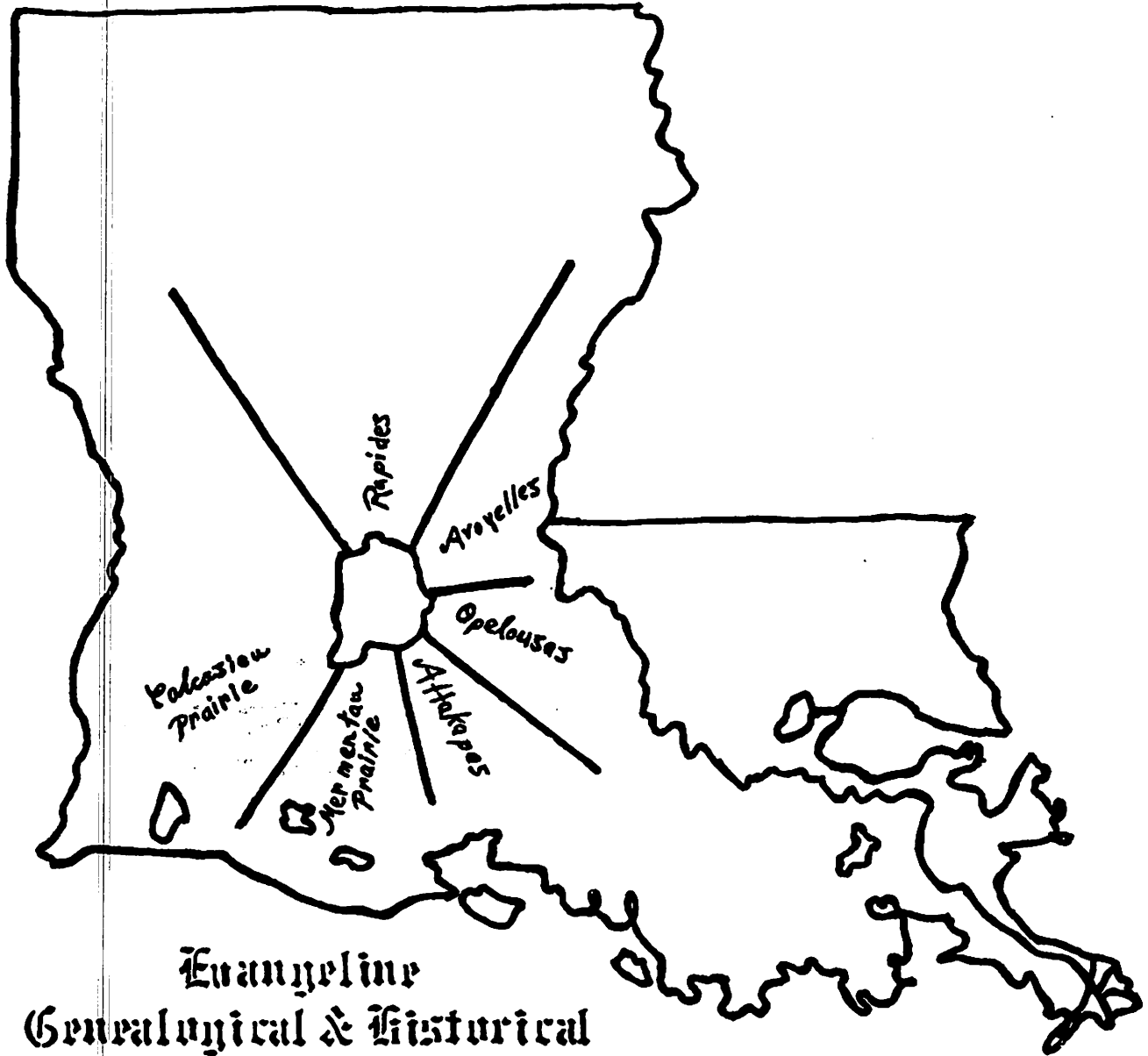


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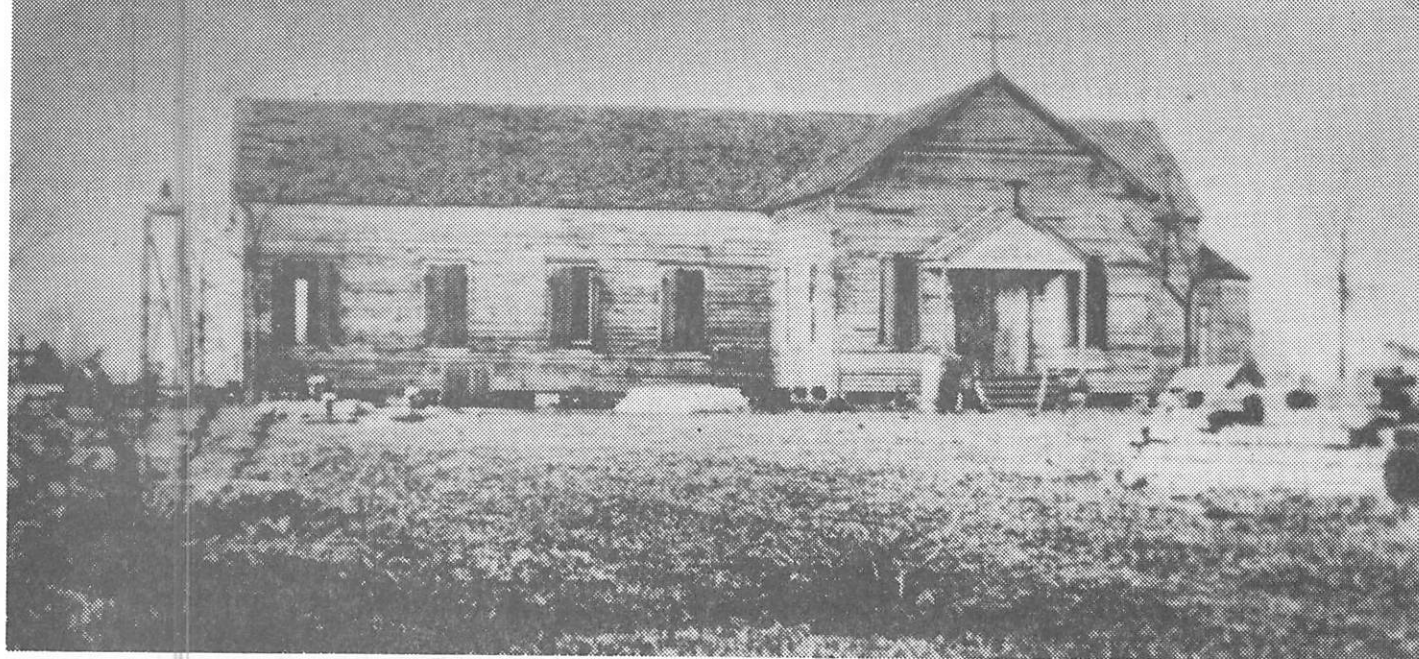
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*1st St. Peter's Church
in Grand Prairie, La
built 1867-1868*



OLD ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, GRAND PRAIRIE, LA.

In La Voix des Prairies No. 15, Vol. 4, Oct. 1983, an article appeared on page 67, listing those buried in the old cemetery in Grand Prairie. A model of the old church has been constructed from wood salvaged from the old church which brings back fond memories to those who remember the building.(1)

The following is a selected listing of marriages of the deceased as they appeared in the Computer Indexed Marriage Records for St. Landry Parish, 1817-1892(2)

Marceline Garand-Bridget Soileau	6-14-1821
Lucien Pitre-Elizabeth Doucet	2-7-1879
Matius Robery-Clarrisa Stevens	10-24-1868
Gustave Soileau-Marie Emma Fontenot	6-19-1880
Valcour Soileau-Eupholine Ardoin	12-27-1870
Valmond Soileau-Emelie Ardoin	1-20-1869
Phillip Stagg-Josephine Guillory	4-1-1826
Alfred Stagg-Marie Cassilda Vidrine	4-18-1871
Pierre Sylvestre-Arthemise Guillory	2-18-1865
Pierre Sylvestre-Louisa Ducroix Fontenot	12-19-1866
Pierre Sylvestre-Sophia Fontenot	7-13-1867
Martin Vidrine-Marie E. Ortego	10-5-1883
Ambrose Vidrine-Marie C. Dupre	12-10-1890
Cyrille Vidrine-Ermeline Guillory	2-2-1857
Adam Dupre-Eloise Vidrine	11-5-1881
Auguste Doucet-Elizabeth Kimball	6-14-1860
Augustin Doucet-Lucille Smith	10-5-1889

Footnotes

1, An article describing the model, and how the building of it came about, can be found in the January 5, 1983 issue of The Gazette, P.O. Box 220, Ville Platte, LA 70586

2. Published by Hunting for Bear, Inc, Three Lynn Lane, Hammond, LA 70401

THE TATE COVE TATES: THE FIRST THREE GENERATIONS
by Albert Tate, Jr.

The TATES of Southwest Louisiana are descended from Adam TATE (Adam & "Mary" HAY) (1774-1819) and Marie Louise "LaRose" FONTENOT (Joseph LaRose & Magdalena HADRE/HEYD/HAID) (1777-1850), who were married in the Opelousas church in 1799, at approximately which time Adam purchased land in present-day Tate Cove from his father-in-law. Adam and his brother Joseph (who died as a young man without known descendants) were brought as small boys in early 1780 to the Spanish Opelousas Post area from British Mobile (via New Orleans) by William BUNDICK and his wife Mary HAY, who was either the aunt of the TATE boys or their mother by a first marriage.

The documentary sources for these statements are set forth in TATE, "The First Tates of the Evangeline-St. Landry Parish Area", Attakapas Gazette, Vol. XIII, No. 3 (Fall 1978), p. 112 (which also describes Adam's later history in the Opelousas area), and in TATE, "William BUNDICK'S Marriage to Mary HAY in Mobile (1778)", La Voix des Prairies, Vol. 3, No. 11, p. 74 (October 1982). The probable identification of Adam TATE'S father, Adam (I) TATE, as the son of Joseph TATE, d.N.Car. 1772, of probable Scotch-Irish origin, and of Ally HUNTER, of Scotch-Irish and Scottish County Ayr origin, as well as a description of Joseph TATE'S migrations and land acquisitions in Virginia and North Carolina, is set forth in TATE, "The Southwest Louisiana TATES", La Genealogical Register, Vol. XXX, No. 3 (Sept. 1983), p. 201. See also: TATE, "The Father of Adam TATE (II), Ancestor of the TATES of Southwest Louisiana", La Voix des Prairies, Vol. 1, No. 3 (Fall 1980), p. 46.

Adam TATE'S wife, Marie Louise LaRose FONTENOT, was the great-granddaughter of Jean Louis FONTENOT (dit Colon), d. 1755, a native of St. Germain Parish in Poitiers, France, a French soldier who in French Mobile in 1726 had married Louise HENRY, a native of Port Louis, France. Marie Louise's grandfather, Philippe (spouse: Marie BRIGNAC), was also a French soldier who, along with at least five of his brothers, migrated to the Spanish Opelousas area following the French surrender of Mobile to the English in 1763. Her father was Philippe's son, Joseph ("LaRose") FONTENOT ("pere"), who had married Magdalena HAY (HADRE) (HAYO) (HAID), b. ca 1762 on the German Coast, the daughter of Nicholas and of Margaret FOLCH (VOLZ), natives of Northern Alsace in France.

The documentary sources for this information are set forth at: VIDRINE and PUCHEU, "The First FONTENOT Families", Louisiana Genealogical Register, Volume XXII, No. 4 (December 1975), p. 387, and Volume XXIII, No. 2 (June 1976), p. 122; W. DE VILLE, Gulf Coast Colonials (Baltimore, 1968), p. 38; J. D. YOUNG, The BRIGNAC Family and Their Relatives in Louisiana (Metairie, 1978), pp. 41-49; BRASSEAU, "Opelousas and the Alabama Immigrants, 1763-1766", Attakapas Gazette, Volume XIV, No. 4 (Fall 1979), p. 112; TATE, "The First TATES of the Evangeline-St. Landry Parish Area", Attakapas Gazette, Volume XIII, No. 3 (Fall 1978), p. 107 at 116-117.

The Children and Grandchildren of Adam TATE and Marie Louise FONTENOT

As reflected by St. Landry Catholic Church records, Adam TATE and Marie Louise FONTENOT had four children, all boys. One of them, Fostin (Faustin), was born in 1801 and died in 1803. The other three sons, progenitors of the TATES of Southwest Louisiana, were Joseph b. 1800, Adam (III) b. 1803, and Hilaire (Eli, Elie) b. 1805. Based upon the St. Landry Parish civil and Catholic Church records (except as otherwise indicated), the following are the children of these three surviving sons and their marriages (at least up through the date of their father's death) (1):

- I. Joseph TATE, b. 1800, bt. August 10, 1800, d. 1857, married: (1) July 23, 1822, Caroline SOILEAU (daughter of Baptiste SOILEAU and Marie Faidel GUILLORY) d. 1845; (2) February 7, 1848, Marceline Jean Louis Philippe FONTENOT (daughter of Jean Louis Phillippe FONTENOT and Marguerite PITRE). After Joseph's death, Marceline (Marcelite) remarried June 17, 1865, to Onezime VEILLON, son of Onesime and Marie Louise GUILLORY. The children of these marriages are:

A. First Marriage:

1. Joseph ("fils" or "Jr."; later "Sr."), b. 1823, m. October 24, 1848, Emelie (Amelie) (first cousin) (daughter of Hilaire TATE and Eugenie Henri FONTENOT)
2. Christoval, b. ca. 1827, d. 1867, m. September 12, 1848, Valentine TATE (first cousin) (daughter of Adam and Eugenie P. PITRE)
3. Lewis (Louis), b. September 11, 1827, d. 1865, m. (1) September 30, 1854, Felicianne SOILEAU (daughter of Louis SOILEAU and Melasie RICHARD) d. 1857, and (2) January 18, 1859, Adelaide LaRose Philippe FONTENOT (daughter of Philippe LaRose FONTENOT and Marie Mathilde ORTEGUE)
4. Edmond, b. January 4, 1831
5. Caroline, b. 1833, d. August 8, 1860 (Grand Prairie) m. April 13, 1857, Charles LA BAS (son of Charles LE BAS and Josephine STAGG)
6. Hermina (Ermina), b. April 23, 1835, m. May 30, 1859, Homere SAVANT (son of Pierre SAVANT and Marie Louise GUILLORY)
7. Robert, b. January 23, 1837, m. February 15, 1858, Emelie Emmaïs LAFLEUR (daughter of Lastie and Christine LE BAS)
8. William, b. February 12, 1839, m. November 15, 1858, Onezima TATE (first cousin) (daughter of Hilaire TATE and Eugenie FONTENOT)

9. Odalie (Cedalie) (Adalie), b. ?. m. July 20, 1865 (Ville Platte Church), St. Ann(e) FONTENOT (son of Louis L. and Marie Anne GUILLORY)

10. Marie Louise, b. January 16, 1843, (never married)

E. Second Marriage:

11. Alexandre, b. December 19, 1848, m. January 20, 1869, Marie Olive (Oline) GUILLORY, 20 years old, Washington Church (daughter of Valcour (Valery) and Josephine FONTENOT)

12. Emilie, b. August 14, 1850, m. January 23, 1868, Alexandre JOHNSON (son of Gerard and Celie FONTENOT)

13. Emeline (Emelie), b. May 13, 1854 (Ville Platte Church)

14. Eugenie, b. December 23, 1855

15. Leandre, b. November 27, 1857

16. Elizabeth, b. ?, m. September 21, 1869 (Washington Church) Denis (Duicis) SAVOIE (sone of Omer and Pauline FONTENOT)

II. Adam TATE, b. 1803, bt. October 23, 1803, d. October 13, 1877, m. (1) January 22, 1828, Eugenie P. (Poupon) PITRE (daughter of Francois Jean PITRE (fils) and Eugenie GUILLORY), d. 1867; and (2) June 22, 1868 (Ville Platte Church) Miss Catherine MC DANIEL (daughter of Gabriel and Louisa HAULIN (Eliza HAMILTON))

His children from his first marriage (none by second) are (those names denoted by * are indicated in his 1877 succession proceedings as having predeceased their father without issue):

1. Eugenie*, b. January 21, 1829

2. Adam*, b. May 16, 1831, d. March 8, 1839

3. Valentine, b. February 14, 1833, d. 1867, m. September 12, 1848, Christoval TATE (first cousin) (son of Joseph and Caroline SOILEAU)

4. Onesime*, b. December 20, 1834

5. Pauline*, b. November 26, 1837

6. Louisa (Louise) b. May 26, 1839, m. October 9, 1854, Philip STAGG (son of John Philip Gabriel STAGG (Sr.) and Josephine GUILLORY)

7. Emma*, b. March 14, 1843, d. January 27, 1848

8. Lastie*, b. June 24, 1844, d. January 29, 1866

9. Elvina, b. December 11, 1846, m. February 11, 1866
(Ville Platte Church) John GUILLORY (son of Lasti GUILLORY
and Elisa ANDRUS)
10. Melinda, b. May 6, 1849, m. May 17, 1866 (Ville Platte
Church) Jean Pierre (John P.) REED (son of James and
Sidonie FONTENOT)

III. Hilaire (Elie) TATE, b. October 11, 1805, d. June 25, 1864,
m. January 12, 1828, Eugenie H. (Henri) FONTENOT, d. January 7,
1883, (daughter of Henri FONTENOT and Eugenie SOILEAU)

His children are (those denoted by * are indicated by his 1864
succession proceedings as having predeceased him without issue):

1. Hilaire, b. December 29, 1828, m. February 11, 1851,
Sidalise (Cidalise) GARAND (daughter of Marcelin and
Hyacinthe VIDRINE)
2. Mathilde (Ematilde), b. March 5, 1831, d. 1865, m. (1)
February 8, 1848, Valerien Joseph Simon FONTENOT (son of
Joseph Simon and Celise Simon SOCIER) and (2) September 7,
1852, Jean Baptiste ARDOUIN (son of Francois and Emelite
SOILEAU)
3. Emilie (Amilie), b. August 13, 1832, d. 1886, m. October
24, 1848, Joseph TATE (first cousin) (son of Joseph and
Caroline SOILEAU)
4. Onezima, b. February 9, 1833, m. November 15, 1858, William
TATE (first cousin) (son of Joseph and Caroline SOILEAU)
5. Eugenie, b. July 11, 1836, m. January 6, 1853, Etienne
FOREST (FORET). b. 1828 (son of Cyprien FORET and Josephine
FUSELIER) (2)
6. Onezime, b. February 8, 1837, d. October 5, 1870 (Ville
Platte Church). m. March 3, 1859, Malvina DARDEAU
(daughter of Edouard and Marie VIDRINE)
7. Emile (Amile), b. May 1, 1839, m. March 16, 1859, Marie
Louise LAFLEUR (daughter of Joseph and Marie Domelise
Godfroy SOILEAU)
8. Adam (H.). b. September 29, 1842, bt. March 14, 1843 (5½
mos.), d. April 15, 1873, m. December 12, 1865, Camille
DARDEAU (daughter of Edouard and Ladoiska ROLLINS)
9. Octavie, b. September 23, 1844, m. October 17, 1865 (Ville
Platte Church) Theodule VIDRINE (son of Augustin and
Eugenie GODAU)
10. Oneil*, b. December 6, 1829
11. Pauline*, b. ?, d. September 20, 1847.

NOTES

(1) The data is primarily based upon Father Hebert's Southwest Louisiana Records, as verified by other genealogies based upon the St. Landry Parish church records, and by the estate proceedings in the St. Landry Parish records of Hilaire, Docket No. 2656 (1865) and Adam, Docket No. 3969 (1877), sons of Adam (II) and Marie Louise. Unfortunately, the estate of the third son, Joseph TATE, Docket No. 2186 (1857), has been missing from the St. Landry Parish records since 1970, and the writer was unable to cross-check the text information against these succession proceedings; however, the excellent TATE genealogical materials maintained by Mrs. Paul C (Jan) TATE, Sr., Mamou, were made available for corroboration. Joseph TATE, incidentally, moved to the Bayou Boeuf area above Washington in present-day St. Landry Parish, and his son Joseph settled in the Prairie Mammoth (Mamou) area of present-day Evangeline Parish.

(2) The civil marriage record, showing Eugenie's parentage but not Etienne's, is found in the St. Landry Parish Clerk of Court marriage records. Neither, a church marriage nor Etienne's baptismal record could be located. His date of birth and parentage are based upon the enumeration of the 1860 federal census microfilm for St. Landry Parish, National Archives, at p. 206, enumeration no. 1343, of the family of Etienne FORET, age 32, and his wife, Eugenie TATE, age 24, which included Lucius and Armant, the two identified children of the marriage born by 2 October, 1860, date of the enumeration. In the household also was Josephine FORET, age 55, Lucille FORET, age 27, and Onile FORET, age 15----the widow (by the 1850 census) of Cyprien FORET and two of his children. Josephine FUSELIER (Etienne Versure FUSELIER and Lucille DESHOTEL) was baptized at the St. Landry church 13 July 1804 at the age of seven months, and she married Cyprien FORET (Pierre and Marie FONTENOT) at that church on 7 September, 1824, according to St. Landry Catholic Church records abstracted in Volumes I and II of Hebert's Southwest Louisiana Records.

CENSUS BRIEFS

Compiled by Albert Tate, Jr. 2 July 1982 from his screening of the 1860 Federal Census for St. Landry Parish, National Archives microfilm at Evangeline Parish Public Library

	Age	Sex		Value of real estate	Value of personal property
P. 210, Dwelling House # 1369, Family # 1369, enumeration taken 3 Oct 1860					
Adam Tete	58	m	Planter	\$10,000	\$64,000
Eugenie Pitre	50	f	(could not read or write)		
Lastie Tete	16	m			
Elvina Tete	13	f	(all born in St. Landry Parish)		
Malinda Tete	11	f			

(Note: Lastie is soon to die in 1866) AT

P. 209, Dwelling House # 1365, Family # 1365, enumeration taken 2 Oct 1860

Hilair Tete	55	m	Planter	\$6,800	\$39,000
Eugenie H. Fontenot	54	f	(could not read or write)		
Adam Tete	18	m			
Octavie Tete	16	f			
Onezime Tete	22	m	Manager	"	\$200
Malvina Dardeau	21	f	(all born in St. Landry Parish)		
Martha Tete	5/12	f			

(Note: Hilaire was the third son of the original first TATE who came to the Tate Cove - Bayou Chicot area in 1780 as a young boy. Onezime, his son, married Malvina DARDEAU on March 3, 1859 (daughter of Edouard and Marie VIDRINE) Martha is their child.) AT

P. 207, Dwelling House # 1353, Family # 1353, enumeration 2 Oct 1860

Louis Tete	33	m	Planter	\$2,000	\$5,000
Adelaide Fontenot	37	f			
Louis Tete	4	m			
Mary L (S?) Tate	17	f			

(Note: Louis is the son of Joseph, d. 1857, and of Caroline SOILEAU, d. 1845. His first wife, Felicianne SOILEAU had died in 1857 and on 18 January 1859, he had married Adelaide LaRose Phillipe Fontenot, daughter of Phillipe LaRose and of Marie Mathilde ORTEGUE. The boy, Louis, is probably a son of his first marriage. 'Mary', age 17, is probably his sister, b. 16 January 1843 and never married.) AT

P. 210, Dwelling House # 1370, Family # 1370, enumeration taken 3 Oct 1860

Christoval Tete	33	m	Planter	\$500	\$14,500
Valentine Tete	27	f			
Christoval Tete	11	m	(attended school within the year)		
Edmond Tete	10	m			
Christine Tete	9	f			
Eugenie Tete	6	f	(all born in St. Landry Parish)		
Philippe Tete	4	m			
Onile Tete	2	m			
Cleofat Tete	1				

(Note: Christoval (son of Joseph and Caroline SOILEAU) and his wife, Valentine (daughter of Adam (II) and Eugenie P. PITRE (see enumeration # 1369) were first cousins. They were both to die in 1967, leaving a large family of orphaned children.) AT

P. 202, Dwelling House # 1317, Family # 1317, enumeration 1 Oct 1860

Hilair Tete Jnr	32	m	Planter	\$2,000	\$7,900
Cidalise Garand	29	f			
Arthur Tete	8	m	(all born in St. Landry Parish)		
Mary C. Tete	6	f			
Oscar Tete	2	m			

(Note: Hilaire is the son of Hilaire (I) and Eugenie Henri Fontenot. His wife, Cidalise, is daughter of Marcelin GARAND and Hyacinthe VIDRINE.) AT

TREME FAMILY HISTORY
Submitted by Melba Marcantel

The progenitor of this family line in Louisiana was Francisco, or Francois, TREME (also TREMI, TREMIE, TREMIRS). He was the son of Julien TREME and Matilde ROUB and was born circa 1816 in the valley between the Rio Grande River and San Antonio, Texas, as area settled and occupied by wealthy landowners. This land, not under the jurisdiction of either Mexico or Texas, was considered lawless. Indians were known to plunder at will, sometimes even kidnapping the children of these rich ranchers to hold for ransom.

The TREME family history details a story about an Indian woman known only as "Grandma Klauve"(Clauve). She supposedly had bought young Francisco (about 15 or 16 when abducted by his captors) from the Indians for a barrel of corn and a slab of bacon. He had a scar around his waist that was the result of having been tied to a tree with a strip of rawhide.

When the threat of war between Texas and Mexico arose, Grandma Klauve packed her belongings and Francisco in an oxcart and headed for Louisiana. It was said that she was afraid Francisco would have to fight in the war.

She settled with her young ward at Indian Village, southwest of Kinder and east of the Calcasieu River.

In 1838, at the age of 21, Francois married Euphrosine GUILLORY, daughter of Antoine Louis and Euphrosine ROUGEAU of Belair Cove, near Ville Platte. She was said to have been very tall and slim.

Francois settled west of Elton. His occupation was that of farmer and stockman. He and Euphrosine had 13 children, many of whose descendants still reside in this area.

The TREME family information that follows was obtained from Father Hebert's Southwest Louisiana Records.

Francois TREME, born circa 1816, Rio Grande, m. 12 Nov 1838, Euphrosine GUILLORY, b. 20 Oct 1819.

Children:

Mathilde, b. 14 Feb 1839, m. Soul (Saul) HARGROVE

Euphrosine, b. 8 Jan 1843, m. 1) Lastie BERTRAND, 2) 14 Apr 1864,
Alexandre MARCANTEL

Francois, b. 24 Dec 1844, m. 1876 Jeanne HAYES, (son, Francois
married 19 Apr 1894 Celeste AUGUSTINE)

Antoine born 19 Oct 1845, married 1 Feb 1877 Genevieve LEDOUX, d. 25
May 1918, bur, Liberty Cem, Elton.

Children: Joseph Sidney, b. 13 Nov 1878; Gadrade, b. 9 Oct 1886;

Irma, b. 28 Dec 1889; Pierre Clairfait, b. 20 Sep 1883

Marguerite, b. 4 Feb 1849, m. Leopold FONTENOT

Genevieve, b. 18 June 1851, m. Louis NEUGENT

Leonard, b. 28 Oct 1853, m. 30 Nov 1875 Celeste BORDELON,
 Children: Joseph, b. 13 Nov 1878; Stanislaus, b. 26 Jan 1880;
 Anaise, b. 18 Dec 1886; Bernadette, b. 4 Feb 1890; Bernard,
 b. 30 Jan 1893; Euphemie, b. 18 Mar 1895; Marie Iris, b.
 12 Sep 1876

Louis Soule (Saul) b. 25 Jul 1855, m. Ollina (Olive) BERTRAND
 Children: Laura, b. 25 Jul 1887; Sidonia; born 25 Aug 1895;
 Ambroise, b. 10 Mar 1898

Elenor (Lenor), b. 10 Sep 1856, m. Joseph Villemont MARCANTEL
 Joseph, b. Mar 1865, m. 6 Jan 1887, Bathilda DURIO
 Children: Joseph Oscar, b. 31 Jan 1889; Marie Lebe, b. 21
 Mar 1891; Elizabeth Estella, b. 18 Dec 1894

Irma, b ----, married Elmo BUREAU
 Alice, b ----, married Colin HEBERT
 Elizabeth, b ----, married Jerome HEBERT

The information about Francois' early life is from the family history of Agnes Tremé Loftin.

The certificates shown below are related to the article beginning on the next page, submitted by Carolyn P. Ricke.

Certificate of Baptism

Paternal *Maternal*
St. Landry Catholic Church *Philippe Robert*
Marie Jeanne 900 N. Union St. *Eleanor Roy*
Brigance Opelousas, La. 70570

— This is to Certify —

That *Marie Jeanne Guillory*
 Child of *Elic Guillory*
 and *Francoise Robert*
 born in *St. Landry Parish, Post of Opelousas*
 on the *18* day of *July* 18*19*

Was Baptized
 on the *3* day of *November* 18*20*
 according to the

Rite of the Roman Catholic Church

by the Reverend Father *H. Flavien Rossi*
 the Sponsors being *Joseph Constant*
Celeste Guillory
 as appears from the Baptismal Register of this Church

Dated *March 6, 1922* Vol. *2* Page *228* No. *62*
 Pastor *Goldie M. Young*

ST. LANDRY'S CHURCH
 OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA

Certificate of Marriage

This is to certify

THAT *Elic Guillory*
 son of *Claude Guillory*
Marie Jeanne Brigrace
 and *Francoise Robert* *widow of Washie*
 daughter of *Philippe Robert*
Eleanor Roy

were lawfully married on the *3* day of *November*, 18*20*
 according to the rites of the Catholic Church and in conformity with the
 laws of the State of Louisiana.

Validation of civil marriage, and
legitimizing the child of this marriage
 Rev. *H. Flavien Rossi* officiating in
 the presence of *James Ray, Camel Ray*
and Ida Bates Danne

witnesses, as appears from the marriage register of this church.

Dated *March 6*, 19*22*

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 No. *12* *Archivist* *Assistant Pastor*

La Voix des Prairies No. 16
THE GUILLORYS OF LOUISIANA

by Carolyn P. Ricke

In La Voix des Prairies No. 7, vol.2, Oct. 1981, two articles were printed on The Guillorys of Louisiana, one by Jacqueline Olivier Vidrine and one by Elaine Miller Richardson. I would like to add the following information concerning Eli Guillory son of Claude Guillory and Marie Jeanne Brignac to the growing collection of information on this interesting family.

There is a discrepancy in the dates of the birth of the children of Eli and Francoise Hebert as stated by Ms. Richardson, page 70 of the above listed publication due to the fact Eli and Francoise did not participate in a civil marriage until 3 Nov. 1820. On that day they appeared before Judge George King at the courthouse in Opelousas and gave the following statement.

Eli Guillory Francoise Hebert

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DECLARATION RECORDED 3rd NOVEMBER 1820

State of Louisiana, Parish of Saint Landry - This day the third of November in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty, before one George King, Judge in and for the afore said parish & Ex Officio Notary Public, appeared personally Eli Guillory and Francoise Hebert of the aforesaid State and Parish, who declared that they had been living together about thirteen years in a state of concubinage, during which time they had five children born to wit, the first or oldest bearing the name of Celeste Guillory, and aged about eleven years, the second, Elisie Guillory, aged about eight years, the third Antoinette Guillory aged about seven, the fourth, Hypolite Guillory aged about three years, and the fifth, Marie Jeanne Guillory aged about sixteen months. Of which said children the said Eli Guillory and Francoise Hebert hereby acknowledge themselves to be the father and mother. And they the said Eli Guillory and Francoise Hebert being about to unite together in the bonds of matrimony have made this public acknowledgement in order that the aforesaid children may after their Marriage enjoy all and singular and the legitimate rights which they might or could have had, provided they had been born during Marriage. - In testimony whereof the said Eli Guillory and Francoise Hebert have herewith signed by making their ordinary marks, not knowing how to write, in presence of the ----- witness and Judge aforesaid the day and year above written.-

his	her
Eli X Guillory	Francoise X Hebert
mark	mark

Witness James Ray David Bell Geo. King, Judge

On this same day, 3rd Nov. 1820 Eli Guillory and Francoise Hebert were married at St. Landry Catholic Church, Opelousas, La. (Vol.-B p.362,#18)

Also, on this same date, Marie Jeanne Guillory d/o Eli Guillory and Francoise Hebert, born 18 July 1819 was baptized 3 Nov. 1820. Reverend Father H. Flavuis Rossi officiated at both ceremonies.

Francoise Hebert d/o Philippe Hebert dit Milan and Eleanor Roy had married before her marriage to Eli Guillory, Jacob Beaulieu (Bertrand) s/o Jacob Bertrand of Canada and Constance LaMirande. Their were at least two children of this marriage, Joseph, born 1804 and Cyprien born 1806. A Jacob Beaulieu died 18 Sept. 1812, age 30, (St. Landry Cat. Ch., Opel. La. V.1Pg.126). If this is Francoise's first husband it was certainly an impediment to her marriage in the beginning of her relationship with Eli Guillory which according to their testimony began ca. 1807. Francoise died before Oct. 1828. On 30 Oct. 1828, Eli Guillory married Melite Fontenot, widow of Joseph Ortego, (St. Landry Cat. Ch., Opelousas, La. V.1 P.526). Melite Fontenot was the daughter of Henry Fontenot and Marie Louise Doucet.

Eli Guillory died before 20 Nov. 1844 at which time a Succession was done, Succ. #1157 St. Landry Parish Court House, Opelousas, La. Two separate auction sales were held to sell the property in the estate; the first held at the "last residence of Elie Guillory late of the Parish of St. Landry, deceased husband of Emilie Fontenot----in the old Grand Prairie and distant about 16 miles from the court house of Opelousas" and one from the residence of Elise Guillory on Lacapisc(?) Island in Calcasieu Parish.

There were a total of 102 items for sale at the Grand Prairie auction and seventy one names are entered on the sale documents at that sale. People who did not pay in cash, of which there were few signed or made his or her mark to signify agreement to the terms of sale which were as follows.

"All sums under fifty dollars payable in the month of April 1846 and sums of fifty dollars and over, payable one half in all the month of April 1846, and the other half in all the month of April 1847. Purchases giving apprasor personal security, and the lands and slaves, remaining specially mortgages to the said estate until the full and entire payment of the purchase money and the interest which may accrue thereon- All sums not punctually paid when due, to bear interest at the rate of eight per cent per annum from maturity until finally settled."

One can imagine the crowd gathering early, arriving on horse back and by farm wagon. The ladies clustered in groups, getting and passing on the latest gossip and strolling among the items for bid and choosing what they might wish for themselves. There was

a great variety from which to choose. For the ladies there were a clock, bed and bedding, baskets, pots, a spinning wheel, wool tallow, tin boxes, candle sticks, assorted furniture and assorted food stuffs, peas, sweet potatoes and corn. The gentlemen were probably more interested in guns, tobacco, shingles, horse collars, a pair of spurs, ploughs, grind stone, spades and hoes, barrels of lime, saddles, a horse cart, bricks, a flat boat, fodder, land and 2600 9ft. post. There was also an assortment of farm animals, horses, sheep, hogs, work oxen and cattle.

Melite Fontenot, the Widow Guillory bought for herself carpenter tools, soap, one jar lard \$6.00, a complete loom \$4.12 $\frac{1}{2}$, a pair and irons \$2.00, 115 bbls. corn in the shuck \$28.75, ten head of hogs (first choice) \$30.00, one lot sweet potatoes \$2.62 $\frac{1}{2}$, an American horse \$40.00, one lot knives, forks and spoons \$2.75, one tract of land, $\frac{1}{2}$ arpent by 40 in dept. \$35.00, one lot of crockery ware \$5.12 $\frac{1}{2}$, seven chairs \$7.00, and a negro named Baptiste, age twenty years for \$1015.00

The other slaves auctioned, Billy age about 27, sold for \$625.00 and a negro woman Marguerite age 32 and her three children, Augustine, a boy age nine, Julie(?), a girl age six and William a boy age four sold for \$945.00. These slaves were bought by Don Diego Fontenot.

Toussant Demerest, son-in-law of Eli Guillory, bought one pair razors, wet stone and a razor strap for \$3.12 $\frac{1}{2}$ and a double barrel gun for \$25.00. Joseph Tate bought one ox cart for \$35.00. Eight bee hives went for \$1.00 to Jean LaFleur. Hypolite Guillory, son of Eli, bought two jugs and a demi-john for \$3.12, a small looking glass 50¢ and a tract of land, two hundred superficial arpents in section SW 5 TP 4 SR 3 East, for \$505.00. One lot meat and salt to Denis Ortego for \$1.50. Francois Ignace Fontenot bought one bed and bedding for \$25.00. David Ardoine bought one spinning machine for \$51.00. The only other female to affix her mark to the sales document was Mrs. Helen Ardoin who must of had a bad roof for she bought one lot shingles for \$11.00. A total of \$4217.12 was made at this sale.

The document for the Grand Prarie sale is dated 21 Dec. 1844. Every item bought on credit is followed by two signatures or their marks; that of the purchaser and one other which appears to be a cosignor to represent the personel security mentioned in the terms of sale. Generally purchases made by family members did not carry this second signature. Two exceptions, a land purchase of Hypolite Guillory and the purchase of the slave Baptiste by the Widow Guillory.

Following is a list of the individuals who either signed or made their mark on the document titled


PROCESS VERBAL OF SALE #1157

STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF ST. LANDRY

Achille Ardoin	Hypolite Guillory
Cesar Ardoin *	Joseph Jean Louis Guillory
David Ardoin	Lastie Guillory
Ely Ardoin	Pierre M. Guillory
Etienne Ardoine	Widow E. Guillory
Francois Ardoine	Joachim Moutego (Ortego)
Mrs. Helen Ardoine	Jean Baptiste Jeansonne
Louis Balthasar	Cesar LaFleur, Pere
Francois Baron	Jean LaFleur
Joseph Bertrand	Jean Pierre Lafleur*
Joseph Jacque Bertran	Joseph LaFleur
Aug. Debaillon	Ther Lastrap
L. Debaillon	Naveirse (?) Lavigne*
Cyprien Delaf-o-e	James Miers
Jean Baptiste Desmaret	Jean Mieires
Toussaint Desmaret	Denis Ortego
Lastie Dupre, Administrator	Joachim Ortego
Alexandre Fontenot	Joseph Ortego
Cyprien L. Fontenot, fils*	Joseph Manuel Ortego
Cyprien L. Fontenot	Joseph Francois Pitre
Don Diego A. Fontenot	Jospeh F. Pitre
Don Diego L. Fontenot	Onesime N.(?) Pitre
Francois I. Fontenot	Onesime P. Pitre
Francois Ignaci Fontenot	Onezime Pommier
Henry Fontenot	Zenon Rideau
Jean L.P. Fontenot*	Ortere Savant
Jean F. Fontenot	Joseph Agricole Soileau
Lucas Fontenot	Hilaire Tate
Zincours Fontenot	Joseph Tate
A. Ganigues (?), Judge	Eloi Vidrine
Antoini Guillory	Etienne Vidrine
Baptiste Guillory	Jean Baptiste Vidrine*
Elisie Guillory	Pierre Vidrine
Emelie Fontenot, Widow Guillory	David Wakin

Three names were completely unreadable.

* cash sale, no signature or mark.

The sale in Calcasieu Parish was held 18 August 1845 with the same terms of credit. Only horses and cattle were sold at this sale in 53 sepearte lots. Sold were 59 beefs, 28 head gentle cattle, 72 horse creatures (?wild horses), 30 horses, 3 mares, 2 studs, 578 cows and calfs and a lot 49 which was an unnumbered amount of horses and cattle with the brand . Total sales \$5280.87½.

Following is a list of names affixed to the sale document 1157 State of Louisiana, Parish of Calcasieu.

Elisha Adorn	Joseph L. Bilbo
Charles Andrus	H.W. Bundy
AA Ashworth	Needham Coward
Aaron Ashworth	B. Debaillon, Judge

Toussaint Desmaret
 Cyp. Dupre
 Hypolite Dupre
 Lastie Dupre, Administrator
 Lucus J. Dupre
 Jacob Foreman
 Jean Pierre Fruge
 Mriah(?) Gibson
 Columbus Gilles
 Elise Guillory
 Elize Guillory
 Hypolite Guillory
 Henry Griffith
 Etienne Harcoin

Plaudi Hebert
 Joseph LaBlanc
 Martin A. Lebleu
 James Mayers
 James Mires
 W. Moore
 Wm. Moore
 Henry Mop
 Johnson Mop
 J. Mop
 Elisha Odom
 Jacob S. Simmons
 Thom. M. William

Martin Duralde: The Saint Louis Connection

by

Elba Anthony Dardeau, Jr.

Marriage records of St. Louis' oldest church, the Old Cathedral (Saint Louis, King of France), (1) date back to 1774. One of the earliest marriages to take place there was that of Martin DURALDE, a native of Cumbe, Diocese of Bayonne, France, the son of Pierre DURALDE and Marie DELIZAQUE, on 17 September 1776 to Marie Jos. PERRAULT, a native of Quebec, the daughter of Louis PERRAULT and Jos BABI.

Abstracts of the earliest marriage records of the Old Cathedral (1774-1840) as well as those of St. Ferdinand de Florissant in Florissant, Missouri (1794-1840), and St. Mary and Joseph Church (Carondelet Church) (1826-1840), have been published under the title, "Catholic Marriages, Saint Louis, Missouri, 1774-1840," by the Saint Louis Genealogical Society (2). Many other surnames common to Louisiana are also in this volume. The society has published several other classics, including one on Catholic baptisms (1765-1840) for the same three churches.

FOOTNOTES

1. Mass was first celebrated at the site of the Old Cathedral (209 Walnut Street near the Gateway Arch) in 1764. The first log chapel was built in 1770. Between 1826 and 1843, the Old Cathedral was the seat of a diocese that covered nearly half of the present contiguous US from Louisiana to Michigan and from Kentucky to Oregon. No longer the seat of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis, the Old Cathedral is now a downtown parish church that received basilican status in 1961 from Pope John XXIII. It occupies the only spot of ground in Saint Louis that has never changed hands.

2. Suite 203, 1695 South Brentwood Blvd., Saint Louis, Missouri 63144
 (price \$5.85, postpaid).

A Cajun's Genealogy
A New Member's First Attempt
by Murray L. Mayeux (82-118) N.G.S.

What is a Cajun? Literally, it is a word derived from "Acadian", referring to French settlers in Canada, who were forced from their homes in 1755 by the British, after defeating the French Forces there. Longfellow's poem, "Evangeline", is a romantic version of that incident.

Many of those people settled in Louisiana. The French settlers who came from France directly are generally referred to as "Creoles". This term is variously applied to people of French, Spanish or German descent in Louisiana. It is also used by some to cannote people of mixed background.

In practice, however, many of the present residents of French descent, regardless of origin, are called "Cajuns". *

My father, a native of Louisiana of French descent, was employed by a Congressman here in Washington from 1917 to 1918. The District of Columbia city directory gave his address as 912 E. Capitol St. After discovering this interesting tid-bit, I drove past the place and saw the building, nicely maintained, and at that point I was "hooked" onto the fascinating study of genealogy.

While at the Library of Congress, I looked up the New Orleans city directories for 1920 to 1928, and found the street addresses and occupation of my father during those years. I was born in 1919 and my research into old dusty records began to meld into real life memories. I remember something about the neighborhoods we lived in from 1923 to 1928, in New Orleans. Then I began to identify grandparents and all antecedents as far back as I could go. I also wanted to fill in and "color" the bare bones of dates, places and names with some human interest, real life experiences. And so I began to learn the sources of genealogy and its methods.

Next stop--National Archives building, Pennsylvania Avenue entrance. The other entrance on Constitution Avenue is where the nations most sacred public documents are on display in surroundings of impressive grandeur. The tourists always make this one of their stops. Behind the scenes is where the staff works, preserves and disseminates the myriad details of all of our people of the past--soldiers, sailers, diplomats, pensioners, and every person ever counted in a census. Much of it is on micro-film but some is still there on old crumbling browning paper in loose sheets or bound.

* For a detailed discussion of the origins of "Creole" and "Cajun" see, "Settlement of the German Coast of Louisiana and the Creoles of German Descent", by J. Hanno Deiler, p. 111 et. seq., Americana Germanica Press, Phila., Pa. 1909 F380 G3 D29

My first "find" was the 1900 census. As I turned the crank of the microfilm viewer and went past hundreds of other "M" names, I began to wonder if my grandfather's family, way out in the back bayou country in those old days, had really been counted. Then suddenly, there it was! Lovincia MAYEUX and his wife Alida BORDELON MAYEUX, and their children with names, ages, sex, occupation and whether they could read and write. My eyes opened wide with emotion. I looked around at the other viewers and was tempted to say, "Look, I found my grandfather's family in 1900!" But I quickly realized that I was a rank amateur, and some of them were old hats at this game and that this was just a routine beginning of a great adventure of the mind.

Of course, I had to have a copy of that "historic" census page, and the staff were happy to make one for me for 25¢, regular size, 50¢ large. Then I found my mother's family--Adelma GREMILLION and his wife, Louisiana DE BELLEVUE BARBIN and their children, all properly identified. I had two copies made of that one because I wanted to send one to a remaining aunt in Louisiana. However, I noticed that her name did not appear among the children, then I realized that she had not yet been born in 1900. I sent her the copy anyway and she was very pleased that one of the family was finally getting interested in family research.

The census records later than 1900 were not available to the public, because of a provision of the "Privacy Act", which requires census information to be kept confidential for 70 years. The 1910 census will soon be made available. So, we went back into "antiquity".

Here I met the first of many frustrations. Much of the 1890 census had been destroyed by fire in an old warehouse. Then I found books of extracts of previous censuses prepared by private individuals of various states, counties, and in the case of Louisiana, "parishes". Microfilm of actual census records are available, all the way back to 1790, the first census. Prior to 1860, however, the first names and the names of children are not given.

The published extracts are easier to use, but they become a secondary source. However, starting with these, we find several persons of my surname listed in 1850. But which ones were my direct line ancestors? Grandfather Lovincia, according to the 1900 census, was born in 1853 and I had learned from relatives, that his father was Zenon MAYEUX who died during the civil war. The Avoyelles Parish Louisiana Census summary lists a Zenos, and here I learned a lesson that all genealogists know: census takers and transcribers are not always careful about spelling. Then I learned that the records of St. Paul's Church, Mansura, Louisiana, had records of births and baptisms going back before 1800. For three dollars, I obtained confirmation of Lovincia's baptism, his father's name, Zenon, and a further inquiry revealed that Zenon's father's name was Valerian. His birthdate was not given, but they did have the date of his marriage--November 1812. Now I had to make some educated guesses pending later proof. If Zenon died, as a confederate soldier, between 20 and 30 years old, and if Valerian married in 1812, he was probably about that same age in 1812.

Meanwhile, I had corresponded with a cousin and he provided confirmation of the birthdates and three more generations of ancestors, the earliest of which was known to have been a passenger on the ship, "Le Profond", which departed La Rochelle, France on June 10, 1720 and arrived in Louisiana in September 1720. This one was Pierre, and he was confirmed

as having been born in 1699 in Mantenay, Picardy, Bishopric of Amiens, France.

The records on microfiche of the Mormon Church library in Annandale, Va., contain some references to my surname in France, but not enough to continue the search for lineal ancestors.

The library of the National Genealogical Society, Sunderland Place, Washington D. C., contain many records of ship arrivals, early settlers, census indices, Coats of Arms and many family genealogies submitted by members.

Meanwhile, some human interest stories were gathered along the way: 1) The Natchez Indians raided a French fort in 1729 and killed several hundred settlers and soldiers, shortly after my 5- great-grandfather and his bride left the fort for another settlement: 2) several annual floodwaters inundated the first land he cleared and attempted to farm, so that he had to abandon the land: 3) an ancestor, lieutenant of Marines, was wounded in the Battle of New Orleans, December 1814, and spent the next 24 years corresponding with "Washington", trying to get a pension. He finally was awarded ten dollars a month in 1844, and died the next year: 4) Grandfather Zenon was wounded at Lynchburg and died in 1865 of measles. He is buried in a Confederate cemetery in New Iberia, Louisiana.

Along the way I have gathered 58 pages of copies of census records, narratives from friends and relatives, baptismal records, old family pictures, copies of military service and pension records, correspondence of the Continental Congress, and civil war battle reports from field commanders. A coat of arms, yet to be confirmed, has also been found. All of this has been duplicated six times, bound and sent to members of the immediate family. A copy may be sent eventually to the Library of Congress and the National Genealogical Society.

It is a challenging and fascinating exercise. The most difficult thing is to be sure that every important date and place is confirmed from a primary source. That really is the challenge of professionalism, i.e. to attempt to rise from an amateur to a real "pro".

QUERIES

ODOM Abraham ODOM appeared in St. Landry Parish in 1781. Does anyone have information on him.

WELLS Samuel WELLS moved in to Opelousas Country in 1781, made several land transactions and moved to Rapides about 1795. He died 1799 leaving property to be settled in St. Landry. Who purchased land? Where was it located - somewhere around Bayou Chicot or Mamou... Gordon Menard Wells, 1564 Wood Glen Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39204

Note from reprints - researched by Charlene V. Quinilty

In 1812, the first Baptist Church established west of the Mississippi was organized by Joseph Willis, mulatto minister. It was built at Bayou Chicot, in what was then St. Landry Parish and was named the "Bayou Chicot Calvary Church." (printed in the St. Landry Courier and reprinted in the Gazette, Sept 18, 1958)

BOOK REVIEW

TITLE: LOOKING BACK -- A NARRATIVE HISTORY OF BAYOU CHICOT, by Mabel Alice Thompson

ORDER FROM: Mabel A. Thompson, R# 3, Box 471, Ville Platte, LA 70586

COST: \$25 Hardback

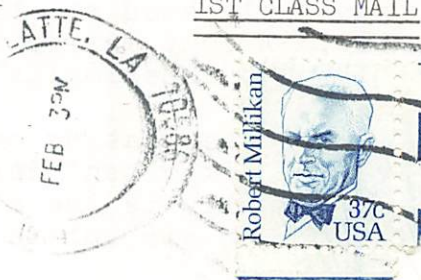
Preservation of the old stories, that they not be forgotten, was the focus of Miss Thompson's effort in this book which includes events that happened in and around the village of Bayou Chicot. Tales of travelers, sawmills, oil wells, chicot melons, indian stories, children's games are only some of what fills the 366 pages. Family lines include THOMPSON, FERGUSON, GRIFFITH, TATMAN, SCOTT, SPEIGHTS, COURTNEY, MURDOCK, GLAZE, FORMAN, GASPERECZ, ANDRUS, ANSELM, ALLEN, CAUSEY, DOYAL and many more. The THOMPSON lineage is traced to early England. Many illustrations, photographs. Indexed.

Members are advised to note that at the January 18, 1984 meeting of the society it was decided to change the regularity of the meetings. Beginning immediately, the meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of January, April, July and October. Mark your calendars accordingly. Newsletters will precede each meeting.

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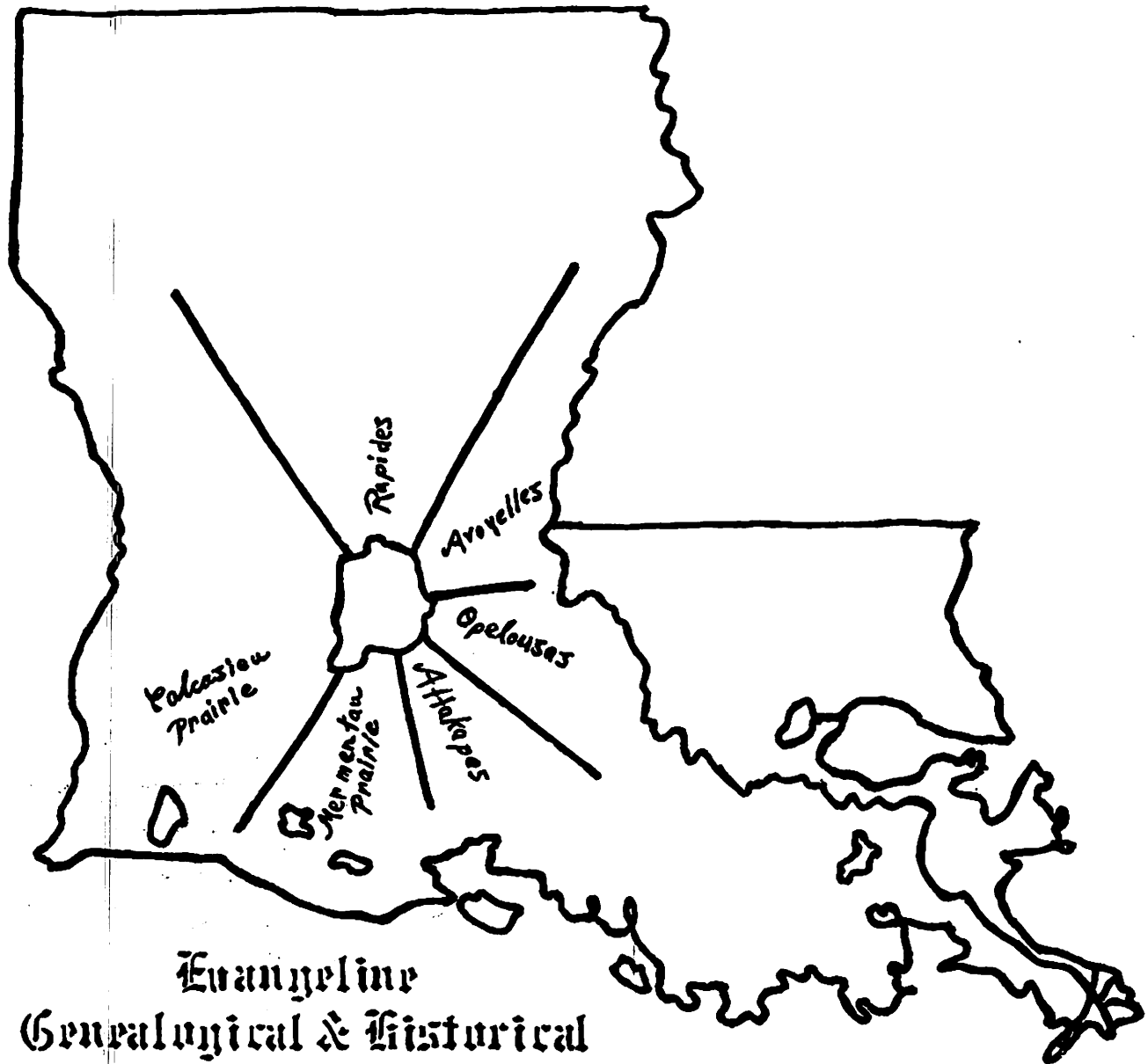
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THE MARRIAGE AT MOBILE IN 1726 OF LOUIS FONTENOT AND LOUISE HENRY

Sumbitted by Albert Tate, Jr.

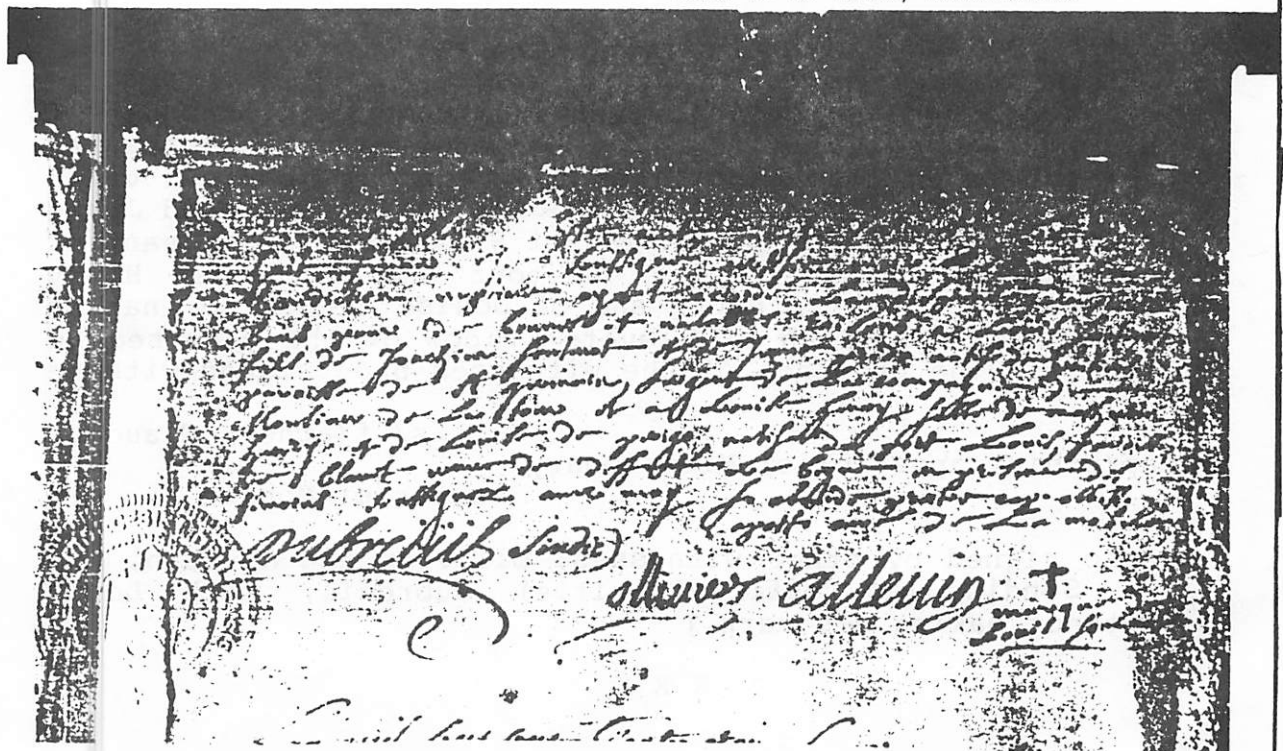
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The following is a photocopy of the original marriage record of Louis Fontenot and Louise Henry at the Mobile Catholic Church, February 8, 1726, followed by a transcription in French and a translation in English. Subsequent baptismal records of three of this couple's children at the Mobile church, as well as the marriage record of this couple's son, Philippe, to Marie Brignac (daughter of Simon Brignac and Marie Turpin) on May 24, 1747, further identify the father as "Louis Fonteneaux dit Colin". This couple are the ancestors of all the early Louisiana Fontenots in the Opelousas, German Coast, St. James, and Ascension areas of Louisiana.

I hereby certify that this is a photocopy of the original record as found on page 61 of Baptismal Records Book #1 of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in the Archives of the Archdiocese of Mobile, Alabama.

Erika S. Rehm

Mrs. T. R. Rehm, Archivist.



Transcript to the best of my ability of attached marriage record of Louis Fontenot and Louise Henry of February 8, 1726. Baptismal Records, Book #1, Pg. 61, Mobile Cathedral Records:

Transcript of French

Lan mil sept cent vingt six et le huit fevrier je soussigne certifie avoir donne la benediction nuptials ayant accorde la dispense de deux bans pour les bonnes et valables raisons a Louis fontenot fils de Joachim fontenot et de Jeane Prado natif du Poitiers paroisse de St. Germain, Sargent de la compagnie du Monsieur de La tour et a Louise Henry fille de Mathurin Henry et de Louise de perigo natif de Fort Louis paroisse de Blavet-- veuve de deffunt Le begues en presence de temoins soussignes avec moy

pretre cap Miss. apost. /s/ p. Claude,

Cure de la Mobile

/s/ Dubreuil, Sindic

/s/ ollivier /s/ Alleuin /s/ +

marque de
Louis fontenot

Translation (rough]

The year seventeen hundred twenty-six and eight february I the undersigned certify to have given the nuptial blessing having granted dispensation of two bans for good and valid reasons to Louis fontenot son of Joachim Fontenot and Jeane Prado native of Poitiers parish of St. Germain, Sergeant of the company of Monsieur de La tour and to Louise Henry daughter of Mathurin Henry and of Louise de perigo, native of Port Louis parish of Blavet-- widow of the deceased Le begues in the presence of the witnesses undersigned with me

cap(uchin) apost(olic) Miss(ionary) /s/ f(ather) Claude,
Pastor of Mobile

[also signed by other witnesses, ollivier and Alleuin, and the Syndic (an official title) Dubreuil, with Louis Fontenot making his mark.]

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FONTENOT RESEARCH PROJECT

In the Spring of 1983, the Evangeline Genealogical & Historical Society, with the guidance and generosity of Judge Albert TATE, Jr., began the project of sponsoring research in Poitiers, France, concerning the origins of the FONTENOT family. That summer of '83, Robert Bruce L. ARDOIN, a native of Evangeline Parish, now living in Paris, conducted extensive research in Poitiers, on the origin and family of Louis FONTENOT, the founder of the Louisiana FONTENOTS. Mr. ARDOIN is the author of three volumes of Louisiana 1810-1820 Census Reports published in Baltimore, of two genealogical works on Louisiana families that were published in France, and of numerous articles published in the Register and elsewhere. He generously donated more than 150 hours of his time in the research and in transcribing and translating the documents found. He undertook this work in cooperation with the Evangeline Genealogical & Historical Society, which under the leadership of Miss Ramona A. SMITH, then President, undertook with the aid of 37 contributors to underwrite Mr. ARDOIN's out-of-pocket living, traveling, and copying expenses and to distribute and make available his work to researchers in Louisiana.

Mr. ARDOIN's report of February, 1984, and the bulky enclosures of seven packets of documents and notes have been deposited for public access in the Louisiana State Archives (Baton Rouge), in the Center for Louisiana Studies, USL, (Lafayette), and in the Genealogical Society's Library (Salt Lake City), as well as in the Evangeline Parish Public Library (Ville Platte). The original report will be deposited in the permanent holdings of the Evangeline Genealogical Society as well as two copies donated to the library; one to be a circulating copy and available for loan-out purposes, the other to be a non-circulating reference copy that will always be on hand for library patrons. In addition, Mr. ARDOIN's report and photocopies of selected supporting documents (including Louis FONTENOT's 1686 baptism, the marriage of his parents in 1681, and other key records) have been forwarded to thirteen other libraries or local societies, all in Louisiana except for the Mobile Library:

Alexandria Genealogical & Historical Society
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I am extremely proud that our genealogical society sponsored this ancestor research and eternally grateful to my friend, Robert Bruce, for his priceless donation of time and energy away from his personal research and study, in order for the FONTENOT descendants to have a well-documented trace on their family in France. My thanks to all the contributors and to my cousin, Judge Al, for having approached me on the subject of getting together contributors for a research project, and for his efficiency in handling the tremendous task of compiling, updating, and distributing this material to all the backers. To you, cousin, "well done"!

/s/ Ramona Amelia Smith
 March 29, 1984

[Editor's Note: The following article is a short summary on the first FONTENOT's prepared by Judge Albert TATE, Jr. Following that will begin the Robert Bruce L. ARDOIN report on the FONTENOTS in France.]

THE FIRST FONTENOTS OF THE OPELOUSAS AREA
 by Judge Albert Tate, Jr.

The founder of the Louisiana FONTENOTS was Louis FONTENOT dit ("called") Colon, a French soldier (a sergeant). He came to Louisiana ca. 1720 and married in 1726 at Mobile, Louise HENRY, the widow of Thomas LeBEGHES, who had died in 1721 at Chapitoulas near New Orleans. According to their 1726 marriage record, Louis was a native of St. Germain Parish in Poitiers, France; he was the son of Joachim FONTENOT (a master cobbler) and Jeanne PRIDO (PROTEAU, PERAUDEAU, PRADEAU). Louise HENRY was born in 1700 in Port Louis in Brittany, France, the daughter of Mathurin HENRY (A seaman) and Louise PERIGAUD. French military records show that Louis died in 1755, at the age of 56. His wife may be the "Widow Louise HENRIQUE" appearing on the 1766 census of Opelousas with the settlers from Alabama, which included the FONTENOT sons who came at that time.

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This couple had at least eleven children, most of whom came to the Opelousas area following the surrender of French Mobile and Fort Toulouse (where the FONTENOT sons were soldiers) to the English in 1763-64. All of the boys (except possibly Jean Baptiste) became French soldiers, and the girls for the most part married French soldiers. Unless otherwise noted, the children came to the Opelousas area in 1764-1766:

1. Louise FONTENOT, b. ca. 1726, m. (1st) Louis Urbain BETHELOT, died in Alabama, m. (2nd) Jean DENOYER, after she moved to the "German Coast" of Louisiana just above New Orleans along the Mississippi River, with her sisters and one brother following the French surrender of Mobile.
2. Pierre FONTENOT dit "Bellevue", b. ca. 1727, m. Louise DOUCET, d. 1811
3. Philippe FONTENOT, b. 1727, m. Marie BRIGNAC, d. 1806
4. Jean FONTENOT dit "Cadet", b. 1729, m. Marie Françoise LAGRANGE, d. 1776, after he and his family had moved first to the German Coast and then to St. James Parish, following the French surrender; his son, Louis FONTENOT dit Grand Louis, moved to Opelousas after his father's death, where he became a large landowner and colorful figure; another son (Pierre) may also have moved to the Opelousas area
5. Marie FONTENOT, b. ca. 1729, m. Jean LAGRANGE, d. 1820 on the German Coast, to which she and her husband had moved following the French surrender of 1763
6. Jean Louis FONTENOT dit "Debonnaire", b. 1730, m. Marie Marguerite DOUCET, d. 1813
7. Jean Baptiste FONTENOT, b. ca. 1731, m. Marie Louise LAGRANGE (erroneously listed on the 1777 Opelousas census as Julia LANGLOIS, d. 1805
8. Joseph FONTENOT dit "Bellaire", b. ca. 1732, m. Marie Jeanne (Joseph) BRIGNAC, d. 1790
9. Henri FONTENOT dit "Bellevue", b. ca. 1733, m. Marie Louise DOUCET, 1813
10. Marie Louise FONTENOT, b. 1741, m. Simon Pierre BRIGNAC, moved with him following French surrender to St. John the Baptist Parish on the German Coast and then to St. James Parish, d. after 1778
11. Marie Therese FONTENOT, b. ca. 1746, m. Jean Baptiste LOBELL, moved to St. John the Baptist Parish on the "German Coast" after the French surrender, d. 1806
12. François FONTENOT, a soldier who died in Mobile in 1759, is believed to be another child of the marriage.

Sources for the above: Janice D. Young, The Brignac Family and Their Relatives in Louisiana (Metairie, 1978), pp. 41-49, 203-209; Vidrine and Pucheu, "The First Fontenot Families", Louisiana Genealogical Register, Volume XXII, No. 4 (December, 1975), p. 387, and Volume XXIII, No. 2 (June, 1976), p. 122; Cline, "The Fontenots of Whitehall", Louisiana Genealogical Register, Volume XXIX, No. 2 (June, 1982), p. 146; Winston DeVille, Gulf Coast Colonials (Baltimore, 1968), p. 38; Brasseaux, "Opelousas and the Alabama Immigrants, 1763-1766", Attakapas Gazette, Volume XIV, No. 4, (Fall, 1979), p. 112; Glenn Conrad, The First Families of Louisiana, Volume II (Baton Rouge, 1970), pp. 185, 187-188; Winston DeVille, Louisiana Troops, 1720-1770, (Fort Worth, 1965), "Fonteneau" entries (unpaginated).

For the births and marriages of the children of these second generation FONTENOT pioneers in the Opelousas area, see G. DeVillier, The Opelousas Post (Cottonport, 1972) (church records 1776-1806) and D. J. Hebert, Southwest Louisiana Records, Volumes 1 through 30 (1974 and following), listing church and civil records 1756-1900. Hebert's Volume 1, for instance, is an alphabetized listing of such records 1756-1810. Starting backwards in Hebert, one can in all probability trace one's FONTENOT grandfather back to one of the original FONTENOT pioneers in Opelousas.

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LOUISIANA-POITOU, FRANCE FONTENOTS
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To the contributors concerning the project of research on the Louisiana-Poitou FONTENOT (FONTENEAU, FRONTENEAU) families, Poitiers in France.

Object: Recherche sur la famille FONTENOT (FONTENEAU, FRONTENEAU)
Ete 1983 Archives Departementales de Poitiers
Bibliotheque Municipale de Poitiers, etc.

Dear Contributors:

Many thanks to each and every one of you for having contributed to the FONTENOT research project in Poitiers, France.

The great efforts put forth and the highly organized work done by Judge TATE in the realization of this project is greatly appreciated. Not only his interest in the FONTENOT family, but also his interest in the research on, and the preservation of our historical, cultural, and genealogical past encouraged me very much to do this research. It was with great pride then, and with the same interests, that I undertook the research on the FONTENOT family last Summer in the city of Poitiers itself, hometown of the first FONTENOT in Louisiana.

Before continuing this letter, I would like to say that in sharing all the following information with all those interested and concerned, I am open to any and all suggestions, critiques, and comments. Please do not hesitate in any way to write to me concerning anything that may have been omitted, awkwardly stated, or not clearly explained, so that all can come to light in the most practical and clearest way. I will answer any and all letters concerning this matter. One small thing that I would like to ask you as a favor - please do not use this information in any publication until it has been published in the La Voix des Prairies (Ville Platte) and the Louisiana Historical and Genealogical Register (Baton Rouge). This information is to be shared with everyone and when you do decide to use any of it in any way or form, please do not forget as you have reproductions of original documents, to note that those documents were taken from either the Departemental Archives or the Municipal Library at Poitiers (Vienne). (I will make an effort to publish an article concerning this family in the two mentioned registers in the near future and at that time will probably describe from my own personal point of view, the city of Poitiers as it is today.)

The Louisiana stem of the FONTENOT (FONTENEAU) family which begins with the marriage of Louis FONTENEAU to HENRY in Mobile in 1726, and their children and descendants are well known enough and established not to have to go into it in detail in this report; I will thus limit myself to what precedes.

Bear in mind the following question: Why was Louis FONTENOT called "Colin" as a nickname??? Why was it noted in his marriage that he was from the Parish of St. Germain in Poitiers?

Louis FONTENOT's parents were named as Joachin FONTENOT and Jeane PRADO in his marriage in 1726. In fact, in the Parish of Montierneuf, an immediate neighboring Parish of St. Germain, is located just on the edge of Poitiers. In that parish we can find traces of that family. All Louis' brothers and sisters were baptized there, including himself; his father's second marriage took place there in 1699.

Louis FONTENOT was baptized in Monterineuf Parish on 18 Dec. 1687. He was born there the same day. His godparents were Louis BENOIST and his godmother, Renee ROUSSEAU. His parents are mentioned as being Jouachain FRONTENEAU and Marie PERAUDEAU.

Jouachain FRONTENEAU (not written FONTENOT) and Marie PROUSDEAU (PRADEAU) were married in the Parish of St. Porchaire on the 13 Oct. 1681. Their other children were: Janne FONTENEAU, bt. 29 Dec. 1682; Ysabeau FONTENEAU, born and bapt. 2 July 1684; Jeanne FONTENEAU, born 17th bapt. 18th May 1688; Radegonde FONTENEAU, born and bapt. 26 Nov. 1689; and Vincent FONTENEAU, born and bapt. 15 Dec. 1693.

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Joachim FRONTENEAU (FONTENEAU, FONTENEAUX) was the son of Nicolas FONTENEAU and Jacquette DeVILLIERS. His father, Nicolas, was already deceased at the time of his marriage but his mother, Jacquette DeVILLIERS was still living.

Marie PROUSDEAU (PROUDEAU, PRADEAU) was the daughter of Louis PRADEAU (who died before her marriage) and of Catherine BILLOUIN who died after her marriage.

Marie PRADEAU (or as the same name was written in many different ways: PROUTEAU, PERAUDEAU, PERATTEAU, etc.) would logically have died between 1693 (after the date of birth of her last son and before March 1699, date of the second marriage of her husband, Joachaim to Francoise MACEE. I found no trace of her death record, neither in the Parish of St. Germain nor in the Parish of Montierneuf. I looked through the indexes (indexes exist for both parishes) and page by page, act after act and found nothing. I did however find the following information:

Parish of Montierneuf 19 Oct. 1694: Burial of "Marie PRADEAU", wife of Joachaim Colin. Aged about 40 years. Buried in the Parish of St. Germain. Witnesses: Jean BRAUD and Francois FOUET (FORIET?)

Even if this may seem far-fetched, would there be any relation in this Marie PRADEAU and Joachaim Colin to Marie PRADEAU, wife of Joachaim FONTENEAU. I looked through the indexes for the family name of Colin. Nothing. No marriages, no births, no deaths (except Joachaim Colin in 1725). What a coincidence that Marie PRADEAU, aged about 40 years (which makes her birthdate in 1654 - - - our Marie PRADEAU was born in 1656) died just between the two extreme dates for the possibility of death of our Marie, that is, between 1693 and 1699. Would this Joachaim (Joachaim was not at all a popular name at that period in Poitiers) Collin be at all the same as Joachaim FONTENOT? Why was our Louis FONTENOT called "Colin"??

I found no death record for Joachaim FONTENOT, either in St. Germain Parish nor in Montierneuf between the dates of 1699 and 1745. Would he have left the city?

I did however find the death record of a Joachaim Colin, who died in 1725 in Montierneuf parish. The burial took place the 29th January 1725. Joachaim Colin was about 80 years old. That would mean that he would have been born in about 1645. Our Joachaim FONTENOT was born in 1650. Again, what a coincidence. (see a copy of this act on page 20a of packet number VII)

These hypothetical facts may be exaggerated, but keep them in mind. Also, who would Louis FONTENOT have had the nickname of "Colin"?

If this Joachaim Colin is not the same as our Joachaim FONTENOT (FONTENEAU), then the only thing that I can say is that our Joachaim FONTENOT died at least after the 12 Sept. 1707, for on that day he served as a witness for a marriage in the Parish of Montierneuf.

Concerning the parents of Joachaim FONTENEAU, I was not able to find their marriage but we can guess that they were probably married before 1643, because in that year they had a child that was baptized in Montierneuf. The church records of Montierneuf don't go back further than 1643 (see the family groupings of the FONTENEAU and other families in packet No. IV)

The parents of Marie PRADEAU, Louis PRADEAU and Catherine BILLOUIN, were married in the Parish of St. Porchaire on the 19th October 1655. Their parents were not mentioned in the act. (see copy in packet Number VII, page 14a) I did find the baptism of one "Catherine BILLOUIN" in 1631. There is a possibility that she is our "Catherine BILLOUIN". If you note on page 1 of packet IV of the family groupings, I put the assumed parents of Catherine BILLOUIN in dotted lines to show that there is no proof that she is the same one as the mother of Marie PRADEAU.

The same thing happened with Marie PRADEAU's father. I did find two Louis PRADEAUs, both brothers, both born ten years apart. Their parents were Jacques PRADEAU and Louise MARSAULT. We can not be very sure without specific proof if they are the parents of our ancestor. But keep them in mind, for perhaps one day we'll be able to identify them as the members of the same PRADEAU family.

You'll find in this report, different packets containing different information collected during the research. I collected as much as possible during the time that I was there in Poitiers. Between the Municipal Library and the Departmental Archives, I was able to get bits and pieces of different families named FONTENEAU (even if I could not connect them all together), and also different families such as BILLOUIN, PRADEAU, DeVILLIERS, and others that may have been connected to our FONTENEAU (FRONTENEAU) families. In packet number IV, you'll find a resume of the acts taken from the different registers.

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Perhaps some information is superfluous and has nothing to do with our families, but on the other hand, perhaps one day we'll be able to make ties with all those different families.

The people of Poitiers during the 17th century didn't seem to respect the usage of the same parishes as was the custom at other periods. Because of that, one can find the marriage of one couple in one parish, and the baptisms or deaths of their children and themselves in several different parishes. This made the research long and difficult. In fact, a good two other weeks of research (going by collateral lines and cousins of the FONTENOTS) wouldn't hurt during the next research project.

The bits of information given in the acts were often minimal and sometimes erroneous. Moreover, referring to the notarial acts was not the simplest form of research for those acts of the 17th and 18th centuries have no indexes and the researcher is obliged to go page by page for any act that he may suspect to exist. And what's even more disappointing is that generally only the bourgeois families established acts in front of notaries. (You'll find, concerning the notarial act research done, a list of notaries to which I referred, and the years referred to and the acts being searched.)

There was another deFONTENEAU (FONTENEAU) family in Poitiers and near Poitiers (at Civray). They maintained their nobility. I suppose that our family was related to them but the ties probably go back into the 16th and 15th centuries. There doesn't seem to be any real close ties during the beginning or middle of the 17 century between the two families.

The notes included in the report or self-explanatory. If there is any question, please don't hesitate to write to me concerning them.

Hoping to be able to find additional information on the FONTENOT family, and in hopes that this information, however little it may be, fill the gaps and add to your researches. I will continue the research and will keep you informed.

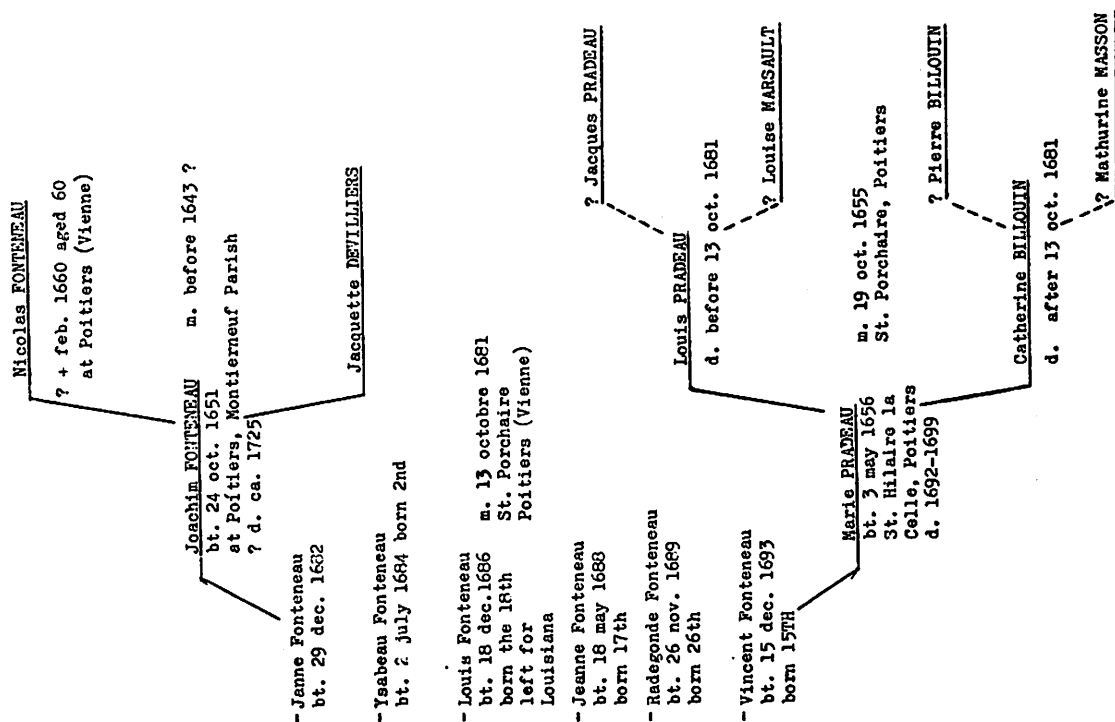
Again, many, many thanks for your interest and contributions.

/s/ Robert Bruce L. Ardoin

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FONTENEAU FAMILY OF POITIERS, FRANCE 17th CENTURY

Fonteneau Family from Poitiers, France 17th century



all the Fonteneau-Pradeau children were baptised in the parish of St. Jean de Montierneuf at Poitiers

42 Le Treziesme Jour d'Octobre mil six cent quatre vingt un ont este -
 espouzez Joachim Fronteneau fils de Defunt Nicolas Fronteneau -
 et de defunte Jacquette de Villiers et Marie Proudeau fille de
 defunt Louis Proudeau & de catherine Billouin, Tous deux de ceste
 Paroisse, ausquels espouzailles ont este presens Leonard Simmonet
 et Jean Partu Cousins de Lespoux, et catherine Billouin mere de
 L'epouse, Estienne Prodeau - Pierre popileau oncles de L'epouse
 et plusieurs autres amis communs. *Je soussigne le mariage*
Etienne Meshayer s. moris bernard
Estienne Blouin s. f. Guignard vicare!

Mariage Fronteneau - Proudeau 1681

Treziesme Jour d'Octobre mil Six cent quatre vingt un ont este
 pouzez Joachim Fronteneau, fils de Defunt Nicolas Fronteneau
 de defunte Jacquette de Villiers et Marie Proudeau fille de
 defunt Louis Prosdeau & de catherine Billouin. Tous deux de ceste
 Paroisse, ausquels espouzailles ont este presens Leonard Simmonet
 Jean Partu ?? Cousins de Lespoux, et catherine Billouin mere de
 L'epouse, Estienne Prodeau, Pierre popileau oncles de L'epouse
 plusieurs autres amis communs.
 françois delabrunne ?
 Estienne Meshayer s. moris bernard ?
 estienne blouin s. f. Guignard, vicare

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Fronteneau - Proudeau Marriage 1681

On the 13th day of October 1681 were
 married Joachim Fronteneau, son of the deceased Nicolas Fronteneau
 and of the deceased Jacquette de Villiers, and Marie Proudeau, daughter of
 the deceased Louis Prosdeau and of Catherine Billouin, both of this
 parish. Present at the marriage were Leonard Simmonet
 and Jean Partu ??? cousins of the groom, and Catherine Billouin, mother of
 the bride, Estienne Prodeau, Pierre Popileau, uncles of the bride
 and several other friends in common.
 s. françois dela brunne ?
 s. Estienne Meshayer s. Moris Bernard ?
 s. Estienne Blouin s. f. Guignard, vicare

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Louis PRADEAU-Catherine BILLOUIN Marriage

1243
 Le Septiesme Jour de febvrier mil Six cent cinquante
 Et cinq ont este espouses dans leglise de ceans Louis pradeau
 avec catherine billouin tous deux de ceste paroisse ont
 les trois bans ont este publiez ont este presents a la
 benediction nuptialle Louis thevin Jehan Cailla
 Rene cailla, estienne mestayer, Jehan billouin et plusieurs
 autres soubsignes
 Paul agassay Rene Caillais
 Jehan poupeau
 Marguerite poupeau
 helie gadittaud
 Catherine Raffin
 J. boulliau

Mariage Pradeau - Billouin 1655

Le Septiesme jour de febvrier mil Six cent cinquante
 Et cinq ont este espouses dans leglise de ceans Louis pradeau
 avec catherine billouin tous deux de ceste paroisse ont
 les trois bans ont este publiez ont este presents a la
 benediction nuptialle Louis thevin, Jehan Cailla
 Rene cailla, estienne mestayer, Jehan billouin et plusieurs
 autres Soubsignes.

s. Jehan Caillais	s. Louis thevin
s. paul agassay	s. Rene Caillais
s. Jehan poupeau	s. Rene Gadiffard
s. Marguerite poupeau	
s. helie gadittaud	
s. Catherine Raffin	
s. J. boulliau, vicaire	

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QUERY: Jean Pierre Legér, 2456 Montarville, Apt. 307, Longueuil, CQ
 Canada, J4L 2K8 requests information on the Legér families. He has
 gathered almost 5,000 names of this family to date and is willing to
 help others on this line.

A HISTORY OF THE BERGERON FAMILY

submitted by Gwen Bergeron McMillin

George Guillaume (William) Bergeron (called Saintonge), native of Jeannai, Parish of St. Sulpice, Province of Saintonge, France, was the son of Nicolas Bergeron (Bergereau) of the same place and Jeanne Vigere of Saintaur Parish, St. Brie, Province of Saintonge, France, came to Louisiana as a soldier at the garrison (fort) in Natchitoches, Louisiana. He married 3 May 1740, in Natchitoches, Agnes Renaudiere (La Ordiniere) from the Illinois Post of Kascatia, daughter of Philippe Renaudiere, native of Perigord, France, and Perine Pivert, native of Vitrei in Bretagne (Brittany). Philippe Renaudiere was also a soldier at the Natchitoches garrison.

George migrated to Point Coupee Parish sometime after his marriage and before the birth of their first child who was born, 1744, in Pointe Coupee Parish. He owned land on False River.

George Guillaume was buried 6 Sep 1762, Pointe Coupee. Agnes Renaudiere was buried 20 April 1778, Point Coupee. She had married Hyacinthe Pierre Ferett, 25 Jan. 1763.

The children of George Guillaume Bergeron and Agnes Renaudiere were Marie Elizabeth, George, Jr., Pierre, Louis, Joseph, Jeanne, Estienne.

Louis Bergeron, named above, was my ancestor. He was born 16 Dec 1750, married Angelique Bissite, born St. Charles Parish, daughter of Francois Bissite and Marie Claude Champagne. The marriage took place in Pointe Coupee 28 Nov. 1770.

Valery Bergeron, one of the eight children of Louis and Angelique, was my ancestor. He was born 10 Oct. 1784, Point Coupee, and married 29 July 1806 Marie Adelaide Prosper, daughter of Jean Prosper and Marie Madaline La Vergne.

Valery died before 13 June 1821 (His succession in West Baton Rouge Court-house, Probate No. 92.) Marie Adelaide Prosper later married Emile Nicolas Lescour. Valerie had been given a Spanish land grant containing 218.2 acres in West Baton Rouge Parish. This land was acquired by Isadore Daigle in 1831 and named for his wife, the Plantation St. Delphine.

Dorville Bergeron, son of Valery and Adelaide, was my ancestor. He was born 3 May 1818, Baton Rouge, and married 14 April 1840, in Opelousas, St. Landry Parish, La., Josephine LeJeune, born 22 June 1824, daughter of Joseph LeJeune and Euphrosine Carriere. Dorville and Josephine were the parents of Joseph Bergeron, my greatgrandfather, who was the second citizen of Eunice, St. Landry Parish, La.

Joseph Bergeron was born 11 Aug 1846 in Opelousas, married 1 Jan 1870, in Eunice, Aureline Roy, born 6 April 1854, Churchpoint, La. daughter of Syfroy Roy and Agnes Aureline Bertrand. (She descends from Joseph Roy and Perrine Lacour, Point Coupee.)

Joseph Bergeron was born 11 Aug. 1846 in Opelousas, married 1 Jan. 1870, in Eunice, Aureline Roy, born 6 April 1854, Churchpoint, La. daughter of Syfroy Roy and Agnes Aureline Bertrand. (She descends from Joseph Roy and Perrine Lacour, Point Coupee.)

Joseph Bergeron and Aureline Roy had the following children: Joseph, Jr., Adalus, Arthur, Oralee, Laurina, Julian, Alice, Latisia, Amas, Henry, Lusian, Estelle and Theophile. Joseph died 24 March 1916, Eunice, Aureline died 5 May 1929, Eunice. (1)

Theophile Bergeron, son of Joseph and Aureline, was my grandfather. He was born 15 Jan. 1877, married 1 April 1899 Armide Miller, born 10 Feb. 1880, Churchpoint, daughter of Augustine Miller and Louise Sonnier. They had 10 children as follows: William, Felix, Philip, Lorise, Raymond, Edward, Will, Mary, Jimmie and Lawrence. Theophile died 16 July 1950, Armide died 13 June 1959.

Lawrence Bergeron, youngest son of Theophile and Armide, was my father. He was born 19 Jan. 1915, married 22 Sept. 1935, Ivy LeJeune, born 28 April 1917, daughter of Thomas LeJeune and Victorine Bertrand. (Raymond Bergeron, a brother of Lawrence, married Della LeJeune, sister of Ivy.)

Lawrence and Ivy were parents of two children:

- A. Lawrence Bergeron, Jr., born 7 Sept. 1936, married Carol Hubert, born, 11 May 1935, 22 Dec. 1963, in Basile.
 - 1. Eric Allen
 - 2. Sonia Erica
- B. Gwendolyn Laura Bergeron, born 10 Jan. 1939, in Eunice, married 28 April 1962, in Jennings, Philip Harry McMillin, born 28 Nov. 1939, son of Eldridge McMillin and Genevieve Champagne. (2)
 - 1. Rebecca Phyllis, born 8 Feb. 1964
 - 2. Victoria Christina, born 25 Dec. 1965
 - 3. Jason Philip, born 6 Sept. 1968
 - 4. Jarrett Christopher, born 5 April 1972

Gwen Bergeron McMillin joined the Daughters of the American Revolution in December 1979 under Patriot - Jacob Miller.

Other Revolutionary Soldiers, Supplementals, are: Louis Bergeron, Sylvain Saunier, Francois Pitre, Amable Bertrand, Charles Vige, Francois Bisette, Donato Bello, Noel Roy, Joseph Waible, Charles Lacase, Pierre Joubert, (all verified 1983) Antoine Bellard, Sr., Henry Fontenot, Blaise LeJeune, Sr., Michel Carrier and Pierre Carriere, (all verified 1984)

NOTES

Reference: Bergeron story, 'Le Comite' des Archives de la Louisiane, p 11 and 113, History of Pointe Coupee Parish, Louisiana, edited by Judy Riffel; 'The True Story of Eunice (The Eunice News) Eunice, La. November 1973, p 12 and 13

Reference: Charts, records and documents taken from Father Donald J. Hebert's Southwest Louisiana Records; Baton Rouge Catholic Archives; St. Louis Cathedral, New Orleans and Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Natchitoches, La.

Gwen- daughter of Lawrence Bergeron and Ivy Lejeune

Ancestor Chart

Name of Compiler Gwen Bergeron
 Address Rt.3, Box 27 McMillin
 City, State Welsh, Louisiana
 Date _____

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

Chart No. _____
 (Rev. Soldier)

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

4 Dorville Bergeron
 (Father of No. 2)
 b. 31 May 1818
 p.b. Baton Rouge, Louisiana
 m. 20 April 1840 Opel, La.
 d. After 1860 and before
 p.d. 1870 census

2 Joseph Bergeron
 (Father of No. 1)
 b. 11 Aug 1846
 p.b. Opelousas, Louisiana
 m. 1 Jan 1870 Opel, La.
 d. 24 March 1916
 p.d. Eunice, Louisiana

5 Josephine LeJeune
 (Mother of No. 2)
 b. 22 June 1824
 p.b. Opelousas, Louisiana
 d. After 1870, living with
 p.d. Joseph in 1870 census

(my grandfather)

1 Theophile H. Bergeron
 b. 15 Jan 1877
 p.b. Eunice, Louisiana
 m. 17 April 1899 Iota, La.
 d. 16 July 1950
 p.d. Eunice, Louisiana

6 Syfroy (Leufroy) Roy
 (Father of No. 3)
 b. 3 Oct 1829
 p.b. Opelousas, Louisiana
 m. 21 June 1848 Opel, La.
 d. After 1870 and before
 p.d. 1880 census

3 Aureline Felicite Roy
 (Mother of No. 1)
 b. 6 April 1854
 p.b. Grand Coteau, La.
 d. 5 May 1929
 p.d. Eunice, Louisiana

7 Agnes Aureline Bertrand
 (Mother of No. 3)
 b. 20 Jan 1832
 p.b. Opelousas, Louisiana
 d. After 1870 and before
 p.d. 1880 Census

Armide Miller

(Spouse of No. 1)
 b. 10 Feb 1880 d. 13 June 1959
 p.b. Churchpoint, La p.d. Eunice, La.

8 Valery Bergeron
 (Father of No. 4)
 b. 10 Oct 1784
 p.b. Pointe Coupee Parish
 m. 29 July 1806 Baton Rouge
 d. Succ dated 13 June 1821
 p.d. Baton Rouge, La.

9 Marie Adelaide Prosper
 (Mother of No. 4)
 b. 4 May 1788
 p.b. St. Gabriel, La.
 d. After 1822, she remarried
 p.d. in 1822

10 Joseph LeJeune
 (Father of No. 5)
 b. 2 July 1780
 p.b. Opelousas, La.
 m. 13 Aug 1805 Opel, La.
 d. Succ dated 7 Dec 1825
 p.d. Opelousas, Louisiana

11 Euphrosine Carriere
 (Mother of No. 5)
 b. 4 Oct 1792
 p.b. Opelousas, La.
 d. Succ dated 7 Dec 1825
 p.d. Opelousas, Louisiana

12 Noel Jacques Roy
 (Father of No. 6)
 b. 28 Dec 1775
 p.b. Pointe Coupee Parish
 m. 9 Nov 1802 Opel, La.
 d. after 1830 not in
 p.d. 1840 census

13 Celeste Waible (Wyble)
 (Mother of No. 6)
 b. 10 April 1785
 p.b. Opelousas, Louisiana
 d. Succ dated 10 May 1858
 p.d. Opelousas, Louisiana

14 Pierre Bertrand
 (Father of No. 7)
 b. 15 May 1796
 p.b. Opelousas, Louisiana
 m. 19 July 1819 Opel, La.
 d. after 1860 census- 63
 p.d. years old in 1860 census

15 Felicite Selesie Vige
 (Mother of No. 7)
 b. 30 April 1804
 p.b. St. Gabriel, Louisiana
 d. after 1860 - 55 years old
 p.d. in 1860 census

16 Louis Bergeron
 (Father of No. 8,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. 16 Dec 1750
 m. 28 Nov 1770 Pointe Coupee
 d. Before 1795 Wife remarried
 17 Angelique Bissite
 (Mother of No. 8,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)

b. St. Charles
 d. After 1795 she remarried
 18 Jean Prosper
 (Father of No. 9,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. Languedoc, Fr.
 m. 17 July 1787

19 Marie Madaleine Lavergne
 (Mother of No. 9,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. 6 Mar 1767
 d. Le Havre Notre Dame France
 20 Blaise LeJeune
 (Father of No. 10,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)

b. ca 1750 Acadia
 m. 3 Nov 1773 Donaldsonville
 d. after 1810- not in 1820
 21 Marie Josephe Breaux
 (Mother of No. 10,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)

22 Michel Carriere (Rev. Soldier)
 (Father of No. 11,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. ca 1755
 m. 8 Oct 1810 Opel, La.
 d. succ dated 15 Oct 1815
 23 Julienne (Julie) Marcantel
 (Mother of No. 11,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)

b. 26 Mar 1761 Pointe Coupee
 d. succ dated 1820 Opel, La.
 24 Noel Roy, Sr. (Rev. Soldier)
 (Father of No. 12,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. 25 Dec 1749

d. succ dated 20 March 1792
 25 Perrine Bordelon
 (Mother of No. 12,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. 7 Dec 1755
 d. after 1792 widow in Noel's
 succ

26 Michel Waible (Wyble)
 (Father of No. 13,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
 m. 2 Nov 1788 Opel
 d. succ dated 1821 (divorce)
 1810

27 Julienne Marcantel
 (Mother of No. 13,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. 26 March 1761 Pointe Coupee
 d. succ dated 1820 Opel, La.

28 Amable Bertrand (Rev. Soldier)
 (Father of No. 14,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. 19 April 1739
 m. 19 Dec 1789 Quebec, Canada
 d. 27 Sept 1802 Opel, La.

29 Anastasie Aucoin
 (Mother of No. 14,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. ca 1768 Acadia
 d. 30 Nov 1802 Opel, La.
 30 Henry Vige
 (Father of No. 15,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)

b. 12 Aug 1798 St. Gabriel, La.
 d. succ dated 28 July 1830
 31 Marie Louisa Breaux
 (Mother of No. 15,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. 27 May 1781
 d. St. Gabriel, La.

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4 Nicolas Bergeron

(Father of No. 2)

b. village of Joannai
 p.b. St. Sulpice Parish.
 m. Province of Saintonge
 d.
 p.d.

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

(William) called St. Onge

2 George Guillaume Bergeron

(Father of No. 1)

b. Joannai, Saintonge Province
 p.b. St. Sulpice Parish, France
 m. 8 May 1740 Natchitoches, La.
 d. 6 Sept 1762
 p.d. Pointe Coupee Parish

5 Jeanne Viger

(Mother of No. 2)

b. Saintaur Parish St. Brie
 p.b. Province of Saintonge
 d.
 p.d.

1 Louis Bergeron (Revolutionary Soldier)

b. 16 Dec 1750
 p.b. Pointe Coupee Parish
 m. 28 Nov 1770 Pointe Coupee
 d. Before 1795 Wife remarried
 p.d. Pointe Coupee Parish

6 Philip Renaudiere

(Father of No. 3)

b.
 p.b. Perigord, France
 m.
 d.
 p.d.

3 Agnes Renaudiere

(Mother of No. 1)

b.
 p.b. Illinois Post or Kascatia
 d. 20 April 1778
 p.d. Pointe Coupee Parish

7 Perine Pivert

(Mother of No. 3)

b.
 p.b. Vitrei in Brittany, France
 d.
 p.d.

Angelique Bisette

(Spouse of No. 1)

b. d.



AURELINE ROY

THEOPHILE BERGERON
ARMIDE MILLER

Gwen- daughter of Lawrence Bergeron and Ivy LeJeune

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Jacob Miller d-20 Dec 1807 Opel
 (Rev. soldier) m-Anne Marie
 Thegen-succ 1824 Chart No. 18

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

4 Jean Louis Miller
 (Father of No. 2)
 b. 30 March 1819
 p.b. Opelousas, Louisiana
 m. 26 July 1837 Opel, La.
 d. after 1860 census -age
 p.d. 42(not in 1870 census)

2 Augustine Miller
 (Father of No. 1)
 b. 7 Aug 1847
 p.b. Churchpoint, Louisiana
 m. 11 April 1868 Churchpoint, La.
 d. 29 Jan 1918
 p.d. Buried Frey Cemetary

5 Julima (Julie) Bello
 (Mother of No. 2)
 b. 10 Jan 1817
 p.b. Opelousas, Louisiana
 d. after 1860 census-age 40
 p.d. not in 1870 census

(my grandmother)
 1 Armide Miller (a twin)
 b. 10 Feb 1880
 p.b. Churchpoint, Louisiana
 m. 1 April 1899 Eota, Louisiana
 d. 13 June 1959
 p.d. Eunice, Louisiana

6 Donat Sonnier(Saunier)
 (Father of No. 3)
 bapt 20 Feb 1808-age 5
 p.b. Opelousas, Louisiana
 m. 17 Aug 1824 Opel, La.
 d. after 1850 census-age 49
 p.d. Opelousas, Louisiana

3 Eloise Sonnier
 (Mother of No. 1)
 b. 22 Dec 1846
 p.b. Opelousas, Louisiana
 d. 18 Feb 1918
 p.d. Buried Frey cemetary

(Emelite)
 7 Carmelite Francoise Casonova
 (Mother of No. 3)
 b. 31 May 1804
 p.b. Opelousas, Louisiana
 d. After 1850 census-age 46
 p.d. Opelousas, Louisiana

Theophile H. Bergeron

(Spouse of No. 1)
 b. 15 Jan 1877 d. 16 July 1950
 p.b. Eunice, La. p.d. Eunice, La.

8 Jean Louis Miller
 (Father of No. 4)
 b. 1 Feb 1799
 p.b. Opelousas, Louisiana
 m. 23 May 1819 Opel, La.
 d. After 1860 census- age 61
 p.d. Opelousas, Louisiana

9 Marie Louise(Elise)Taylor
 (Mother of No. 4)
 b. 12 July 1801
 p.b. Opelousas, Louisiana
 d. after 1860 census-age 45
 p.d. Opelousas, Louisiana

10 Valerie Bello
 (Father of No. 5)
 b. 29 July 1782
 p.b. Opelousas, Louisiana
 m. 14 Oct 1806 Opel, La.
 d. succ dated June 1832
 p.d. Opelousas, Louisiana

11 Melanie Carriere
 (Mother of No. 5)
 b. 5 Sept 1788
 p.b. Opelousas, Louisiana
 d. after 1832- widow in succ
 p.d. of Valerie- Opel, La.

12 Sylvain Saunier
 (Father of No. 6)
 b. 6 Feb 1771
 p.b. Pointe Coupee Parish
 m. 10 Dec 1802 Opel, La.
 d. 28 Sept 1829
 p.d. Lafayette, Louisiana

13 Judith Bello
 (Mother of No. 6)
 b. 29 Jan 1777
 p.b. Opelousas, Louisiana
 d. 4 Feb 1817
 p.d. Opelousas, Louisiana

14 Francois Casonova
 (Father of No. 7)
 b. ca 1782
 p.b. Campeche ?
 m. 6 May 1800 Baton Rouge, La.
 d. 3 April 1814
 p.d. Opelousas, Louisiana

15 Brigitte Roger
 (Mother of No. 7)
 b. 17 Oct 1782
 p.b. St. Martinville, La.
 d. May 1804
 p.d. Opelousas, Louisiana

16 Jean Baptiste Miller son of
 (Father of No. 8,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 m. 19 Jan 1796 Opel, La.
 d. after 1830 census Opel, La.
 17 Marie Francoise Mayer
 (Mother of No. 8,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. 9 April 1776
 d. succ 28 Sept 1814 Opel, La.

18 Jean Teller(Taylor)
 (Father of No. 9,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. 1 May 1795 Opel, La.
 d. succ Nov 1820

19 Marie Ritter
 (Mother of No. 9,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. 22 June 1783
 d. after 1820- widow in succ

20 DonatoBello(Rev Soldier)
 (Father of No. 10,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. Naples, Italy
 m. 15 Jan 1765 New Orleans, La.
 d. 20 Dec 1787 Opel, La.

21 Susanne Moreau
 (Mother of No. 10,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. Alabama ?
 d. succ 1822 Opel, La.

22 Pierre Carriere (Rev Soldier)
 (Father of No. 11,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. New Orleans?
 m. 8 Feb 1804 Opel, La.
 d. succ 1833 Opel, La.

23 Louise Vivarette
 (Mother of No. 11,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. ca 1763 Illinois ?
 d. 19 Oct 1813 Opel, La.

24 Sylvain Saunier(Rev soldier)
 (Father of No. 12,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. _____
 m. _____
 d. 25 Jan 1801 Opel, La.

25 Magdelaine Bourg
 (Mother of No. 12,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. ca 1741 Halifax
 d. 31 May 1814 St. Martinville

26 Donato Bello(Rev Soldier)
 (Father of No. 13,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. Naples, Italy
 m. 15 Jan 1765 New Orleans, La.
 d. 20 Dec 1787 Opel, La.

27 Susanne Moreau
 (Mother of No. 13,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. Alabama ?
 d. succ 1822 Opel, La.

28 Joseph Domingo Casonueva
 (Father of No. 14,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. Canary Island
 m. _____
 d. _____

29 Gertrude Perez
 (Mother of No. 14,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. _____
 m. _____
 d. _____

30 Louis Roger
 (Father of No. 15,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. ca 1754 Canada
 m. 29 Oct 1774 Donaldsonville
 d. 7 Feb 1804 Opel, La.

31 Marie Landry
 (Mother of No. 15,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. Ca 1750 Acadia
 d. before 1804 Louis was a
 widow at death

Gwen daughter of Lawrence Bergeron and Ivy LeJeune

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b. Date of Birth
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4 Charles Derosin Bertrand

(Father of No. 2)
 b.ca 1820-50 yrs old-1870cens
 p.b. Opelousas, Louisiana
 m. 29 Oct 1846 Opel, La.
 d. after 1870 census-age 50
 p.d. Opelousas, Louisiana

2 Pierre Arcadius Bertrand

(Father of No. 1)
 b. 4 Oct 1851
 p.b. Opelousas, Louisiana
 m. 7 Dec 1969 Iota, La.
 d. 16 Jan 1939
 p.d. Iota, La. Buried Ritchie cemetary

5 Marie Louise Zelma Vige

(Mother of No. 2)
 b. 1 March 1827
 p.b. Opelousas, Louisiana
 d. succ dated 20 June 1853
 p.d. Opelousas, Louisiana

(my Grandmother)

1 Marie Victorine Bertrand

b. 5 March 1887
 p.b. Iota, Louisiana
 m. 27 Nov 1905 Iota, La.
 d. 24 Feb 1958
 p.d. Route 2 Eunice, Louisiana

6 Victor Janeau, Jr.

(Father of No. 3)
 b. 1 July 1820
 p.b. Opelousas, Louisiana
 m. 5 Oct 1846 Opel, La.
 d. after 1860 Census age 46
 p.d. Grand Coteau area

3 Marie Delceide Janeau

(Mother of No. 1)
 b. 29 Dec 1850
 p.b. Opelousas, Louisiana
 d. 25 April 1925
 p.d. Iota, La. buried Ritchie cemetary

7 Aieline Constance Vige

(Mother of No. 3)
 b. 18 Sept 1819
 p.b. Opelousas, Louisiana
 d. after 1860 census age 39
 p.d. Grand Coteau area

Thomas LeJeune

(Spouse of No. 1)
 b. 18 April 1884 d. 2 Feb 1968
 p.b. Iota, La. p.d. Rt. 2 Eunice, La. named in husband's succ

8 Pierre Bertrand

(Father of No. 4)
 b. 15 May 1796
 p.b. Opelousas, Louisiana
 m. 19 July 1819 Opel, La.
 d. after 1860 census-age 63
 p.d. Opelousas, Louisiana

9 Felicite Silesie Vige

(Mother of No. 4)
 b. 30 April 1804
 p.b. St. Gabriel, La.
 d. after 1860 census age 55
 p.d. Opelousas, Louisiana

10 Jean Baptiste Francois Vige

(Father of No. 5)
 b. 13 April 1784
 p.b. Opelousas, Louisiana
 m. 26 Dec 1825 Opel, La.
 d. succ dated 23 Nov 1849
 p.d. Opelousas, Louisiana

11 Azelie Forest (Foret)

(Mother of No. 5)
 b. 15 Aug 1811
 p.b. Opelousas, Louisiana
 d. after 1849 in succ of her
 p.d. Opel, La. /husband she was living

12 Victor Janeau, Sr.

(Father of No. 6)
 b. 14 Aug 1795
 p.b. Opelousas, Louisiana
 m. 5 Feb 1831 Opel, La.
 d.
 p.d. Opelousas, Louisiana

13 Marie Josephe Amelin

(Mother of No. 6)
 b.
 p.b. Poste Vincennes, Illinois
 d. succ dated 11 Aug 1837
 p.d. Opelousas, Louisiana

14 Pierre Vige

(Father of No. 7)
 b. 29 July 1786
 p.b. Opelousas, Louisiana
 m. 30 Jan 1810 Opel, La.
 d. succ dated July 1838
 p.d. Opelousas, Louisiana

15 Julie Eleonore Aucoin

(Mother of No. 7)
 b. 10 Feb 1792
 p.b. Pointe Coupee Parish
 d. before 1838 she is not
 p.d. named in husband's succ

16 Amable Bertrand (Rev soldier)

(Father of No. 8)
 b. 19 April 1739
 m. 19 Dec 1789 Opel, La.
 d. 27 Sept 1802 Opel, La.

17 Anastasie Aucoin

(Mother of No. 8)
 b.
 d. 30 Nov 1802 Opel, La.

18 Henri Vige (son of Charles)

(Father of No. 9)
 b. New Orleans?
 m. 12 Aug 1798
 d. succ dated 28 July 1834

19 Marie Louise Breaux

(Mother of No. 9)
 b. 27 May 1781
 d. succ dated 27 Mar. 1856

20 Charles Vige (Rev. Soldier)

(Father of No. 10)
 b. 2 Mar 1734 Montreal, Canada
 d. 18 Feb 1816 Opel, La.

21 Catherine Catoire

(Mother of No. 10)
 b.
 d. succ dated 1835

22 Pierre Forest

(Father of No. 11)
 b. 9 Sept 1769
 m. 10 Oct 1795
 d. 16 Feb 1814 Opel, La.

23 Marie Francoise Fontenot

(Mother of No. 11)
 b.
 d.

24 Jean Baptiste Janeau

(Father of No. 12)
 b. Quebec, Canada
 d. 1 Jan 1819 Opel, La.

25 Marguerite Hebert

(Mother of No. 12)
 b.
 d. 12 July 1832

26 Joseph Amelin

(Father of No. 13)
 b.
 d.

27 Marie Flanary

(Mother of No. 13)
 b. NEED HELP
 d. NEED HELP

28 Charles Vige (Rev Soldier)

(Father of No. 14)
 b. 2 Mar 1734
 d. 18 Feb 1816 Opel, La.

29 Catherine Catoire

(Mother of No. 14)
 b.
 d. succ dated 1835

30 Jean Baptise Aucoin

(Father of No. 15)
 b. ca 1758 England
 m. 27 April 1784 France
 d. before 1797

31 Marie Forest

(Mother of No. 15)
 b. 19 July 1764
 d. before 1802

Gwen- daughter of Lawrence Bergeron and Ivy LeJeune

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

4 Emile LeJeune

(Father of No. 2)

b.ca 1831-1835-1850 census-15
p.b. Opel, La. 1870 census-39
m. 25 Jan 1855 Opelousas, La.
d. succ dated 11 Jan 1891
p.d. Crowley courthouse, La.
(Acadia Parish)

2 Louis Angelas LeJeune

(Father of No. 1)

b. 28 Feb 1856
p.b. Opelousas, Louisiana
m. 29 Jan 1876 Churchpoint, La.
d. 11 Aug 1930
p.d. Iota, Louisiana

5 Celanie Louis Charles Pitre

(Mother of No. 2)

b. 14 March 1838
p.b. Opelousas, Louisiana
d. succ dated 14 July 1880
p.d. Crowley, La. courthouse
(Acadia Parish)

(my grandfather)

1 Thomas LeJeune

b. 18 April 1884
p.b. Iota, Louisiana
m. 27 Nov 1905 Iota, La.
d. 2 Feb 1968
p.d. Rural Route Eunice, La.

6 Thomas J. Watkins

(Father of No. 3)

b. ca 1827-age 23 1850 census
p.b. Georgia ?
m. 8 July 1842 Opel court
d. succ dated 1857 house
p.d. Opelousas, Louisiana

3 Elizabeth Watkins

(Mother of No. 1)

b. 25 Jan 1847
p.b. Churchpoint, Louisiana
d. 18 Nov 1927
p.d. Iota, Louisiana

(her parents-succ of Jean)
7 Celastine LeJeune (mto Gatte)

b. ca 1827-age 23 1850 census
p.b. Opelousas, Louisiana
d. tutorship of 2 children
p.d. she was dead- 1858

Marie Opelousas, La.Victorine Bertrand

(Spouse of No. 1)

b. 5 march 1887 d. 24 Feb 1958
p.b. Iota, La p.d. route 2 Eunice, La.

8 Michel LeJeune

(Father of No. 4)

b. apt 1 Nov 1804-age 2 yrs 17
p.b. Opelousas, Louisiana
m. 20 Aug 1824 Opel, La.
d. after 1860 census-age 60
p.d. Opelousas, Louisiana

Marie Joseph Bellard

(Mother of No. 4)

b. apt 17 Nov 1803-age 3 mts 19
p.b. Opelousas, Louisiana
d. succ dated 21 Aug 1874
p.d. 1870 census-age 66
Opelousas, Louisiana

10 Louis Charles Pitre

(Father of No. 5)

b. apt 27 Nov 1808- 4 wks
p.b. Opelousas, Louisiana
m. 10 Dec 1829 Opel, La.
d. succ dated 27 Sept 1847
p.d. Opelousas, Louisiana

11 Felonie Francois Joubert

(Mother of No. 5)

b. 5 Nov 1809
p.b. Opelousas, Louisiana
d. succ dated 19 Mar 1846
p.d. Opelousas, Louisiana

12 Need help and idears on

(Father of No. 6)

b. researching this line.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d.

NEED HELP

(Mother of No. 6)

14 Jean LeJeune

(Father of No. 7)

b. 31 July 1795
p.b. Opelousas, Louisiana
m. 23 Aug 1813 Opel, La.
d. succ dated 5 March 1853
p.d. Opelousas, Louisiana

15 Marie Louise Lacasse

(Mother of No. 7)

b. 2 July 1797
p.b. Opelousas, Louisiana
d. succ dated 12 Aug 1834
p.d. Opelousas, Louisiana

16 Blaise LeJeune, Jr.

(Father of No. 8)

b. ca 1775
m. 1 May 1792 Opel, La.
d. 17 Aug 1848 age 73
17 Anne Adelaide Quintero
b. 6 Oct 1772 Pointe Coupee Par
d.

18 Antoine Bellard, Jr.

(Father of No. 9)

b. 3 Sept 1783
m. 9 Nov 1802
d. before 1850 not in 1850 cen
sus

b. ca 1790

(Mother of No. 9)

d. after 1850- age 60 in 1850
census

20 Charles Pitre

(Father of No. 10)

b. 29 June 1781
m. 9 July 1805

21 Catherine Vige

(Mother of No. 10)

b.
d. succ dated 25 Feb 1835

22 Francois Joubert

(Father of No. 11)

b. 27 Dec 1781
m. 9 Feb 1807 Opel, La
d. succ dated 1822

23 Stephien Helen Doucet

(Mother of No. 11)

b. 8 March 1786
d. succ 10 Jan 1826

24

b. (Father of No. 12)
m. Cont. on chart No. _____

25

b. (Mother of No. 12)
m. Cont. on chart No. _____

26

b. (Father of No. 13)
m. Cont. on chart No. _____

27

b. (Mother of No. 13)
m. Cont. on chart No. _____

28 Blaise LeJeune, Jr.

(Father of No. 14)

b. ca 1775
m. 1 May 1792 Opel, La.
d. 17 Aug 1848 age 73

29 Anne Adelaide Quintero

(Mother of No. 14)

b. 6 Oct 1772
d. Pointe Coupee Par

30 Etienne Lacase

(Father of No. 15)

b. 30 Jan 1772
m. ca 1796

31 Cecile Dorothee Hebert

(Mother of No. 15)

b. 25 March 1778
d.

ONE CHILD'S MEMORY OF THE ORPHAN TRAIN'S ARRIVAL IN OPELOUSAS

submitted by Margaret Reed Fontenot

I had as a child, often heard my mother speak of the New York orphans who had come by train to be adopted by families in our area, so, lately I asked her to recount that particular day for me. This is the story as remembered by my 85 year old mother, Mrs. Wade H. Reed (Elta Guillory)

On a hot summer day, Elta, then seven years old, went along with her father, Doreselin I. Guillory, (a rice farmer in the Chataignier area) on a business trip to Opelousas. He often brought her along to break the long buggy ride with her constant chatter and questions.

Both were interested in family background and he related family relationships and incidences to her as they drove along.

On this particular day, after his business transactions, they drove down toward the Opelousas railroad station, stopping about 100 feet away, under a tree, because of the heat. Elta had never seen a steam engine before and was fascinated when the puffing engine backed up to the station, with three coach cars attached.

The crowds of people were in a semicircle waiting. They witnessed only three orphans coming down the steps, led by a nun (which Elta had never witnessed before, either.)

The first orphan was a boy about three years old, meticulously dressed in black pants and a starched white shirt, neatly combed, and evidently very scared. He, as each child, had a tag with a number on it. The nun called out a name and a man came forward, identified himself, and took the child -- who was screaming and kicking, through the crowd to meet his wife.

The second boy whimpered but did not carry on as the first one had. Mom said her very sensitive father caught her around the waist and held her close to him as they witnessed the transactions.

The third orphan was a pretty little blonde girl in a white dress with a blue apron who did not noticeably cry but hung her head as she was led away by her new father.

At this time, Elta's father turned and started off for home, at first very quiet, then went on to explain to Elta why these children were being sent to Louisiana alone.

This was an experience she has never forgotten.

As it turned out, Elta became very good friends with one of the adoptees, Helen Ardoin Eastin, whom the Guillaumin Ardoin adopted after the loss of their only child. (1)

The other adoptee who she knew personally was a beautiful three year old blond boy named Joseph Wolf. He was adopted by Willis and Virginie (Virginia Young) Fontenot of the lower Chataignier region called "Choupik". The Fontenots had no children of their own until Joseph was seven years old, when Hampton was born.

Elta remembers Joseph (four years her junior) as a very bright boy who loved to recite ditties learned at the orphanage. When visiting with him it took very little persuasion to get him up to recite. (Those ditties that she remembers are "Here I stand, all ragged and dirty. If you don't come kiss me I'll run like a turkey", "Here I stand on two little chips, please come kiss my sweet little lips" and a longer one about a white ship on a blue hill.

Later, Elta, who became a school teacher, taught Hampton in the second grade and Joseph would come around often to check on his little brother, of whom he was very proud. (2)

- (1) Her father was with G. Ardoin & Co. of Ville Platte, and Willie Easton (who she married is still associated with this company in 1984)
 (2) Joseph, now dead, was the father of three children.

Suggested related reading - three part series beginning Wednesday, July 11, 1979, Opelousas & St Landry TODAY, published in Opelousas, by John Ed Bradley, concerning the arrival in the area of orphan trains from New York.

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Cindy Leger, R#1, Box 19, Eunice, LA 70535 is interested in obtaining pictures of family members of the Methridate BILLEAUDEAU and Odile GUILLORY family and of Methridate BILLEAUDEAU and Ophelia Chapman MANUEL; Sullie BILLEAUDEAU and Emille SOILEAU; Olide FONTENOT and Melanie YOUNG. She can copy your print. Can anyone help?

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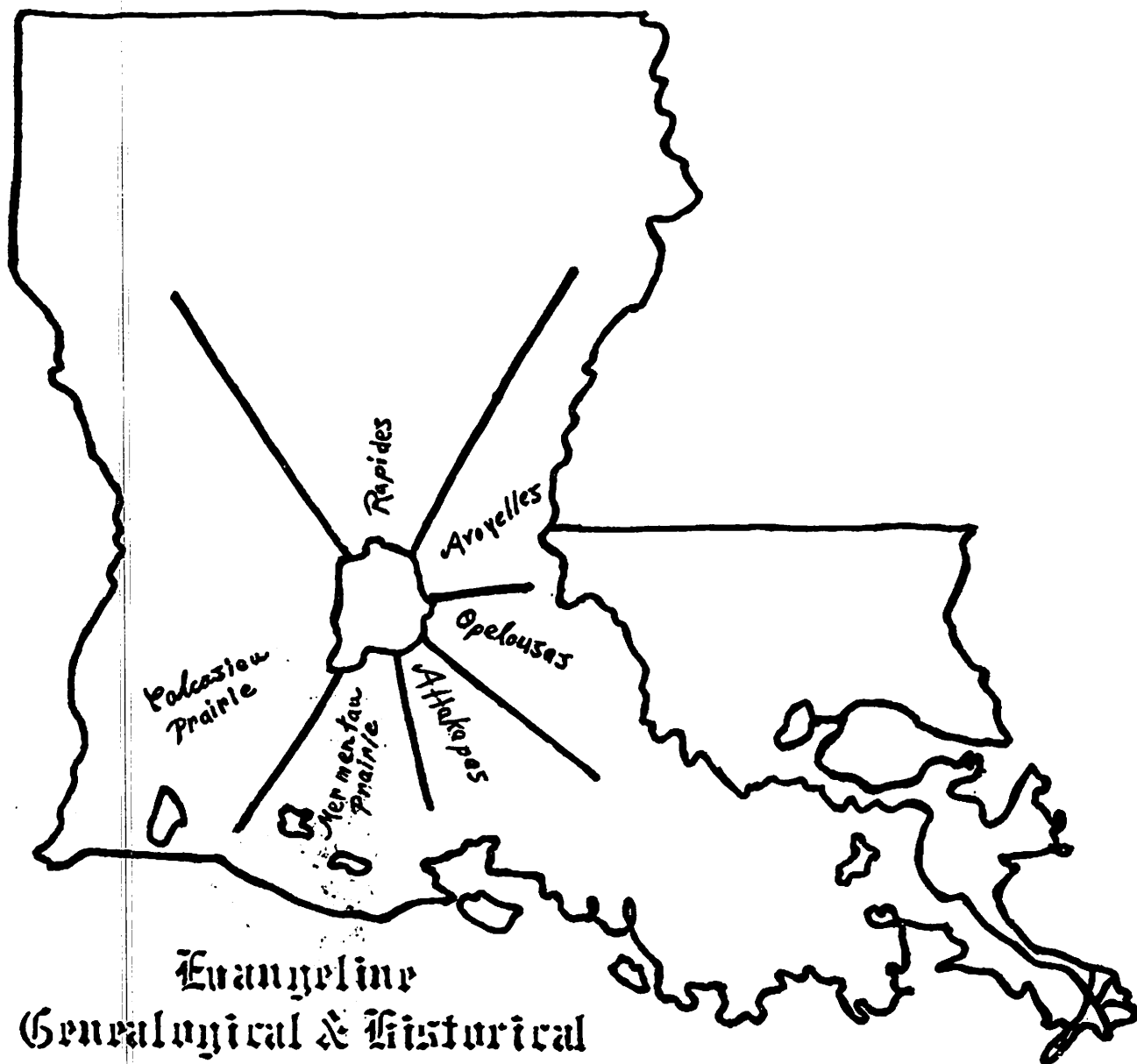
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THE FIRST BUNDICKS OF EVANGELINE PARISH

by Albert Tate, Jr.

During Spanish colonial times, some English-speaking settlers clustered in the Bayou Chicot area of Evangeline Parish, then in the Spanish Opelousas District. One of the first of these was William Bundick, who with his wife Mary Hay and some younger members of her family arrived in the Opelousas Post area in early 1780. As is documented more fully in the articles cited at the end of this paper, this couple had nine children baptized at the Opelousas Catholic church, two of whom died in infancy.

The seven surviving children of this couple, their spouses, and their children are as follows:

I. William (Jr.), b. 1781-82, d. 1819, m. ca 1805 Sarah Corkran (Cochran); children: William (M.), b. 1805, d. 1879 (Gonzales County, Texas), m. 1833 Mary Laws,; Steven (Etienne), b. 1807, d. 1843, m. 1827 Margaret Marceline Fontenot; Eliza (Eloise, Louisa), b. 1809, d. 1866, m. 1827 Pierre Guillory; Jean (John), b. 1812, died before 1820; Louis, b. and d. 1817; Sarah (Celeste), b. 1818, d. (?), m. 1835 Francois Doucet.

II. Philip, b. 1783, d. 1827, m. ca 1805 Sarah Barker; children: Samuel P., b. 1806, d. 1881 (Gonzales County, Texas), m. (1) 1827 Charlotte McDaniel, (2) 1849 Mary Greenwell, (3) 1878 Phibe Ware (Gonzales County, Texas); Mary, b. 1804-1810, d. 1855, m. 1829 John West; Mathilda, b. 1811 (1810?) (Mississippi?), d. 1866, m. 1827 Jacob Bihm (Bime); (?) George, b. 1820 or after, d. after 1851.

III. Mary (Mary Elizabeth), b. 1786, d. 1835, m. 1805 James McDaniel; children: William, b. 1805, d. after 1850, m. (1) 1828 Sarah West, (2) 1836 Louisa Bundick; John (John B.) b. 1807, d. after 1870, m. (1) 1837 Patsy (Martha) Bihm, (2) 1852 Susanne Neyland and (3) 1872 Rosalie Duplechain; James, Jr., b. 1808, d. after 1850, m. 1835 Catherine West; Daniel, b. 1810, d. 1876, m. 1838 Marianne Julien Guillory; Acquilla, b. 1816 (Feliciano or St. Helena Parish), d. after 1850, m. 1838 Celise Fontenot; (?) George, Aaron, and Philip, b. after 1814 (minors at time of mother's death in 1835), d.(?), m.(?).

IV. George, b. 1788, d. after 1830, m. 1819 Pauline Thompson (Feliciano Parish); children: none discovered, although some children (possibly not his) were listed in his 1830 census enumeration.

V. Robert, b. 1792-94, d. 1848, m. 1811 Charlotte Dalton, children: Delila, b. ca 1812, d. after 1850, m. (1) 1828 John P. McCutchan, (2) Benjamin F. Miles, Sr., 1832 (West Feliciano Parish); William, b. ca 1813, d. 1860-62, m. 1832 Nancy Thompson; Robert, Jr., b. ca 1820, d.?, m. 1841 Henrietta Rea (West Feliciano Parish); Ewell, b. ca 1818, d.? (Avoyelles Parish?) m.

Lydia _____ (date unknown, Avoyelles Parish?); Clara, b. 1815-20, d.?, m. 1832 Levi Thompson (West Feliciana Parish). Also, from the 1820 and 1830 census enumerations, there may be an additional male child of the marriage, b. ca 1815-25 (name unknown, but possibly Eli, b. ca 1827).

VI. Charles (H.), b. 1792-93, d. 1850-1862 (Polk or Grimes County, Texas), m. 1817 Eliza Ham (Haw), children: Susan, b. 1818, d.?, m. 1841 Lewis Singleton (her first cousin, son of Mathilda); William, b. 1820, d.?, m. (before 1848) Mary Young; Caroline, b. 1821, d.?, m. 1837 John S. Hezlet; Charles H., b. 1823, d. 1901 (Kerr County, Texas), m. Lucinda Williams; Mathilda, b.?, d.?, m. 1846 Thomas Williams; Leonard J., b. 1833, d.? (Texas), m. 1852 Sarah A. Vasbinder (Grimes County, Texas). (Other children, as reflected by census? One of them may be Mary, b.?, d?, m. 1846 Hampton Singleton.)

VII. Mathilda, b. 1794-95, d. 1887 (New Orleans), m. 1812 Seth Singleton, children: Robert P., b. ca 1813, d.?, m. (1) 1837 Margaret Keller, (2) 1865 Sarah Andrus; Charles Bowie, b. 1817, d. 1892 (buried New Orleans or Missouri), m. Anna Lackland (date?); Lewis Marion, b. 1819, d. 1855, m. 1841 Susan Bundick (his first cousin, daughter of Charles); Middleton Glaze, b. 1821, d. 1893 (Columbia, Missouri), m. Mary Eliza Barr (date?); DeWitt Clinton, b. ca 1825, d. ca 1871-72, m. ca 1847 Sara Iles (Calcasieu Parish); Caroline, b. ca 1829, d.?, m. before 1859 Sebastien D. Allis; Leonard Compton, b. ca 1832, d. ca 1868 (Columbia, Missouri), m. Elizabeth Rowland (date?); Lethe Ann, b. ca 1836, d.?, m. before 1859 Henry Keller; Matthew Vernon, b. 1837, d. ca 1885-86, m. Eliza Camilla Vernon (date?).

In addition to these children by Mary Hay, William Bundick by a second union with Hessina Barker in the Spanish Attakapas District (in a settlement along Bayou Teche now in St. Mary Parish) had six children: Amelia, b. 1799, d. 1826 (La.), m. William Schrier; Marcellus., b. 1800, d. 1837 (Tex.); Maria, b. 1802, d.?, Samuel, b. 1808, d. 1844 (Tex.); Thomas, b. 1810, d. 1870 (Tex.); Jackson E., b. 1794-1800, d.? (Tex.).

The particulars about these two families of William Bundick are documented in an article by the writer, "The Children of the Two Marriages of William Bundick," Louisiana Genealogical Register, Vol. XXXI, No. 1 (March 1984), pp.17-34. Other articles by the writer of interest to a Bundick researcher are: "William Bundick (ca 1743-1810): Early Anglo Settler of the Spanish Opelousas-Attakapas Area," Attakapas Gazette, XIX, No. 2 (Summer 1984), pp. _____; "William Bundick's Marriage to Mary Hay in Mobile (1778)," La Voix des Prairies, Vol. 3, No. 11 (October 1982), pp. 74-76; "Gilbert Hay in South Carolina, 1764-1768," Louisiana Genealogical Register, Vol. XXIX, No. 3 (September 1982), pp. 201-203.

Children of Olide Ignas FONTENOT and Melane YOUNG FONTENOT
submitted by Cindy B. Leger

Olide Ignas FONTENOT, b. May 8, 1847, d. March 8, 1921, m. Melane YOUNG, b. April 28, 1850, d. December 28, 1924. They are buried in Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Chataignier, La. The following are their children:

1. Artaluse, b. January 10, 1868, d. October 2, 1905, m. November 30, 1886, Lucia GUILLORY, b. March 19, 1868, d. August 27, 1957. They are buried in Mt. Carmel Cemetery - Chataignier, La.
2. Adoil, b. February 10, 1869, d. May 1, 1953, m. November 29, 1887, Mary YOUNG, b. August 8, 1871, d. March 6, 1966. They are buried in St. Paul's Cemetery - Eunice, La.
3. Oledia, b. November 23, 1870, d. December 27, 1952, m. (1) December 28, 1886, Arnold GUILLORY and (2) December 19, 1895, John BROWN, b. October 20, 1874, d. January 9, 1947. They are buried in St. Paul's Cemetery - Eunice, La. (Oledia and John)
4. Eula, b. July 28, 1872, d. March 1, 1958, m. December 31, 1895, Leonard FONTENOT, b. July 22, 1874 (July 22, 1873 - Ville Platte Church Records) d. August 8, 1953. They are buried in Mamou, La.
5. Olide, Jr., b. March 4, 1874, d. ?, m. Merdes GUILLORY, b. ?; d. ? They are buried in the woods behind Judson Ardoin's old home.
6. Olive, b. April 1, 1875, d. January 30, 1915, m. October 17, 1893, Peter BROWN, Jr., b. October 21, 1870 (a different date of birth is given in Aunt Doline's old book) d. September 27, 1944. They are buried in Mt. Carmel Cemetery - Chataignier, La.
7. Oliver, b. December 5, 1876, d. 1902, m. November 12, 1895, Flora BROWN, b. October 22, 1876; d. 1948. They are buried in Mt. Carmel Cemetery - Chataignier, La.
8. Olephus, b. July 15, 1878, d. ? m. Corine GUILLORY. They are buried in Mamou, La.
9. Meline, b. February 19, 1880, d. November 1, 1970, m. (1) December 10, 1895, Ozman AGUILLARD, b. ? d. August 13, 1925, and (2) Ozema GODEAUX. They are buried in Mt. Carmel Cemetery - Chataignier, La.
10. Athanase, b. July 14, 1881 (July 15, 1881 - Eunice Church Records) d. April 14, 1950, m. Adelaide LANDRY, b. August 2, 1884, d. December 30, 1953. They are buried in Ville Platte, La.
11. Adeus, b. April 17, 1882, d. March 15, 1952, m. Corine McGEE, b. June 10, 1885, d. December 12, 1940. They are buried in St. Paul's Cemetery - Eunice, La.

12. Devienne, b. June 5, 1885, d. February 13, 1964, m. Eraste COURVILLE, b. December 30, 1879, d. October 10, 1954. They are buried in the Baptist Cemetery in the curve near Chataignier, La.
13. Lemon, b. January 16, 1887, d. November 25, 1944, m. (1) Olivier SMITH (a son of Christian SMITH) and (2) Regile YOUNG, b. August 18, 1885 (August 19, 1885 - Eunice Church Records) d. February 21, 1969. Lemon and Regile are buried in Mt. Carmel Cemetery - Chataignier, La.
14. Lucia, b. July 28, 1889, d. January 21, 1975, m. Jerome FONTENOT, b. July 28, 1884, d. January 5, 1943. They are buried in Mt. Carmel Cemetery - Chataignier, La.
15. Lucian - twin to Lucia - died soon after birth.
16. Eva, b. April 6, 1893, d. February 15, 1978, m. Willie W. YOUNG, b. February 1, 1886 d. August 20, 1965. They are buried in the Baptist Cemetery in the curve near Chataignier, La. "Louisiana Pvt. Co. H. 156 Infantry, World War I" is written on Willie's tombstone.

This material obtained from tombstones of each person except Lucian whose burial site is unknown. If data does not match that in Father Hebert's books that data is also listed. Marriage dates are from the Hebert series - S. La. Records.

Cindy Leger has visited each gravesite.



OLIDE FONTENOT 1847 - 1921
MELANE YOUNG FONTENOT 1850 - 1924

Cindy B. LEGER is the daughter of Linzay BROWN (Peter BROWN, Jr. and Olive FONTENOT) and Merzie BILLEAUDEAU (Euger BILLEAUDEAU and Lillie BILLEAUDEAU)

(Photo and information submitted by Cindy Brown LEGER)

PRIVATE LAND CLAIMS IN LOUISIANA CONFIRMED BY ACT OF CONGRESS, Feb 10 1897
Section situated in St. Landry Parish - submitted by Jacqueline O. Vidrine

(Code - Land district, Parish, Section, Township, Range, area in acres,
when surveyed by U.S., situation with reference to natural objects, sup-
posed to be possessed or claimed by)

Southwestern, St. Landry, 108, 4S, 3E, 182.92, 1857, about 6 miles north-
west of Washington, legal representatives of Francois Guillory.

_____, _____, 45, 4S, 3E, 270.12, 1857, about 4 miles north-
west of Washington, Jean Bte. De Vidrine.

_____, _____, 77, 4S, 3E, 105.72, 1857, about 4 miles north-
west of Washington, Pierre Doucet.

_____, _____, 96, 4S, 3E, 3.06, 1857, about 4 miles north-
west of Washington, Jean Bte. De Vidrine. (conflicts with claim of George King
and D.F. Sackett)

_____, _____, 73, 4S, 4E, 68.58, 1857, about 2 miles north of
Washington, J. B. Devidrine.

_____, _____, 78, 4S, 4E, 12.80, 1857, about 4 miles north of
Washington, legal representatives of Francois Guillory.

_____, _____, 38, 5S, 2E, 80.51, 1872, about 9 miles southwest
of Washington, Antoine Belleais.

_____, _____, 84, 5S, 3E, 95.08, 1855, about 9 miles southwest
of Washington, Antoine Belleais.

_____, _____, 436, 5S, 3E, 98.40, 1855, about 6 miles west of
Washington, Pierre Doucet, under Spanish patent, June 23, 1781.

_____, _____, 43, 6S, 3E, 6.89, 1853, about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of
Opelousas, Joseph Grange.

_____, _____, 66, 6S, 4E, 83.37, 1853, on Bayou Tesson, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile
south of Opelousas, Joseph Grange.

_____, _____, 112, 6S, 4E, 112.11, 1853, on Bayou Del Puente,
 $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles southeast of Opelousas, Stephen Cochran.

_____, _____, 111, 6S, 4E, 111.24, 1853, on Bayou Del Puente,
 $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles southeast of Opelousas, Gonor.

_____, _____, 162, 6S, 4E, 16.55, 1853, one fourth mile north
of Opelousas, Church of Opelousas. (held under Spanish patent to Antoine Pillet,
dated August 1, 1781)

_____, _____, 163, 6S, 4E, 1.70, 1853, one fourth mile north of
Opelousas, William Shields. (same as above)

_____, _____, 164, 6S, 4E, 1.81, 1853, one fourth mile north of Opelousas, Piernas. (held under Spanish patent to Antoine Pillet, dated August 1, 1781)

_____, _____, 165, 6S, 4E, 0.85, 1853, one fourth mile north of Opelousas, Furey Hallier. (same as above)

_____, _____, 166, 6S, 4E, 0.85, 1853, one fourth mile north of Opelousas, Furey Hallier. (same as above)

_____, _____, 167, 6S, 4E, 0.35, 1853, one fourth mile north of Opelousas, Furey Hallier. (same as above)

_____, _____, 168, 6S, 4E, 6.38, 1853, one fourth mile north of Opelousas, Nathaniel Cochran. (same as above)

_____, _____, 169, 6S, 4E, 77.33, 1853, two and one half miles northeast of Opelousas, representatives of Jacob Schnell, under French patent to Pellerin.

_____, _____, 170, 6S, 4E, 55.60, 1853, two and one miles southeast of Opelousas, under French patent to Pellerin.

_____, _____, 171, 6S, 4E, 172.45, 1853, on right bank of Bayou Teche, four miles southeast of Opelousas, under French patent to Pellerin.

_____, _____, 55, 7S, 5E, _____, 1875, on left bank of Bayou Teche, three miles north of Arnaudville, Michel Cormier.

_____, _____, 59, 7S, 5E, 95.44, 1875, on left bank of Bayou Teche, three miles north of Arnaudville, Widow Molines.

_____, _____, 38, 7S, 6E, 82.64, 1875, on left bank of Bayou Teche, three miles north of Arnaudville, Michel Cormier.

_____, _____, 42, 7S, 6E, 33.38, 1875, on left bank of Bayou Teche, three miles north of Arnaudville, Widow Molines.

_____, _____, 82, 8S, 4E, 122.53, 1851, on left bank of Bayou Caroncros, about four miles south of Grand Coteau, Joseph Babineau.

_____, _____, 88, 8S, 4E, 61.70, 1851, on left bank of Bayou Caroncros, about four miles south of Grand Coteau, Widow Babineau.

_____, _____, 49, 8S, 5E, 292.11, 1854, on left bank of Bayou Caroncros, about four miles south of Grand Coteau, Mme. Veuve Babineau.

_____, _____, 31, 5S, 2W, 2,792.61, 1856, on left bank of Beaver Creek, about 30 miles northwest of Opelousas, representatives of Antoine Boisdore.

_____, _____, 47, 9S, 2W, 580.90, 1874, on right bank of Bayou Cannes, about five miles northeast of Mermenton, Anthony Cochran.

A WEST FAMILY LINE by Barbara Braun West

Nathaniel WEST and Sara BONIN (BONAN) had a son named Nathaniel probably b. ca 1770 to 1785. This son married Marguerite (Mary) CORKINS (COCHRAN) 11/12/1785 in the Opelousas Church (V I, P 148, Hebert) (1)

Marguerite's parents were Antoine (Anthony) CORKINS (COCHRAN) and Margurite WATSON. Her grandparents were John COCHRAN and Bridget NUM, of Ireland, and Guillaume WATSON and Marguirite SENET, from Connaught County, Ireland.

(When Anthony CORKRAN's succession was filed in St. Landry Parish in 1818, the only property listed was a 320 arpent tract located on Bayou Chicot though he had previously claimed several large tracts along the Bayou des Cannes and Bayou Nespique. Heirs named in Anthony's succession were Catherine, widow of John MCDANIEL; John MCDANIEL, Jr.; John COCHRAN and Nathaniel WEST.)

Nathaniel WEST and Marguerite COCHRAN are said to have had nine children:

Nathaniel	b. 1802	m. Hyacinthe LEJEUNE, 11/13/1821, d/o Blaise LEJEUNE
Joseph	b. 1804	
William	b. 1806	m. Sara JOHNSON, 12/8/1828, d/o Isaac JEANSONNE
John	b. 1808	m. Mary BUNDICK, 2/27/1829, d/o Philip BUNDICK
Andre	b. 1810	
Sarah	b. 1812	m. William MCDANIEL, 12/2/1828, s/o James MCDANIEL
Sophie	b. 1814	m. William Warden LEWIS, Sr.
Bethlehem	b. 1820	
Aciskm	b. 1822	

John WEST, baptized 14 Nov 1809 at 14 months, married Mary BUNDICK, daughter of Philip BUNDICK, of Bayou Chicot, and Sara BARKER, on 2/27/1829 (Opelousas Court House # 19) They had at least one son, Charles Beauregard WEST, b. Dec, 1831.

Charles Beauregard WEST married Alida LAFLEUR, 28 July 1857, daughter of Marcelin LAFLEUR and Marie Oline (or Olive) FONTENOT. They had at least two sons, Archille WEST b. 8/16/1858 and Charles Beauregard WEST, Jr. 10/4/1860

The succession of Charles B. WEST, Sr. was filed in 1863 so there might not have been other children.

Alida LAFLEUR, widow of Charles B. WEST, married Emile REED 4/9/1865 and married Louis Cyrille BARDOT 11/9/1875 so she raised three families.

Achille WEST m. 9/10/1889 Irma SOILEAU, daughter of Lucian SOILEAU and Dorsina LA CASSE. They had at least five children, Marie Ida, Jean, Leon, Maime and Estelle.

Charles Beauregard WEST married 12/16/1886 Marie Aline VIDRINE, daughter of Jean Pierre VIDRINE and Adlaide BRIGNAC (Opelousas Court House, Marriage Book # 14253) Their children were:

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|--------------------|---|
| Louise | b. 9/28/1887 married Lonzo TATE and had one child, Viola who married _____ TERRIOT. |
| Onezime | b. 8/20/1889 died young, never married |
| Eugenia | b. 11/17/1891 died young, never married |
| Charles Beauregard | b. 3/6/1900 married Florestine DAIRE, daughter of Edward DAIRE and Rosea VIDRINE 11/13/1923 and had three daughters; Versie WEST married Homer BROWN and had six children, Homer, Jr., Shirley, Joyce, Sandra, Glenn and Ronnie. Mary Lou WEST married Paul Roderick LAFLEUR, son of Orise LAFLEUR and Bernadette VIDRINE, and had three children, Brenda Gail, Rebecca, and Wayne.
Anna Mae WEST married Avie SOILLEAU, son of Martin SOILLEAU, and had three sons, Roger Dale, Terry James and Joey. |
| Murphy | b. 9/12/1902 married Leola ORTEGO, daughter of John Edward ORTEGO and Valentine PITRE. (His death, of lung cancer, occurred October, 1958, his wife's death of the same cause occurred in August, 1969.) They had two sons, Lionel WEST, born 4/1/1928, and Robert Louis WEST, born 11/15/1932. Robert Louis married Barbara Marie BRAUN, daughter of Lawrence Herman BRAUN and Agnes Hermina BURGERT, of St. Marys, Missouri, on 10 Dec 1956, no issue. |
| Jean Pierre | b. died as an infant |
| Nita | b. married Alide VIDRINE, no issue. |
| Alida | b. married Elton SYLVESTER, and had five children, Herman, Hubert, Lou Ann, John Henry, and James. (She died of cancer within 10 months following Murphy's death.) |
| Adelaide (Delie) | b. 1910 married Ira VIDRINE and had seven children, Gurvis, Perrilo Jane, Davis, Aline, Berryll, Ira, Jr. and Kilren. She died 9/22/78 |

(Family tradition says that Charles Beauregard and Aline had 11 pregnancies and nine children. Aline's sister, Alice, married Rene 'Black' FONTENOT and they had twelve children. Adelaide BRIGNAC, mother of Aline and Alice, later married _____ LAVERGNE and had three sons.)

Information obtained through personal interviews and Father Donald J. Hebert's, South La Church Records.

Additional notes related to WEST research:

Louisiana territory, claimed by France in 1682, was held as a French colony until 1763 when ceded to Spain. In 1800 Napoleon got it back from Spain then sold it to the U.S. in 1803.

In 1777 the entire Opelousas district had a population of 756 persons, 100 white men, 139 white women, 211 boys, 123 girls and 120 male negros, 98 female negros including 11 free persons of color (Archives General de Indies, Sevilla, Cuba)

The Post de Opelousas and Poste de Attakapas were established and named by Indian tribes. Courrier de bois visited and traded for fur, tallow, bear grease, indigo, horses and other items.

Original land titles were acquired by purchase from Attakapas Indians, by grant from the Spanish government, by requete (a request for permission to occupy a certain tract) and order of survey, and by occupation and settlement. After the Louisiana Purchase all land claims, to be valid, had to be verified and confirmed by the government of the U.S. (American State Papers, Public Lands) Land holdings were long, narrow strips, fronting on a river or bayou. Each grant began at the bank of the stream and extended between parallel lines for an ordinary depth of 40 arpents, about 192 feet. The open prairies, referred to as 'au large' remained unclaimed and unsettled until after 1803.

William BUNDICK, Sr. owned land on Nezpique which extended to within a mile of the present community of Evangeline. He was the original claimant. Church records of both Opelousas and St. Martinville show marriages of a William BUNDICK but it is not certain that they are the same man. The earliest record at the Opelousas Church is the baptism, in 1780, of Angelique, daughter of William BUNDICK and Mary HESSE (Hays)

John MCDANIEL, Anthony CORKRAN and George KING owned adjacent tracts. The MCDANIEL land was north of the community of Evangeline, the CORKRAN tract encompassed part of the town and all of the Evangeline Oil Field. George KING's land was south of town. MCDANIEL came to Louisiana in 1786 and first married Elizabeth EVANS. In 1789 he married Catherine CORKRAN, daughter of Anthony CORKRAN and Marguirite WATSON (Mrs. A.D. D'Avy genealogy records.)

Anthony CORKRAN owned the tract south of MCDANIEL's land. The land claim was not confirmed by the U.S. government until 1897. He was in the Opelousas district as early as 1788 and occupied land 'situated at the cove ov the vacherie of Sylvain Saunier on the bayou Plaquemine Brule. He sank a well on this property in 1783 and built a house which later burned.' He also had a tract on Bayou Jonas near present day town of Egan.

Of the 13 persons with land claims along Bayou des Cannes and Nezpique in township 9 South, Range 2 West - John MCDANIEL, Anthony COCKRAN, Will CALLAGHAN and William BUNDICK seem to be related through the WEST line.

Reference: Acadia Parish, Louisiana, A History to 1900, Mary Alice Fontenot and Rev. Paul B. Freeland D.D.; Claitors Publishing Division, Baton Rouge, 1976.

Ancestor Chart

Name of Compiler Barbara West
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 Date 1960-1982

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

Chart No. 1-W

Date of Birth
 Place of Birth
 Date of Marriage
 Date of Death
 Place of Death

4 Charles Beauregard West

b. 29 Dec 1831 (Father of No. 2)
 p.b. 28 Jul 1857
 m. Succ. #2585, 16 Feb 1863
 d. Opel Ct Hs
 p.d.

2 Charles Beauregard West

b. 10/4/1860 (Father of No. 1)
 p.b.
 m. 16 Dec 1886
 d. 5/29/1923
 p.d.

5 Alida Lafleur

b. 5 Mar 1839 (Mother of No. 2)
 p.b. m. (2) Emile Reed
 d. 4 Sept 1865
 p.d. m. (3) Bardot

1 Murphy West

b. 12 Sept 1902
 p.b.
 m.
 d. 28 Oct 1958
 p.d.

6 Jean Pierre Vidrine

b. (Father of No. 3)
 p.b.
 m. 14 June 1866 V.P.
 d.
 p.d.

3 Marie Aline Vidrine

b. 1867 (Mother of No. 1)
 p.b.
 d. 20 Feb 1936
 p.d.

7 Adelaide Brignac

b. 10 Sep 1843 (Mother of No. 3)
 p.b.
 d. m. (2) 6/1/1876
 p.d. Alexandre Lavergne

Leola Ortego

(Spouse of No. 1)
 b. 25 Jul 1904 d. 13 Aug 1968
 p.b. Tate Cove, La. p.d. V.P.

8 John West

(Father of No. 4)
 b. Btz. 14 Nov 1809 (14 mo)
 p.b. Opl Ch V.1, p.432
 m. 27 Feb 1829 Opl ct hs#19
 d.
 p.d.

9 Mary Bundick

(Mother of No. 4)

10 Marcelin Lafleur

(Father of No. 5)
 b.
 p.b.
 m. 21 Nov 1840 (?)
 d.
 p.d.

11 Marie Olive Fontenot

(Mother of No. 5)

12 Florentin Vidrine

(Father of No. 6)
 b. btz. 25 Dec 1797
 p.b.
 m. 15 Oct 1822
 d.
 p.d. Celeste?

13 Celise Lafleur

(Mother of No. 6)

14 Francois Brignac

(Father of No. 7)
 b. 27 Sep 1821
 p.b.
 m. 1841?43?
 d.
 p.d.

15 Adelaide Vidrine

(Mother of No. 7)

16 Nathaniel West

b. (Father of No. 8,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 m. 12 Nov. 1805
 d. Opl Ch; VI, #148
 17 Mary Cor'ran (Cochran)
 b. 1788? (Mother of No. 8,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)

18 Philip Bundick (Bayou Chicot)

b. (Father of No. 9,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 m.
 d.
 19 Sara Barker
 b. (Mother of No. 9,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)

20 Marcelin Lafleur

b. (Father of No. 10,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 m. 24 Apr 1816
 d. Modeste Fontenot

21 Modeste Fontenot

(Mother of No. 10,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)

22 Celestin Simon Fontenot

b. 1796 (Father of No. 11,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 m. 1817

23 Josephine Guillory

b. 1800 (Mother of No. 11,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 d.

24 Jean Bte. Vidrine

b. (Father of No. 12,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 m. 1788

25 Marie Joseph Brignac

(Mother of No. 12,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)

26 Jean Lafleur

b. (Father of No. 13,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 m.

27 Eulalie Doucet?Deshotel?

b. (Mother of No. 13,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 d.

28 Francois Brignac

b. 16 Apr 1797 (Father of No. 14,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 m. 26 Dec 1820

29 Marguerite Fontenot

(Mother of No. 14,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. m. (2) John Reed 7/11/1825

30 Pierre Vidrine

b. 3 Jan 1790 (Father of No. 15,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 m. 14 May 1816

31 Adelaide(?)Larose Fontenot

b. 18 Feb. 1788 (Mother of No. 15,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 d.

Ancestor Chart

Name of Compiler _____

Person No. 1 on this chart is the same
person as No. 8 on chart No. 1-W.

Chart No. 2-W

Address _____

City, State _____

ate _____

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

4 Nathaniel West

(Father of No. 2)

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

2 Nathaniel West

(Father of No. 1)

b.
p.b. 12 Nov 1805
m.
d.
p.d.

5 Sara Bonan (Bonin)

(Mother of No. 2)

b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

1 John West

1808

b.
p.b.
m. 27 Feb 1829
d.
p.d.

6 Antoine Cochran (Anthony)

(Father of No. 3)

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

Succ. Opel et hs 1818

3 Mary Corkran (Marie Cochran)

(Mother of No. 1)
1788?

b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

7 Marguerite Watson

(Mother of No. 3)

b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

(Spouse of No. 1)

b. d.
p.b. p.d.

8

(Father of No. 4)

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

9

b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

The compiler welcomes additions and
corrections on this family line and
is interested in corresponding with
others working on this project.

10

(Father of No. 5)

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

11

(Mother of No. 5)

b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

12 John Corkran (Patricio)

(Father of No. 6)

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

13 Bridget Num

(Mother of No. 6)

b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

14 Guillume Watson

(Father of No. 7)

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

15 Marguerite Senet

(Mother of No. 7)

b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

16

b.
m.
d.

(Father of No. 8,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

17

b.
d.

(Mother of No. 8,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

21

b.
d.

(Mother of No. 10,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

22

b.
m.
d.

(Father of No. 11,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

23

b.
d.

(Mother of No. 11,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

24

b.
m.
d.

(Father of No. 12,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

25

b.
d.

(Mother of No. 12,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

26

b.
m.
d.

(Father of No. 13,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

27

b.
d.

(Mother of No. 13,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

28

b.
m.
d.

(Father of No. 14,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

29

b.
d.

(Mother of No. 14,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

30

b.
m.
d.

(Father of No. 15,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

31

b.
d.

(Mother of No. 15,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

Gwen - daughter of Lawrence BERGERON
and Ivy Le Jeune

Name of Compiler Gwen Bergeron McMillin

Address Rt. 3, Box 27

City, State Welsh, Louisiana 70591

Date _____

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

Jacob Miller - D- 20 Dec 1807
(Rev Seidier)
M- Anne Marie Thegen - Succ- 1824

Son of Chart No. Opel

16 Jean Baptiste Miller

b. (Father of No. 8,
Cont. on chart No. _____)
m. 19 Jan 1796 Opel, La.

d. _____

17 Marie Francoise Mayer

b. 9 April 1776 (Mother of No. 8,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

d. Succ. 28 Sept 1814

18 Jean Teller

b. (Father of No. 9,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

m. 1 May 1795 Opel, La.

d. Succ. Nov 1820

19 Marie Ritter

b. 22 June 1783 (Mother of No. 9,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

d. _____

20 Donato Bello (Rev. Seidier)

b. Naples, Italy (Father of No. 10,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

m. 15 Jan 1765 New Orleans, La.

d. 20 Dec 1787 Opel, La.

21 Susanne Moreau

b. Alabama? (Mother of No. 10,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

d. Succ- 1822 Opel, La.

22 Pierre Carriere

b. New Orleans? (Father of No. 11,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

m. 8 Feb 1804 Opel, La.

d. Succ- 1833 Opel, La.

23 Louise Vivarette

b. Ca 1763 Illinois (Mother of No. 11,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

d. 19 Oct 1813 Opel, La.

24 Sylvain Saunier (Rev. Seidier)

b. Ca 1736 (Father of No. 12,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

m. Ca 1760

d. 25 Jan 1801 Opel, La.

25 Magdelaine Bourg

b. (Mother of No. 12,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

d. 31 May 1814 Opel, La.

26 Donato Bello (Rev. Seidier)

b. Naples, Italy (Father of No. 13,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

m. 15 Jan 1765 New Orleans

d. 20 Dec 1787 Opel, La.

27 Susanne Moreau

b. Alabama? (Mother of No. 13,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

d. Succ- 1822 Opel, La.

28 Joseph Domingo Casonova

b. Canary Island (Father of No. 14,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

m. _____

d. _____

29 Gertrude Perez

b. (Mother of No. 14,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

d. Opel, La.

30 Louis Roger

b. Ca 1754 (Father of No. 15,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

m. 29 Oct 1774

d. 7 Feb 1804

31 Marie Landry

b. ca 1750 (Mother of No. 15,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

d. _____

4 Jean Louis Miller

b. 30 March 1819 (Father of No. 2)

p.b. Opelousas, La.

m. 26 July 1837- Opel, La.

d. 1860 Census - 42 yrs old

p.d. Opelousas, La.

2 Augustin Miller

(Father of No. 1)

b. 7 Aug 1847

p.b. Churchpoint, La.

m. 11 April 1868 Churchpoint, La.

d. 29 Jan 1918

p.d. Buried- Frey Cemetary

5 Julima (Julie) Bello

(Mother of No. 2)

b. 10 Jan. 1817

p.b. Opelousas, La.

d. 1860 Census - 40 yrs old

p.d. Opelousas, La.

1 Armide Miller (a TWIN)

t. 10 Feb. 1880

p.b. Churchpoint, La.

m. 1 April 1899 Eunice, La.

d. 13 June 1959

p.d. Eunice, La.

6 Donat Sonnier

(Father of No. 3)

bapt. 20 Feb 1808 (5 years)

p.b. Opelousas, La.

m. 17 Aug 1824 Opel. La.

d. 1850 Census - 49 yrs old

p.d. Opelousas, La.

3 Eloise Sonnier

(Mother of No. 1)

b. 22 Dec. 1846

p.b. Opelousas, La.

d. 18 Feb 1918

p.d. Buried Frey Cemetary

(Emelite)

7 Carmelite Francoise Casonova

(Mother of No. 3)

b. 31 May 1804

p.b. Opelousas, La.

d. 1850 Census - 46 yrs old

p.d. Opelousas, La.

Theophile Bergeron

(Spouse of No. 1)

b. 13 Jan 1877

p.b. Eunice, La.

d. 16 July 1950

p.d. Eunice, La.

8 Jean Louis Miller

(Father of No. 4)

b. 1 Feb 1799

p.b. Opelousas, La.

m. 23 May 1819 Opel., La.

d. 1860 Census - 61 yrs old

p.d. Opelousas, La.

9 Marie Louise (Elise) Taylor

(Mother of No. 4)

b. 12 July 1861

p.b. Opelousas, La.

d. 1860 Census - 45 yrs old

p.d. Opelousas, La.

10 Valerie Bello

(Father of No. 5)

b. 29 July 1782

p.b. Opelousas, La.

m. 14 Oct 1806 Opel., La.

d. Succ. Dated June 1832

p.d. Opelousas, La.

11 Melanie Carriere

(Mother of No. 5)

b. 5 Sept 1788

p.b. Opelousas, La.

d. _____

p.d. Opelousas, La.

12 Sylvain Saunier

(Father of No. 6)

b. 6 Feb 1771

p.b. Opelousas, La.

m. 10 Dec 1802 Opel., La.

d. 28 Sept 1829

p.d. Lafayette, La.

13 Judith Bello

(Mother of No. 6)

b. 29 Jan 1777

p.b. Opelousas, La.

d. 4 Feb. 1817

p.d. Opelousas, La.

14 Francois Casonova

(Father of No. 7)

b. Ca 1782

p.b. Campeche

m. 6 May 1800 Baton Rouge

d. 3 April 1814

p.d. Opelousas, La.

15 Brigitte Roger

(Mother of No. 7)

bapt. 17 Oct 1782

p.b. St. Martinville, La.

d. May 1804

p.d. Opelousas, La.

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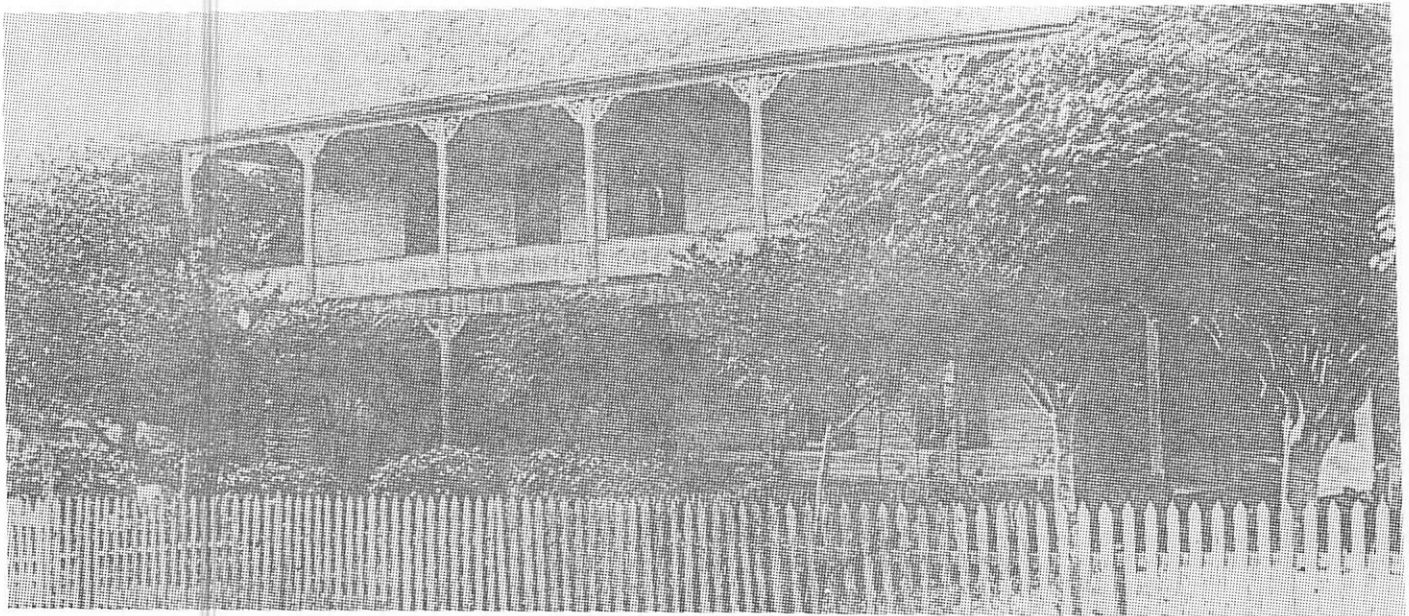
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This material excerpted from an article written by Elaine Miller Richardson for the Bicentennial edition of the Opelousas Daily World, July 1976

The earliest known MILLER of this line was probably Jacques MILLER who, with his wife, Anna-Marie THEIGEN, was in Maryland where the older children were born during the early revolutionary years. By 1777 they were in Louisiana. Records show them in St. Jean-Baptiste Parish, briefly at Grand Coteau and then settled on the Opelousas prairie. Legend has it that the MILLERS came from Alsace-Lorraine and spoke only German, this couple reared at least eight children on the 'Prairie Fakaitaic'.

This branch of the family descends from one of the sons, Jean Baptiste MILLER, who married first in 1796 Marie-Francoise MAYER, daughter of Andre MAYER and Marie STELLY, native of the German Coast. They reared thirteen children in Fakaitaic and there are records of this family in Grand Chenier, an area where many descendants still live.

The second marriage of Jean Baptiste MILLER was to Marie-Magdelaine BOUTIN in 1816, daughter of Paul BOUTIN and Anne TELLEUR. They homesteaded land just southeast of Eunice and raised nine children: Jean Baptiste, fils, Paul, Antoine, Emerante, Lastie, Gerard, Pierre Valcourt, Joseph Ozincourt and Euzebe.



HOME OF JOSEPH BERGERON AND AURELINE ROY, Eunice, Louisiana
(Parents of Theophile Bergeron, refer to La Voix des Prairies, No. 17
April, 1984, pp. 32-38)

HUSB. /S NAME Thomas J. WatkinsWhen Born ca 1827 -(check census record) Where Atlanta ? Georgia ?Christened below WhereWhen Died Succession dated 1857 Where Opelousas Courthouse # 2112 in La.When Buried also Succession dated 1858 Where Opelousas Courthouse # 2288 in La.When Married 8 July 1842 Where Opelousas Courthouse # 50 in La.Other Wives
(if any)

His Father _____ His Mother's Maiden Name _____

Information on this sheet obtained from

1860 Census- St. Landry Parish- His age 1
Thomas Watkins Jr. was living in house
of Christopher Gatte his stepfather.1870 Census- St. Landry Parish- Her age 1
Elizabeth Watkins was living in house of
Marie Bellard wife of deceasedMichel Lejeune. Michel Lejeune
was the brother of Jean Lejeune
(Celestine Lejeune's father)Date _____
Compiler _____
Address _____
City _____WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME Celestine (Celeste) LeJeuneWhen Born ca 1827 Where

Christened _____ Where

When Died before 1859 Where Christopher Gatte remarried (Cedalise Trahan 25 April 1859)When Buried _____ Where
Other Husb. Christopher Gatte (married- 3 Feb 1857) Opel. ct hse # 1547
(if any)

parentage

Her Father Jean LeJeune Her Mother's Maiden Name Marie Louise Lacase

Succession of Jean LeJeune proves

Male or Female	CHILDREN (Arrange in order of birth)	When Born Day Month Year	Where Born Town or Place County	State or Country	Married to	When Married Day Month Year	When Died Day Month Year	T.
F	1 Elizabeth	25 Jan 1847	Grand Coteau, La.		Louis Angelas LeJeune	25 Jan 1876	18 Nov 1927	
M	2 Robert	bapt age 20 mts 5 March 1847	Opelousas, La.		-		died young	
M	3 Thomas	20 April 1850	Grand Coteau, La.		-		died between 1860 and 1870 - he was not in 1870 census.	
	4							
	5							
	6 Louisiana St. Landry Parish 1850 Census				Only descendants of Thomas J. Watkins in Louisiana are the children of Elizabeth and Angelas Lejeune, & their descendant's The children are as follows: 1- Anna- b-2 Aug 1877 m- Samuel Cart 2- Oniel- b-1 Feb 1880 m- Azell Thibodeaux 3- Laura- b- 1882 m Duval Cart 4- Thomas- b-18 April 1884 m- Victorine Bertrand 5- Joseph Elix- b-27 June 1886 m Mazia Richard 6- Abney- b-23 Jan 1892 m- Louisa Andrepont			
	7 Thomas Watkins- 23 Georgia							
	8 Celeste - 23							
	9 Elizabeth- 5							
	10 - -9/12 male							
	11							
	12				This information has been compiled by Gwen Bergeron McMillin Rt. 3, Box 27 Welsh, Louisiana 70591 a child of Lawrence Bergeron and Ivy LeJeune. Ivy is a daughter of Thomas LeJeune and Victorine Bertrand.			
	13							
	14				Need help on Thomas J. Watkins line			

*If burial date is known, and not

THE FAMILY OF JEANNE MONTFORT (b. 1693), ANCESTRESS OF THE GUILLORYS
OF SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA

by
Albert Tate, Jr.

Not long after France surrendered French Alabama to the British in 1763, Gregoire Guillory and four of his sons migrated to the Opelousas area. Gregoire's father, Francois, had come to French Mobile from Canada in 1706 and had married Jeanne Monfort, a native of Belle Ile en mer in Brittany, France, ca 1710. They are the ancestors of all the Guillorys in Southwest Louisiana. See, for further details, the two articles on the "Guillorys of Louisiana" in La Voix des Prairies, Vol. 2 No. 7 (October 1981) pp. 63-65 (Jacqueline O. Vidrine) and pp. 66-73 (Elaine M. Richardson).

Jeanne Monfort has been the subject of two previous papers by the writer published in La Voix des Prairies, Vol. 3 No. 10 (July 1982) pp. 52-54 and Vol. 4. No. 12 (January 1983) pp 16-17. These papers were based upon correspondence with Mlle. Marguerite Daligaut, authority on the history of Belle Ile en mer, who generously shared her research and insights, and who, the writer regrets to say, recently died. Based on indicia in the Le Palais records and the godparents on the 1689 baptismal record of Jeanne's sister (Marie), the only record then available to her, Mlle. Daligaut hypothesized that Jeanne's father, Nicolas, was an officer or engineer attached to Marshal Vauban's force constructing the new fort at Le Palais 1689-94, but that Jeanne's mother, Renee Samzun, was of an ancient family of Belle Isle en mer. She was not, however, able to locate the marriage of this couple in the four parochial registers of the island, and she hypothesized that Renee's family must have been one of the seventy-five families displaced by construction of the new fort, 1689-1694, and forced to migrate to the French mainland.

Through the courtesy of Mrs. Robert Baxter of New Orleans, we have been able to obtain photographs of the baptismal record of Jeanne Monfort of February 8, 1693, and those of her sister Marie (June 12, 1689) and brother Noel Nicolas (January 16, 1691) A translation follows the end of this article. From these records, we are able to form some more definite ideas about Jeanne Monforts family.

We should note, first, that the spelling of the name is definitely "Monfort" (not Montfort) as is evidenced by the signature of Jeanne's father, Nicolas, on two of the records, and of a Jean Monfort (a brother?) on two of them. Second, both families appear to have been of educated people, since not only the Monforts but a Caliste Samsun (Jeanne's father or brother?) signed their names, as did even the women who signed as witnesses and godmothers. We should also note the indications on the records that the families were of the middle class gentry or landowners, although not of the nobility.

In Jeanne's baptismal record, her parents are both referred to as "honorable persons" a title given to the gentry or to merchants who could read and write, who were so distinguished from the "habitants" or ordinary farmers or workers.

See T.J. Laforest, Our French-Canadian Ancestors (Palm Harbor, Florida, 1983), p. A-5. That work also, p. A-8, terms "Sieur" as a form of address then used to address a person who was a landowner but not a member of nobility, and Jeanne's father is denoted as "the Sieur Nicolas Monfort" in the 1691 baptism of Jeanne's brother, Noel.

From those mentioned in the three baptismal records, I will now suggest other possible family relationships or circumstances:

Monfort: A Jean Monfort appears as Jeanne's godfather in her 1693 baptism, and he also appeared as a witness in her brother Noel's baptism in 1693. This would indicate that he was in Belle Ile en mer more or less permanently during the period, as well as related (possibly a brother) to Nicolas. If Nicolas was a member of the military establishment temporarily at Belle Ile during the construction of the fort (1689-1694) one might assume that Jean also was there in that capacity. Mlle. Daligaut had been unable to discover any Monforts in the registers of Le Palais (Belle Ile en mer) 1680-1689 (before Marie's baptism, even as a witness; which is one reason she supposed that the Monforts were there as members of the military forces that came in 1689).

Samzun: Although not mentioned in the records themselves, a Caliste Samzun signs as a witness to Jeanne's baptism in 1693 and to her brother Noel's in 1691. Her godmother was a J(e)anne Samzun, who did not sign. One might hypothesize that Caliste was her mother, Renee's, father (or brother, perhaps) and Jeanne her mother's sister. If so, it would indicate that her family had returned to Le Palais, if it had ever left it for the new fort's construction. At any rate, as close relatives, these names are a clue as to which branch of the long-established Samzun family was Renee's.

Other Families: Mlle. Daligaut's correspondence noted that a Clech was at Le Palais 1675-1706 and was chaplain of the citadel there. Some connection between this family and the Nicolas Monfort-Renee Samzun couple must be assumed; for not only was Jeanne Marie le Clech the godmother (in 1689) of Jeanne's sister Marie, but on the same baptism a G. Leclech and an Antoinette Clech signed as witnesses, while on the 1691 baptism of Noel appears quite possible another ("Jn"?) Leclech. Another possible family relationship is shown by the appearance of a Julienne Audat as a witness to Marie's 1689 baptism and a Claude Audat (?Etudat) as a witness to Jeanne's 1693 baptism.

Further research in France may, from these leads, discover more about the Monfort and Samzun families.

The writer acknowledges the assistance of the following in deciphering and translating the seventeenth century French writing: Mrs. Jackie Vidrine; Father Donald Hebert; Winston Deville; W. Nelso Gremillion; and Colonel Ferdinand J. Tate.

The translation of these three baptisms follow, as well as the photocopy of the reproduction of Jeanne's baptism.

Handwritten text in Breton script, likely a baptismal record. The text is written in a cursive hand and includes names such as Jeanne Monfort, Caliste Samzun, Claude Etudat, and Francois Le Gallon. There are also some printed elements like 'Baptême' and 'Mairie'.

Certifié conforme à l'original, délivré à Monsieur Albert TATE

Vannes, le 14 décembre 1983



BAPTISM OF JEANNE MONFORT, LE PALAIS, BELLE ILE EN MER, FRANCE, FEBRUARY 8, 1693
Translation of photographic reproduction of an original document in the municipal archives of Le Palais, on the island of Belle Ile en mer, Department of Morbihan, France, as certified to conform with the original Dec. 14, 1983, by M. Jean Gourhand, Director of the Morbihan Departmental Archives:

B(aptism) Jeanne Monfort

The eighth day of February sixteen hundred ninety-three was baptized Janne born on the same day of the legitimate marriage of honorable persons Nicolas Monfort and Renee Samzun the father and mother godfather was Jan Monfort and godmother Janne Samzun in the presence of the undersigned:

s/Caliste Samzun

s/Jean Monfort

s/Claude Etudate (Audat?)

s/ Francois Le Gallon,
cure (priest)

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BAPTISMS OF MARIE MONFORT, June 12, 1689, AND OF NOEL NICHOLAS MONFORT, January 18, 1691, AT BELLE ILE EN MER (LE PALAIS) IN THE DIOCESE OF VANNES, BRITTAINY (Now Department of Morbihan, France).(See note on previous translation.)

Bt. Marie Monfort

The twelfth of June sixteen hundred eightynine was baptized Marie born yesterday legitimate daughter of Nicolas Monfort and Renee Samzun the father and mother. had as the godfather Martin Moreau and godmother Marie Janne le Cleh presence the undersigned

s/ Janne Marie leclech
s/ Martin Moreau
s/ G. Leclech
s/ marie anne charmier

s/Nicolas Monfort
s/ Julianne Auda(t)
s/ scribble (possibly the officiant priest--could word beneath be "cure"?)
s/ anthoinette Clec?

B(aptism) Noel Nicolas Monfort

The eighteenth January sixteen hundred ninetyone was baptized Noel Nicolas born the preceding day of the legitimate marriage of the Sieur Nicolas Monfort and Renee Samzun the father and mother godfather was the Sieur Noel lineau and godmother Nicolle lodonnaudet in the presence of the undersigned

s/ nicolle dolanec	s/ Nicholas Monfort
s/ Gaulle(?Paulle) Civilier GG	s/ Jn(?) LeC(a?)lech
(?Paul le bivilirrtt?)	s/ gildat bonet (Gouet?)
s/Calliste Samzun	s/ Jean Monfort
s/ Francois Le gallen	
s/ Francois Le Gallon, Cure	

(editor's note: it is hoped that the photographic reproductions of these two documents can be used in La Voix des Prairies, No. 19)

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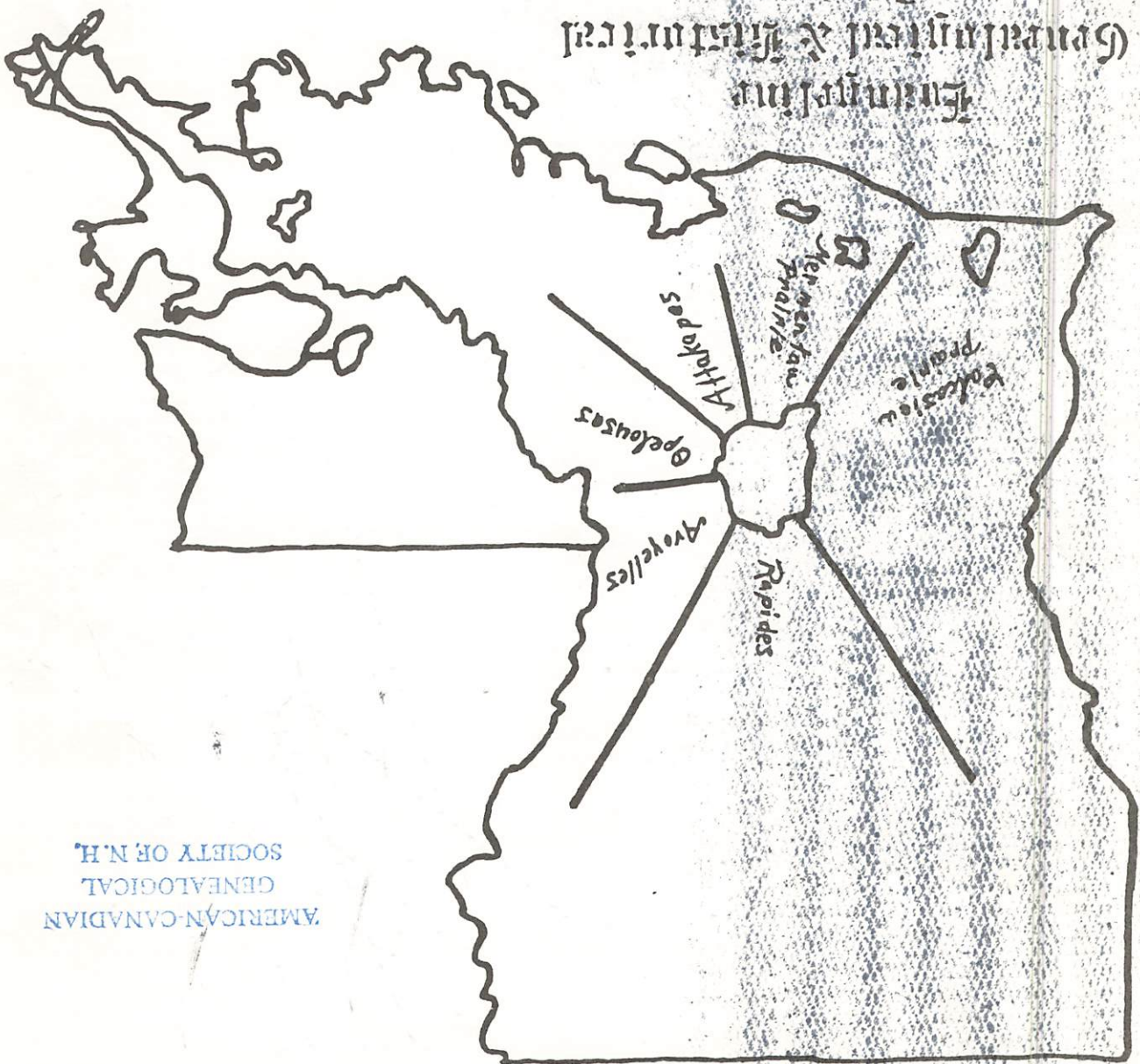
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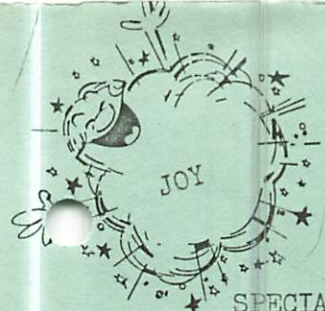
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SPECIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF EVANGELINE GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

There were about a dozen enthusiastic members in attendance at the October, 1984, meeting of our society and --- with the number of letters received from members who could not attend but who asked that the group continue --- it was proudly decided to maintain the organization.

Though we are bursting with pride, joy, and enthusiasm --- we do not have a volunteer to take over the job of editing the 'La Voix des Prairies' journal which is our main effort. For the present time the group will continue to meet quarterly, to produce a quarterly newsletter, and to hope that enough material will be submitted (in a form that is ready to be printed) to enable a journal to be produced in the near future.

If members submit family data, local history that has not yet been published, stories passed down through their families, cemetery records, court house records, and other related material that they are willing to share --- we can stay 'in business'. There is no community so small that there is not a secretary or business student at the school who could help those who do not type. We are leaving a legacy for future generations. It is worthwhile but we need your material --- ready to print --- in order to publish at this time.

We will send guidelines to those who do not feel confident, but review of prior issues should be sufficient to plan material to be used.

The 1984 editor, Barbara West, will continue with the production of the journal for the present time but will be unable to type and proof read materials. The lay-out of the journal will be accomplished as sufficient material is accumulated. This may not occur for several months and the publication of the journal will be intermittent.

NOW --- is decision time. If you wish to continue with the group under these conditions please renew your membership so we may plan ahead. Election of officers will be held in January. Please submit your suggestions or willingness to serve.

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The PITRE Family

By Dallas Pitre & Callie Pitre Avera

The Acadian Pitre article by Dallas Pitre, deals with the Acadian Pitre ancestors, while the second article by Callie Pitre Avera, lists descendants of the progenitor of the Opelousas area Pitre's. Also listed are descendants of Catherine Pitre (sister of Francois Pitre, Sr.) and Pierre Joubert. It is interesting to note that Francois Pitre, Sr. (whom all Pitre's in this area can trace their ancestry) left a Last Will and Testament in 1819 before his death, stating who his parents were and his nativity. We are indeed fortunate to have this document linking our Pitre to the Acadian Pitre's.

(s) C. P. Avera

Acadian PITRE Family

by Dallas Pitre

Jean PITRE DIT BENEQUE (originally of Flemish stock), Dept. of Flanders, France, was born about 1636. He was an edge tool maker and arrived in Acadia in 1659 and settled at Port Royal. He married Marie PESSELEY about 1664, daughter of Isaac PESSELEY and Barbe BAJOLET (BAIOLS or BAYOLS). Isaac PESSELEY was a merchant from Piney (Champagne), France. He was born in 1618 and arrived in Acadia in 1636. He was killed April 17, 1745, in a conflict between Governor Charles d'Aulnay and Charles de Latour on the River St. Jean. His wife was the daughter of Antoine BAJOLET (BAIOLS) and Jeanne BAUDINET.

Jean PITRE died in 1693 and his widow married Francois ROBIN.

Children of JEAN PITRE and MARIE PESSELEY (PESSELY):

(Note: All underlined names are those in direct line.)

Marie b. 1666
 Catherine b. 1668
Claude (Jean Claude) b. 1670
 Marc b. 1674
 Pierre b. 1677
 Jean b. 1680
 Francois b. 1682 d. 1725
 Marguerite b. 1684
 Jeanne b. 1686

Claude PITRE b. 1670, married ca. 1700, Marie COMEAUX, daughter of Robert COMEAUX and Marie-Madeline GODIN of Cobequid. On February 17, 1710 at Port Royal, Claude PITRE married (2) Anne HENRY.

Children of Claude PITRE and Marie COMEAUX:

Jean b. 1702
Pierre b. 1703
 Marie b. 1705
 Francois b. 1707
 Angelique b. 1707

Children of Claude PITRE and Anne HENRY:

Marie Josephe b. 1712
 Rene b. 1717
 Joseph b. 1718
 Brigitte b. 1721
 Charles b. 1723
 Therese b. 1726

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The PITRE Family Continued

Pierre PITRE b. 1703, married February 4, 1727, at Port Royal, Agathe DOUCET, born February 19, 1710, daughter of Rene DOUCET and Marie BROUSSARD.

Children of Pierre PITRE and Agathe DOUCET:

Marguerite b. 1727
 Marie b. 1734
 Jean Baptiste b. 1734
 Catherine b. Aug. 24, 1739
 Francois b. ca. 1740

After the grande derangement of the Acadians in 1755, Francois and Catherine PITRE came to the Opelousas area in 1759. Francois married Marie Josephe THIBODEAUX and Catherine married Pierre JOUBERT.

In the Last Will and Testament of Francois dated Dec. 22, 1819, found in the Celestin Lavergne Acts, Lavergne Debaillon Book "A", page 135, St. Landry Parish Courthouse, and in the Louisiana State Archives, Opelousas Colonial Documents, he states he is a native of Acadia, the legitimate son of deceased Pierre PITRE and Agathe DOUCET. He also declares to have married the deceased Marie Josephe THIBODEAUX and that they have seven children.

Opelousas Area PITRE Family

by Callie Pitre Avera

Francois PITRE of Acadia, born ca. 1740, son of Pierre PITRE and Agathe DOUCET married Marie Josephe THIBODEAUX.

Children of Francois PITRE and Marie Josephe THIBODEAUX:

- I. Pierre PITRE, born 13 Dec. 1769, died 31 Dec. 1794, married 7 April 1790, Marie Francoise FONTENOT, daughter of Henry FONTENOT and Marie Louise DOUCET. Their children were:
 - A. Pierre PITRE, baptized 9 May 1791, married 15 June 1813, Symphorose VIGE.
 - B. Adelaide PITRE, baptized 25 Dec. 1792, died 14 Oct. 1794.
 - C. Joseph (Pierre) PITRE, baptized 22 June 1794, died ca. 1845, married (1) 20 Aug. 1813, Marguerite JOUBERT; married (2) 29 May 1820, Marguerite (Elise) VIGE.
- II. Marie Josephe PITRE, born 16 Feb. 1772, died 18 Jan. 1850, married (1) 25 Aug. 1788, Michel FONTENOT, died 25 Jan. 1793, son of Philippe FONTENOT and Marie BRIGNAC. Their children were:
 - A. Silisie (Celestine) FONTENOT, baptized 25 Dec. 1792, married 3 April 1815, Charles NORMAND.
 - B. Marie Josephe FONTENOT, baptized 19 June 1790, married 20 April 1819, Joseph Felix ANDREPONT.
- II. Marie Josephe PITRE, married (2) 24 Nov. 1795, Laurent DUPRE, son of Laurent DUPRE dit Terrebonne and Marie Josephe FONTENOT. Their children were:
 - C. Laurent DUPRE, baptized 2 Oct. 1796, married 28 Dec. 1819, Caroline DAVID.
 - D. Francois DUPRE, baptized 21 Feb. 1798, married 9 Nov. 1819, Anastasie RICHARD.
 - E. Joseph DUPRE, baptized 13 Jan. 1800, died 29 July 1818.
 - F. Celeste DUPRE, baptized 7 March 1802, married 24 Aug. 1819, Francois POIRET.
 - G. Lise DUPRE, baptized 14 Oct. 1804, married 9 April 1822, Joseph DAIGLE.

The PITRE Family Continued

- H. Paul DUPRE, baptized 16 Oct. 1808, married 11 Jan. 1834, Azelie DAVID.
- I. Sidalise DUPRE, baptized 22 March 1812, married 13 Nov. 1833, Louis Claude CHAUDE.
- III. Francois PITRE, Jr., born 11 Oct. 1775, died 12 Oct. 1817, married 23 Feb. 1795, Eugenie GUILLORY, baptized 4 March 1778, died Nov. 1846, daughter of Louis GUILLORY and Marie Jeanne FONTENOT. After the death of Francois PITRE, Eugenie GUILLORY married (2) 6 Jan. 1819, Nicolas BORDELON. The children of Francois PITRE, Jr. and Eugenie GUILLORY were:
- A. Marie Louise PITRE, baptized 9 Oct. 1796, married (1) 15 Jan. 1812, Jean LAFLEUR; married (2) 14 Jan. 1818, Calice ROUGEAU.
- B. Marie PITRE, baptized 11 Feb. 1798, married 8 Nov. 1814, Leandre FONTENOT.
- C. Louise (Eloise) PITRE, baptized 9 June 1799, married 18 June 1816, Jean Baptiste VIDRINE.
- D. Marguerite PITRE, born 28 Dec. 1800, married 3 Nov. 1818, Louis FONTENOT.
- E. Celeste PITRE, baptized 18 April 1802, married (1) 20 April 1819, Antoine MC DONEL; married (2) 8 April 1839, Murphy BROUSSARD.
- F. Francois PITRE, baptized 29 July 1804, died 9 Feb. 1872, married 28 Dec. 1825, Sophie JOUBERT.
- G. Joseph (Poupon) PITRE, baptized 10 Nov. 1805, married 27 Jan. 1829, Josephine SOILEAU.
- H. Onesime PITRE, baptized 27 Nov. 1807, married (1) 26 Oct. 1836, Genevieve LAMBERT; married (2) 5 July 1849, Adele BORDELON.
- I. Eugenie PITRE, baptized 14 Jan. 1810, married 22 Jan. 1828, Adam TATE.
- J. Azelie (Angelle) PITRE, baptized 22 Sept. 1811, died 7 Nov. 1859, married (1) 6 Sept. 1831, Pierre BRIGNAC; married (2) 27 Jan. 1853, Ursin MILLER.
- K. Emilie PITRE, born 8 Aug. 1813, died 11 July 1845, married 21 June 1831, Pierre Murtille GUILLORY.
- L. Jean Pierre Baptiste PITRE, born 31 April 1815, died 15 July 1816.
- M. Leandre PITRE, born 7 Feb. 1817, died 8 March 1860, at Ville Platte.
- IV. Anastasie PITRE, born 22 Dec. 1776; probably died young.
- V. Charles PITRE, baptized 29 June 1781, married (1) 9 July 1805, Catherine VIGE, daughter of Charles VIGE and Catherine CATOIR. Their children were:
- A. Charles PITRE, baptized 1 March 1807, married 8 July 1828, Delphine JOUBERT.
- B. Louis PITRE, baptized 27 Nov. 1808, married 10 Dec. 1829, Felonise JOUBERT.
- C. Adalise PITRE, baptized 21 Sept. 1811.
- D. Francois PITRE, born 3 Jan. 1813, died 8 Feb. 1815.
- E. Louise (Lise) PITRE, baptized 10 Dec. 1815, married 4 Nov. 1834, Baptiste ROY.
- F. Celeste (Celestine) PITRE, born 15 April 1818, married (1) 20 Dec. 1836, Auguste LEDOUX; married (2) 27 Sept. 1849, Augustin JEANSONNE.
- G. Felonise PITRE, born 9 May 1820.
- H. Valentine PITRE, born 14 Feb. 1824.
- I. Irma PITRE, born 12 Sept. 1825, married (1) 25 May 1841, Antoine LEDOUX; married (2) 16 Oct. 1852, Elisha MC DANIEL; married (3) 17 Dec. 1866, Jean LEJEUNE.

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- V. Charles PITRE married (2) 8 Aug. 1838, Sydalise DEROSSIER, daughter of Francois DEROSSIER and Marie Celine LEDOUX. Their children were:
 - J. Leon PITRE, born 10 Nov. 1838, married 15 Nov. 1859, Alsina JEANSONNE.
 - K. Carmelie PITRE, born 6 Jan. 1840, married 16 Jan. 1861, Eugenie DE LAFOSSE.
 - L. Napoleon PITRE, born 13 Aug. 1841.
 - M. Pierre PITRE, born 8 Feb. 1844, married 14 Dec. 1865, Celina LANDRY.
- VI. Euphrosine PITRE, baptized 20 June 1784, died 3 June 1787.
- VII. Louis PITRE, born 10 Aug. 1786, died ca. 1838, married (1) 14 Nov. 1809, Angelique BERTRAND, baptized 1 July 1792, died ca. 1832, daughter of Amiable BERTRAND, of Canada and Anastasie AUCOIN. Their children were:
 - A. Louis PITRE, born 7 Aug. 1810, married 6 Jan. 1829, Marie Adele VIGE.
 - B. Lastie PITRE, born 1811, died 18 May 1849, married 16 June 1840, Pauline PITRE.
 - C. Onesime PITRE, baptized 25 Dec. 1812, married (1) 14 Dec. 1837, Azelie JOUBERT; married (2) 17 April 1856, Emerite DUPRE.
 - D. Napoleon PITRE, born 7 Jan. 1815, died ca. 1866, married 26 Feb. 1838, Louise F. PITRE.
 - E. Joachin PITRE, born 5 June 1817, married 19 June 1838, Melasie PITRE.
 - F. Solastie PITRE, born 29 Sept. 1819.
 - G. Zelima PITRE, born ca. 1821, married 26 June 1838, Onezime Firiol VIGE.
 - H. Francois PITRE, born 17 Sept. 1824, died 25 March 1868, married 12 Nov. 1846, Felicia Charles PITRE.
- VII. Louis PITRE, married (2) 18 Feb. 1833, Magdeleine BRUNE, daughter of Matthew BRUNE and Henriette BAKER. They had one child:
 - I. Leocadie PITRE, born 6 Dec. 1833, married 5 July 1853, Charles Francois VIGE.
- VIII. Celestie (Selesie) PITRE, born 27 Oct. 1788, died ca. 1844, married (1) 31 Jan. 1809, Eugene LEDOUX, born 3 Oct. 1786, died 8 Nov. 1830, son of Francois LEDOUX and Marguerite ROUGEAU. Their children were:
 - A. Cidalise LEDOUX, born 9 Feb. 1810, married 17 Jan. 1826, Louis BERTRAND.
 - B. Marie Louise LEDOUX, born 24 Aug. 1812, married 10 June 1828, Francois JOUBERT.
 - C. Auguste LEDOUX, born 21 Jan. 1815, died 27 May 1848, married 20 Dec. 1836, Celestine PITRE.
 - D. Francois LEDOUX, born 5 Dec. 1816, married 16 April 1839, Orphise MATTE.
 - E. Emilie LEDOUX, born 25 Oct. 1818, married 22 Dec. 1834, Pierre PITRE.
 - F. Jean Baptiste LEDOUX, born 29 Aug. 1825, died ca. 1852.
- VIII. Celestie (Selesie) PITRE, married (2) 9 Sept. 1834, Ira THAYER and married (3) 20 April 1843, Michel PIVOTOT. No known children of these marriages.
- IX. Jospeh PITRE, baptized 11 Sept. 1791, died 8 Sept. 1849, married 5 Feb. 1811, Sophie FONTENOT, baptized 25 March 1792, died ca. 1850, daughter of Henry FONTENOT and Marie Louise DOUCET. Their children were:
 - A. Francoise PITRE, born 5 Aug. 1812, died 11 June 1842, married (1) 17 Feb. 1829, Samuel HARLEY (HOLLEY) of Miss.; married (2) 3 Dec. 1840, George GASPARD.

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- B. Cyprien PITRE, born 15 Sept. 1814.
- C. Selisie PITRE, born 3 July 1816, married 14 Jan. 1836, Joseph BAY (BAQ) of Pennsylvania.
- D. Emilie (Emeline) PITRE, born 25 Feb. 1819, married 7 Nov. 1833, Phillip ANDREPONT.
- E. Louise PITRE, born 25 Aug. 1821, married 26 Feb. 1838, Napoleon PITRE.
- F. Sophie PITRE, born 24 Sept. 1823.
- G. Josephine PITRE, born 13 June 1825.
- H. Joseph Damon PITRE, born 14 Dec. 1826.
- I. Zelima PITRE, born 12 Aug. 1829, married 13 Feb. 1849, Dejean SEBASTIEN.
- J. Letitia PITRE, born 8 Oct. 1831, married 24 May 1853, Villeneuve ORTEGO.
- K. Etienneette PITRE, born 16 May 1839.

Pierre JOUBERT & Catherine PITRE Family

by Callie Pitre Avera

Pierre JOUBERT born ca. 1725, died 2 June 1812, married Catherine PITRE, born 1739 in Acadia, daughter of Pierre PITRE and Agathe DOUCET. Their children were:

- I. Marie JOUBERT, born (?), married 15 Nov. 1791, Louis Belaire FONTENOT, died ca. 1810, son of Joseph FONTENOT and Marie BRIGNAC. Their children were:
 - A. Marie Louise FONTENOT, born (?), married 21 Aug. 1810, Pierre LEJEUNE.
 - B. Joseph FONTENOT, born 2 Dec. 1795, married 1 Aug. 1815, Genevieve FORET.
 - C. Celeste (Celestine) FONTENOT, baptized 21 Feb. 1798, married 24 Nov. 1814, Julien FONTENOT.
 - D. Josephine FONTENOT, baptized 22 Dec. 1800, married 12 May 1818, Auguste LEDOUX.
 - E. Caroline FONTENOT, baptized 23 Jan. 1803.
 - F. Cyprien FONTENOT, born 25 March 1807.
 - G. Azelie FONTENOT, born 12 May 1812, married 20 Feb. 1827, David LEJEUNE (YOUNG).
- II. Pierre JOUBERT, born 19 Feb. 1770, married 18 June 1805, Catherine CARTIER, baptized 31 July 1789, daughter of Louis CARTIER and Genevieve BATON (BATEAU). Their children were:
 - A. Pierre JOUBERT, Jr., baptized 29 July 1806, married 28 June 1825, Caroline LAMBERT.
 - B. Eloy JOUBERT, born 3 May 1808.
 - C. Louise (Lisee) JOUBERT, born 8 April 1811, married 27 April 1825, Oliver RICHARD; married (2) 5 Aug. 1839 Pierre BEAUDOUIN.
 - D. Celestine JOUBERT, born 23 Jan. 1814, married 20 Jan. 1830, Napoleon FRANCHBOIS.
 - E. Euphrosine JOUBERT, born 29 Dec. 1815.
 - F. Hiacinthe JOUBERT, born 25 Dec. 1817, married 6 May 1833, Alexander FONTENOT.
 - G. Evariste JOUBERT, born 2 Nov. 1819.
 - H. Emelie JOUBERT, born 24 Aug. 1821, married 4 April 1837, Francois Antoine PITRE.

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- I. Azelie JOUBERT, born 27 Jan. 1824, married 14 Dec. 1837, Onesime PITRE.
- J. Damon JOUBERT, born 9 March 1826.
- K. Theodule JOUBERT, born 11 April 1829, died 12 Aug. 1829.
- L. Francois JOUBERT, born 22 Oct. 1830.
- M. Sosthene JOUBERT, born 26 Feb. 1834.
- III. Jean Baptiste JOUBERT, born 9 April 1776, died ca. 1820, married 18 Feb. 1798, Marie Louise Adelaide LEDOUX, baptized 1 Feb. 1781, died ca. 1821, daughter of Francois LEDOUX and Margaret ROUGOT. Their children were:
 - A. Marguerite JOUBERT, baptized 17 March 1799, married 20 Aug. 1813, Joseph PITRE.
 - B. Baptiste JOUBERT, baptized 3 May 1801.
 - C. Pierre JOUBERT, baptized 2 June 1805.
 - D. Marie Louise JOUBERT, baptized 1 Nov. 1807.
 - E. Francois JOUBERT, born 29 Dec. 1809, married 10 June 1828, Marie Louise LEDOUX.
 - F. Onesime JOUBERT, baptized 12 July 1812, died 21 Sept. 1813.
 - G. Josephine JOUBERT, baptized 4 Aug. 1814, married 8 July 1828, Charles PITRE.
 - H. Dalicourt JOUBERT, born (?), married 17 Nov. 1840, Lodoisca PITRE.
- IV. Isabelle JOUBERT, baptized 17 Aug. 1779, died 22 March 1807, married 21 Nov. 1797, Jean Baptiste JEANSONNE, son of Jean JEANSONNE and Anastasie PREJEAN. Their children were:
 - A. Celeste JEANSONNE, baptized 3 March 1799, died 16 March 1800.
 - B. Marie Louise JEANSONNE, baptized 15 Aug. 1802.
 - C. Pierre JEANSONNE, baptized 4 Sept. 1803, married 15 April 1823, Clarisse ANDREPONT.
- V. Francois JOUBERT, baptized 27 Dec. 1781, died ca. 1822, married 9 Feb. 1807, Sophie DOUCET, died ca. 1826, daughter of Pierre DOUCET and Marie Jeanne BRIGNAC. Their children were:
 - A. Sophie JOUBERT, born 12 March 1807, married 28 Dec. 1825, Francois PITRE.
 - B. Felonise JOUBERT, born 5 Nov. 1809.
 - C. Francois JOUBERT, born 18 July 1812, died 1 Sept. 1816.
 - D. Jean Baptiste JOUBERT, born 3 July 1815, died 2 Sept. 1816.
 - E. Pierre JOUBERT, born 3 July 1815, died 14 Aug. 1816.
 - F. Onesime JOUBERT, born 16 July 1817, married 22 May 1838, Genevieve Belaire FONTENOT.
 - G. Euphrosine JOUBERT, born 25 Sept. 1819.

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 Rev. Donald J. Hebert, Southwest Louisiana Records

A Creole Family of South-Central Louisiana
Hebert-Milan Clan
by Roland Hypolite Hebert

Family history- Three brothers came to Louisiana from France to escape military service.

A. Francois Hebert (Phillip and Marie Lambert) married Marie Ann Marcantel, daughter of Francois Marcantel and Ann Rondo, on April 9, 1771 in Pointe Coupee. Francois Hebert was from Martigny le Comte in Burgundy, France.

Children:

1. Francois Hebert b. Mar. 22, 1773-bt. Apr. 8, 1773 (ASC)
2. Hypolite Hebert bt. Nov. 5, 1775 (ASC)
3. Cecile Hebert b. Mar. 25, 1778-bt. Mar. 31, 1779-marr. Joseph Lesage
 - a. Augustin Lesage marr. Marguerite Bock-June 28, 1821
 - b. Pouponne Lesage marr. Auguste Fruge-Dec. 8, 1818
 - c. Marie Lesage marr. Augustin Fruge-Aug. 5, 1823

4. Joachim Hebert bt. May 7, 1781-3 mts. (PCP)

B. Phillip Hebert (Phillip and Marie Lambert) married Eleanor Roy, daughter of Joseph Roy and Perrine Lacour, on July 25, 1775-(ASC) Both died in the Opelousas country. Phillip-Oct. 18, 1792 and Eleanor-Dec. 7, 1795.

Children:

1. Francoise Hebert bt. Sept. 25, 1785-2 years old in Opel. marr. Jacob Bertrand on June 26, 1803-Opel-marr. Elie Guillory on Nov. 3, 1820-Opel-
 - a. Celeste Guillory marr. Toussaint Desmarests on Sept. 21, 1824.
 - b. Antoninette Guillory b. Apr. 12, 1813 marr. Denis Ortego
 - c. Jeanne Guillory b. Aug. 11, 1815
 - d. Hypolite Guillory b. June 28, 1817
 - e. Marie J. Guillory b. July 18, 1819
 - f. Felicite Guillory bt. Oct. 4, 1825-3 years old
2. Judith Hebert bt. Sept. 25, 1785-18 mts. marr. Celestine Dozat
3. Auguste Hebert bt. Sept. 12, 1789 d. Jan. 3, 1810-Opel-
4. Ludivine Hebert bt. Sept. 10, 1789 marr. Joseph Fruge on Mar. 23, 1818
5. Adeleida Hebert d. Sept. 5, 1792
6. Constance Hebert marr. Joseph Mayer on Nov. 13, 1797

C. No information on a third brother.

Third Generation

A. Francois Hebert (Francois and Marie Marcantel) b. Mar. 22, 1773 bt. in Plattenville-marr. Marie Morel, daughter of Joseph and Rachel Madare in 1797

Children:

1. Francois Hebert III
2. Joseph Hebert
3. Hypolite Hebert

4. Julienne Hebert bt. May 2, 1811-3 mts. -marr. Zenon Fontenot (Charles and Perrine Vidrine) on Sept. 29, 1828-Opel-
 - a. Perrine Fontenot b. June 25, 1830
 - b. Francois Fontenot b. July 11, 1831
 5. Francoise Marie Hebert marr. William Carpenter (Isaac and Ellindor McCulloch) July 26, 1824-Opel-
 - a. William Carpenter b. Oct. 11, 1833
 6. Celeste Hebert marr. Lufroy Fontenot (Charles and Perrine Vidrine) on July 17, 1820-Opel-
 - a. Eugenie Fontenot b. Sept. 10, 1830
 - b. Lufroy Fontenot b. July 15, 1823
 - c. Marie Fontenot b. Apr. 25, 1822
 - d. Appoline Fontenot b. 1836-bt. May 20, 1842
 - e. Francoise Fontenot b. 1838-bt. May 20, 1842
 7. Nancy Ann Hebert b. Mar. 27, 1816-marr. Eli Clark on July 4, 1823-Opel-
 - a. Hilaire Clark b. Apr. 16, 1833
 - b. Joseph Clark b. Feb. 15, 1835
 - c. Marcellite Clark b. June 2, 1837
 8. Caroline Cecile Hebert b. Sept. 10, 1821-marr. Louis Deville
 9. Amelie Hebert b. Apr. 4, 1822-marr. David Clark
 - a. Joseph Clark
 10. Rachel Hebert marr. Isaac Carpenter (Isaac and Ellindor McCulloch) on July 26, 1824-Opel-
 - a. Caroline Carpenter b. June 4, 1834
 - b. Eloise Carpenter bt. July 24, 1839
 - c. Marguerite Carpenter b. May 1, 1837
 11. Rosanne Hebert marr. Ralph Voohries (Garret and Mary Jillison) on Nov. 21, 1826
 12. Marie Ann Hebert bt. Jan. 23, 1811-6 years old
- B. Hypolite Hebert (Francois and Marie Marcantel) bt. Nov. 5, 1775
- C. Joachim Hebert (Francois and Marie Marcantel) bt. May 7, 1781-3 mts. old-Pointe Coupee-marr. Emilie Gagnard (Jacques and Ursula Juneau)- Emilie d. July 21, 1806-Joachim d. in 1823
- Children:
1. Joachim Hebert bt. Aug. 18, 1803-18 mts. old
 2. Celeste Hebert bt. Aug. 15, 1804- 6 mts. old marr. Augustin Fontenot (Charles and Perrine Vidrine) on Mar. 30, 1818-Opel-
 - a. Augustin Fontenot b. June 19, 1819
 - b. Emilie Fontenot b. Dec. 6, 1821
 - c. Dorsen Fontenot b. Jan. 21, 1824
 - d. Louis Fontenot b. Apr. 17, 1828
 - e. Alexandre Fontenot b. Nov. 30, 1830
 - f. Theodule Fontenot b. Sept. 24, 1838
- Joachim also married Marie Fontenot (Francois and Therese Hingle) on Jan. 27, 1811

Children:

3. Leufroy Hebert b. May 13, 1812
4. Emerente Hebert b. Jan. 23, 1814 marr. John William Reed on Dec. 30, 1828-Opel-
 - a. Joseph Reed b. Aug. 18, 1833-Opel-
 - b. Marie Reed b. July 30, 1837-Opel-
 - c. William Reed b. Dec. 14, 1839-Opel-
5. Marcelite Hebert b. Dec. 11, 1815 marr. Ursin Manuel on Nov. 15, 1832-Opel-
 - a. Zeffirin Manuel b. Apr. 10, 1838
 - b. Leufroy Manuel b. Aug. 21, 1833
 - c. Emile Manuel b. Dec. 6, 1840
 - d. Adolphe Manuel b. Sept. 20, 1835
 - e. Alphonse Manuel bt. Apr. 7, 1843-2 mts. marr. Celestine Soileau
 - f. Eurore Manuel marr. Theodule Guillory Oct. 10, 1865-VP-
 - g. Ursin Manuel b. Sept. 13, 1845
 - h. Marie Manuel b. Feb. 2, 1856
 - i. Marcelline Manuel b. Sept. 13, 1845
6. Pauline Hebert b. Apr. 29, 1818 marr. Jean Baptist Manuel (Ursin and Sophie Desmarel) on Aug. 29, 1836-Opel-
 - a. Azelin Manuel b. July 2, 1837
 - b. Azelien Manuel b. Oct. 23, 1839
 - c. Hypolite Manuel b. May 27, 1842
 - d. Pauline Manuel b. May 27, 1842
7. Cyprien Hebert b. Sept. 28, 1820

Fourth Generation

- A. Francois Hebert LII (Francois II and Marie Morel) marr. Sarah Essex (Thomas and Mary Parr) on Apr. 9, 1824-Opel-
- B. Hypolite Hebert (Francois and Marie Morel) b. June 29, 1807 marr. Marie Clark
 1. Marie Hebert b. May 21, 1828-Opel-
- C. Joseph Hebert (Francois and Marie Morel) b. June 10, 1809 marr. Minerva Humphrey (Lewis and Amelia Jones) on Apr. 26, 1830
- D. Joachim Hebert (Joachim and Emilie Gagnard) bt. on Aug. 18, 1803 at 18 mts. -Opel-marr. Divine Fontenot (Francois and Therese Hingle) on May 11, 1821-Opel-Divine d. Dec. 17, 1881-Eunice-and was buried in the Ashford Cemetery

Children:

1. Denise Hebert b. May 5, 1823 marr. William Rufus Ashford on June 1, 1850-Denise d. 1906-William d. Dec. 11, 1906
 - a. Marie Eva Ashford b. June 26, 1858-Opel-
 - b. Thomas Ashford b. July 28, 1862-VP-
 - c. Lucie Ashford
 - d. William J. Ashford
2. Hypolite Hebert b. May 15, 1825-Opel-

3. Denis Hebert b. June 30, 1827-Opel-
4. Pauline Hebert b. Aug. 19, 1829-Opel-marr. Denis Vidrine on Oct. 22, 1849
 - a. Astasie Vidrine
 - b. Virginie Vidrine b. Aug. 25, 1854-VP-
 - c. Theophile Vidrine b. Nov. 27, 1856-VP-
 - d. Clothilde Vidrine b. Feb. 11, 1858-Opel-
 - e. Olivia Vidrine b. June 4, 1864-Opel-
 - f. Ophilia Vidrine b. June 4, 1864-Opel-
 - g. Pauline Vidrine b. Sept. 2, 1866-VP-
5. Marcelite Hebert b. 1832 marr. Cesair Fruge on May 10, 1864 in Opelousas
6. Euphrasie Hebert b. Mar. 13, 1833-Opel-marr. Solomon Reed (Samuel and Marie Fontenot) on May 26, 1852

a. Solomon Reed	g. Samuel Reed
b. Carise Reed	h. Leonne Reed
c. Clite Reed	i. Olin Reed b. Aug. 2, 1856-VP-
d. Euphrasie Reed	j. Cline Reed b. May 27, 1861-Opel-
e. Hypolite Reed	k. Sam Joseph Reed b. 1865-VP-
f. Joachim Reed	l. Rene Reed b. Apr. 6, 1870-VP-
7. Therese Hebert b. Oct. 8, 1836-Opel-marr. Hilledevert Rosat on July 26, 1855
 - a. Divina Rosat b. Aug. 12, 1855 (?) -VP-
 - b. Marcelline Rosat b. Nov. 14, 1858-Opel-
 - c. Margueritte Rosat b. July 19, 1861-Opel-
8. Etienne Hebert b. 1840
- E. Leufroy Hebert (Joachim and Marie Fontenot) b. May 13, 1812 in Opelousas-marr. Lise Miller (Frederick and Lise Frige) on July 9, 1832 in Opel. ages 21 and 17
Children:
 1. Adolphe Hebert bt. Mar. 17, 1843-2½ yrs.-Opel-
 2. Alphonse Hebert b. Dec. 19, 1837-Opel-
 3. Leon Hebert b. Nov. 10, 1835-Opel-
 4. Hirma Hebert bt. Mar. 17, 1843-6 mts.-Opel-
 5. Denise Hebert marr. Alfred Reed on Jan. 20, 1875-Eunice-
 - a. Syphroi Reed b. Feb. 26, 1883-Iota-
- F. Cyprien Hebert (Joachim and Marie Fontenot) b. Sept. 28, 1820 in Opelousas-marr. Eugenie Bordelon on Dec. 11, 1840-Opel-
Children:
 1. Armand Hebert b. June 28, 1846-Opel-
 2. Estille Hebert b. Feb. 1, 1842-Opel-marr. Dec. 23, 1858 Jean Pierre Landreneau in Opel.
 - a. Eloï Landreneau b. Dec. 5, 1863-VP-
 - b. Armance Landreneau b. Dec. 16, 1865
 - c. Armand Landreneau b. Jan. 2, 1862-VP-
 - d. Prosper Landreneau b. Apr. 19, 1860
 - e. Marie Elia Landreneau b. Dec. 15, 1867-VP-
 - f. Alice Landreneau b. July 1870-VP-

3. Eugenie Hebert marr. Cyprien Landreneau
 - a. Arthenon Landreneau b. Apr. 2, 1864-VP-
 - b. Alida Landreneau b. Aug. 20, 1861
 - c. Armand Landreneau bt. Nov. 23, 1868-5 mts. -VP-
 - d. Jeanne Florestia Landreneau b. Feb. 26, 1870-VP-
 - e. Marie Marthe Landreneau b. Oct. 31, 1882-VP-

Fifth Generation

- A. Hypolite Hebert (Joachim and Divine Fontenot) b. May 15 or 27, 1825-Opel-marr. Celeste Philippe Fontenot on Aug. 28, 1849-Opel-
She died Dec. 8, 1889-age 59-----marr. Marie Aglaee Deshotels
(Victorin and Marie Aglaee Ortego) on July 11, 1892-Opel-
He died Jan. 24, 1910-Aglaee died in 1926-both buried in the
Platin Cemetery
 1. Adam Hebert b. Feb. 27, 1894-VP-
- B. Denis Hebert (Joachim and Divine Fontenot) b. June 30, 1827-Opel-
marr. Caroline Young on June 29, 1850-Opel-Denis died Oct. 15,
1920--Caroline died Oct. 1905-both buried in Ashford Cemetery
Children:
 1. David Hebert b. June 2, 1851-Opel-
 2. Emile Hebert b. Aug. 21, 1854-VP-
 3. Azelie Hebert b. May 31, 1856-VP-marr. Adrien Ardoin on Feb.
23, 1886-Eunice-
 4. Aime Hebert b. July 26, 1858-VP-
 5. Helena Hebert b. Mar. 3, 1860-Opel-marr. Cleophas Vidrine
on June 24, 1879
 6. Ovide Hebert b. Aug. 21, 1861-VP-
 7. Denis Armand Hebert b. June 14, 1866-VP-
- C. Etienne Hebert (Joachim and Divine Fontenot) b. 1840-Opel-
marr. Delia Deville on Jan. 16, 1865-Opel-
 1. Emelie Hebert b. Oct. 2, 1865-VP- marr. Feb. 20, 1882 Leon
Pelloquin-Eunice-
 - a. Etienne Pelloquin bt. mar. 5, 1883-2½ mts. -Opel-
- D. Adolphe Hebert (Leufroy and Lise Miller) b. 1840 -Opel-marr.
Clemence Reed (Jesse and Brigette Augustin) on July 16, 1861-Opel-
- E. Alphonse Hebert (Leufroy and Lise Miller) b. Dec. 19, 1837-Opel-
marr. Celeste Miller
Children:
 1. Eugenie Hebert b. Feb. 20, 1861-Opel-
 2. Armand Hebert b. May 15, 1871-Eunice-
 3. Ernest Hebert b. Dec. 23, 1872-Eunice-
 4. Fernese Marie Hebert b. Oct. 14, 1876-Eunice-
 5. Dorceline Hebert b. Sept. 2, 1878-VP-
- F. Leon Hebert (Leufroy and Lise Miller) b. Nov. 10, 1835-Opel-
marr. Eloyse Garyo on Apr. 20, 1865
Children:
 1. Jean Hebert b. Jan. 18, 1875- Eunice-
 2. Vincent Hebert b. Apr. 5, 1878-Eunice-
 3. Ignace Hebert b. Feb. 1, 1880-Church Point-
 4. Leonard Hebert b. Nov. 13, 1876-Eunice-

Sixth Generation

- A. Adam Hebert (Hypolite and Marie Aglaee Deshotels) b. Feb. 27, 1894
-VP-marr. Elia Guillory (Aurelien and Onezia Deshotels) on
Oct. 17, 1911. Adam d. Aug. 14, 1971. Elia d. Jan. 4, 1969-VP-
Both buried in Platin Cemetery.
Children: born in Lanse Grise
1. Marshall Hebert b. Nov. 13, 1913
 2. Addie Hebert b. May 14, 1916-VP-marr. Chester Landreneau
(Eda and Marie Guillory)
 - a. Willie Jane Landreneau b. Sept. 26, 1937
 - b. Jean Ronald Landreneau b. Sept. 4, 1940
 - c. Nedwin Paul Landreneau b. Aug. 25, 1948
 3. Isabell Hebert b. Oct. 17, 1917-marr. Everton Fontenot (Alciduse
and Lome Guillory) on May 27, 1933-VP-
 - a. James Lonies Fontenot b. Sept. 8, 1934
 - b. Donald Dale Fontenot b. Jan. 29, 1944
 4. Wilson Hebert b. Mar. 9, 1919
 5. Willis Hebert b. Apr. 23, 1921---d. Nov. 27, 1921
 6. Ena Hebert b. Nov. 17, 1923 -marr. Gussie Naquin (Eduis and
Josephene Pierrotti) on Dec. 3, 1938
 - a. James Ferrel Naquin b. June 24, 1941
 - b. Bernella Ann Naquin b. Oct. 17, 1949
 7. Clifford Hebert b. July 15, 1926
 8. Hereshy Ray Hebert b. Apr. 9, 1929
 9. Gracie Mae Hebert b. Dec. 31, 1931-marr. Frank Vidrine (Alibe
and Adelia Chapman) on Nov. 9, 1946
 - a. John Winston Vidrine b. Apr. 23, 1948
 - b. Jeryl Wade Vidrine b. May 17, 1952
 - c. Katherine Vidrine b. Nov. 3, 1959
 10. Dorothy Dean Hebert b. Nov. 22, 1933-marr. Lawrence Fontenot
(Maurice and Essie Fontenot) on Jan. 26, 1952. d. Oct. 24, 1981
 - a. Carroll Gene Fontenot b. June 4, 1954
 - b. Charles Brent Fontenot b. Jan. 24, 1970
 11. Mary Lois Hebert b. Apr. 14, 1936-marr. Allen Fontenot (John
and Julia Guillory) on Apr. 19, 1952
 - a. Gary Lane Fontenot b. Mar. 6, 1954
 - b. Sharon Ann Fontenot b. Jan. 1, 1956
 - c. Patricia Kay Fontenot b. Aug. 31, 1957
 - d. Oscar Allen Fontenot b. Aug. 4, 1959
 - e. Darlene Joan Fontenot b. Oct. 20, 1960
 - f. Tyrone Paul Fontenot b. Oct. 12, 1962
 - g. Bryan Gene Fontenot b. Aug. 12, 1964
 12. Roland Hypolite Hebert b. Aug. 30, 1943
- B. Emile Hebert (Denis and Caroline Young) b. Aug. 21, 1854-VP-
marr. Josephine Bellon on Jan. 4, 1879
Children:
1. Emma Hebert b. Feb. 18, 1880-Eunice-marr. Kerrel Soileau
on Sept. 18, 1897

2. Aude Hebert b. Jan. 28, 1882-Eunice-
3. Hermance Hebert b. Oct. 19, 1884-Eunice-
4. Alexandre Hebert b. 1891
5. Felicien Hebert b. May 6, 1892-Eunice
6. Diah Hebert b. 1896 marr. Thomas Ashford (Thomas and Evia Vidrine) on Aug. 13, 1912-VP-
- C. Armand Hebert (Denis and Caroline Young) b. June 14, 1866-VP-marr. Evelia Vidrine
Children:
 1. David Hebert b. Mar. 8, 1889 d. Feb. 28, 1967
 2. Gilmar Hebert b. Feb. 18, 1894-Eunice-
 3. Ozeme Hebert b. Mar. 17, 1891-Eunice- d. Aug. 7, 1958
 4. Dennis Maus Hebert d. 1983
- Seventh Generation
- A. Marshall Hebert (Adam and Elia Guillory) b. Nov. 13, 1913 marr. Cora Reed (Estellie and Corise Duplechin) on Aug. 27, 1932-VP-
Children:
 1. Bernella Jane Hebert b. July 10, 1936- d. Oct. 25, 1936
 2. Deola Ann Hebert b. Mar. 17, 1943-marr. Rodney Fontenot (Atney and Lena Guillory) on Sept. 23, 1961
 - a. Michael Chris Fontenot b. Oct. 4, 1962
 - b. Mary Jeanne Fontenot b. Mar. 21, 1966
 - c. Eric James Fontenot b. Feb. 9, 1978
- B. Wilson Hebert (Adam and Elia Guillory) b. Mar. 9, 1919 marr. Corina Manuel (Adam and Azeline Fontenot) on Feb. 8, 1941-VP-
Children:
 1. Abeline Joy Hebert b. Oct. 8, 1942 marr. Nason Deville-VP-
 - a. Marla Ann Deville b. Oct. 17, 1961
 - b. Phillip Neal Deville b. Aug. 13, 1963
 2. Terry Glenn Hebert b. May 11, 1946
 3. Mona Faye Hebert b. Sept. 26, 1951 marr. Carl Fontenot
 - a. Marie Danae Fontenot b. Jan. 7, 1967
 - b. Adam Carl Fontenot b. Oct. 4, 1973
- C. Clifford Hebert (Adam and Elia Guillory) b. July 15, 1926-marr. Helena Fontenot (Eugene and Eva Aymond) on Oct. 16, 1943
Children:
 1. Nearrel Wayne Hebert b. Aug. 12, 1946-Eunice-
 2. James Robert Hebert b. Oct. 22, 1950-Eunice-
 3. Rayland Paul Hebert b. Dec. 24, 1951-Eunice-
 4. Clifford Hebert b. May 24, 1955-Eunice-
 5. Michelle Lyn Hebert b. Apr. 1, 1969-Eunice-
- D. Hereshy Ray Hebert (Adam and Elia Guillory) b. Apr. 9, 1929-marr. Armatine Reed (Pascal and Edvise Landreneau) on Feb. 14, 1953-VP- d. May 30, 1956
Children:
 1. Carl James Hebert b. Jan. 16, 1954
 2. Brenda Gayle Hebert b. Nov. 7, 1955-marr. Richard Marcantel (Burly and Ruby Leonie) on Nov. 17, 1973-VP-

- a. Stacey Renee Marcantel b. May 29, 1977
 - b. Crystal Lynn Marcantel b. Dec. 1, 1980
 - c. Christy Lynn Marcantel b. Dec. 1, 1980
- E. Roland Hypolite Hebert (Adam and Elia Guillory) b. Aug. 30, 1943
marr. Calvalene Marie Guillory (Leo and Vergene Berzas) on
May 6, 1972
Children:
 - 1. Mariesha Lynn Hebert b. Mar. 21, 1973-Pine Prairie-
 - 2. Michael Adan Hebert b. Apr. 15, 1974-Pine Prairie-
 - 3. Marcus Paul Hebert b. Mar. 16, 1976-Pine Prairie-
 - 4. Monica Leigh Hebert b. Jan. 5, 1978-Pine Prairie-
- F. Alexandre Hebert (Emile and Josephine Bellon) b. 1891 marr.
Ophelia Fontenot (Jean Pierre and Lejustine Guillory) on
Nov. 19, 1912-VP-
- G. David Hebert (Armand and Evelia Vidrine) b. 1889 marr. Lizia
Ashford (William and Olina Vidrine) on May 2, 1911-David died
Feb. 28, 1967 and is buried in the Ashford Cemetery
- H. Dennies Maus Hebert (Armand and Evelia Vidrine) d. 1983
 - 1. Gurvis Joseph Hebert b. Jan. 25, 1923

Eighth Generation

- A. Terry Glenn Hebert (Wilson and Corina Manuel) b. May 11, 1946
marr. Diana Louisa Baker-San Diego; Calif.
 - 1. Evangeline Aimee Hebert b. Feb. 4, 1976 -San Diego-
- B. James Robert Hebert (Clifford and Helena Fontenot) b. Oct. 22,
1950-Eunice-marr. Paula Fontenot (Raphel and Dorise Fontenot)
on Apr. 17, 1971-Lake Charles-
Children:
 - 1. Todd James Hebert b. Dec. 12, 1975-Lake Charles-
 - 2. Jessica Leigh Hebert b. Aug. 19, 1978-Lake Charles-
- C. Rayland Paul Hebert (Clifford and Helena Fontenot) b. Dec. 24,
1951-marr. Becky Melancon on Aug. 12, 1972-Lake Charles-
 - 1. Brigitte Hebert b. June 4, 1976
- D. Clifford Hebert, Jr. (Clifford and Helena Fontenot) b. May 24,
1955 marr. Susan Colven
- E. Carl James Hebert (Ray and Armatine Reed) b. Jan. 16, 1954
marr. Lila Soileau
Children:
 - Cory Hebert b. June 12, 1977-VP-
 - Ryan Hebert b. June 7, 1978-VP-
- F. Gurvis Joseph Hebert (Dennies Maus and Edna) b. Jan. 25, 1923
marr. Elmine Mary Bertrand on Dec. 19, 1941 (Thelis Bertrand
and Aurelia Landreneau)
Children:
 - 1. Richard Lynn Hebert b. Oct. 20, 1942
 - 2. Iris Ann Hebert b. Sept. 19, 1951-marr. Ricky Doucet
 - a. Christopher James Doucet b. Sept. 25, 1975
 - b. Ashley Elizabeth Doucet b. May 18, 1979

Ninth Generation

- A. Richard Lynn Hebert (Gurvis Joseph and Elmine Bertrand) b. Oct. 20, 1942-marr. Marca LaHaye (J. B. and Effie Deshotels) on June 5, 1963

Children:

1. Susan Elizabeth Hebert b. June 16, 1964
2. Marla Kay Hebert b. Sept. 1, 1966
3. Richard Lynn Hebert b. Aug. 20, 1969
4. Michael Ryan Hebert b. June 18, 1975

SOURCES:

Father Donald Hebert's books; Catholic Church Records, Diocese of Baton Rouge; Evangeline Parish Marriages and Successions, 1911-1912; and interviews

Submitted by Gladys L. Sandefur, 536 Elizabeth St., Natchitoches, LA 71457. Mrs. Sandefur has the original of this letter which was in the papers of Thomas McCrory. Since the letter was written to the Governor of Louisiana, he evidently passed it on to Mr. McCrory. There is no date on the handwritten letter but Mr. Hebert was Governor of Louisiana from 1853 to 1856 so was written within that time.

To his Excellency Paul O. Hebert
Governor of the State of Louisiana

The undersigned citizens and business men of the Bayou Boeuf and Big Cane Settlements and vicinity in the Parish of St. Landry, respectfully beg leave to address you relative to the office of Notary Public for these settlements.

The present incumbent Henry S. Dunbar Esq. is a staunch and thorough Whig, and acquiescing in the doctrine, avowed and acted upon by both the Democratic and Whig parties, that it is impolitic to retain in office persons inimical to the existing administration, we sollicit his removal, & recommend as his successor Thomas McCrory, Esq.

Mr. McCrory is the acting Justice of the Peace in the Bayou Boeuf Ward, having been elected over Mr. Dunbar, he has also lately been elected a member of our Police Jury over the same competitor we regard this as a sufficient indication of his popularity and of the confidence of his fellow citizens in his abilities to discharge the duties of a Parish office - he is a sterling, unflinching and working Democrat, and we respectfully solicit his appointment as Notary Public.

We are your Excellency's most
Obedient Servants

WHAT'S IN A NAME? LEJEUNE - YOUNG

JOSEPH LEJEUNE - YOUNG ca. 1756-1847

compiled by John A. Young (Lejeune), Sr.

NOTE: Most of the material presented here is taken from the Southwest Louisiana Records (Vols. 1-30) compiled by Fr. Donald Hebert. Other sources of material are credited at the end of this article. I am deeply indebted to my daughter, Mona Lynn Young Navickas, who supplied much of the information presented here and imparted a great deal of enthusiasm to this project.

The Young family outline presented is but the first step in a long journey to complete a concise history of those affected by the Lejeune-Young name change. Hopefully, enough information is presented to kindle an interest in those so affected and to instill or renew an interest in genealogy.

The progenitor of most of the Youngs in the St. Landry, Evangeline, and Acadia Parish areas is Joseph Lejeune. He was the son of Jean Baptiste Lejeune, a third-generation Acadian b. 1728, and Marguerite Trahan who were married 1748 in Acadia(1). Three children are recorded as having been born to the couple in Acadia: Jean Baptiste, Jr. b. 1749, Marguerite b. 1751, and Blaise b. 1752. When and where Joseph was born will be discussed later in this article.

The first recorded mention of a Joseph Lejeune comes from a list of neutral Acadian people who were at Portabaco, Maryland, on July 7, 1763(2). A "Joseph Lejeune, orphan" and "Antoine Lejeune, orphan" are listed as being with the Honore Trahan family at that time. Also listed at Portabaco but with the Honore Braux (sic) family is "Blaise Lejeune, orphan." Listed at Lower Morlborough on the same date is a Marguerite Lejeune with "Pierre Iaunne (sic) prisoner of war, and his wife".(3) No mention is made, but this writer assumes that she is also an orphan. I find no mention of Jean Baptiste Lejeune, Jr. on this list.

It is unknown what happened to Jean Baptiste Lejeune, Sr. or his wife, Marguerite, but it appears that Marguerite died prior to 1763 and Jean Baptiste either died or was deported. This would not be unusual following the ordeal the Acadians experienced in 1755.

The next mention of Joseph Lejeune comes from a ship's list of German and Acadian families who sailed from the Port of Maryland on January 5, 1769, aboard the English schooner La Bretana, captained by John Steel, bound for New Orleans. "Joseph Lejeune, orphan, age 13" is listed, again with the Honore Trahan family. Also listed are "John Bicente (sic) Lejeune, age 20; Blaise, his brother, age 18; Marguerite, their sister, age 17; and Nanette, their sister, age 13." (4)

Surely, this Nanette is the same person listed as Antoine, who, along with Joseph, is with the Honore Trahan family in the 1763 Portabaco census. One possibility is that her name was Antoinette but was listed variously as Antoine or Nanette.

From various civil and church records published later, we know that Blaise and Joseph are brothers; therefore, Nanette (Antoine) and Joseph are brother and sister. Since their ages on the ship's list are both given as 13, it appears that they very possibly are twins. This is really not important as we soon lose track of Nanette and she is not heard of again. If, indeed, the age given (13) in 1769 is correct, this would indicate they were born ca. 1756 and that possibly their mother was pregnant at the time of the expulsion from Acadia.

NOTE: Much more research is needed in this period. For example, did Jean Baptiste Lejeune, Sr. accompany his wife to Maryland? When did Marguerite Trahan, his wife, die? Where? Was Honore Trahan related to Marguerite?

The trip of La Bretana was uneventful until the ship was in sight of the Louisiana Coast. Captain Juhn Steel, in a letter to Senor Don Alexandro O'Reilly, explains:

"...on the 21st of February we sighted the coast of Louisiana; but due to easterly winds and continuous fog we were driven some eighty leagues south and then west of the Mississippi. Finding ourselves without food and water, we were obliged to put in at a small bay where we found a Spanish captain named Don Francisco Thobar. From him we requested a passport and food to get to New Orleans, both of which he refused us. On the contrary, he seized our schooner with all its sails, tackle, equipment, passengers, crew, and merchandise, and took everything (except the schooner) with him to a fort forty leagues inland of which he was commandant."(5)

The crew and passengers were held at what is now called Goliad, Texas, until September 11, 1769, when they were sent overland to Natchitoches. The approximately 500 mile trip took 44 days and they arrived there on October 24, 1769. Nanette did not accompany the family but "remained at the Coquaits."(6)

The Acadians, of which there were approximately 31 at this time, were not happy at Natchitoches and "requested a passport to leave and go establish their homes on the banks of the Rio de San Luiz (Mississippi?) already settled by their countrymen and relatives." (7) Permission was granted and most of the Acadians departed by June 10, 1770. Nothing further is heard of the Lejeune family until November 3, 1773, at which time the marriage of Blaise Lejeune and Marie Joseph Breaux is recorded at Assension Church, Donaldsonville, Louisiana.

After their departure from Natchitoches, I am unable to trace the whereabouts of Jean Baptiste, Jr. or Marguerite Lejuene. I have found records of a Jean Baptiste Lejeune (resident of Avoyelles) marrying one Isabelle Outre (Huvre, Gutre, or Hutre). They had at least four children, the

second of which was Jean Baptiste, Jr. b. ca. 1781: the godfather was Blaise Lejeune. This far, I have been unable to prove that this Jean Baptiste is a brother to Joseph and Blaise. Of Marguerite, I have found no further information.

Joseph Lejeune married Perrine (Patsy) Haye(s), date and place unknown but probably 1781 or 1782, as their first of fifteen children, Mary (Marie Josette) was baptised June 29, 1783, at age 9 months. Three of their fifteen children are known to have died before reaching the age of eight years.

Joseph purchased some land from his brother, Blaise, on July 23, 1783, (8) and in 1790 received a large land grant on Bayou Dozas in the Fakaitaic Prairie (Sec 45 T 6 S R 1E.) Here he settled to raise his large family.

Blaise received a land grant along Bayou Plaquemine Brule, located just south of the present community of Richard, Louisiana in what is now Acadia parish. There is presently a stream in that community named Blaise Lejeune Gully.

It is impossible to determine what brought about the name change from Lejeune to Young in Joseph's family. It appears the change was gradual, starting after 1810. One possible explanation is that when French was replaced as the official language after the Louisiana Purchase in 1803, the name Lejeune (literally 'the Young') was translated by some bureaucrat on an official document, thus starting the change. Whatever the cause, the change did occur and the two names were used interchangeably on civil and church documents for several years.

By the time of the death of Joseph's wife, Perrine (Patsy) ca. 1821, the transistion was almost complete. On her succession (Succession No. 251, Opelousas Court House, February, 1822) (9) all of the children are listed as Young and either sign their names or make their marks using that name. There are instances in which the name Lejeune was used afterward, but for the most part the name 'Young' prevailed.

Neither Blaise Lejeune nor his family were affected by this change and they retained the original name. We, therefore, have brothers with different family names; one being the progenitor of most of the Youngs, the other of the Lejuenes in the St. Landry, Evangeline and Acadia areas of Louisiana.

Notes and Footnotes

1. Bona Arsenault, Histoire et Genealogie des Acadiens, p. 1418.
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9. Succession No. 251, Opelousas Court House, dated 25 Feb 1822, contains a treasure of information on the estate of Joseph Lejeune at the time of his wife's death. In addition to 319 lots of property sold, the name of each buy and amount paid is listed.

Note:

Any additions, corrections or comments would be greatly appreciated.
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CHILDREN OF JOSEPH LEJEUNE (YOUNG) AND PERRINE (PATSY) HAYES (All born in Opelousas)

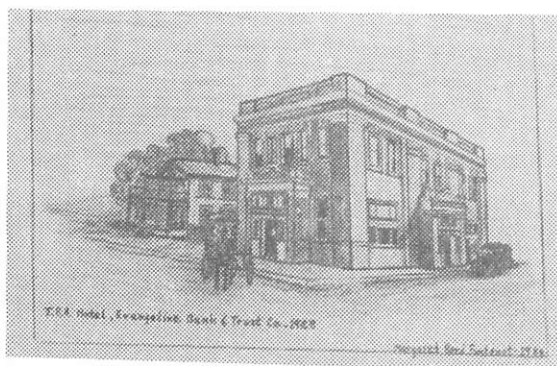
1. MARIE JOSETTE (JOSEPHE) LEJEUNE bt. 29 June 1783 at 9 mcs., d. ca. 1822, m. 1 Feb 1802, Samuel REEL, s/o Samuel REEL and Genevieve WEST (Samuel REEL m. 2 Mary REEL)
2. JOSEPH LEJEUNE, JR. b. 1784, d. 18 Oct 1843, m. 3 Sept 1805, Marie Louise RITTER (RAYTER) d/o Michel RITTER and Barbara COR(KAR)
3. JEAN BAPTISTE LEJEUNE b. 26 Mar 1786, d. 12 June 1843, m. 15 Dec 1807, Marie Louise BIME, d/o Jacob BIME and Marie RITTER
4. MARGUERITE LEJEUNE b. 1 May 1788, m. 25 Oct 1804, Clark BARTON
5. SUSANNE (SUZETTE) LEJEUNE b. 17 Sept 1789, m. 24 Oct 1808, Jacob BIHM, JR., s/o Jacob BIHM and Marie RITTER
6. PIERRE (PETER) LEJEUNE b. 20 Jan 1791, d. 20 June 1847, m. Marie Louise Belaire FONTENOT, d/o Louis Belair FONTENOT and Marie JOUBERT
7. HUBERT (GILBERT) LEJEUNE b. 22 Mar 1793, d. ca. 1821, m. 18 Apr 1814, Celestine FONTENOT, d/o Jacob FONTENOT and Rosalie JANSONNE. Celestine m 2 22 Apr 1822, Joseph FONTENOT
8. JAMES (JACQUES) LEJEUNE bt. 22 June 1796, d. 4 Jan 1892, m. 6 July 1815, Irene PRUDHOMME (b. ca. 1801, d. ca. 1845) d/c Michel PRUDHOMME and Sidonia DARBONNE
9. JANE (EUGENIE) LEJEUNE bt. 15 July 1798, d. ca. 1867, m. 1 27 Dec 1814, Michel BIHM, s/o Jacob BIHM and Marie RITTER, Jane m 2 15 Dec 1822, Pierre LECOMB
10. LOUISA (ELIZA) LEJEUNE bt. 9 Oct 1803 @ 3 mcs., m. 14 Aug 1817, Joseph Marcellin ORTEGO, s/o Joachim ORTEGO and Demasaine Marie Soto De ST. DENIS
11. CAROLINE LEJEUNE b. 13 May 1805, d. ca. 1832, m 1 21 Feb 1821, Michel PRUDHOMME, fils (b. ca. Dec 1803, d. 22 Aug 1829) s/o Michel PRUDHOMME and Sidonie DARBONNE. Caroline m 2 26 Apr 1831, John BECHUM of Kentucky
12. ZENON LEJEUNE bt. 12 July 1803 @ 3 mos.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Young included over 10 pages of descendants of these children. There wasn't room to include them in this issue and interested parties are advised that a copy will be on file in the society's papers. It is hoped that they will be published in a future issue.)

'VILLE PLATTE IN RETROSPECT' is a collection of ink and charcoal drawings by EGHS member Margaret Reed Fontenot which is currently on display at the Evangeline Bank and Trust Company on Main Street. Brief histories of each scene are included.

Views from both East and West Main Street, the old Evangeline Academy, the old courthouse, the old ice house, the old Sacred Heart complex, the railroad station with an engine on the tracks and the early banks are among the series of drawings. The one shown below is of the Evangeline Bank and Trust Co. built across from the current bank, in 1912. It is representative of the group.

Local interest has been expressed in the publication of a slim book of this illustrated history of the largest town in Evangeline Parish. Details of publication and price have not been established at deadline time for 'La Voix des Prairies'. Interested readers are invited to inquire by writing directly to Mrs. Fontenot at 308 Reed Street, Ville Platte, LA 70586



JOSEPH WOLF (at right) refer to pages 39 and 40, La Voix des Prairies No. 17. Photo loaned by Cindy Leger. Further reading in Kinfolks Journal of Southwest La. Genealogical Society, PO Box 5651, Lake Charles La 70606 (info submitted by Gercie Daigle)



It has come to the attention of the editor that an article of interest to our readers was published in the John Edwards Memorial Forum Quarterly (JEMF) address Folklore and Mythology Center, University of California, Los Angeles, 90024. The article, written by Donald Lee Nelson, was the result of interviews with local relatives and historians about Maius Lafleur and Leo Soileau, two local men who made one of the first Cajun music recordings. It appeared in the Summer 1983 edition, Vol. 19 No. 70 of JEMF Quarterly. (Back issues available at \$3.50 per copy - xerographic and microform available from University Microfilms, Ann Arbor, MI 48106)

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