EDWARDS, Elizabeth b. d. 07-31-1952	EDWARD, Rosalie b. 12-27-1906 d. 05-17-1945	EDWARDS, Victoria b. 01-17-1899 d. 12-17-1976 w/o John Tezeno	EDWARD, Victoria Freeman b. d. 1952
EDWARDS, William b. d.	FONTENOT, Albert b. d.	FONTENOT, Ernestine b. d.	FONTENOT, Alice b. 08-10-1864 d. 03-21-1910	FONTENOT, Alida F. b. 06-23-1841 d. 05-20-1879
FONTENOT, Azelle Soileau b. 1865 d. 01-07-1934	FONTENOT, Bernadette b. d.	FONTENOT, Mrs. Burley Vivian Soileau b. d.	FONTENOT, Calvin b. 1926 d. 04-29-1953	FONTENOT, Carry b. 09-12-1922 d. 1923
FONTENOT, Clinton b. 10-10-1894 d. 12-04-1978	FONTENOT, Curtley b. d.	FONTENOT, Ellis Luke b. d.	FONTENOT, Emile B. b. d. 07-02-1926	FONTENOT, Emma b. 08-15-1888 d. 10-01-1930
FONTENOT, Ernest B. b. 1855 d. 11- -1936	FONTENOT, Mrs. Ernest B. b. d. 04-17-1952	FONTENOT, Dejean b. d. 1930	FONTENOT, Francois b. 1871 d. 1938	FONTENOT, George b. 05-13-1890 d. 07-02-1914
FONTENOT, Gustave b. 1857 d. 1936	FONTENOT, Hampton S. b. 01-14-1897 d. 06-06-1954	FONTENOT, Hermania b. d.	BEAUDOIN, Pierre b. d. 2nd h/o Hermania Fontenot	FONTENOT, J. B. b. d. 1927
FONTENOT, Jeanette Bertha b. 08-21-1897 d. 10-01-1979 see Clinton Fontenot	FONTENOT, Jeff b. d.	FONTENOT, Jeff b. 11-25-1915 d. 10-25-1940 see Clinton Fontenot	FONTENOT, John Batiste b. d.	FONTENOT, John Henery b. d.
FONTENOT, Joseph b. d.	FONTENOT, Mrs. Joseph b. 1879 d. 07-19-1938	FONTENOT, Lavania Franchebois b. . d.	FONTENOT, Luke b. 06-19-1887 d. 10-27-1918	FONTENOT, Marie b. 02-09-1873 d. 08-12-1873
FONTENOT, Marie Emma b. 03-30-1864 d. 01-02-1918	FONTENOT, Napoleon b. d.	FONTENOT, Rita b. d.	FONTENOT, Octave b. 04-17-1841 d.	FONTENOT, Paul (Jean Napoleon) b. 1885 d. 03-13-1913
FONTENOT, Pauline b. d. d/o Francois Fontenot	FONTENOT, Sophie L. b. 1824 d. 03-29-1889	FONTENOT, Valerie b. d.	FONTENOT, Victoria O. b. 1876 d. 1960	FONTENOT, Walter b. d. 12-16-1881
FREEMAN, two babies b. d.	FREEMAN, Joseph b. d.	FREEMAN, Celina Adam b. 1896 d. 1940	FRUGE, Joe b. d. 11-22-1926	FRUGE, Joseph b. d.

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FRUGE, Lawrenzia L. b. d.	FRUGE, Leonard b. d.	GUILLORY, Bathilde b. d. September 1914	GUILLORY, Domia b. 1816 d. 1883	GUILLORY, Francois b. 06-21-1838 d. 08-03-1927
GUILLORY, Mr./Mrs. Frank b. d. b. d.	GUILLORY, Jean B. b. 1784 d. 12-13-1875	GUILLORY, Octave b. 09-04-1854 d. 02-01-1923	GUILLORY, Odalie Soileau b. 1852 d. 10-28-1917	GUILLORY, Tee Bebe b. d.
GUILLORY, Mrs. Tee Bebe nee Sukie FONTENOT b. d.	GUILLORY, Theresa b. 03-25-1879 d. 07-24-1908 w/o Gerand Fontenot	JONES, Descay b. 1915 d. 1917	JONES, Estom b. 04- -1885 d. 07-18-1925	JONES, Ezelma G. b. d. 1917
JOUBERT, Cleary b. 10-23-1908 d. 11-01-1926	JOUBERT, John b. 07-06-1858 d. 01-21-1921	JOUBERT, Louis b. 12-24-1894 d. 03-27-1943	JOUBERT, Mr./Mrs. Louis b. d. b. d.	LAFLEUR, Adam b. 07-19-1889 d. 02-20-1909
LAFLEUR, Adrian b. d.	LAFLEUR, Adrien M. b. 1848 d. 1852	LAFLEUR, Alexandre b. d. 04-07-1856	LAFLEUR, Alida Fontenot b. 1855 d. 01-20-1873	LAFLEUR, Alida b. 12-14-1840 d. 05-27-1918
LAFLEUR, Bridgett Soileau b. d. 2nd w/o Marcelin Lafleur	LAFLEUR, Edgar b. 08-20-1865 d. 05-14-1923	LAFLEUR, Ferdinand H. b. 02-16-1896	LAFLEUR, Louis b. 02-06-1862 d. 07- -1903	LAFLEUR, Louisa Stagg b. d.
LAFLEUR, Marcelin b. 10-07-1795 d. 08-03-1868	LAFLEUR, Marie Dora b. 11-16-1873 d. 03-12-1877	LAFLEUR, Modeste Fontenot b. bt. 10-15-1797 d.	LAFLEUR, Zenon b. 1820 d. 10-16-1870	LAMKE, Aldon b. d.
LANDRENEAU, Infants b. d. .	LANDRENEAU, Infant b. & d. 12-28-1938	LAUNEY, Vernon Joseph b. 10-22-1915 d. 09-24-1917 s/o Francis Voohries Launey and Mary Edna Doucet	LEDAY, Barbara A. b. 12-17-1952 d. 05-28-1953	LEDAY, Ernest C. b. 07-24-1947 d. 08-23-1978
LEDAY, Louis b. d.	LEDET, Eliza b. 03-16-1887 d. 07-07-1960	LEDET, Leronis John b. 02-22-1946 d. 05-22-1971	LEDET, Mary b. 09-21-1914 d. 03-31-1974	LEJEUNE, Oneal b. 11-20-1837 d. 10-27-1878
MacDANIEL, James b. d. 06-27-1869	ANGELAS, Jack b. d. 10-20-1926	MALVEAUX, Howard b. d. see Olivea Malveaux	MALVEAUX, Olivea b. 12-04-1919 d. 07-05-1983	MALVEAUX, Patrick b. d. see Olivea Malveaux
MALVEAUX, Rayfield b. 1919 d. 03-01-1977 see Olivea Malveaux	MARTIN, Ezra b. 1835 d. 1913	MONIER, Louis b. d.	NICKS, Leroy b. d.	NICKS, Lonise b. 06-08-1904 d. 04-11-1979
NICKS, Jacobs b. d.	O'CONNER, Infant b. d.	O'CONNER, Irene b. d.	O'CONNER, Kermit b. d.	O'CONNER, Lucille Oge b. d.
O'CONNER, Aaron b. d.	O'CONNER, Robert b. d.	O'CONNER, Willie b. 1876 d. 1919	O'CONNER, Zell b. d.	OGE, Johnny b. d.
OGE, Marian b. d.	OGE, Mrs. Moise b. d.	OGE, Moise b. 12-28-1883 d. 05-18-1932..	OGER, Marie b. 1838 d. 12-13-1874	ORTEGO, Edith Fontenot b. d.
PHILLIPS, Albert Lee b. 01-16-1900 d. 09-27-1901	PHILLIPS, James b. 04-15-1875 d. 11-07-1916	PITRE, Elizabeth Doucet b. 09-11-1861 d. 01-11-1914 w/o Lucien Pitre	PITRE, Emily b. 09-29-1888 d. 08-12-1909 w/o Oscar Pitre	PITRE, Lucien b. 07-16-1857 d. 05-23-1923
REED, Mary b. 01-16-1872 d. 03-07-1927 w/o Edgar Lafleur	RIDER, Mary b. 01-02-1903 d. 11-23-1942	ROBERI, Celestie Vidrine b. 07-15-1823 d. 08-11-1893	ROBERI, Clara Stephens b. d. w/o Judge Marius Roberi	ROBERI, Henry b. d. s/o Marius Roberi
ROBERI, Judge Marius b. d.	ROBERI, Dr. H. Yancitte b. 05-02-1801 d. 05-13-1883	ROBERIE, _____ b. 12-20-1900 d. 12-08-1911	ROBERIE, Armond b. 12-22-1887 d. 01-31-1953	ROBERIE, Dolo Rita Fontenot b. 02-01-1882 d. 02-04-1952
ROBERIE, Fernand b. 07-01-1882 d. 10-09-1941	ROBERIE, Fredrick b. 05-02-1851 d. 1896 h/o Lena Dupre	ROBERIE, Lena Dupre b. d. w/o Fredrick Roberie	ROBERIE, George b. 11-11-1897 d. 07-19-1924	ROBERIE, Gilbert b. 10-25-1903 d. 06-05-1923

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ROBERIE, Harold b. 08-10-1918 d. 01-09-1942	ROBERIE, Hector b. 1873 d. 09-06-1925	ROBERIE, Joseph C. b. 09-04-1909 d. 07-02-1976	ROBERIE, Lansing b. 12- -1917 d. 07- -1918	ROBERIE, Odea b. 10-25-1899 d. 08-10-1917
SOILEAU, Avie b. 10-04-1919 d. 01-02-1921	SOILEAU, Cyrille b. 09-17-1859 d. 06-30-1918	SOILEAU, Edgar b. 06-12-1909 d. 11-06-1953	SOILEAU, Edward b. d. d.	SOILEAU, Eric b. 10-10-1910 d. 05-06-1922
SOILEAU, Gustave b. 02-18-1856 d. 06-20-1924	SOILEAU, Louise b. d. w/o Ezra Martin	SOILEAU, Valcour b. 1850 d. 01-20-1930	SOILEAU, Valmont b. d. 1925	STAGG, Alfred b. 1850 d. 1904
STAGG, Josephine Guillory b. 08-11-1811 d. 12-19-1855 w/o Philippe Stagg	STAGG, Louisa b. d. w/o August Soileau	STAGG, Mary Calesete Vidrine b. 1852 d. 1929 w/o Alfred Stagg	STAGG, Philippe b. 09-14-1806 d. 10-08-1870	STEPHENS, Vena Dupre b. d. 1932
STEVENS, Octave b. c.	STEVENS, Louise Sylvester b. d.	SYLVESTER, _____ two infants, buried at the foot of Mrs. Ernest B. Fontenot's grave	SYLVESTER, Edith b. d.	SYLVESTER, Mrs. Ernest nee Isore Soileau b. 10-01-1885 d. 06-23-1925
SYLVESTER, Louisa b. 11-14-1870 d. 07-08-1907	SYLVESTER, Pierre b. 1844 d. 12-22-1924	TAYLOR, Infant b. d. at birth	TEZANO, Alcee b. 09-21-1888 d. 03-18-1982	TEZANO, Mrs. Alcee b. d.
TEZANO, Clarence b. 06-05-1938 d. 01-22-1976	TEZANO, Morris b. 09-03-1925 d. 05-15-1976	TROUILLE, Edna b. 01-11-1900 d. 01-05-1901	TROUILLE, Lydie b. 04-05-1896 d. 05-18-1914	VIDRINE, Ambrose J. b. 09-14-1873 d. 04- -
VIDRINE, Camellia C. b. 12-22-1891 d. 06-30-1968	VIDRINE, Cyville b. 10-29-1832 d. 03-24-1913 see Martin C. Vidrine	VIDRINE, Eloise b. 02-02-1866 d. 02-03-1889	VIDRINE, Emar b. 08-20-1886 d. 05-20-1940	VIDRINE, Hester b. d.
VIDRINE, Joseph b. 02-29-1890 d. 09-09-1921	VIDRINE, Mrs. Joseph A. b. d. 05-15-1905	VIDRINE, Jules A. b. 01-30-1890 d. 01-08-1957	VIDRINE, Marie C. D. b. 09-17-1873 d. 08-29-1904	VIDRINE, Marius b. 1892 d. 01-04-1923 see Martin C. Vidrine
VIDRINE, Martin (Jr.) b. 01-14-1894 d. 12-14-1916 see Martin C. Vidrine	VIDRINE, Martin C. b. 05-13-1861 d. 03-23-1918	VIDRINE, Murly Jane b. d. infant	VIDRINE, Pearl Ann b. 12-12-1938 d. 03-10-1939	VIDRINE, Richard b. 03-12-1936 d. -19-1936
VIDRINE, Rose b. 05-25-1883 d. 07-14-1957	VIDRINE, Rosylyn b. d. infant	VIDRINE, Thomas Vincent b. 12-21-1955 d. 02-02-1968	VIDRINE, Winton b. 02-06-1931 d. 08-18-1937	WEST, Edwin b. 12-16- d. 07-20-1924

TISSERAN de MONCHARVAUX
by Jacqueline Olivier Vidrine

Jean-Francois TISSERAN de Moncharvaux was born ca. 1696 France and died 14 June 1767 at Hotel Dieu in Paris, France, nat. de St. Pierre, diocese Langres, Champagne (H-Marne). His service record is recorded in Colonies E, 314, 19 pieces in the Archives Nationales, Paris, France.

Jean-Francois TISSERAN de Moncharvaux married first to Marie-Therese L'ARCHEVEQUE, the daughter of Jacques L'ARCHEVEQUE. Marie-Therese was born ca. 1699 and died 1733. Jean-Francois and Marie-Therese had four sons from their union: Jean-Francois, bt. 13 May 1724 at Quebec; Pierre, bt. 16 July 1725 at Quebec; Charles, bt. 3 Sept. 1727 at Quebec; and Jean-Louis-Joseph, bt. 23 Aug. 1729 at Quebec.

Jean-Francois TISSERAN de Moncharvaux married the second time on 11 Feb. 1737 at Kaskaskia, Illinois to Marie-Agnes CHASSIN, daughter of Michel CHASSIN and Agnes PHILIPPE. Marie Agnes died on 24 Oct. 1759. Children of the second marriage were:

Jean(Baptist?)

Elizabeth, b. 22 April 1744, bt. 10 July 1744 at Arkansas, died 6 Sept. 1816 at Opelousas, married 10 October 1758 at Fort Chartres to Jean Baptiste La Paise de VEDRINES
Marie-Anne, b. ca. 1747 (Census, Opelousas, 1777), married 21 Sept. 1767 at Pointe Coupee to Pierre CLERMONT
Pierre-Julien, married 5 June 1770 to Suzanne FRANCOEUR
Marie Agnes, bt. 2 Feb. 1753 at Fort Chartres
Marie Jeanne, b. ca. Aug. 1758, died 27 Sept. 1759
Joseph, b. 12 March 1751, bt. 14 March 1751 at New Orleans

NARRATIVE OF AN ELOPEMENT
by Thomas M. McBride

In an attempt to populate Louisiana by sending French wives-to-be, my early ancestors played minor roles. One ancestor married a Chitimacha Indian girl, another, as we learn in this tale, wed a Spanish senorita. Still another, a woman, married a Swiss soldier. Others, of course, conformed to the norm and married into other French families.

Jean Baptiste GUYON DesPres DERBANNE was the son of Francois DERBANNE and Jeanne de la GRAND TERRE, a Chitimacha Indian. Technically this made him a half-breed though such distinctions were not made in the founding coastal colonies. He was born at Dauphine Island in 1710, remaining there until 1718 when Francois and Jeanne moved to the newly built Fort St. Jean Baptiste at Natchitoches (founded in 1714-15 by Louis JUCHEREAU de ST. DENIS, Claude de TISNE and Francois DERBANNE). Prior to the construction of the Fort a handful of soldiers living in crude huts comprised the French garrison there. In time Francois and Jeanne transferred from the Fort residence to his cleared land and spacious house of cypress planks with mud and moss plaster (bousillage). Five more children were born in this house.

During the first few years Natchitoches did not have a resident priest. The settlers, French though they were, attended Mass at the Spanish mission church at Fort Adaes, a distance of about 17 miles in the Tejas territory. French/Spanish relations were strained on the European front and supposedly equally strained at the North American outposts but were in actuality often overlooked in the founding settlements. This was often a matter of necessity as supply ships from the mother countries were either slow coming or non-arriving. Trade between Spanish Mexico and French Louisiana was indeed commonplace though officially forbidden.

It was during the years of the 1730's that Jean Baptiste, while attending divine services at the Spanish church, spied the pretty Victoria Maria Gonzal e GONZALES, daughter of Lt. Governor, General Jose Maria GONZALES and his wife Gertrude de la CERDA. By 1736 a romance had blossomed between the 26-year-old Jean and 16-year-old Victoria. General GONZALES disapproved of the romance involving a Frenchman. The Chitimacha Indian mother of Jean probably was considered declass   by the General although she was now a wealthy widow. Her husband had been deceased for two years and his estate, valued at 35,000 livres, no doubt tempered somewhat the General's disapproval. Officially, he cited the age difference as the greatest obstacle to his blessing of the budding romance.

One Sunday in April of 1736, GONZALES' cup of disagreement ran over. While he and his family and all the Fort personnel came out of church, it was discovered that Victoria Maria was missing. General GONZALES recognized a plot at once. He disliked Jean Baptiste who had been secretly courting his daughter and now he feared the worst.

GONZALES was informed that Victoria had been seen leaving the church by a side door which led to the blacksmith shop. Next she had been seen with that Frenchman and then had disappeared. A frantic search about Fort Adaes convinced her father that an elopement was in progress. The most unwelcome Jean had stolen Victoria from under his nose while he was at worship.

The Spanish garrison ran under the agitated orders from the General. Guards were called forth and soldiers were summoned from their barracks. The horses were instantly saddled. Commandant and the semi-organized company of soldiers lost no time in pursuit and capture of the couple before it was too late. Some soldiers made a wild dash over the road toward Natchitoches hoping to capture Victoria. It would have meant a reward and surely a promotion at the same time. Other troops were posted along the various trails, and guards were placed at all approaches to Natchitoches.

But not a trace was found of the eloping couple. While excitement was at its peak at Los Adaes, the couple was quietly but hurriedly rowing down a small stream toward Spanish Lake to the north. Jean and his three companions had secreted a canoe in the underbrush on the stream closest to the church and at the end of Mass had run to it through the woods with Victoria. The men pulled hard at the oars and were even afraid to breathe hard lest they be heard. It was most difficult to hurry as the stream was very shallow in places making it necessary for the companions to get out and push the canoe over the gravel and sandbars. Jean sheltered Victoria from the canes and low limbs that hung over the creek. It was necessary to take great care lest mosquito netting or hats be left behind in the brambles.

At last they reached Spanish Lake. It was hemmed in by tall cypresses and oaks that grew to the water's edge. They set their course toward the far side of the lake in an attempt to make recognition difficult. Arriving undetected at the outlet of the lake, they entered a larger stream that flowed gently into the Red River. It was late afternoon and the sinking sun reddened the sky. They could all take deeper breaths now. The river's current would be advantageous as they headed downstream. The tall banks would hide them from sight in the direction of the Spanish territory. Night was upon them and soon no trace would be visible.

Three quarters of the way to Natchitoches, beneath the high bluff known as Grand Ecore, the couple sat closely together assured that they had but a few more miles to go. At the post of St. Jean Baptiste a French Jesuit

awaited them. The moon cast lovely shadows on the water while all ears were strained for the sound of a horse hoof or the splash of another boat. Or, God forbid, a Spanish order to half.

In flickering candlelight, at midnight, Victoria Maria Gonzal e GONZALES and Jean Baptiste GUYON DesPres DERBANNE said their marriage vows before Father VITRY. The little church of mud and planks had been decorated with early blossoms and a festive crowd added a joyful hymn while violin and accordion played. Jeanne de la GRAND TERRE sat in the place of honor accorded a mother of the groom. She presented a lovely picture, dressed in French silk with ribbons, lace cap adorned with white feathers, Indian style. As she was fond of bracelets, earrings and finger rings, it can be assured she wore her best. It is said she had the finest strands of Louisiana pearls, much valued by the Indians. Her hair was always worn in tresses that were coiled about her head. Everyone at Natchitoches attended the happy wedding. Among the merrymakers was Eduard MORPHIL "et sa femme, Morenne, natif de la paroisse Limirick en Irlande". Dancing followed well into Easter Monday. A goodly supply of French wine had been set aside for the dejeuner which consisted of eggs, capons, roast pork and various gateaux. This young couple had dared, raced, and won. The frontier was given an elopement to talk about for generations to come.

The whole Spanish capitol had been taken aback and General GONZALES was no doubt left heartbroken and embarrassed. He recalled how DERBANNE had tried to persuade the Spanish padre VALLEJO to intercede; how that jeune galant Frenchman had come to ask him for Victoria's hand in marriage. Refusals had always been emphatic. Now the deed was done and repercussions would follow from the Spanish officials. Because of his position the General enlisted Padre VALLEJO in writing letters to the Governor. Better accept a fait accompli once political considerations were dealt with. It was remembered that JUCHEREAU de ST. DENIS had wed a Spanish Viceroy's daughter. Now another international marriage had occurred. Perhaps this would ease trade regulations and lessen the danger of the new French fort a short distance away. In fact, this marriage and other contacts and interrelationships between the two settlements resulted in flourishing trade. The young DERBANNE family participated extensively.

The marriage produced one daughter, Marie de l'Incarnation Gonzal DERBANNE. In time she married a Frenchman and had eight children. Jean lived until 1766 and Victoria continued to live at Natchitoches until her death. The monotony of an isolated colony had been relieved by this elopement. It gave them something to talk about other than tense relations with neighboring Indians or the shortage of corn and clothes. Jean was remembered as a man who had the courage to go after what he wanted.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PARISH, VILLE PLATTE, 1854 THROUGH 1939
Submitted by Albert Tate, Jr.

[Extracts from Roger BAUDIER, The Catholic Church in Louisiana (1939; reprinted 1972), pp. 388-89, 550]

The section around Ville Platte in Evangeline Parish, northwest from Opelousas, for many years was served by the clergy from Opelousas and Ville Platte was one of its missions. In 1854, however, the latter was cut off from the mother parish of St. Landry and set up by Archbishop BLANC as an independent parish. Father A. BEAUGIER, assistant at Opelousas, was named the first resident pastor. He took up his duties at Sacred Heart Church, Ville Platte, in July, 1854. He continued as pastor until January, 1859. The parish once more reverted to the care of St. Landry's Opelousas, and from March, 1859 to January, 1860, it was served by zealous Father Gilbert RAYMOND, but in January, 1860, Father GONELLAZ was appointed to Sacred Heart Church and remained until the following year. His successor was Father C. RIGOLLOT who remained at Ville Platte until 1864. Father VALLEE was the next pastor, from 1864 to 1868, then Father E. FORGE, 1868 to 1873. Father Eugene FRAERING was assigned to Ville Platte in 1873, but in 1878 he was sent to Gretna, and that year Father PENSIER came to assume the pastorate. [from page 388-89]

For 20 years, from 1878 to 1898, Rev. L. P. PENSIER was pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish at Ville Platte. During his administration, in 1884, the parish was incorporated. Rev. H. F. CHASTEL succeeded him and remained there until 1908. Rev. L. J. SAVY, the next pastor held the pastorate from 1908 to 1930. A new presbytery was constructed in 1909. Two years later, Fr. SAVY enlarged the church, adding wings. In 1912, he erected a chapel at Mamou. Fr. SAVY had been seeking a community of teaching Sisters to take care of school for the parish. Because of the decline in business and population at Washington, Monsignor GASSLER, Vicar-General for Religious at that time, counselled the Sisters of Mt. Carmel, who had a school there, to move to Ville Platte. This they did and in September, 1913, they opened a school, with Mother M. Melanie LeBLANC as superior. The Sisters were handicapped by a shortage of Sisters and some friction developed with the pastor, who finally closed the school in June, 1923. Fr. SAVY built cement sidewalks in 1914 around the church, installed new pews and a new confessional and set up the Stations of the Cross in May, 1915. Fr. SAVY retired and went to France and Rev. J. M. BOURGEOIS was called from Oberlin to become pastor at Ville Platte on Sept. 12, 1930. Fr. BOURGEOIS reopened the school which was placed in charge of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart. In 1935, he improved the parish cemetery. [from page 550]

THE EARLY SYLVESTERS AND BRIGNACS IN THE SPANISH
OPELOUSAS POST AREA, 1766-1803: A Further Look
by Albert Tate, Jr.

In an article published in *La Voix des Prairies*, Vol. IV, No. 13 (April, 1973), "The Sylvesters of the Spanish Opelousas Post Area", the writer suggested certain further lines of inquiry with regard to the SYLVESTER and BRIGNAC pioneer families. The purpose of this paper is to report further findings that come to light since preparation of the first article. To summarize the conclusions deduced from these findings: Joseph SYLVESTRE, btz. 5 Dec. 1737, b. ca. 1736, is almost certainly the son of Claude SYLVESTER, a French soldier born ca. 1715 at Berus near Metz in France, and they both came to the Opelousas Post in 1774. Marie Dionysia (Therese) SYLVESTER, the wife of Jacques BRIGNAC, who came to the Opelousas district shortly after 1763, is quite likely Joseph's sister and Claude's daughter. Joseph's wife, Catherine, is a "HAY" or "HADRE", with indications that she is the sister of the two HAYO (HADRE, etc.) girls who married Jean Baptiste GUILLORY and Joseph LaRose FONTENOT, respectively, the daughters of Nicholas HEYD (HAY, HADRE) and Margaret FOLCH (VOLZ).

Before attempting to document these conclusions, it would be well to settle one issue raised by the previous paper, the parentage of Pierre SILVESTRE (I), the ancestor of all modern-day SYLVESTERS in Evangeline and St. Landry Parish area, and to correct a statement as to the death of Joseph SILVESTRE (I), his father. In the earlier paper, we noted that in Pierre's 1816 marriage to Jeanne (Eugenie) O'CONNOR, the priest had probably through error noted his father as "Pierre" (as well as his mother as Catherine "HAYDEL"). The baptismal records of the two children of this marriage, both boys, indicate that their father Pierre, was the son of Joseph SILBRE (SYLVESTER) (I) and "Catherine HAI": Baptism of Pierre SILBRE (SYLVESTER) (II), b. 3 March 1817, btz. 2 Oct. 1817, son of Pierre SILBRE of Grand Prairies and Genevieve CONOR (St. Landry Parish Catholic Church, Bk. 2, p. 115 (#129); Baptism of Joseph SILBRE (SYLVESTER) (II), b. 31 August 1818, btz. 18 Oct. 1818, son of Pierre SILBRE and Eugenie CONNOR (St. Landry Parish Catholic Church, Bk. 2, p. 149 (#141). Joseph (II), Pierre's second son, died without known issue some time after the 1830 census. Incidentally, the baptism of Pierre (I), the father of these boys, is shown at St. Landry Bk. 1, p. 156 (#56): Pierre SELEVEST, b. 9 Oct. 1789, btz. 12 Oct. 1796 (it is noted that it was a delayed baptism, but infant had received the water of baptism at birth), son of Joseph SELEVEST (SYLVESTER) and Catalina HAY.

Thus, despite the clerical listing of Pierre (I)'s father as "Pierre" at his marriage, it is virtually conclusive that Pierre (I) is the son of Joseph I and Catherine HAY (HAI, HAYO, etc.). This conclusion is re-enforced by the circumstance that Joseph (I) is the only SILVESTER of his generation that appears in the census and surviving land records of the Opelousas area during those times. Nevertheless, there apparently was another SYLVESTRE of his generation who, at least, died in Opelousas in 1810. The death record of the St. Landry church, Bk. 1, p. 112, shows that on 10 Oct. 1810 ecclesiastic burial was given to "Mr. SYLVESTRE, age at death, 70 years." In the earlier paper, I surmised that this referred to Joseph (I). However, through the courtesy of Mrs. Carolyn RICKE of Metairie, since then I have discovered that on 18 Oct. 1814 "Joseph SYLVESTER, aged seventy-seven years" gave an affidavit concerning occupancy of land on the bayou Crocodile (Cocodrie) by Jacques LAFLEUR--showing that Joseph was still alive in 1814. (See Claim No. 447-749, David CHOATE assignee of Jacques LAFLEUR, American State Papers--Public Lands, Vol. V, p. 211, 1834). Whoever was this other SYLVESTER who died in 1810, who does not appear on the published Spanish censuses of the period nor in the indexed land transactions, he apparently left no descendants, as all those SYLVESTERS indexed in Father Hebert's works can be traced back to Pierre (I), the son of Joseph (I).

The marriage of Claude SYLVESTER and the baptism of Joseph SYLVESTER

In the initial paper, we suggested that Joseph (I) and Marie Dionysia (Therese) SYLVESTER BRIGNAC, who was shown by Opelousas records as born in French Alabama, might be children of Claude SYLVESTER, age 62 (i. e., b. ca. 1715), as listed in the 1777 Opelousas census living in the household next to Marie's and who was retired at half-pay from the French Army in Alabama in 1764, immediately following the surrender of the city to the English. As to Marie, the Jacques BRIGNAC (her husband's) succession and the baptismal and marriage registers of her children so far examined are silent as to her SYLVESTER relationship with Claude and Joseph (I); however, from the 1774 Opelousas census that has recently come to light there are, again, indications that she was quite possibly Claude's daughter or at any rate a close relation.

As to Joseph (I), however, the discovery of Claude's marriage record at Mobile in 1738 strongly indicates that Joseph is his son. This marriage record is recorded at Marriage Records Book #1, p. 23, of the Archdiocese of Mobile, and (translated from the French) it reads in part: On 10 Sept. 1738, a marriage was celebrated between "Claude SYLVESTRE, native of Berus Diocese of Metz, soldier of the detached troops of the marine in the company of Monsieur BENOIT, the son of Jusle (Juste?) SYLVESTRE and of Catherine CHOUARTZ (SCHWARTZ)," with "Charlotte PAULENET, widow of Pierre LACCOMBLE a cavalry trooper

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of the company of PASARIN, daughter of Jacque PAULENET and of Barbe QUERCHE of Dijon, Parish Saint Michel". The marriage was celebrated with the consent in writing of Monseigneur DIRON, Commandant of the Post. In the presence of the witnesses, the priest also legitimated "a child named Joseph baptized the fifth December of the year 1737 under the name of Bernard FOUCHZ, which child the said _____ (persons?) have been pleased to recognize (then: "acur et habit a heriler _____") the other children to come of the present parish". (We might note that the birth of a child prior to a marriage was not unknown in those times, sometimes in the case of a soldier because of the delay in securing formal permission to marry via the commandant and the governor. We might also note that a search of the surviving New Orleans and Mobile baptismal records has not turned up the initial baptism of Joseph (I) as "Bennard FOUCHZ" on 5 December 1737, nor of the birth or marriage of any other SYLVESTER.

That the Joseph legitimated in Claude's marriage is Joseph SYLVESTER(I), ancestor of the present-day SYLVESTERS, seems to be corroborated by the Opelousas census record; unfortunately, no surviving SYLVESTER marriage or baptismal record of the period positively identified Joseph (I)'s parentage. Before going to the census records, however, I might note that a communication of 9 May 1983 from the Chief Archivist of the Lorraine Region in France informs us that the birth record of Claude SYLVESTER b. ca. 1715, can probably be found in the Archives of the Saar (Landesarchiv, Postfach 1010, 6600 Saarbrücken 3, Federal Republic of Germany), because Berus, formerly in the Duchy of Lorraine in France, is today in Germany. Through the interest of Mr. Oscar SYLVESTER, Jr., Ville Platte, efforts are being made to obtain copies of this record and of others pertaining to the SYLVESTER family in Berus.

The Spanish Census Records

As noted in the earlier paper, Joseph (I) appears in the Iberville Coast militia records of 1770 and 1771 and in the census of Manchac in the Iberville district in 1772, just below Baton Rouge on the east side of the Mississippi. He acquired land in the Grand Prairie district of the Opelousas Post on 15 Oct. 1774, (and I will not now detail his fairly numerous land transactions there over the next two decades or so) also found in the Opelousas Colonial records at the Louisiana State Archives). He disappears from the Iberville militia and census records after 1772. He appears, however, in the Opelousas censuses of 1774 and 1777, as does Claude SYLVESTER, his father. From their placement in conjunction with Marie SYLVESTER BRIGNAC, I think it is reasonably possible to deduce some relationship between the three.

My analysis will refer to: the 1766 "Census of the Militia and the Inhabitants of the Colony of Louisiana", reported at J. K. Voorhies, Some Eighteenth Century Louisianians (USL Press, 1974), pp. 107-166. (esp. the census for Courtableau's Company, the Alibamons and the Coast of Old Opelousas, pp. 126-133, transcribed from the Archives Generales de Indes, Santo Domingo, Legajo 2595); the 1771 Census of the Opelousas Post, AGI-Papapes Procedentes de Cuba, leg. 188 C, folios 43 et seq. (found in microfilm at the USL Center for Louisiana Studies); the 1774 Census of the Opelousas Post, AGI-PPC 189A, folios 106-110, (USL microfilm, note: Dr. Carl BRASSEAU of USL has made typescripts of these censuses, and we are indebted for his assistance); and the 1777 Census of Opelousas, Voorhies, supra, 284-318, transcribed from AGI-PPC, leg. 2358.

No SYLVESTER (SYLVESTRE) appears on the 1766 or 1771 Opelousas censuses. However, on the 1766 census at "New Opelousas on the Right Bank" (Voorhies, p. 127), two BRIGNACS appear: Miguel (with one woman, no children in household) and Santiago (Jacques) (with one woman and five boys in his household). In the 1771 Opelousas census, at folio 46 appear three Brignac households: Jacques, age 35, his wife, age 30, two boys aged 10 and 8, two girls, age 7 and 4; Michel, age 30, his wife, age 25, no children; Jos., age 55, his wife, age 20, one boy, age 4 (also, Jean LeBASKIER, age 43. (The last BRIGNAC does not from available records seem to be related to the first two, who are brothers, see below.)

In the census of Opelousas certified 25 Oct. 1774, folio 108, the following four entries are consecutive: Joseph SYLVESTRE and his wife with one child; the Widow HAJR (HADRE?), with two children; Jacque BRIGNACQUE and his wife with five children; and Claude SYLVESTRE, widower (with no one else in his household). Three households farther down is Michelle BRIGNACQUE and his wife, with no children, followed by the Widow BRIGNACQUE, with no one else living in the household. I should also note that the census listing, which includes livestock, horses, and pigs is highly suggestive (in absence of such notations for them) that the Widow HAJR was living in the Joseph SYLVESTRE household, that Claude SYLVESTRE was living in the Jacques BRIGNAC household, and that the widow BRIGNAC (who was probably Michel's mother, see below) was living in the Michel BRIGNAC household. In other instances in the census, listing "Garçons" (unmarried bachelors) separately from their fathers, they likewise immediately follow their father's listing and likewise are shown to have no livestock or pigs, such as one might expect in those pioneer days of any household obliged to feed itself.

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I also note that all four GUILLORY ("GILLORI") boys are shown as unmarried in the 1771 census as is Joseph FONTENOT (later called "LaRose"), the son of Philip. I add this because in the 1777 census, Joseph is shown as married to Magdeleine HAYO, (Voorhies, p. 293) and (Jean) Baptiste GUILLORY is shown as married to Marguerite HAYOT (p. 294). Later records identify these as sisters, daughters of Nicholas HAY (HAIDE, HEYD, HADRE) and Margaret FOLCH (FOLSE, VOLZ). Although their marriage records have not survived, likely candidates for their wives are the two children of the Widow HAJR (HADR) in the 1774 census, who was enumerated immediately following Joseph Sylvester and was more than likely in his household, possibly his mother-in-law.

From the 1774 census' SILVESTRE-BRIGNAC showings, I think it is reasonable to make the following deductions: Joseph SILVESTRE, his wife and child, Claude SILVESTRE, and the Widow HADR came to Opelousas together to join Marie Dion SILVESTRE and her husband, Jacques BRIGNAC. There was some relationship between Marie and Claude, probably father and daughter, if indeed he came to live in her household. Also, there was some relationship between Joseph SILVESTRE's wife, Catherine (shown as HAI, HAI, HAILLE, HAY, HAYES, etc. in various Opelousas church records) and the Widow HAJR (HADR), who was quite possibly living in their household; further, it is not unlikely that her children were two daughters, sisters of Catherine, who between 1774-1777 married Joseph (LaRose) FONTENOT and Jean Baptiste GUILLORY, whose wives in Opelousas church records are respectively shown as Magdeleine "HADRE", "AILHER", "TRAY", "AYLLE", and as Marguerite "HAILLE", "AHIERE", "HAYER", "KAY", "KALES". See, e. g. Gladys DEVILLIER, The Opelousas Post (Polyanthos, 1972), pp. 57, 71, 133.

These deductions may be said to be somewhat reinforced by the Opelousas census of May 4, 1777. In household 27, is Jacques BRIGNAC, age 40, with his wife "Therese" SILVESTRE, age 34, and four children (Jacques, 12, Francois, 4, Elizabeth, 6, and Celeste, 8). Immediately next door, in household 28, is Joseph FONTENOT, 22 and his wife, Magdelaine HAYO, age 15, and living with them is Claude SILVESTRE, 62 (identified as "orphan", i. e., without family). Following this household, in household 29, is Joseph's father, Philippe, age 60 and his mother, Marie BRIGNAC, age 55 (sister of Jacques, see below), as well as five children from ages 8 through 25. Household 30, next, is the Widow BRIGNAC, age 90. Two households farther is Baptiste GUILLORY, age 30, his wife Marguerite HAYOT, age 20, and one child, Baptiste, 1-year-old. (See Voorhies, pp. 293-294.) Joseph SYLVESTRE, age 44, with his wife Catherine "AYRE", age 30, and daughter Marie, 10, is enumerated 15 households earlier than Jacques BRIGNAC, as household 12. He lives next door to Michel BRIGNAC, age 35, and his wife Marianne DOUCET, age 30, with no children (household 13). (Voorhies, p. 290) If my hypotheses of relationships are correct, it may seem strange that Claude would live in the household of his son's sister-in-law rather than with his daughter next door, but perhaps the number of children in the daughter's household and the absence of children in the FONTENOT home next door might explain this circumstance.

More About the BRIGNACS

In the first SYLVESTER paper, I noted the appearance of the BRIGNAC French soldiers in Winston DeWille, Louisiana Troops 1720-1770 (Ft. Worth, 1965). In an exhaustive and well-documented work, Janice Deitz YOUNG, The Brignac Family and Their Relatives in Louisiana (Metairie, 1978), the author has assembled from French and Spanish colonial and church records much information that fully illuminates the history of that family. The founder of the line, Simon Jacques BRIGNAC, was a French soldier who came to Fort Toulouse ca. 1717-1720, married Marie TURPIN ca. 1725, and fathered at least five children who came to Louisiana after the surrender of French Alabama to the English in 1763. (See pp. 1-5) He died at Fort Toulouse on 10 Aug. 1754, but his widow Marie migrated with her children to the Opelousas country where she died (if so, she is almost certainly the widow BRIGNAC, age 90, living next door to her son Michel in the 1777 Opelousas census).

The children and their spouses were (1) Simon Pierre BRIGNAC, b. 1727, m. ca. 1755 Marie Louise FONTENOT, b. 1741, migrated to German Coast ca. 1764, the d/o Jean Louis and Louise HENRY; (2) Marie BRIGNAC, b. ca. 1728, m. 27 May 1747 Philippe FONTENOT, migrated to Opelousas around 1764, the son of Jean Louis and Louise HENRY; (3) Marie Francoise BRIGNAC m. Sergeant Major Etienne POIRIE at Mobile, d. 17 Nov. 1758 Mobile; (4) Mathieu Jacques BRIGNAC, also a soldier, m. Maria Therese Denise SYLVESTRE and moved with her to Opelousas by 1766, with children (this is the "Jacques" BRIGNAC referred to in the census records above); (5) Michel BRIGNAC, b. ca. 1743, discharged at Mobile in 1763 and migrated to Opelousas (his marriage to Marie Anne DOUCET is said to have occurred in Opelousas); and (6) Marie Jeanné (Joseph) BRIGNAC, m. Joseph FONTENOT dit Belaire, son of Jean Louis and Louise HENRY, and moved to Opelousas after 1763. (For an excellent account of the movements of these BRIGNAC soldier families to Opelousas, as well as of the FONTENOTS, LAFLEURS, DOUCETS, and others, see BRASSEAU, "Opelousas and the Alabama Immigrants 1763-1766", Attakapas Gazette, Vol. XIV, No. 4 (Fall, 1979), pp. 112-115.

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Conclusion

It is believed that the documentary evidence above-noted make it highly probable that Claude SYLVESTRE was the father of Joseph (I) and make it highly likely that Marie Dionysia SYLVESTER, wife of Jacques BRIGNAC, was Claude's daughter, as well as is most suggestive that the wives of Joseph (I) (Catherine), Joseph LaRose FONTENOT (Magdeleine) and Jean Baptiste GUILLORY (Marguerite), were sisters. Unfortunately, surviving church records thus far examined do not definitely prove these relationships, although some as yet undiscovered may verify them. The correspondence of the commandant at Manchac, St. Gabriel d'IBERVILLE, 1772-1774, on microfilm at the Center for Louisiana Studies at USL in Lafayette, is a likely lead to further documentation of the movement of Joseph SYLVESTRE from there in 1774 to the Opelousas District, and may quite possibly reveal the relationships as the reasons for the migration--correspondence in earlier years manifested not infrequent petitions of Manchac settlers to go to the richer and more settled Opelousas prairies to be closer to kinfolks. Until further verification (or disproof) is obtained, we must rest on the deductions reached in this paper.

 THE CARE AND PRESERVATION OF OLD PHOTOGRAPHS

In order to comprehend the care necessary for the preservation of historical photographs, it is important to understand what a photograph is. It may be defined as a metallic silver image lying on a support base of metal, glass, paper or plastic film. The support base may also be made of leather, cloth or wood. The process by which the image is laid upon the base is simple by today's technological standards; nonetheless, it results in a product of distinct delicacy.

Since photography was invented in the nineteenth century, people have attempted to organize and annotate their photographs in various ways, many of which contributed to the natural forces of deterioration. Some examples of misguided care are as follows:

1. Photographs are often filed by mounting on cardboard with scotch tape or rubber cement.
2. Glass plate negatives are cracked by careless handling or stacking on uneven surfaces.
3. Identifying information is sometimes written on the back of photographs in so heavy-handed a manner that it shows through the image. (A connected practice is to write on the image itself.)
4. Old envelopes in which negatives or photos are kept are often discarded without transferring identifying information onto the new envelope.
5. Several negatives stored in one envelope stick together, resulting in a gradual dislodgment of emulsion from the negatives.
6. Negatives and prints are often kept together with rubber bands and paper clips. Sometimes they are stored in highly acidic cardboard boxes with equally acidic newspaper clippings.

Before one sets out to correct these kinds of problems, it is absolutely necessary to identify the type of photograph to be preserved. More often than not, it is better to do nothing at all than to cause irreparable damage in a misguided attempt to preserve the photograph.

Possibly, the most important step a private citizen can take for the care of his collection is to place it in a chemically inert environment. This means that they must be stored in the dark when not in use. Sunlight and fluorescent lights fade photographs and contribute to deterioration. Ideally, the collection should be kept in storage where the temperature is less than 70°F and humidity controlled at less than 50%.

Nitrate-based film should be identified and duplicated. Thereafter, the original prints/negatives should be destroyed. Nitrate-based film is flammable and capable of spontaneous combustion. Moreover, it releases gases destructive to other photographs.

Negatives and prints should be put into individual acid-free paper envelopes or plastic sleeves and stored in enameled steel cabinets. Wooden and cardboard containers are filled with acid destructive to film. Never store photographs in an area where fumes from chemicals or detergents are kept. In fact, experts encourage the use of a filtering system in the storage area.

Negatives should be stored in individual envelopes. Hollinger Permalife acid-free envelopes are the best known and most widely used by experts. Original prints can be stored in a variety of ways, such as larger paper envelopes of the same type used for negatives. These have the advantage of being porous, meaning that gases and moisture cannot be trapped inside. One can also write identifying information on the outside of the paper envelopes with a pencil or India ink.

Prints and negatives can be stored in plastic sleeves, which have the advantage of being transparent for easy identification. However, plastic sleeves stop air and moisture from passing through; this, as has been noted,

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can be detrimental to the preservation of film. Tyvek sleeves are porous and can be made without seams, eliminating the use of adhesives. (These sleeves are available through Heco Envelopes Co., 4500 Cortland Street, Chicago, IL 60639.) Experts highly recommend the use of triacetate envelopes and folders, which are available through Eastman Kodak Co. (Rochester, New York 14650).

Negatives can be cleaned by gently brushing them with a camel hair brush or by blowing dust particles away with a syringe. Always handle both negatives and prints by their borders. Chemicals found on the hands are highly destructive to the emulsion side of the film.

Store film loosely, or horizontally, in Hollinger boxes. Again, baked enamel bins and cabinets are the best type of furniture for the preservation of photographic materials.

Often, photographs are filed on cardboard mounting to assure ease of access. One must weight this convenience against the destructive effects of acidic cardboard on photographs. Whatever choice is made, one must be exceedingly careful concerning the type of adhesive used. Most commercial adhesives contain chemicals harmful to either the silver image or the paper base of a photograph. They nearly always contain or attract moisture and are highly susceptible to insect infestation. Moreover, it is difficult to remove the photograph without harming either the print or the mounting. Never use rubber cement, as it contains sulphur which fades and stains prints.

The safest method of mounting a print is to use Kodak Dry Mounting Tissue (Type II) or Seal MT5 Permanent Dry Mounting Tissue with museum quality mounting board (available through Hollinger Corporation).

If the photograph suffers from a mild case of curling, this may be alleviated by straightening the print, sandwiching it between two sheets of acid-free paper, and weighing it down for 2-3 days. Do not attempt to do this if the print appears to be brittle. A professional can straighten the photograph without breaking it apart.

In general, the best known way to preserve negatives and prints is to have them reproduced on archival quality photographic paper. If a new negative is to be made, request the use of Kodak Professional Direct Duplicating Film, SO-015.

Recommended Reading:

The Collection, Use and Care of Historical Photographs, by Robert A. Weinstein and Larry Booth. (This report was based primarily on information contained in this volume.)

A Guide to Your Family's Photographic Heritage, by Thomas L. Davis. (A highly regarded book for the use of non-professionals)

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THEODORE COREIL
Submitted by Patrick Morein

Barthelemy Theodore COREIL, who was a leading merchant of Ville Platte, was born 10 April 1852 in St. Landry Parish, LA and died there in 1873. He was the son of Barthelemy Marius COREIL of France and Hyacinthe Godefroi SOILEAU, daughter of Godfroy SOILEAU and Denise Lucas FONTENOT. Locally known simply as Theodore COREIL, he married 25 Nov. 1873 in Ville Platte to Marie Domelis FONTENOT, daughter of Theophile FONTENOT and Emelie LAFLEUR.

Theodore began his mercantile business in 1874, served as Mayor of Ville Platte for a period totaling fifteen years, and also served on the Town Council. Some of his brothers and sisters were: Coralie Florentille COREIL, b. 17 Sept. 1850; Marie Louisia COREIL, b. 4 June 1849; Letitia Louise COREIL, b. 19 Mar. 1841; Arthemon Hypolite COREIL, b. 12 May 1843; Athenaise COREIL, b. 12 Jan. 1840, and Louis Marius COREIL, b. 20 Aug. 1838.

BACON FAMILY RECORDS
Submitted by Elba Anthony Dardeau, Jr.

Introduction

Julia Angeline BACON, second wife of William Henry GATY, kept birth, marriage and death records on the BACON family. Later, Julia's daughter, Celeste GATY, undertook the task of updating them. Recently, I examined these records and compared them with tombstone inscriptions and area church registers. The following text is based on this most recent study. Notes have been prepared to verify or expand information and to explain any discrepancies.

Lucien BACON and Celeste BOUTTE

Lucien BACON was b. 8 Feb. 1852 (1) and d. Mamou, LA on 27 Aug. 1924 at 11:00 AM. He was buried in Reedton Cemetery, south of Mamou. Lucien was married to Celeste ("Sallie") BOUTTE in Grand Coteau, LA on 13 July 1876 (2). He and his wife lived in the Bellevue area of St. Landry Parish, LA (3). Celeste BOUTTE was b. 30 Jan. 1859 (4) and d. in Mamou on 8 Nov. 1897. She was buried next to her husband in Reedton Cemetery. Lucien and Celeste's marriage record shows that a dispensation had been granted for second degree consanguinity because Lucien and Celeste were first cousins on the BOUTTE side. (See Note 1 and 4)

Children of Lucien BACON and Celeste BOUTTE

The records kept by Julia Angeline BACON show the following ten children for Lucien BACON and Celeste BOUTTE:

1. Deneza BACON, b. 13 May 1877, d. 17 May 1877
2. Mary BACON, b. 1 June 1878, d. 1 June 1878
3. Julia Angeline BACON, b. 22 May 1879, d. Mamou, 9 Feb. 1944, buried in St. Ann Cemetery, married at Chataignier, LA on 10 Feb. 1902 to William Henry GATY, widower of Josephine Hester TATMAN (5).
4. Ellena BACON, b. 27 Jan. 1882, married 9 July 1901 to Eumeze GUILLORY
5. Albert BACON, b. 24 March 1884
6. Joseph BACON, b. 28 Aug. 1886, d. 2 Oct. 1886
7. Paul BACON, b. 8 Sept. 1887, married 8 Sept. 1914 to Beatrice DESHOTEL
8. Daisy Deniza BACON, b. 7 June 1890, d. Elton, LA 27 May 1971 at 3:00 PM, married Thomas W. WALKER
9. Lucien BACON, Jr. ("Boss"), b. 3 March 1893, d. 21 October 1967, 9:30 AM, married Hester DESHOTEL (6)
10. Blanche BACON, 21 Feb. 1896, married 25 Nov. 1913 to Joseph PIERROTTI

Notes

(1) St. Landry Catholic Church, Opelousas, LA (hereafter Opelousas Church), Baptismal Records, Vol. 4, p. 387, give Lucien's birth date as 7 (rather than 8) February 1852. He was the son of Joseph (Bapt. 31 August 1811), age 3½ years; Opelousas Church Baptismal Records, Vol. 1, p. 539) and Angeline Constance BOUTTE (b. 2 July 1822; Opelousas Church Baptismal Records, Vol. 2, p. 243). Joseph (son of John, sometimes Juan or even Jacques, and Marguerite Vauchery) and Angeline (daughter of Antoine Helaire of Attakapas, brother of Francois Zenon, Jean LAFITTE's lieutenant, and Marie Mathilde (Nanette) CHACHERE) were married 8 Feb. 1844 (Opelousas Church Marriage Records, Vol. 2, pp. 238-239 and Vol. A, No. 315). The BACON family can be traced back yet another generation in the Baptismal and Marriage records of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Baton Rouge, LA, where John BACON (son of Richard and Margaret "Ann" DOWNY, natives of Belfast, Ireland), "a Protestant and native of Illinois Territory", m. 21 August 1795, Marguerite Vauchery (daughter of Jean Claude and Marie Marguerite LESTAGE [De l'ESTAGE], natives of Canada, "a Catholic and native of Post San Vincent" (Baptismal Records SJ0-1, pp. 200-201 and Marriage Records SJ0-83, p. 31, and SJ0-84-A, p. 61).

(2) St. Charles Borromeo (formerly Sacred Heart) Catholic Church, Grand Coteau, LA (hereafter, Grand Coteau Church), Vol. 4, p. 54. The marriage was performed by the Rev. J. F. Abbadie, S. J., and witnessed by Stephen MARTEL, Louis BACON, and Jos. CHACHERE.

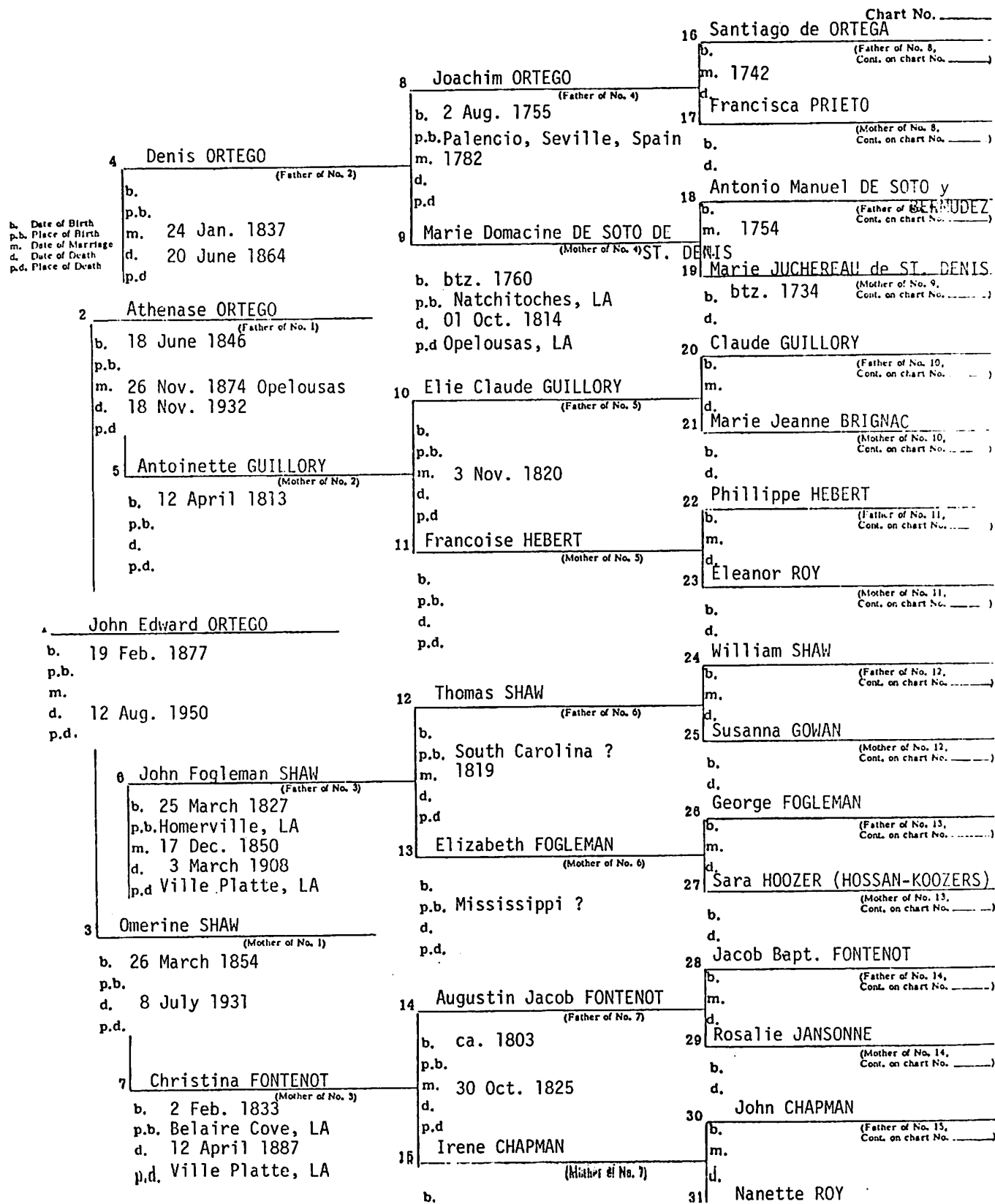
(3) Information provided by Celeste GATY, Ville Platte, LA

(4) Grand Coteau Church Baptismal Records, Vol. 2, p. 152, give Celeste's year of birth as 1857. Celeste was the daughter of Julien Vaucherie and Denisa (Denise) LAVERGNE. Vaucherie (brother of Angeline Constance) and Denisa (daughter of Celestin and Louise HENRY) were married on 6 July 1843 (Grand Coteau Church Marriage Records, Vol. 1, p. 346).

(5) Marriage record in St. Anthony Catholic Church, Eunice, LA

(6) Hester DESHOTEL, a resident of Ville Platte, is a sister of Beatrice, the wife of Paul BACON.

JOHN EDWARD ORTEGO FAMILY CHART
Submitted by Barbara B. West



Athenase ORTEGO and Omerine SHAW had the following children: John Edward ORTEGO (see above); Edwin ORTEGO, b. 02 Dec. 1878, d. 07 Dec. 1911; Lavinia ORTEGO, b. 01 Oct. 1880, d. 23 Dec. 1961; Edmond ORTEGO, b. 23 Nov. 1882, d. 02 Oct. 1966; Athanase ORTEGO, Jr., b. 18 June 1884, d. 05 Oct. 1961; Zenon ORTEGO, b. 16 May 1886, d. 12 July 1944; Albert ORTEGO, b. 18 June 1888, d. 28 Dec. 1961; Augustine ORTEGO, b. 14 Aug. 1890, d. 28 Sept. 1894; Deneige ORTEGO, b. 07 Jan. 1893, d. 29 Sept. 1927; Denise ORTEGO, b. 07 Jan. 1893, d. 25 Oct. 1968; Emile ORTEGO, b. 07 April 1896, d. 23 Aug. 1949. (Information from Bible possessed by a son of John Edward ORTEGO and from conversations with older family members.)

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