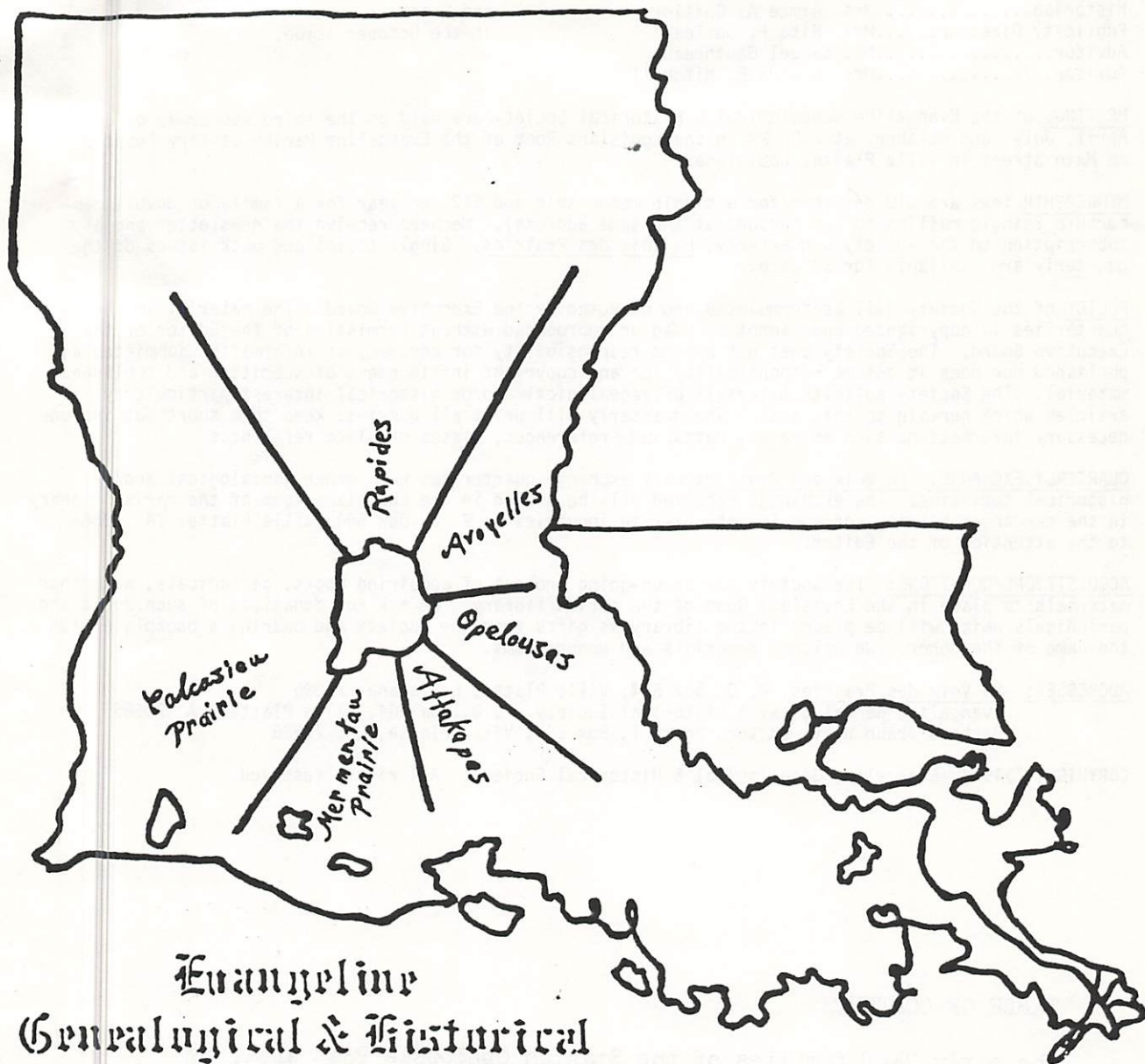


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THE EARLY REED FAMILIES OF THE SPANISH OPELOUSAS POST AREA

By Albert Tate, Jr., Ville Platte, La.

This paper will attempt to outline the early Reed families found in the Spanish Opelousas Post area, with a further look at the family of William Reed, early merchant of the Ville Platte area and a founder of Ville Platte.

The first two Reed families arrived in the area 1783-85. They are the families of John Reed, believed to be the husband of Genevieve (or Dionysia or Unity) West, and of William Reed, husband of Jeanne (Jenny) Elliott, who was the widow by a former marriage with Evan Mills. So far as now known, these two Reeds were not related. The findings with regard to these families will be set forth below.

No Reed is found on the census of foreigners taken by the Spanish 15 May 1781 ("foreigners" were English and Germans, Irish, not French or Spanish), see Conrad, "Friend or Foe?", Attakapas Gazette, Vol. XII, no.3 (Fall 1977), pp. 137-140. However, as is seen from the documents calendared in J. O. Vidrine, The Opelousas Post, 1764-1789, Guide to the St. Landry Parish Archives (Baton Rouge, 1979), the first Reed families arrived shortly afterwards. On December 15, 1783, Elizabeth Cuny signed a note to William Reed, and on June 22, 1784 William Reed and his Jeanne, widow Mills, signed an arbitration agreement settling a dispute with her brother, James Elliott. On September 2, 1785, Daniel Callegahan who was married to a (Catherine West) and Jose West signed an engagement, charge of John Reed (who was probably the John married to a Genievieve/Dionysia/Unity West).

In J. K. Voorhies, Some Eighteenth Century Louisianians (Lafayette, 1973), pp. 323, 327, 341, these individuals are found in the 1788 Spanish census for the Opelousas Post: Wm. Reed in the Plaisance district (2 boys, 1-15, 4 girls, 1-15, 1 male, 15-49, 1 woman (age 15 and over), 3 slaves); John Reed in Bayou Chicot (2 boys, 1-15, 2 men, 15-49, 1 girl, 1-15, 1 woman, 15 and over); and in the Bellevue district, Daniel Callahan (1 boy, 1-15, 1 man, 15-49, 1 woman, 15 and over, 4 slaves), and Joel West (1 man, 15-49). In the 1785 Opelousas militia found in Voorhies, supra (p. 412), only William Reed of these four is listed, possibly indicating that he was born after 1740, whereas the others were born before 1740.

The families of these two first Reeds are difficult to piece out, because for the most part they, of Protestant faith, did not baptize their children or record their family marriages in the Opelousas Catholic church, despite Spanish regulations that required such registration of all inhabitants of whatever faith. From Father Donald Hebert, Southwest Louisiana Records,

Vol. 1 (1756-1810) (Eunice, 1974), pp. 474-475, we can find Amelia, a daughter of Jean Reed and Dionysia West, baptized 21 October 1790, and the marriage of Charlotte, daughter of William Reed and Jenny Elliott, to Clark Barton on January 7, 1802 (Charlotte died on December 3, 1802, immediately after the birth of a daughter.) The birth and death of a son, Thomas, in 1786, to William Reed and Jenny Elliott is also recorded. From the other notations of relationships in Hebert, supra, we can also with reasonable assurance say that a John Reed married to Marie Seis was a son of John Reed and Unity (Dionysia) West. (Their children are reflected in Hebert, supra, Vols. 1 and 2.) Likewise, with somewhat less assurance, we can say that Samuel Reed, from (born in?) the Attakapas and married to Marie Josephine Lejeune, was also of John Reed and Genevieve (Unity) West, because on his marriage in 1802 his parentage is so shown. See also J. C. Fruge, The Fruges of Faquetaic (Ville Platte, 1870), p. 47, listing this couple's fourteen children, and noting that his marriage record showed his father to be Juan Reed of Maryland and his mother as Genevia Unity West of South Carolina. (See note (1) at end of text.)

It is quite possible that some of the other Reeds listed in Hebert, supra, are children or grandchildren of these first two Reeds, but at this point we cannot so identify them. These include: a William Reed who married Mary Louise Deville in 1808; a William who had married (not in Hebert) Marie Louise Vasseur and had several children commencing in 1809; a William who was married to Magdalene Chene and had several children, commencing in 1790; and Anthony, who in 1815 married Nancy Callaham. Additionally, a James Reed of Dauphin County, Pennsylvania (John & Mary Marie Belit--), in 1806 married Mary Jacob Wiltz, and is probably not related to the first Reed families. Most of the Reed families noted above have many descendants in Southwest Louisiana today.

#### Another William Reed Family

Yet another prominent Reed family, intimately associated with the founding of Ville Platte in 1858, was quite probably not related to the first John and William Reed families. The progenitor of this last family, another William Reed, came to the Spanish Opelousas area from East Louisiana shortly after the others. Except where otherwise noted, the marriages and births of his family described below are as indexed in Father Hebert's Southwest Louisiana Records as taking place in the St. Landry Catholic Church at Opelousas. This information is supplemented by census records (shown as "c" and year, with regard to this family) in the federal censuses for St. Landry Parish, Louisiana: 1850, dwelling #735 (p. 37); 1860, dwelling #1320 (p. 203); and 1870, households #20 & #21 (p. 244). Following each child of William Reed listed below, I will include in parentheses additional information, not documented in this paper, but

primarily from Hebert as supplemented by information from family descendants.

William Reed first appears in the records available to me in his marriage to Julie Garand on November 26, 1838. He is shown as the son of William Reed and Marie Ramos, while Julie is the daughter of Marcelin Garand (the old Napoleonic soldier who is known as the founder of Ville Platte) and Brigette Soileau. From the 1850 and 1860 census records, we know that William was born in East Baton Rouge Parish in 1806-1807. He appears on the 1860 census, but only his widow appears on the 1870 census. The children of this couple were as follows:

1. Thomas, b. Oct. 8, 1840 (m. 1865 to Elvina Vidrine, d. 1923); d. December 1910; children: (a) Oscar, b. 1866, m. 1891 Lydie Dardeau, children include Walter, Roland, Ollie, Gerald, Lionel, Robert J.); (b) Thomas b. 1870, believed to have died young; and (c) Philip Milton b. 1883, m. Aurore Dardeau ca 1805, d. Dec. 10, 1930, children: Thomas, b. 1909, Ethel, b. 1910. These were all born and married in Ville Platte.)
2. Brigette, b. Dec. 4, 1841 (m. 1888 Jean Baptiste LaRose Fontenot);
3. Elizabeth, b. May 10, 1843 (who died unmarried);
4. Clara, b. May 22, 1845 (alive in 1870 census of Ville Platte, age 23 there shown);
5. William, b. 26 April 1847 (m. 1875 Corinne Ducharmes; had one child, Thomas Nathaniel, b. 1877 (Ville Platte church), who at age of 14 (after his father's death) went to New Orleans, where he lived until he died in 1949. This son m. 1906 Olie Bosworth (1882-1963) at St. John the Baptist Church on Dryades Street, by whom he had three children: Howard William, b. 1906; Edwin Thomas, b. 1912; and Ruth (b. 1914) Reed (Mrs. Irwin) Hauler; all born in and residents of New Orleans or nearby.
6. Julie, b. 15 March 1849 (died young; not on 1860 or 1870 censuses);
7. Corine, b. Feb. 24, 1850 (m. 1876, Richard O'Connor, Ville Platte church);
8. Clinton, b. 1853-54 (c1860, c1870; not in Hebert) (m. 1888 Alice Vidrine, Ville Platte; children: Wade, A. Clifford, Paul C., Olide (m. to Earl Jeffries); all born in Ville Platte);
9. Alfred, b. Feb. 11, 1856 (VP church) (died a bachelor in Ville Platte in his fifties);
10. Edgar, b. March 29, 1859 (VP church) died young, not on 1860 or 1870 censuses);
11. William, b. July 18, 1861 (died young, if indeed this is another "William" son of the couple as shown by Hebert, since not on 1870 census).

William Reed's Family Origin: As earlier noted, Williams Reed's marriage record shows that he was the son of a William Reed and Marie Ramos, while the census records ascribe his birth as in East Baton Rouge Parish 1806-1807. The Diocese of Baton Rouge Catholic Church Records, Vol. 2 (Baton Rouge, 1980), p. 615, and Vol. 3 (1982), p. 720, show a Ramos family in that vicinity, children and descendants of Fabian Ramos and Marie Viera baptized in the St. Gabriel of Iberville church below Baton Rouge (Fabian being a Spanish soldier who died before 1794, when his widow remarried Diego Diaz), with one of the couple's daughters marrying at St. Gabriel in 1809, shown to be the daughter of Fabiano Ramos and Marie Biera of Galvestown, a settlement east of Baton Rouge in Iberville Parish. The 1810 federal census of Iberville Parish, p. 108, in a "Galvez Town" enumeration includes Wm. Reed, with 2 boys under 10, 2 males 26-45, 1 female under 10, and 1 female 16-26 in his household. It is believed to be highly possible that this is the 1810 household of our William Reed's father. Further, the other English names in the household of this settlement (in the 1810 enumeration, immediately south of the Spanish Baton Rouge and Feliciana district) include several families that have been identified as settlers of British West Florida (1763-1780), who had moved across the line to this American-held settlement. It is quite possible that William Reed, father of our William, is from the family of a William Reed who received a British land grant in 1773 in the Natchez area, La. Genealogical Register, Vol. 19, No. 3 (Sept. 1972), p. 239 at 245, and/or of the family of the William Reed (possibly the same one) who appears in the Natchez area in 1781 and 1789, see M. W. McBee, The Natchez Court Records, 1767-1805 (Baltimore reprint, 1979), pp. 293, 375.

Based on an article published in the Ville Platte Gazette in 1933, which itself is based solely upon oral family history, the statement is found in R. Gahn, The Opelousas County (Baton Rouge, 1972), p. 42, that our "William Reed came from Maine." The documentary sources of 1850 and 1860, and William's Ramos mother, show that this 1933 ascription of the birthplace of William himself is almost certainly erroneous. However, as with much family history, there may be a germ of truth in this family legend, even if it is mistaken in detail. Perhaps William's father (or his grandfather) may have originally come from Maine, although possibly to Louisiana via British West Florida. Future investigation of the early Iberville Parish notarial records may shed further light on the origin of William's father and of his father's marriage to a Ramos daughter.

#### Note

- (1) A letter of March 7, 1982, from Mrs. Elaine Wolford of Odon, Indiana, gives some additional information about the West family and John Reed. Mrs. Wolford is a descendant of Unity (Genevieve) West by her second marriage (after John Reed's

death) to James Campbell. From family research, she states that Unity, b.ca 1764 in North Carolina, was the daughter of Nathaniel West and Mary Sellers, with known brothers of Creed (b. before 1764) and John (b. before 1772); Winnifred West (m(1) Russ, (2) Hillen, in Baton Rouge area) and Catherine (m. Daniel Callahan, and came with him to Opelousas ca 1785) were possibly daughters of this marriage also. After Mary Sellers died, Nathaniel married a Sarah Brown in 1772, by whom he had three children, Joel (b.ca 1774, d. 1789, while apprenticed to Daniel Callahan), Sarah (Sadie) Lucinda (Louisdes) (b.ca 1773), and Nathaniel Jr. (b. 1776).

Mrs. Wolford states that Genevieve (Unity) married John Reed by 1780 and had at least four children by him before he died in 1791: Anselm (?), b. 1782; Samuel, b. 1784; John, b. 1786 and Amelia, b. 1790. Family tradition has it that there were two children named Damon and Myrtle, who perhaps were other names for the first and fourth of the above. She also notes the possibility that Anselm(?) was the Anthony who married Nancy Calliham in 1815. John was supposed to have been somewhat older than Genevieve, and to have been in Maryland but possibly to have been born in Ireland. John and Unity had lived in the Attakapas district several years before settling in the Opelousas district, and in New Iberia probate proceedings of January, 1781, John Reed and Unity assumed most of the responsible for Unity's younger brothers following her stepmother's death in late 1780.

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CHILDREN OF JOSEPH LEJEUNE (YOUNG) & FERRINE (PATSY) HAYES

(all born in Opelousas)

FIRST - MARIE JOSETTE (JOSEPH) LEJEUNE bt. 29 June 1783 @ age 9 mos., d. ca. 1822, m. 1 Feb 1802, Samuel REED, s/o Samuel REED and Genevieve WEST  
Samuel REED m2 Mary REED

SECOND - JOSEPH LEJEUNE, JR. b. 29 Aug 1784, d. 18 Oct 1843, m. 3 Sept 1805, Marie Louise RITTER (RAYTER) d/o Michel RITTER and Barbara COR (KAR)  
Issue:

- I. Hypolite LEJEUNE (YOUNG) bt. 13 Oct 1807 @ 2 mos., d. ca. 1886, m. 5 Feb 1828, Adelaide SAVOIE, d/o Placide SAVOIE and Adelaide BABIN
  - A. Louis YOUNG b. 27 Dec 1828
  - B. Paul YOUNG b. 22 Oct 1830
  - C. Onesime YOUNG b. 11 Oct 1835, m1 3 July 1857, Louisa YOUNG (Louisa m2 8 Mar 1864, Adolphe Manuel)
    1. Louisa YOUNG b. 3 Apr 1859
    2. Pierre YOUNG b. 7 Apr 1861, m. 6 June 1882, Emelie Belaire FONTENOT
    3. Onesime YOUNG, Jr. b. 5 May 1863, m. 14 Sept 1882, Domelise LAFLEUR
      - a. Ulysse YOUNG b. 7 July 1886
      - b. Alice YOUNG b. 14 Sept 1888
  - D. Adelaide YOUNG b. 5 Oct 1836
  - E. Marguerite YOUNG b. 2 Nov 1838
  - F. Michel YOUNG b. 29 Mar 1841
  - G. Meline YOUNG b. 9 May 1843
  - H. Jessie H. YOUNG bt. 7 Jan 1847, d. 1919, m. 8 May 1866, Marie REED
    1. Marius YOUNG m. 8 Nov 1886, Edwina ORTEGO
      - a. Ozeme YOUNG b. 14 Feb 1889
      - b. Martin YOUNG b. 23 Nov 1891, d. 30 Oct 1968, m. Bernidette REED
      - c. Adras YOUNG b. 14 Feb 1894, d. 26 Feb 1947, m. Thelma STRODARD
      - d. Edmond YOUNG b. 11 Jan 1897
      - e. Ozeman YOUNG m. Leonie STRODARD
      - f. Nora YOUNG m. Geni HUNT
    2. Arthelus YOUNG b. 6 Feb 1870, m. 28 Nov 1892, Marie D. VIDRINE, d/o Simon VIDRINE and Carmelite SOIGNE (Sonnier?)
    3. Ortaire YOUNG b. 20 Apr 1872
    4. Virginia YOUNG b. 3 Oct 1876, m. 29 Feb 1892, Oras Johnson, s/o Bennett JOHNSON and Valentine ORTEGO
    5. Joseph YOUNG b. 13 Aug 1879, m. 19 Mar 1897, Octavie GUIDRY
    6. Louis YOUNG b. 4 Aug 1882
    7. Evelia YOUNG b. 12 July 1885, d. 11 Mar 1940
    8. Evia YOUNG m. 19 Apr 1897, Jean Baptiste DEBERG
  - I. Zepherine YOUNG m. 1883 Adele FRUGE, d/o Jean Baptiste FRUGE and Julie MARCANTEL
    1. Aureline YOUNG b. 18 Mar 1886
    2. Joseph Ophelien YONG b. 15 Feb 1888
    3. Ortere YOUNG b. 19 June 1890, m. Clothilde YOUNG (b. 15 Dec 1891), d/o Elloi YOUNG and Pamela DAIGLE
      - a. Alvin YOUNG m. Euta BERTRAND
      - b. Leah YOUNG
      - c. Adele YOUNG m. Dorcenus TRAHAN
      - d. Elias YOUNG m. Harris ARDOIN
      - e. Ethel YOUNG
      - f. Essie Mae YOUNG
      - g. Ruby YOUNG
    4. Aurelia YOUNG b. 28 Feb 1895

Hypolite YOUNG m2 4 Aug 1852, Emelie LANGLAY, d/o Joseph LANGLAY and Melitte CASENWEIL

- J. Emelie YOUNG b. 2 Nov 1854
- K. Marie Louise YOUNG b. 7 Jan 1856
- L. Melasie YOUNG b. 31 Jan 1857

- M. Louis Barn YOUNG b. 11 Sept 1858  
 N. Octavie YOUNG b. 8 July 1860  
 C. Ernest YOUNG bt. 13 Aug 1873 @ 10 yrs., d. 29 Mar 1959, m. 3 May 1892, Carma JOHNSON d/o Bennett JOHNSON and Valentine ORTEGO  
 1. John YOUNG  
 2. Hattie YOUNG m. Remie SONNIER  
 3. Addie YOUNG m. Linas BERTRAND  
 4. Allie YOUNG b. 3 May 1912, m. 4 June 1932, Violet ARNAUDE  
 5. Morris YOUNG b. 26 Apr 1916, m. Alica VERONIE  
 a. Harry YOUNG m. Barbrea LANGLEY  
 b. Jeanette YOUNG m. Mack MANUEL  
 c. Hubert YOUNG  
 d. Judy YOUNG m. Cloyd FONTENOT  
 6. Agnes YOUNG  
 7. Benoit YOUNG m. Elta JOUBERT  
 P. Lyse YOUNG b. 20 Mar 1863  
 Q. Sarah (Clara) YOUNG b. 7 July 1866, m. 6 Jan 1885, Alcide FOUNERA  
 R. Bertrand YOUNG b. 22 Sept 1858, d. 2 Mar 1929, m. 16 Nov 1880, Emma YOUNG d/o Jessie YOUNG, Sr. and Emily BULLER  
 1. Emelie YOUNG b. 25 Oct 1881  
 2. Emma YOUNG b. 17 Mar 1889, m. Ulysse STODARD  
 3. Francois YOUNG b. 1 Apr 1891  
 4. Louisa YOUNG b. 3 May 1893  
 5. Joseph YOUNG b. Apr 1896  
 6. Josien YOUNG b. ca. 1900, d. 1982, m. Ezor BERTRAND  
 a. Pershing YOUNG  
 b. Hazel YOUNG  
 7. Frank YOUNG m. Clotilde FONTENOT  
 II. Marie Louise LEJEUNE (YOUNG) b. 8 Feb 1809, m. 19 July 1825, Jean (John) Christoval Christian David Smith (of Germany)  
 III. Solastie (Lastie) LEJEUNE (YOUNG) b. 17 Oct 1810, m. 3 Jan 1833, Sally LINK  
 IV. Patsey LEJEUNE (YOUNG) m. 10 July 1827, Joseph MCGEE (of Iberville)  
 V. William (Guillaume) LEJEUNE (YOUNG) b. 25 Sept 1813, m. Bekhen LEE  
 VI. Jacques (James) LEJEUNE (YOUNG) b. 18 May 1816, m. 16 May 1837, Irene DOUCET, d/o Anselm DOUSET and Angele LEJEUNE  
 A. Arthemis YOUNG b. 23 Oct 1838  
 B. Joseph YOUNG b. 16 Apr 1845  
 C. Pierre YOUNG b. 2 Sept 1848  
 D. Lodoiska YOUNG b. 22 Aug 1858  
 VII. Henry (Henri) LEJEUNE (YOUNG) b. 20 Jan 1818, m. 12 May 1835, Elimone FONTENOT (b. Oct 1817), d/o Souis Simon FONTENOT and Celestine LAFLEUR  
 A. Elisa YOUNG b. 30 Apr 1836, m. 14 Dec 1852, Pierre H. MCGEE  
 B. Henri YOUNG, Jr. b. 24 Jan 1838, m. 26 June 1855, Virginia MCGEE  
 1. Lucius YOUNG b. 1 Jan 1857, d. 23 May 1911, m. 27 Nov 1877, Laure SAVOIE (b. 15 Nov 1862)  
 a. Virginia YOUNG b. 12 Apr 1878, m. 25 Dec 1895, Willis FONTENOT  
 b. Jean Louis YOUNG b. 4 Nov 1879  
 c. Benjamin YOUNG b. 1 Dec 1881  
 d. Octavie YOUNG b. 15 Oct 1884  
 e. Rene YOUNG b. 31 Mar 1891  
 f. Laura YOUNG b. 18 Aug 1893  
 g. Esthe YOUNG b. 13 July 1895  
 h. Natille YOUNG b. 10 July 1896  
 i. Daily YOUNG b. 6 Mar 1901, d. 26 Oct 1974, m. Amynthe DARBONNE  
 C. William YOUNG b. 17 Jan 1840, d. 22 Apr 1885, m. 14 Apr 1857, Marie Doluce LAFLEUR  
 1. Theophile YOUNG b. 6 Sept 1858, m. 6 Nov 1877, Athenaise FONTENOT  
 a. Dorsinus YOUNG b. 10 July 1879  
 b. Eve YOUNG b. 2 Jan 1881  
 c. Regile YOUNG b. 19 Aug 1885  
 d. Regina YOUNG b. 8 Aug 1888  
 e. Elena YOUNG b. 19 Jan 1891  
 f. Edna YOUNG b. 8 Dec 1892  
 g. Rene YOUNG b. 4 Dec 1895  
 2. Maria Ofilia YOUNG b. 24 Mar 1860  
 3. Theodore YOUNG b. 8 May 1862, d. 11 May 1885

4. William YOUNG, Jr. b. 5 Aug 1863
  5. Theismas YOUNG b. 25 June 1866, m. 15 Nov 1886, Felicia FONTENOT
  6. Artellus YOUNG b. 13 Feb 1868, m. 6 Sept 1887, Allida LAFLEUR
    - a. Theodore Edeus YOUNG b. 15 Aug 1888
    - b. Joseph Denis YOUNG b. 1 Jan 1890
    - c. Natile YOUNG b. 13 Mar 1891
    - d. Athanase YOUNG b. 23 Nov 1893
    - e. Atoni YOUNG b. 5 Jan 1896
  7. Octavie YOUNG b. 28 Dec 1869, m. 9 Aug 1887, David SMITH
  8. Dolvinia Marie YOUNG b. 23 Jan 1872
  9. Jean Pierre YOUNG b. 18 Apr 1875
  10. Adam YOUNG b. 13 Apr 1877
  11. Joseph YOUNG b. 29 June 1879
  - D. Celestine YOUNG b. 22 Feb 1842
  - E. Marie Louise YOUNG b. 10 Jan 1844
  - F. Louisa YOUNG b. 8 Dec 1845
  - G. Melina YOUNG b. 27 Mar 1850
  - H. Joseph YOUNG b. 16 Apr 1852
  - I. Pierre YOUNG b. 14 Sept 1854
  - J. Octavie YOUNG b. 2 Nov 1856
  - K. Louis YOUNG m. 22 Jan 1867, Sydonia YOUNG (b. 2 Sept 1851, d. 30 Dec 1880), d/o Joseph Levi YOUNG and Emelie LAGRANGE
    1. Alicia YOUNG b. 28 Feb 1868
    2. Sidonia YOUNG b. 29 Mar 1870, m. 22 Aug 1887, Laurent FUSELIER
    3. Louis YOUNG, Jr. b. 26 Dec 1875, m. 27 Dec 1894, Felicia FONTENOT, d/o Evariste FONTENOT and Louisiana YOUNG
    4. Oneqia YOUNG b. 4 Aug 1873, d. Mar 1973, m. Jessie REED
    5. Joseph Louis YOUNG m. 28 Nov 1893, Derqina GUILLORY, d/o Theophile GUILLORY and Mane ORTEGO
- VIII. Emilie LEJEUNE (YOUNG) b. 26 Feb 1823, m. 7 Nov 1837, Louis CARRIER, s/o Louis CARRIER and Celeste DOUCET
- IX. Joseph Oliver (Levi) LEJEUNE (YOUNG) m. 17 Apr 1844, Emelie LAGRANGE, d/o Lastie LAGRANGE and Caroline TAYLOR
- A. Lastie YOUNG b. 3 Feb 1845, m. 4 July 1865, Fanny MCGEE
  1. Marie Denrienne YOUNG b. 4 Dec 1866
  2. Eugene (Olin) YOUNG b. 26 June 1871, m. 7 Feb 1893, Ernest RICHARD
  3. Dorestan Marie YOUNG b. 20 Oct 1875
  4. Fabius YOUNG b. 8 Nov 1876
  5. Yves YOUNG b. 25 Aug 1878
  6. Eraste YOUNG b. 3 Mar 1880
  7. Thomas YOUNG b. 26 Jan 1882
  8. Rea YOUNG b. 21 June 1889
  9. Reul YOUNG b. 21 June 1889
  10. Luke Rene YOUNG b. 20 May 1891
- B. Don Louis YOUNG b. 5 July 1846, m. 7 Jan 1864, Emily MCGEE
  1. Lastie (Eugene) YOUNG b. 18 Sept. 1864, m. 2 Nov 1895, Francoise MCGEE
  2. Laurentine YOUNG b. 4 Sept 1866
  3. John YOUNG b. 7 Sept 1870, m. 30 Dec 1890, Louise MEUNIER
    - a. Lucius YOUNG b. 24 Jan 1893, d. 11 May 1955, m. Martha FONTENOT, d/o Angelas FONTENOT and Teresa FONTENOT
      - (1) Bernice YOUNG b. Mar 1915, m. Harold CROSS
      - (2) Mervin YOUNG b. 11 May 1917, m. 9 Oct 1932, Haddie GRANGER
      - (3) Merzie YOUNG b. 20 May 1919, m. Rosevelt GUILLORY
      - (4) Yola YOUNG b. 21 June 1921, m. Shirley BULLER
      - (5) Burkman YOUNG b. 30 Sept 1923, m. 1 Nov 1941, Leatrice BARZAS
      - (6) Lee Vernal YOUNG b. 30 Oct 1925, m. Eloise DESHOTELS
      - (7) Evana Mae YOUNG b. 30 Oct 1925, m. Donald REET.
    - b. Lucile YOUNG b. 17 Sept 1891, m. Danio FONTENOT
    - c. Adam YOUNG b. 4 Jan 1896, m. Rena ARDOIN
    - d. Liza YOUNG m. John Landreneau
  4. Laurent YOUNG b. 25 Mar 1872, m. 28 Dec 1893, Lumea FONTENOT
  5. Durelle YOUNG b. 8 Nov 1876
  6. Duval YOUNG b. 21 Sept 1878

7. Femeol (Creole) YOUNG m. 5 Nov 1895, Celima GRANGER  
d/o Louis Cyprien GRANGER and Ellodie SAUCIER  
Don Louis YOUNG m2 Emelie REED
8. Victoria YOUNG b. 26 Jan 1886
9. Joseph Arve (Harvey) YOUNG b. 3 June 1889, d. 1952, m.  
Estella GRANGER (b. 24 Feb 1893) d/o Lastie GRANGER and  
Olivia MCGEE
  - a. (John Juris) Julius YOUNG b. 12 Apr 1912, d. 11 Feb  
1980, m. 12 Apr 1931, Lenis GUILLORY, d/o Felix GUIL-  
LORY and Virginia FUSELIER
    - (1) Ralph YOUNG b. 20 Apr 1932, m1 1954 Joyce SCHATZLE  
(a) Robert Eugene YOUNG b. 7 Dec 1955, m. 1979  
Suzette
    - (b) Lisa Kaye YOUNG b. Feb 1957
    - (2) Lula Marie YOUNG b. 21 Feb 1934, m. 31 Jan 1953,  
John Austin YOUNG, s/o (Joseph) Austin YOUNG and  
Alida RIDER  
see p. 12 for issue
    - (3) Lou Anna YOUNG b. 13 Dec 1936, m. Anthony Mico-  
chero
    - (4) Judith Lane YOUNG b. 13 Aug 1942, m. Frank Sim-  
mons
    - b. Even YOUNG
    - c. Russell YOUNG
    - d. Alvin YOUNG
    - e. Mary YOUNG
    - f. Margaret YOUNG
    - g. Sue YOUNG
    - h. Eta YOUNG
    - i. Annie YOUNG
    - j. Elray YOUNG
10. Corinne YOUNG b. 9 Sept 1891, m. Althonise MANUEL
11. Cora YOUNG b. Nov 1894, m. Willie FRUGE
- G. Louis YOUNG b. 11 Apr 1848
- D. Sydonia YOUNG b. 2 Sept 1851, d. 30 Dec 1880, m. 22 Jan  
1867, Louis YOUNG, s/o Henri YOUNG and Elimone FONTENOT
- E. Elvina YOUNG b. 11 Feb 1852
- F. Olivia YOUNG b. 24 Sept 1855, m. 14 Jan 1879, Ernest ARDOIN
- G. Emilia YOUNG b. 27 May 1857, m. 31 Oct 1872, Jede ARDOIN
- H. Felicia YOUNG b. 9 Nov 1859
- I. Onesime (Lezime) YOUNG m. 27 May 1869, Clementine AGUIL-  
LARD
  1. Victoria YOUNG b. 15 Oct 1871
  2. Ernest YOUNG b. 22 Jan 1875, m. 9 June 1896, Dorisna  
VIDRINE
  3. Virginia YOUNG b. 3 Oct 1876, m. 16 Jan 1894, Ortere  
REED
  4. Adras Marie YOUNG b. 22 Dec 1878
  5. Issac YOUNG b. 20 Dec 1884, d. 2 Apr 1960, m. Aurore  
MANUEL (b. 14 Aug 1889, d. 3 Mar 1981)
    - a. Winnie YOUNG
    - b. Odieus YOUNG
  6. Aminta YOUNG b. 6 Sept 1880, m1 Luma FRUGE, m2 Edmond  
GUIDRY
  7. Hermance YOUNG b. 30 Jan 1887, m. Benjamin FRUGE
  8. Armide YOUNG b. 18 Mar 1888
  9. Fanie YOUNG b. May 1890
  10. Dervina YOUNG b. 20 May 1891
  11. Jules Sevene YOUNG b. 31 Oct 1894
  12. Arnold YOUNG m. 4 Feb 1896, Evia FONTENOT
- X. Barton Joseph YOUNG m. 14 Oct 1842, Lucindy (Melissa) LEE
  - A. Alfred B. YOUNG b. 3 Feb 1841, m. 5 Oct 1858, Cephaline  
MANUEL
    1. John Uranza YOUNG b. 18 Oct 1860
    2. Gilbert YOUNG m. 7 Dec 1886, Leontine TAYLOR
    3. Joseph YOUNG b. 3 Apr 1867
    4. Lucinda YOUNG b. 31 Oct 1869, m. 27 Oct 1885, Onesime  
LEDoux
    5. Louis YOUNG b. 22 Jan 1872
    6. Olin YOUNG b. 26 Feb 1878, m. 12 Jan 1893, Ozeme ROU-  
GEAU
    7. Marie Louise YOUNG b. 19 Aug 1880
    8. David YOUNG b. ca. 1882, d. 3 Nov 1885
  - B. Elisa YOUNG b. 25 Sept 1846
  - C. Lorenzo B. YOUNG m. 21 Aug 1860, Arthemise SAVOIE
    1. Lorenzo Barton YOUNG b. 20 Sept 1860

2. Eloï YOUNG m. Pamela DAIGLE
  - a. Alida YOUNG b. 30 Dec 1885
  - b. Bathild YOUNG b. 17 Dec 1886
  - c. Arthus Savoy YOUNG b. 13 May 1888
  - d. Lorenze YOUNG b. 9 Mar 1890
  - e. Clotilde YOUNG b. 15 Dec 1891, d. 11 Dec 1980, m. Ortere YOUNG, s/o Zepherine YOUNG and Adele FRUGE
  - f. Mayance YOUNG b. 3 Sept 1893
  - g. Armil YOUNG b. 17 Dec 1896

- THIRD - 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
- I. David LEJEUNE (YOUNG) b. 27 Sept 1808, d. ca. 1853, m. 16 Feb 1827, Azelie Belaire FONTENOT (b. 12 May 1812), d/o Louis Belaire FONTENOT and Marie Louise JOUBERT
    - A. Caroline YONG b. 21 Aug 1829, m. 4 July 1850, Dennis HEBERT
    - B. Louise YOUNG b. 25 Dec 1831
    - C. Alfred YOUNG b. 7 Feb 1834
    - D. Jessie YOUNG b. 22 Mar 1836, d. 24 Apr 1909, m. 21 Feb 1854, Emily BULLER (b. 28 Nov 1836, d. 10 Oct 1911), d/o Thomas BULLER and Emilie BRIGNAC
      1. David YOUNG b. 11 Apr 1856, d. 23 Jan 1916, m1 18 Feb 1879, Laura DOGA (b. 17 Nov 1862, d. 4 Dec 1894), d/o Cyrill DOGA and Emma ORTEGO
      - a. Thomas YOUNG b. 29 June 1880, d. 31 July 1966, m. 26 Nov 1901, Clara ORTEGO (b. 20 Feb 1886, d. 11 Nov 1972), d/o Theodore ORTEGO and Alida FONTENOT
        - (1) Lorice YOUNG b. 14 July 1904, d. 26 Aug 1908
        - (2) Youston YOUNG b. 14 Nov 1907, d. 1 Oct 1908
        - (3) (Joseph) Austin YOUNG b. 24 Jan 1910, d. 18 Sept 1971, m. 1 Jan 1932, Alida RIDER (b. 9 Mar 1908), d/o Eloï RIDER and Mary Eugenie FONTENOT
          - (a) John Austin YOUNG b. 24 Oct 1932, m. 31 Jan 1953, Lila Marie YOUNG, d/o (John Juris) Julius YOUNG and Lenis GUILLORY
            - i. Laurice Faye YOUNG b. 11 Dec 1953, m1 2 June 1972, Thomas Paine MCLAUGHLIN, m2 19 Aug 1982, Jeffrey Grant JOHNSON
            - ii. Catherine Ann YOUNG b. 27 Sept 1955
            - iii. Mona Lynn YOUNG b. 13 June 1957, m. 13 Jan 1979, Stephen Andrew NAVICKAS
            - iv. Tina Marie YOUNG b. 10 Oct 1959, m. 23 July 1983, Lyle Raymond Redlich
            - v. John Austin YOUNG, Jr. b. 10 Nov 1972
          - (b) Herman Joseph YOUNG b. 19 Aug 1938, m. 29 July 1958, Trudy GUIDRY (b. 8 Mar 1941) d/o Deo GUIDRY and Viola FONTENOT
            - i. Thomas Jason YOUNG b. 26 May 1960, m. 14 June 1980, Regina Basco
            - ii. Lisa Ann YOUNG b. 23 Mar 1962, m. 1982, Robert DESHOTELS
            - iii. Amy Jo YOUNG b. 7 Dec 1963
            - iv. Keisa Lynn YOUNG b. 23 July 1967
            - v. Marla Alida YOUNG b. 8 Mar 1969
        - (4) Louis Edison YOUNG b. 2 Dec 1922, d. 16 Oct 1923
      - b. Benjamin YOUNG b. 5 Oct 1882, d. 4 Apr 1923, m1 Adeline DOGA
        - (1) Cyrus J. YOUNG m. Beula SONNIER
          - (a) Rodney YOUNG
          - (b) Russell YOUNG
          - (c) Junita YOUNG
          - (d) Yvonne YOUNG
        - (2) Elrick YOUNG b. 16 July 1906, d. 28 June 1980, m. Madia ASHFORD, d/o Theophile ASHFORD and Alin VIDRINE
          - (a) Audry YOUNG m. Sherman NACQUIN
          - (b) Alferdie YOUNG m. Floyd BROUSSARD
          - (c) Jane YOUNG m. John Allen SAVOY (IE)
          - (d) Elrick YOUNG, Jr. m. Diane SANDERS
        - (3) Odia YOUNG b. 26 Feb 1909, d. 5 Sept 1974, m. Dallas ORTEGO
        - (4) Alcide YOUNG b. 10 Jan 1911, d. 11 Dec 1979, m1 Dia FONTENOT
          - (a) Lorain YOUNG
          - m2 Mable VIDRINE
          - (b) Rayfield YOUNG

- (c) Jackie YOUNG  
 (d) Terry YOUNG  
 Benjamin YOUNG m2 Mary REED  
 (5) Walter YOUNG b. 4 Aug 1913, m. 5 Nov 1932, Hat-  
 tie GUIDRY, d/o Relise GUIDRY and Artesia  
 FOURNERAT  
 (a) Verdie Louise YOUNG b. 26 Sept 1933, m. Del-  
 bert Paul LAWS 21  
 (b) Norbert YOUNG b. 15 Sept 1935, m. 28 May  
 1959 Helena FRUGE d/o Burges FRUGE and Mary  
 i. Brently YOUNG b. 10 Dec 1960 Deshotel  
 ii. Selena YOUNG b. 13 Dec 1961, m. Kevin  
 LEDOUX, s/o Davis LEDOUX II and Shirley  
 FONTENOT  
 iii. Brennan YOUNG b. 3 Sept 1963  
 iv. Douglas YOUNG b. 25 June 1965, m. 25 June  
 1983, Donna Evans  
 a. Jase Paul YOUNG 15 14  
 (c) Nidette YOUNG b. 20 Sept 1945, m. Joseph  
 Henry GLASS, s/o Curtis GLASS and Louise  
 ROBERTS  
 (6) Joseph Nilas YOUNG m. Lillie Ann Caswell  
 (a) Joseph Nilas YOUNG, Jr.  
 (b) Mary Lynette YOUNG m. Charles FEUCHT, s/o  
 Antoine FEUCHT  
 (c) Lucinda Ann YOUNG m. Blake FEUCHT, s/o,  
 Antoine FEUCHT  
 c. Elizabeth YOUNG b. 12 Sept 1883, d. 4 Apr 1904, m.  
 Ortheman BERTRAND  
 d. Alcide YOUNG b. 28 Oct 1886  
 e. Marie Elodie YOUNG b. 14 Apr 1888, m. Martin MAN-  
 UEL  
 f. Marie Leora YOUNG b. 29 Aug 1890, m. Jules MEYERS  
 g. Bridgette YOUNG b. ca. 1892  
 h. David YOUNG, Jr. b. 12 Jan 1893, m. Eva LEDOUX  
 David YOUNG m2 Felonise CARRIER  
 i. Amos D. YOUNG m. Evittie GASPARD  
 (1) Arnold YOUNG b. 15 Aug 1920, d. 5 Apr 1971, m.  
 Arlene FONTENOT  
 (2) Gladys YOUNG m2 William SMITH  
 (3) Myrtle YOUNG m. Burland MONROE  
 (4) Nelda YOUNG d. @ 16 yrs.  
 (5) Jessie David YOUNG m2 Pat LEJEUNE  
 j. Arnold YOUNG b. 12 Dec 1906 (?) d. ca. 1917, drowned  
 2. Denis YOUNG b. 11 Apr 1857  
 3. Jessie YOUNG, Jr. b. 23 Sept 1860, d. 17 Feb 1919, m.  
 11 Aug 1891 Leoluce DOGUET (DOGA)  
 a. Dorcile YOUNG b. 12 July 1892, m. Jules BELLON  
 b. Serienne YOUNG b. 13 Sept 1894, m. Estéllie BELLON  
 c. Joseph Lee YOUNG b. 24 June 1898 m. Dora BELLON  
 d. Kenny YOUNG died a minor  
 e. Lucille YOUNG b. 20 Sept 1905, d. 2 July 1980, m.  
 22 Nov 1924, Seviou BELLON (d. 24 Nov 1970)  
 4. Emma YOUNG b. 28 Feb 1865, d. 14 Oct 1921, m. 16 Nov  
 1880, Bertrand YOUNG, s/o Hypolite YOUNG and Emilie  
 LANGLEY  
 5. Adam YOUNG bt. 19 Dec 1869 @ 2 mos., m. 13 Dec 1892  
 Felicia BELLON, d/o Alexandre BELLON and Celine DO-  
 GUET  
 a. Ludra YOUNG  
 b. Ola YOUNG  
 6. Laura YOUNG m. 16 July 1895, Homer MEYERS  
 7. Elodie YOUNG b. 23 Feb 1876, m. Martin MANUEL  
 E. Marie Azelie YOUNG b. 12 Mar 1838, m. 29 Aug 1854, Henri  
 Pierre Ursin MANUEL  
 F. Louis YOUNG b. 19 Feb 1840, m. 3 Jan 1861, Lise SAUCIER  
 1. Jean Baptiste YOUNG b. 17 Oct 1861, d. 18 Sept 1862  
 2. Marie Camilia YOUNG b. 2 Jan 1865, m. 14 June 1881,  
 Jean Pierre VEILLION  
 3. Alfred YOUNG b. 13 Dec 1866  
 4. Eugene YOUNG b. 1 Aug 1870, m. 17 Dec 1890, Sydonie  
 LANDRENEAU  
 a. Berthe YOUNG b. 19 Dec 1891  
 b. Laure YOUNG b. 19 Oct 1894  
 c. John YOUNG b. 15 Aug 1896  
 5. Maria Horacia YOUNG b. 26 Apr 1872

- 6. Louisa YOUNG b. 12 Feb 1875
- 7. Marie Clementine YOUNG b. 17 Mar 1877, m. 11 Sept 1894, Fabrius LAFLEUR
- 8. Lilly YOUNG b. 23 May 1880, m. 10 Dec 1895, Jean Pierre Buzi LAFLEUR
- G. Louisa YOUNG b. 12 Dec 1841
- H. Odile YOUNG b. 28 Oct 1843
- I. Zilienne YOUNG b. 13 Oct 1845
- J. Elodie YOUNG b. 27 Dec 1847, m. Francois B. FONTENOT
- K. Lucille YOUNG b. 24 Sept 1851, m. 5 Dec 1872, Valcourt LAFLEUR
- II. Jean Baptiste LEJEUNE (YOUNG) b. 19 Sept 1810, m. 7 May 1829, Evelina BIHM (b. 16 Dec 1815), d/o Michel BIHM and Jane (Eugenie) YOUNG (NOTE: Jean Baptiste, Jr. and Evelina BIHM were double first cousins.)
  - A. Rosana YOUNG b. 8 July 1830
  - B. John YOUNG b. 8 May 1832
  - C. Serianne YOUNG b. 8 Oct 1834
  - D. Julianne YOUNG b. 13 Oct 1837
  - E. Emilienne YOUNG b. 9 Jan 1840
  - F. Louise YOUNG b. 20 Aug 1841
  - G. Francois YOUNG b. 8 Feb 1849
  - H. Emma B. YOUNG b. 3 Aug 1851
- III. Louise Eliza LEJEUNE (YOUNG) b. 24 June 1813, m. 25 Sept 1827, Julien LEJEUNE, s/o Joseph LEJEUNE and Euphrosine CARRIER
- IV. Marie Louise LEJEUNE (YOUNG) b. 19 Sept 1815, d. 11 Aug 1816
  - V. Stephen Madison (Etienne) LEJEUNE (YOUNG) b. 8 Aug 1817, d. 19 Nov 1871, m. 15 Aug 1841, Marie Anne Ortance RICHARD, d/o Jean Baptiste V. RICHARD and Mary Ann VASSEUR
    - A. Melanie YOUNG b. 29 Dec 1840, m. 15 Jan 1861, Treville GUIDRY
    - B. Edgar (Eyya?) YOUNG b. 15 Dec 1842, m. 8 Jul 1867, Therese HOLLIER
    - C. Houston YOUNG b. 4 Sept 1846, m. 26 Nov 1868, Mary Elizabeth HOFKINS
    - D. Melinia Marie YOUNG b. 16 Nov 1853, m. Sedor PRUDHOMME
    - E. Marie Cecelia YOUNG b. 3 Jun 1857, m. 11 Aug 1870, Onezime PRUDHOMME
    - F. Pierre Jeff Davis YOUNG b. 27 Aug 1861, m. 30 May 1885 Eva DAVID
- VI. Suzanne LEJEUNE (YOUNG) b. 2 Nov 1819
- VII. Joseph LEJEUNE (YOUNG) b. 22 Aug 1821
- VIII. Anne LEJEUNE (YOUNG) bt. 24 Nov 1823
- IX. Fagny LEJEUNE (YOUNG) b. 9 July 1823, m. 16 Sept 1852, Joseph HARMON
  - X. Olalia LEJEUNE (YOUNG) b. 28 July 1827
- XI. Marie Amelia LEJEUNE (YOUNG) b. 4 July 1830
- XII. Helene (Elenor) LEJEUNE (YOUNG) b. Dec 1831, m. 24 Jan 1856, Telesphore AMY
- XIII. Perrine LEJEUNE (YOUNG) b. 25 Sept 1836, m. 28 Aug 1856, Theodore CHACHERE
- FOURTH - MARGUERITE LEJEUNE b. 1 May 1788, m. 25 Oct 1804, Clark BARTON
- FIFTH - SUSANNE (SUZETTE) LEJEUNE b. 17 Sept 1789, m. 24 Oct 1808, Jacob BIHM, Jr., s/o Jacob BIHM and Marie RITTER
- SIXTH - PIERRE (PETER) LEJEUNE b. 20 Jan 1791, d. 20 June 1847, m. Marie Louise Belair FONTENOT, d/o Louis Belair FONTENOT and Marie JOUBERT
  - I. Pierre LEJEUNE (YOUNG), Jr. bt. 15 Sept 1811 @ 6 weeks, m1 2 Feb 1836, Celestine CARRIER, m2 22 Jan 1839, Melanie YOUNG, d/o James YOUNG and Irene PRUDHOMME (Note: Pierre YOUNG and Melanie YOUNG were first cousins.)
    - A. Onesime YOUNG b. 15 Oct 1837
  - II. Caroline LEJEUNE (YOUNG) b. 29 Mar 1813, m. 16 June 1829, Louis LEJEUNE, s/o Joseph (Olite) YOUNG and Euphrosine CARRIER
  - III. Louisa (Louise) LEJEUNE (YOUNG) b. 14 Oct 1814
  - IV. Louis LEJEUNE (YOUNG) b. 5 June 1817
  - V. Onesime LEJEUNE (YOUNG) b. 8 May 1824
- SEVENTH - HUBERT (GILBERT) LEJEUNE b. 22 Mar 1793, d. ca. 1821, m. 18 Apr 1814, Celestine FONTENOT, d/o Jacob FONTENOT and Rosalie JAN-SONNE. Celestine m2 22 Apr 1822, Joseph FONTENOT

- I. Hubert LEJEUNE (YOUNG) b. 23 Mar 1815  
 II. Célestine LEJEUNE (YOUNG) b. 13 July 1817

EIGHTH - JAMES (JACQUES) LEJEUNE bt. 22 June 1796, d. 4 Jan 1892, m. 6 July 1815, Irene PRUDHOMME (b. ca. 1801, d. ca. 1845) d/o Michel PRUDHOMME and Sidonia DAREONNE  
 I. Irene LEJEUNE (YOUNG) b. 1 Sept 1817  
 II. Sidonie LEJEUNE (YOUNG) b. 1 July 1819, m. 29 Apr 1834, James HAY(E)  
 III. Melanie LEJEUNE (YOUNG) b. 8 May 1821, m1 22 Jan 1839, Pierre (Peter) LEJEUNE (YOUNG), Jr., s/o Pierre LEJEUNE (YOUNG) and Marie Louise Belaire FONTENOT. Melanie m2 10 Nov 1856, Frozin DENMARET  
 IV. Rosaline LEJEUNE (YOUNG) b. ca. 1823, m. 26 Dec 1837, Franklin C. HAY(E)  
 V. Andre LEJEUNE (YOUNG) b. 10 Oct 1827

NINTH - JANE (Eugenie) LEJEUNE bt. 15 July 1798, d. ca. 1857, m1 27 Dec 1814, Michel BIHM, s/o Jacob BIHM and Marie RITTER. Jane m2 15 Dec 1822, Pierre LECOMB  
 There are three known issues of the first marriage; one of which, Aveline (Evilina) b. 16 Dec 1815, married 7 May 1829, Jean Baptiste LEJEUNE (YOUNG), Jr., a double first cousin.  
TENTH - LOUISA (ELIZA) LEJEUNE bt. 9 Oct 1803 @ 3 mos., m. 14 Aug 1817, Joseph Marcellin ORTEGO, s/o Joachim ORTEGO and Demasaine Marie Soto De ST. DENIS.  
 There are eight known issues of this marriage.

ELEVENTH - CAROLINE LEJEUNE b. 13 May 1905, d. ca. 1832, m1 21 Feb 1821, Michel PRUDHOMME, fils (b. ca. Dec 1803, d. 22 Aug 1829) s/o Michel PRUDHOMME and Sidonie DARBONNE. Caroline m2 26 Apr 1831, John BECHUM of Kentucky.  
 There is one known issue from the first marriage.

TWELFTH - ZENON LEJEUNE bt. 12 July 1803 @ 3 mos.



LUCIUS YOUNG AND LAURA SAVOIE  
 (VII B 1 in above listing)

HENRY YOUNG, JR. (at right)  
 (VII B in above listing)



These photos were submitted by member Cindy Brown Leger from copies owned by Beverly Young Carrol. Mrs. Leger, Route 1, Box 19, Eunice, LA 70535 has numerous family photos that she is willing to share. She would also like to copy photos that she does not now have.

## STE. GENEVIEVE (MO) AND KASKASKIA (ILL)

submitted by Barbara Braun West, R #1, Box 245, Ville Platte, LA 70586

It has come to my attention that many of our members have ancestors who were either born or married in the Illinois country and there has been no article in this journal to date dealing with that area. I hope, with these few paragraphs to give a narrative account of what may be found there by visitors retracing their ancestral roots.

The name of the village of Kaskaskia is noted in many family histories and it may be thought that this village was totally destroyed during early floods. A large flood recorded in 1844 covered the entire Kaskaskia community with over five feet of water from the Mississippi River. In 1881 the river flooded again, leaving the village cut off from the rest of Illinois. Since that time it has been an island in the Mississippi River with access to land only on the west (Missouri) side of the river. It may be reached by a bridge over a narrow slough by means of Hiway 'U' through St. Marys, Missouri.

The maps on the opposite page illustrate what took place since the early days of the first settlers (late 1600's and early 1700's) and where the present village is located. The area may be reached from US Highway 61 or Interstate Highway 55 approximately 70 miles south of St. Louis, Missouri. Access is easily accomplished from Interstate 55 by "N" or "Z" exits both of which would bring visitors to the bridge at St. Marys, by way of US 61.

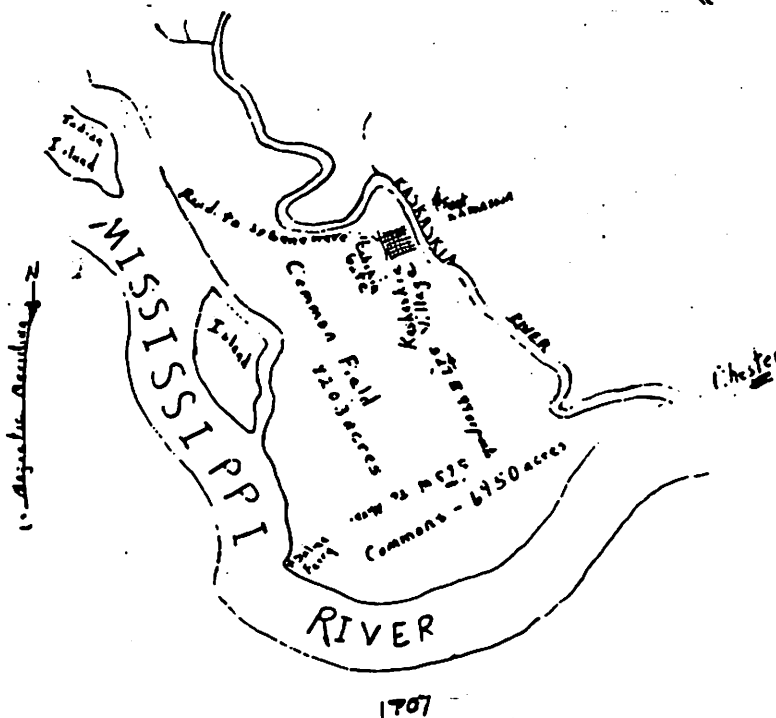
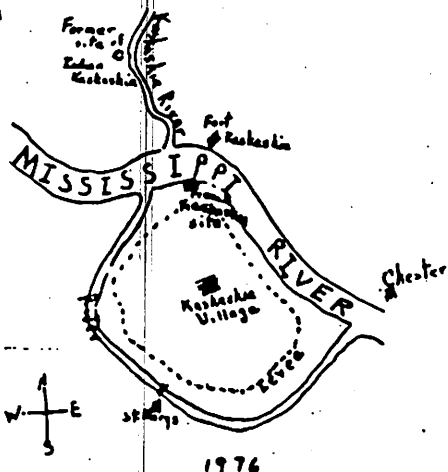
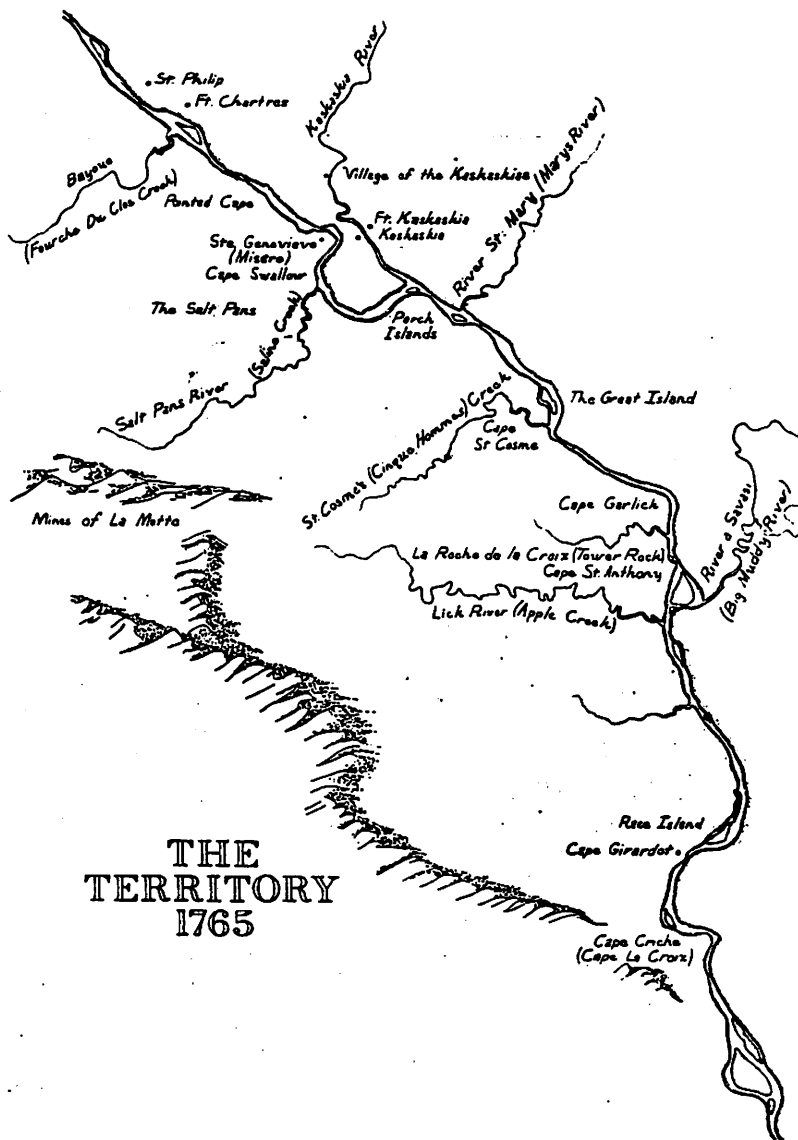
Visitors to the island would find more than a few names on tombstones. The parish of the Immaculate Conception was begun by Fr. James Marquette, who accompanied Louis Joliet, the French explorer and trapper. The priest established a mission with the Kaskaskia Indians in 1675 a bit further north but by 1700 crowded conditions and unrest forced them to move. With missionary Fr. Marest, the indians settled about six miles north of the junction of the Mississippi and Kaskaskia (Okaw) Rivers. Growth began immediately and settlers and fur traders lived peacefully among the indians. By 1718 the village was set up with definite boundaries and common fields. Grain, especially wheat, was shipped up and down the river. The Mission soon had a stone church and became an established parish in 1720. Fort Kaskaskia was built in 1733 but burned by the local people when the English took possession after the 1763 treaty. The British soon abandoned Fort de Chartres, a short distance to the north, and took over part of the town of Kaskaskia which had a wooden stockade. They named it Fort Gage which became a major military post in the American Bottom. (It fell to the American Revolutionary, George Rogers Clark, on July 4, 1778.) Kaskaskia was Territory of Illinois capital in 1809 and State of Illinois capital in 1818 (both firsts) Following the floods, homes were moved, the church was moved, cemetery re-located and levees built. The 'Old Town' is deserted but there are about 300 people, mostly descendants of the early settlers, living within the 14,000 acres which make up the island.

There are points of interest in the church, which has been rebuilt over the years, and is now restored with original beams and bricks still part of the church. The altar dates to the early mission days, thought to have been built around 1736. It is handcarved of native black walnut and cottonwood and joined with wooden pegs. The crown over the altar is made from a single tree. Hand carved walnut candlesticks and hand carved wooden statues of Mary and Joseph are there as well as reliquaries. In the early 1900's the altar was taken to St. Louis University's chapel but has since been returned. A painting of the Blessed Mother has also been returned after an early relocation to a Missouri site.

EARLY FRENCH SETTLEMENTS  
IN THE UPPER MISSISSIPPI  
RIVER VALLEY  
(ILLINOIS COUNTRY)

Map at right obtained  
from material prepared  
by the Southeast Missouri  
Regional Planning and  
Economic Development  
Commission.

Maps below and below right  
were printed in small  
brochure 'The Story of  
Kaskaskia Island and  
Immaculate Conception  
Church' made available to  
the editor by Emily Bauman  
Lyons, R# 1, Kaskaskia Island,  
IL, P.O. St. Marys, Mo 63673



Perhaps the most important point of interest in Kaskaskia today is the bronze bell that was cast in La Rochelle, France, in 1741 and sent by King Louis XV of France to the parish church of the Immaculate Conception at Kaskaskia. Inscribed on the bell (in French) are the words 'For the Church of the Illinois, by gift of the king across the water'. There are the royal lilies of France on one side and a cross and pedestal with fleur de lis on the other. The 650 lb. bell was pulled by raft from New Orleans, taking nearly two years for the total trip. Eleven years older than the Liberty Bell, it has been named the 'Liberty Bell of the West' and has rung under French, British and United States flags. In 1948 a brick shrine was built to house it and it is rung each 4th of July.

Other sites nearby include the Pierre Menard home, near Chester, the Kaskaskia State Park which overlooks the confluence of the Mississippi and Kaskaskia Rivers, and the National Historic Site of Fort Chartres (on page 255 of 'The Last Years of French Louisiana' by Marc de Villiers du Terrage and translated by Hosea Phillips, published by the Center for Louisiana Studies, USL in 1982, is a statement that "One could search in vain today for the location of Fort de Chartres". I must note that this does not hold true today, there is much at the site to enthrall someone interested in the history of the place.)

Ste. Genevieve - called Misère by the early visitors began from the need for minerals and furs. Located on the west bank of the Mississippi River from the Fort Chartres-Kaskaskia area it was soon learned that lead and iron ore were present in the nearby hills. Salt was soon discovered and the courir du bois had been trading for furs with the Indians for some time before (according to traditions) Jean Baptiste Deguire LaRose built a home and other buildings on the site. They had sold this property by 1729 to build a better place and the settlement was thought to have been established near that time.

This year (1985) the city of Ste. Genevieve is celebrating the 250th Anniversary of its founding although the exact date has not been determined. Among the events planned are a King's Ball on February 16, an opening ceremony on May 4, Wine Weekend (featuring Missouri vintners in June and a River Heritage Weekend in July. The weekend of August 10-11 will feature the 20th annual Jour de Fete which includes arts and crafts as well as dancers and musicians in costume. (Other events are planned and interested persons are invited to write to the Ste. Genevieve 250th Celebration Commission, 165 South Fourth Street, Ste. Genevieve, Mo 63670 for additional info)

Many early structures still stand in this city which claims to be the mother city of the west. It was the first white settlement on the west bank of the river and was of importance to the settlers on the east bank and the rest of the Illinois Country as well as points north and south. St. Louis was established at a later date and became important because of its proximity to the confluence of the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers.

ADDITIONAL READING: GEORGE ROGERS CLARK ADVENTURE IN THE ILLINOIS, Katherine Wagner Seineke, Polyanthos, 1981

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Southern Illinois Tourism Council, 514 North Market Street, Marion, Ill 62959  
Ste. Genevieve Tourist Information Center, South Third Street, Ste. Genevieve, Missouri 63670

## THE BOLDUC HOUSE

(c. 1770 -1785) is restored and open to visitors in Ste. Genevieve. Moved after the 1784 flood to the new town.



## GREEN TREE INN

(c. 1790) thought to be the site of the first Masonic meeting west of the Mississippi River. Original wood beams and structure.

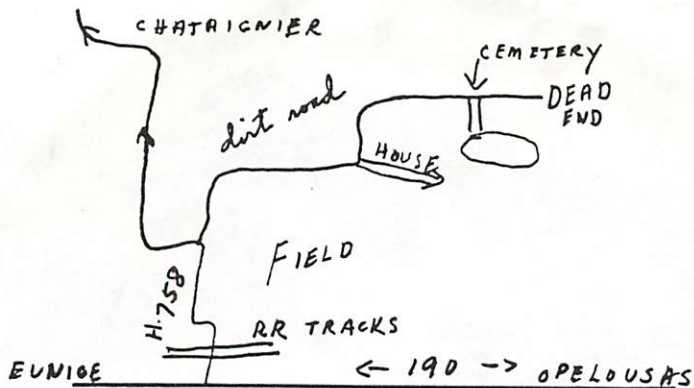
A two-day symposium entitled "The Meeting of Lower and Upper Louisiana" was held in Ste. Genevieve (Mo) October 20 and 21 with presentations by Glenn Conrad (Louisiana French Mosaic) Carl Brasseaux (The Louisiana Records Collection of the Center for Louisiana Studies), Barry Jean Ancelet (Cajun Music) and (French Folklore in Louisiana and Missouri). The group, including Mathe Allain and Sylvia Conrad, associates with the Center for Louisiana Studies at the University of Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette (La). They presented a number of papers related to the connection between that area and this area and were well received by the group. This was in cooperation with the Ste. Genevieve Foundation for Restoration and the Missouri Committee for the Humanities.

(Reference: various issues of the Ste. Genevieve (Mo) Herald and the Louisiana History Newsletter, Vol. 10 No. 6 November 1984)

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CORRECTION: In reference to LaVoix des Prairies, Vol. 5, Number 18, dated July 1984, page 45, I incorrectly stated that Marice (Merdes) Guillory, wife of Olide Fontenot, Jr. was buried in the woods behind Judson Ardoin's old house (cemetery south of Chataignier, La. behind the Olivier Ardoin Estate.)

She is buried with her second husband, Ferdinand Tate, in the St. Paul's Cemetery, Eunice, La. The dates on her tombstone read: Born Jan 16, 1879; died: March 21, 1968. - Cynthia Brown Leger.



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submitted by Nedra Young Kerin  
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There are about 30 to 40 graves in this  
cemetery, most have no headstones or  
inscriptions.

Inside wooden house - 2 graves  
Valentine Savoy unknown  
d Jan 1896

Eugene McGee  
b \_\_\_ Oct 19\_\_\_  
d 6 July \_\_\_

Genevive McGee  
b 23? July 1840  
d \_\_\_ Feb? 18\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Savoie  
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Mrs. Francoise E. Savoy  
b 23 Mar 1859  
d 23 Dec 1921

Francoise E. Savoy  
b 5 June 1859  
d 9 Dec 1922

Olive Savoy  
b 28 Feb 1894  
d 22 June 1951

Azelie Fontenot  
???  
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\_\_\_ Fontenot  
d 1943

Loranza B. Young  
b 10 Sep 1861?  
d 19 Feb 1939 78yrs, 5 mos.

Elizabeth Miller  
d \_\_\_ May 1931

Artemese Savoy  
b 24 Aug 1840  
d 27 Oct 1937? 97 yrs, 2 mo.

Domand Savoy  
b \_\_\_ Mar \_\_\_  
d 3 Jan 1926

Sophie Savoy  
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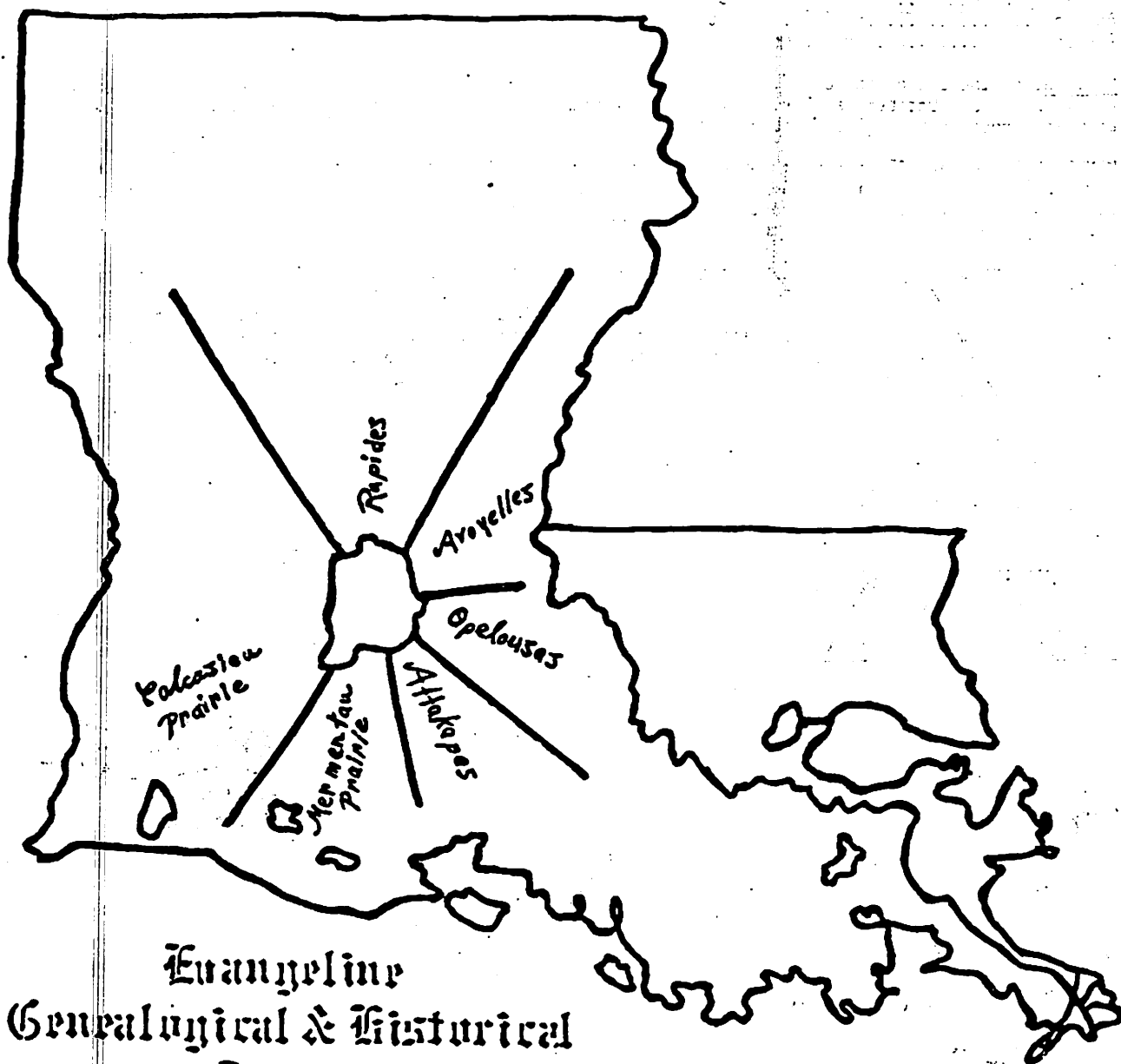
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## THE EARLY MANUEL FAMILY OF THE SPANISH OPELOUSAS POST AREA

by

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(Note as to citation of sources of information: In the text that follows, citation to a work is made by a letter of the alphabet, followed by a number— which is the page number of the work. The letter is an abbreviation for the work, which is alphabetically listed in the "Bibliography" that follows the text.)

The MANUEL family of the Spanish colonial Opelousas Post area has numerous descendants still living in Southwest Louisiana. The following is a thumbnail sketch of what is readily known of the early MANUELS. The oral history of MANUEL descendants is that they are descended from Ursiana MANUEL, of Spanish descent, the first of his particular family to come to Louisiana, who came to the Chataignier area (south of present day Ville Platte) in Spanish times from Mexico via New Orleans. G,7. As will be seen, Ursino (Ursin) MANUEL was actually born in the Opelousas Post area in 1788, the son of a Pedro (Pierre) MANUEL who had arrived in this area from New Orleans about 1782, already married to Genevieve ALBERT and with one daughter who had been born in that city. The present documentation does not thus far definitely establish Pierre's Mexican birth, although there is no contrary indication.

As will be particularized later, Pierre MANUEL and Genevieve ALBERT had seven children (including Ursin) baptized in the Opelousas Catholic church between 1783 and 1797. The baptismal records of these children show the father's parents were Juan MANUEL and Juana LA PERRIERE, and the mother's as Antonio (Antoine) ALBERT and Genevieve LE RUE (LEROUX). There is no ascription of place of origin or birth of either parents or grandparents of the children baptized. However, a 1770 census of the New Orleans militia shows Pierre MANUEL, age 18, living on St. Peter Street. R,15. A militia list of approximately the same date in 1770 shows as a member of the First (St. Charles) Company of the German Coast an Antoine ALBERT, living at House 131 of the right bank, age 31, born in Canada, married, and a blacksmith. R,71. This ALBERT was the husband of a Genevieve LE ROUX, deceased by 1784, by whom he had several children, including a Genevieve ALBERT, as is demonstrated in the 1784 St. Charles Parish partition sale of the estate of his wife's mother, Marie-Therese TOURIAUX, the widow of Antoine LE ROUX dit LAFLEUR. C,120,464.

Antoine LE ROUX, father of ALBERT's wife, also had transactions in St. John the Baptist Parish, in whose records Antoine ALBERT, born in Canada about 1739, owned property and appears many times, GC,281,341,388,408. The latter's daughter Genevieve ALBERT may well have been born in that parish. The 1817 Opelousas church record of her son, Edouard MANUEL, described her as a native of St. John the Baptist Parish (and Pierre MANUEL, his father, as originating in New Orleans). H(2),617. The index to the marriages 1772-1807 of the St. John the Baptist Church, Edgard, La., shows that in 1778 Genevieve ALBERT married Pierre MANCIEL (MANUEL). N(9),214. No children are reflected of this marriage in the published baptismal index of that parish for that period; but a child of Pierre MANUEL and Genevieve ALBERT named Marie Adelaide MANUELO was baptized in 1780 in the St. Louis Cathedral in New Orleans. N(8),215. She came with her parents to the Opelousas area (see below) about 1782, but, when married in 1800 to Nicolas TONELIER in New Orleans, was described as born in that parish of Pierre MANUEL and Genevieve ALBERT. F,82.

It is thus virtually certain that the Genevieve ALBERT of St. Charles-St. John the Baptist is the same person as the wife of Pierre MANUEL, having the identical name and parentage as is reflected by the Opelousas baptismal records of the latter's children.

Pierre MANUEL first appears in the surviving Opelousas colonial archives on July 22, 1782, when he sold a slave to Madame COLETTE. JOV(1),14. He purchases land in September 1782, JOV(1),14, and again in July 1787, JOV(2),45, and in 1784 surfaces in connection with a complaint as to a flirtation between members of leading families (not involving himself) at a dance given at his house, JOV(1),23. He appears on the Spanish Opelousas census of 1785 ("pre Manuel", with 2 boys under age 15, one girl under 15, one man and one woman each between 15 and 44), S, and again in the Opelousas censuses of 1788, V,335, and 1796, V,351, with the numbers of children reflecting those baptized in the Opelousas church plus one girl of the age of Maria Adelaide (who was born in New Orleans in 1780). Adelaide MANUEL's presence in the Opelousas area is further verified by her appearance as godmother at three baptisms between 1793 and 1795. D,45,83,128.

Pierre MANUEL's ascribed Mexican birth and parentage has not surfaced in the sources so far examined on this preliminary scan for particulars about him. His father, Juan MANUEL, does not seem to have come to Louisiana, or at least to have surfaced on Louisiana records census and church records so far.

Pierre MANUEL is believed to be the Mr. MANUEL who died January 13, 1803, H(1), p.388 (typographical error as to date in H(1)), and his widow, Genevieve ALBERT, married Joseph GUILLORY in July, 1806. H(1),2,263. Pierre's estate was opened in 1812, showing him survived by seven named children. Probate Docket #42, St. Landry Parish. With the exception of a Jean Louis MANUEL without discovered descendants, who died in 1805 at the age of 40, H(1),389 (St. Martinville church record), the only MANUELS who appear in the Opelousas and Attakapas church and census records from 1780-1840 are Pierre MANUEL and his children. Pierre thus seems to be the progenitor of all the many MANUELS of Southwest Louisiana. Below from Hebert, H(1), H(2), and H(3), and Devillier, D,101, will be listed the children of Pierre MANUEL and Genevieve ALBERT as shown by those sources, as well as their marriages and their children. No attempt will be made to cite the primary sources reflected in the cited works, primarily Catholic Church records (although also, in several instances, a civil estate records).

We have already noted the New Orleans-born child of the couple, Maria Adelaide. Eight additional children were born in the Opelousas area to Pierre MANUEL and Genevieve ALBERT, one of whom died young, but the other seven of whom have descendants. As shown in Hebert and Devillier, these children are:

1. Antonio, b. 1782, d. 1786.

2. Jean Baptiste, b. 1784, m. 1806 Francoise FONTENOT (Simon/Theotise DEMAREST), d. ca. 1820, children: a. Marie, b. 1808 (m. (1) 1823 Zenon DESHOTEL, (2) 1833 Paul Hypolite FONTENOT); b. Jean Baptiste, b. ca. 1809 (m. 1828 Marie Josephe SAUCIER); c. Pierre, b. 1812 (m. 1830 Amelie FUSELIER); d. Theotise, b. 1814 (m. (1) 1829 Joseph BERTRAND), (2) 1847 Philip FONTENOT); and e. Simon, b. 1817 (m. 1833 Azelie FUSELIER).

3. Godfroy, b. 1786, m. 1825 Marie Louise PELOQUIN (Felix/Marie DELILE), children: a. Genevieve, b. 1827 (m. 1842 Alexandre BRUNET); b. Raphael, b. 1829; c. Eloise, b. 1832; and d. Valcourt, b. 1838.

4. Ursin, b. 1787, m. 1807 Sophie DESMARET (Jean/Madeleine FONTENOT), children: a Martine, b. 1808, d. 1817; b. Pierre, b. 1809 (m. 1829 Josephine RAYDER); c. Ursin, b. 1812 (m. 1832 Marcelite HEBERT); d. Solastie (Lastie Ursin), b. 1815 (m. (1) 1834 Lise REED, (2) 1846 Marie Paul AUGUSTINE); e. Jean Baptiste, b. 1817 (m. 1836 Pauline HEBERT); f. Francois, b. 1820 (m. 1838 Elisa REED); g. Onesime, b. 1822 (m. 1840 Isabelle McCAULAY); h. Adelaide, b. 1825; i. Caroline, b. 1828 (m. 1842 Samuel REED); and j. Sophie, b. 1830 (m. 1844 Jean Baptiste LE DOUX).

5. Pierre, b. 1792, m. 1818 Marie Josephe BERTRAND (Joseph/Marie GALLIEN), children: a. Pauline, b. 1819 (m. 1838 Firmin FUSELIER); b. Augustine, b. 1823 (m. 1842 Antoine MILLER); c. Pierre, b. 1825 (m. 1845 Emeline ARDOIN); d. Alphonse, b. 1828; e. Marie, b. 1830; f. Denise, b. 1835; g. Phelonise, b. 1837; h. Loucindie, b. 1840; and i. Avenant, b. 1843.

6. Genevieve, b. ca. 1795, m. 1811 Valerie GUILLORY (Joseph/Claire FONTENOT) (No effort will be made to show her Guillory children.)

7. Edouardo, b. 1796, m. 1817 Marie Louise SOSIER (SAUCIER) (Joseph/Marie Jeanne FONTENOT), children: a. Edouard, b. 1820 (m. 1845 Adeline FONTENOT); b. Genevieve, b. 1821; c. Louise, b. 1823 (m. 1845 Joseph Antoine FONTENOT); d. Eloy, b. 1826; e. Pantalon, b. 1827 (m. 1847 Lezima FONTENOT); f. Adelaide, b. 1829; g. Marie, b. 1831; h. Pierre, b. 1834; i. Oneil, b. 1836; j. Emirant, b. 1838; and k. Raphael, b. 1841.

8. Raphael, b. ca. 1797 (baptism not shown in sources; age of 65 reflected at his death in 1862, H(7), 308; parentage reflected in two of his marriages and shown as heir in his father's estate), m. (1) 1817 Marie Jeanne FONTENOT (Paul/Marie Jeanne SYLVIS (SYLVESTER)), (2) 1842 Devise (Denise) (Edwise) FONTENOT (Francois/Therese ENGLE), and (3) 1859 Marie SOILEAU (Henry/Celeste VEILLON), d. 1862; children: none shown for first marriage; of second marriage: a. Arcade, b. 1843; b. Edwise, b. 1845; c. Celimene, b. 1847; d. Salvilien, b. 1850; and e. Olympte, b. 1850; no children shown for third marriage.

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- The marriage of Genevieve ALBERT and Pierre MANCIEL (MANUEL) is found as document 10b, in the First Book of Marriages (1772-1807), St. John the Baptist Parish, Edgard, La. A certificate of the record obtained from that church shows that it reflects that "Pierre MANCIAL from New Orleans, son of Jean MANUIEL

and Jeanne LAPIERRE" on November 25, 1778 married "Genevieve ALBERT from St. Charles Parish, daughter of Antoine ALBERT and Genevieve LEROUX." Witnesses were P. MANUELLE, Pierre SAVON, Francois CHARPS, Jacque HAYDEL, and Louis PAINE. The description of the bride and the groom as "from" or "of" a given place was often used to indicate the place of birth, rather than (as sometimes used) of present residence. I note this circumstance as indicating the need for further research as to Pierre MANUEL's alleged Mexican place of birth.

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Book Note— The Acadians in Maryland, 1755-1769 (and afterwards).

Some two thousand Acadians were deported to Maryland 1755-1763, of whom 810 were still there in 1763. O. W. Winzerling, Acadian Odyssey (Eunice, La., reprint, 1981), pp. 19, 45, 47. Many, probably most, of these migrated to Louisiana. The arrival in Louisiana of some Acadians from Maryland, including the progenitors of the LEJEUNE-YOUNG families of the Opelousas area, for instance, is described in Young, "What's in a Name? LEJEUNE-YOUNG", La Voix des Prairies, Vol. 5, No. 19 (October 1984), pp. 78-79. In J. K. Voorhies, Some Late Eighteenth Century Louisianians (Lafayette, 1973), pp. 430-434, is reprinted a July 27, 1767 enumeration of 41 Acadian families that had arrived from Baltimore, listing each member of each family by name and age; in another document they are described as settled in the vicinity of St. Gabriel in Iberville Parish on August 16, 1767, id., p. 429 (some of whom later migrated to the St. Landry Parish area), and in yet another document of July 27, 1767, id., p.428, described them as "The First Acadians to Arrive in this Province Louisiana in the Year 1767."

The work, G. A. Wood, The French Presence in Maryland 1524-1800 (Baltimore, 1978), should therefore be of interest in those tracing their descent from Acadians deported to Maryland. It contains a chapter on the arrival, settlement, and activity of the Maryland Acadians; the extensive documentation will provide an excellent lead to Maryland state and local records concerning them. The work also, in Appendix 7, pp. 186-201, reprints the 1763 census of Maryland Acadians, which lists the name of each family head and of each member of his household (but no ages), with footnotes in some cases providing further information and identification of these Acadians. (This census is also reprinted in M. P. Rieder and N. G. Rieder, The Acadian Exiles in the American Colonies 1755-1768.)

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Query— SAVOY. Mrs. Elaine Barber, 1860 Boulevard de Province, No. 119, Baton Rouge, La. 70816, needs information on Alfred SAVOY from St. Landry Parish. He was the son of Leonard SAVOY and Marcellite BOUDREAUX. He was born in the 1850's and was married on Feb. 9, 1891, in Napoleonville, La., to Carmelite DIEZ. They had a child, Marcellite Eustache, born March 29, 1892, and in 1908, she married Gustave DUHON.

(Editor's Note: For the Acadian SAVOY families who came to Louisiana 1760-1775, see B.Arsenault, Histoire et Genealogie des Acadians (Quebec, 1978), Vol.6, pp.2588-2592. The family events of the Attakapas-Opelousas SAVOYs are abstracted in D.J. Hebert, Southwest Louisiana Records, Vols.1-32 (Eunice, 1974 and following). For a history of the SAVOYs in Nova Scotia before the Acadian Expulsion in 1755, see L.G. Savoy, Savoy

Heritage, 1621 to the Present (Exposition Press, Smithtown, N.Y., 1983), written by the descendant of a brother (who returned to Nova Scotia) of Charles and Francois SAVOY, id., p.68, who came to the Attakapas and Opelousas area of Louisiana.)

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WILLIAM O'DONEGAN, CA 1750-1810, THE FIRST SETTLER AND TRADESMAN  
OF THE VILLE PLATTE, LA., AREA

William O'DONEGAN is an important figure in the history of the Ville Platte area. During Spanish times, from 1785 and following, he acquired title to most of the land originally included in the limits of Ville Platte when it was incorporated in 1858. In 1800 or so, O'DONEGAN built his livery stable and blacksmith shop on the public road from Opelousas to Alexandria, which ran through his land, at what is now the intersection of Ville Platte's Main Street (Highway 167) and Chatagnier Street (Highway 29). His building was still standing in 1905, still then known as the O'DONEGAN Building. This became a stopping place for travellers on the highway. Ceasar HANCHETT and Frank LAUGHLIN set up a leathersmith shop next door, and a village (later Ville Platte) came into being when other settlers and tradesmen established themselves near to O'DONEGAN's business center.

O'DONEGAN died shortly before 1810, and much of his Ville Platte property was acquired during the 1820's by Marcelin GARAND (1781-1852), a Napoleonic veteran born in Savoy, France, who came to the Ville Platte area shortly before 1821, when he married Brigitte SOILEAU. (He was widowed within four years and, in 1825, married for a second time to Hyacinthe VIDRINE.) GARAND kept a tavern there, at which travellers stopped, and he secured in 1842 the establishment of the first post office (known as "Ville Platte") within the limits of what in 1858 was incorporated as the municipality of Ville Platte. He served as postmaster until his death in 1852. Three of his sons-in-law, William REED, Onezime GUILLORY, and Helaire TATE, Jr., established principal Main Street stores on the O'DONEGAN/GARAND property. Although the incorporation of Ville Platte occurred in 1858 after GARAND's death, he is known as the father of Ville Platte because of his earlier efforts to secure its incorporation. As the above account indicates, however, perhaps William O'DONEGAN should be known as the grandfather, at least, of Ville Platte.

Sources: R. Gahn, The Opelousas Country (Baton Rouge, 1972), pp.41-44; M. R. Fontenot, Ville Platte in Retrospect (Ville Platte, 1984), p.4; Smith, "William O'DONEGAN", La Voix des Prairies, Vol.2, No.1 (Winter, 1981), p.9; "The Tale Told of Those Pioneers Who Settled Ville Platte 130 Years Ago," Ville Platte (La.) Gazette, July 2, 1932; "Postmasters of Town", Centennial Issue, Ville Platte Gazette, September 18, 1958, p.5.

Following William's death, the O'DONEGAN name soon disappeared from the church and civil records of the Ville Platte and St. Landry Parish area, and the identity of his descendants, if any, was not known. Even greater mystery surrounded the identity of his wife, the widow Mary RULE/CHARPES/SHARP, whom he married at Opelousas in 1792, and her two children by prior marriages (Ann ROULE and Anthony REED), who left numerous descendants in this area. The answers to these unknowns are provided by the article by Mrs. Jane Klyng, "Mary Sharp, ca 1765-1837, Wife of William O'DONEGAN", published in the pages that follow, which (in the section entitled "William O'DONEGAN: Louisiana Documentation") summarizes the Opelousas records relating to her husband, the pioneer tradesman and first settler, William O'DONEGAN. Because of his historical importance, as well as because of the genealogical information made available to many descendants, it is felt that this article may be of significant interest.—A.T., Jr.

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MARY SHARP, ca 1760-1837, WIFE OF WILLIAM O'DONEGAN, OF SPANISH  
AND AMERICAN OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA

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Numerous descendants in Southwest Louisiana and East Texas trace their ancestry to the wife of William O'DONEGAN— known as "Mary SHARP" in the American records— of the Spanish Opelousas Post. O'DONEGAN was an early tradesmen of the settlement that subsequently became Ville Platte, La., who first appeared in the Opelousas area in 1785, as a widower.

In the St. Landry Catholic Church, Opelousas, he married "Maria RULE", also listed as widowed, on September 22, 1792. The couple had five children baptized in that church between 1792 and 1800, with the mother variously shown as "Maria ROULE" (once) and "Maria CHARPES" (four times) by the Spanish priests. Besides her O'DONEGAN children, Mary SHARP/CHARPES/ROULE had two other children, as shown by her 1837 St. Landry Parish, La., estate proceedings: Ann (Nancy) ROULE, listed as born in Pennsylvania in her 1802 marriage to Henry RAPER; and Anthony REED.

What was the correct family name of Mary SHARP? Why the numerous variants of her surname reflected by the Opelousas records? Where did she come from? By what former marriages, and where, were Ann (Nancy) ROULE and Anthony REED born? These were the puzzling unknowns reached by her descendants in attempting to trace their ancestry beyond her. Recent research now provides the answers to this genealogical puzzle.

Below will be set forth the documentation of the identification of Mary SHARP and the children of her marriages before she married O'DONEGAN. First, however, the Louisiana O'DONEGAN documentation will be described. Afterwards, will be set forth the Pennsylvania documentation that provided the key to the identification of Mary SHARP. Finally, information about her immediate descendants will be outlined.

William O'DONEGAN: The Louisiana Documentation  
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The marriage of William O'DONEGAN (shown as "William DONIGENT") and "Maria RULE" by the Spanish priest Father Pedro DE ZAMORA, is reflected in the records of the St. Landry Catholic Church, Opelousas, La., at Book 1, p.41. The record contains no notation of the parentage or origin of the spouses, but it does contain (translated from the Spanish) the information that "both widowed and living in this parish" and that "both had proof of death of former spouses." (We do not know the name of O'DONEGAN's former wife, and no children of this marriage have surfaced in Southwest Louisiana records. The circumstance that Maria "RULE" had evidence of the death of her former spouse, may indicate that he ("RULE") died after Maria migrated to Louisiana instead of before. No trace of him in Opelousas colonial records, however, has so far surfaced.)

Thereafter, five children were born of this marriage and baptized at this Opelousas church. As abstracted in D.J. Hebert, Southwest Louisiana Records, Volume 1, 1756-1810 (Eunice, La., 1974), p.177, and G. deVillier, The Opelousas Post (Cottonport, La., 1972), p.45, these children are: 1. Elena (Helen, Eleanor) (mother shown as "Maria ROULE"), baptized September 22, 1792 (same day as her parents' marriage); and (all with mother shown as "Maria CHARPS"), 2. Miguel (Michael), baptized Nov. 20, 1796; 3. Maria, baptized November 20, 1796 (possibly twin of Michael); 4. Daniel, b. April 19, 1799, baptized October 19, 1800; 5. Guillermo (William), baptized October 19, 1800.

Of interest, the godmother on Guillermo's baptism is shown as "Ana RULL". DeVillier, *supra*, p.45. Also of interest, the godparents for Juan (John) HAYES (HAY), son of Juan HAYES and Maria HEBERT (Mary IVY) (then Chicot neighbors of O'DONEGAN,), baptized on October 16, 1797, were: Antonio (Anthony) RIER(?) (RUHR?) and Ana RULL. DeVillier, *supra*, p.76. These two, as will be seen, were children of Maria ROULE/CHARPS/SHARP by her former marriages, and were later to be known in Opelousas records as Anthony REED and Anna (Nancy) ROULE.

The baptisms of Daniel and William on October 19, 1800, St. Landry church records, vol. 1, pp.234, 235, show the parentage of William O'DONEGAN (Sr.) as Daniel DONIGENS (O'DONEGAN) and Maria \_\_\_\_\_ (surname not shown), and the parentage of Maria "CHARPES" as Andrew CHARPES and Ana NOEL.

The marriage of Anna ROULE on April 27, 1802, to Enrique (Henry) RAPER, (he a native) of Winchester (Va.?) in North America, shows her to be a native of Pennsylvania, and the daughter of Frederick ROULE and Maria CHARPE. Hebert, *supra* Vol. 1, p. 494, and DeVillier, *supra*, p.122. A certificate of this marriage from the St. Landry Catholic church shows it to be recorded in that church's records at Vol. 1, p.107, and that one of the four witnesses to the marriage was Anthony REED (the bride's half-brother, as we now know).

The family relationships are made plain by St. Landry Parish estate records filed after Louisiana came under American rule in 1803. Before reciting these estate declarations, it should be noted that the Spanish colonial records of Opelousas Post appear to indicate that William O'DONEGAN settled there in 1785, without any former wife or children (if any) by that marriage, and that Maria SHARP (SCHORB) ROULE (RUHL) apparently arrived in that Spanish district between 1788-1792, apparently accompanied by two of her children of her former marriages, Anthony ROHR (REED) and Anna ROULE (RUHL), the only two who surface in the St. Landry Parish church records.

On October 2, 1785, William "DONEGAN" purchased land in that district from Jacob SCHNELL. J. O. Vidrine and A. W. Bergeron, Calendar of Documents of the Opelousas Post 1764-1789 (Baton Rouge, 1979), p.27 (document no. 423). The original document in the state archives thus calendared shows the land to be situated in Grand Prairie, and of ten arpent front (on a bayou) by the usual depth (i.e., forty arpents).

No DONEGAN (or variant) is found on the microfilm of the 1785 census of the Attakapas and Opelousas Posts, date illegible, found in legajo (bundle) 2360 of the Cuban papers at the Spanish archives of the Indies found in Seville, Spain (AGI-PPC, legajo 2360). Although that census contains some known omissions, the absence of William O'DONEGAN is at least presumptive evidence that he arrived in the Spanish Opelousas district in 1785 after the census enumeration.

In J. K. Voorhies, Some Late Eighteenth Century Louisianians (Lafayette, La., 1973), is found transcribed the 1788 Spanish census of the Opelousas Post (p.321) and the May, 1796 census of that post (p.345). In the 1788 census a "DONEGHAM" is listed (p.335), with only one male (in an age group of 15-49 in that census) in the household, but owning 20 cattle, 1 horse, and 20 arpents frontage of land on the river (indicating that O'DONEGAN, without family, had migrated to the Opelousas area with some capital). He is shown as in the Grand Prairie district, i.e., between present-day Ville Platte and Opelousas. His birth year, by age group, is thus placed as after 1739.

In the 1796 census, "Wm. DANUJAN" is enumerated (p.363) in the Bayou Chicot district (about ten miles north of present-day Ville Platte); the census enumerated persons in the household by gender and age (1-15, 15 and over), as well as slaves (none in O'DONEGAN's

holding), but it did not enumerate property. This May 1796 enumeration showed in O'DONEGAN's household: 1 man over 15 (i.e., William O'DONEGAN), 1 woman over 15 (i.e., Mary SHARP, his wife), 1 boy under 15 (i.e., either their son Michael, btzd. Nov. 1796, but probably Anthony ROHR (REED), b. 1780 (Pennsylvania records), William's stepson, who had showed up as a godparent on a baptism of the John HAY (Bayou Chicot) family in 1797); 2 girls under 15 (i.e., his daughter, Elena (Helen, Elinor) O'DONEGAN, b. 1792, and, most probably, Ann (Nancy) ROULE (RUHL), ~~b.~~ 1782 (Pennsylvania records), his step-daughter, who like Anthony was a godparent in 1797 at the baptism of a child of the John HAY (Bayou Chicot family). It is, of course, possible that 1 boy under 15 and 1 girl under 15 were Michael and Mary O'DONEGAN, both baptized November 20, 1796 (with age unshown); but it is believed more probable that Anthony REED (ROHR), born (in Pennsylvania) July 18, 1780 (see below), and Anna ROULE (RUHL), born (in Pennsylvania) April 26, 1782 (see below), were then in the O'DONEGAN household with their mother, and that Michael and Mary O'DONEGAN, baptized in November 1796, were twins born after the enumeration of the O'DONEGAN household in the May 1796 census.

Before William O'DONEGAN died prior to the 1810 census, his daughter Helene (Elena, Elinor) married William Grogan KNOX on February 8, 1806, in the St. Landry Catholic Church in Opelousas. Hebert, *supra*, Vol. 1, p.177. No children of this marriage are reflected by Hebert. Eleanor's death November 30, 1829 at the age of 37 is reflected by an Opelousas church record. D. J. Hebert, Southwest Louisiana Records, Vol. 2, 1811-1830 (Eunice, La., 1976), p.270. Her succession proceedings, in which was probated her will, by which she left the whole of her estate to her husband, William G. KNOX, reflect that no children of the marriage were born. Estate of Eleanor O'DONEGAN (wife of William G. KNOX), filed May 26, 1831, Probate Docket #560, St. Landry Parish. Her death without descendants is likewise corroborated by her mother ("Mary SHARP")'s 1837 estate (St. Landry Parish, Probate Docket #938) which shows Mary SHARP to be survived as heirs only by (a) Nancy RULE RAPER, (b) Mary (O'DONEGAN), the widow BONNER, and (c) the decedent's five grand-children by her deceased son, Anthony REED.

William O'DONEGAN apparently died before the 1810 federal census of St. Landry parish, but after 1806 (when he donated part of his property to his daughter Eleanor, then wife of William KNOX). That 1810 census, p.325, enumerates the "Widow DONEGAN", and in her household, one male, 16-26, one male, 26-45, 1 male, 45 and over, and 1 female, 26-45. (If accurate, it places her date of birth as after 1765.) William's estate proceedings were opened in January, 1812 (Probate Docket #35, St. Landry Parish), and by it the 800 arpent (20 arpents by 40 arpents) "plantation and last residence of said deceased in the Grand Prairie of Opelousas" was sold to William G. KNOX, the decedent's son-in-law. By its description of neighbors, it was the land comprising most of present-day Ville Platte east of Chatagnier street, and it was part of the 1200-arpent tract on a branch of the Bayou Cannes to which the "Heirs and legal reps. of William O'DONNAGHAN" received confirmation of American title to his Spanish acquisition of the same, by Certificate B-1920 issued March 5, 1812. American State Papers: Public Lands (Gales and Seaton ed. 1834), Vol. 2, p.856. (The other 400 arpents, ten arpents by forty, had been donated by O'DONEGAN to his daughter Eleanor in 1806; it bounded the O'DONEGAN place on O'DONEGAN's west.)

The 1812 estate proceedings indicate that O'DONEGAN was survived by his widow, and by four children: his daughter Elinor, wife of William KNOX; his son Michael, a minor above the age of fourteen years, for whom Samuel LAUGHLIN was appointed curator; his daughter Mary, a minor over the age of fourteen years, for whom Anthony REED (denoted as her "brother"), was appointed curator; and his son William, a minor under the age of fourteen years, for whom the son-in-law William KNOX was appointed curator.

In Smith, "William O'DONEGAN", La Voix des Prairies (Ville Platte, La.), Vol. 2, No. 1 (Winter, 1981), p.9, is an informative account of O'DONEGAN's activities in the Ville Platte area and of the importance of his blacksmith shop and livery stable in the establishment of the community that later became Ville Platte (a substantial portion of the area of which was initially owned by him). As there recounted, although without documentation, O'DONEGAN was a Scottish-Irishman. The article identifies Samuel LAUGHLIN (appointed curator for Michael in the O'DONEGAN estate proceedings) as a friend of William O'DONEGAN's who operated a leathersmith SHOP next door to O'DONEGAN's blacksmith SHOP (in which William KNOX served as blacksmith), and states that LAUGHLIN later purchased from Eleanor O'DONEGAN and her husband the land her father had donated to her in 1806.

It is apparent from O'DONEGAN's 1812 estate proceedings that the son Daniel, b. 1799, did not survive his father and had died as a child. The other two boys, Michael, b. 1796, and William, b. 1800, likewise apparently died without descendants. Michael served as a private in DeClouet's Regiment of the Louisiana militia, M.J.B. Pierson, Louisiana Soldiers in the War of 1812 (Baton Rouge, La, 1963), p.90, another source showing that he served September 26, 1814 to March 31, 1815, in Captain Samuel LAUGHLIN (his father's friend's) Company of that regiment, in which his brother-in-law Wm. G. KNOX was a lieutenant. La. Genealogical Register, Vol. 6, No. 2 (April, 1959), p.19. Michael died November 26, 1817 in St. Martin Parish, La., Hebert, supra Vol. 2, p.270, and so far as Hebert, supra, shows never married or had children. The son William was alive as late as 1823, when he appeared as a witness on the marriage bond and license of May 20, 1823 for the marriage of his cousin Mahala RAPER to Daniel HARMAN St. Landry Parish Clerk of Court marriage record of that date. Apparently, however, he died before 1829, likewise without children, as is indicated as to both Daniel and Michael by supplementary 1830 estate's proceedings of William O'DONEGAN, Sr.

By these supplementary estate proceedings (Probate Docket #511 (1830), St. Landry Parish), by agreement of the "widow and heirs" of William O'DONEGAN, Sr., was sold at public sale his 1200-arpent (1015-acre) tract at Bayou Chicot. The agreement was dated October 31, 1829 (shortly before Eleanor's death), and was executed by (a) Mary SHARPE, widow of William O'DONEGAN, (b) Eleanor O'DONEGAN, wife of Wm. G. KNOX, and (c) Mary O'DONEGAN, widow of Joseph BONNER. These parties signed by affixing their cross-mark. (The son-in-law, William G. KNOX, was the purchaser at the sale.) These 1830 estate proceedings thus indicate that the three O'DONEGAN sons (Michael, b. 1796; Daniel, b. 1799; and William, b. 1800) were by then dead without descendants.

This is further corroborated by the estate proceedings of "Mary SHARP (widow of O'DONEGAN)", Probate Docket #837, St. Landry Parish (filed Dec. 1837). These proceedings state that Mary SHARP, widow O'DONEGAN, died in Opelousas November 12, 1837, leaving three hundred dollars cash and an uncertain claim to a tract of land in Rapides Parish, and that she was survived by "two children, one named Nancy RULE, or Nancy RAPER and now living in the Province of Texas, the other named Mary (widow BONER) living in this parish (St. Landry), and five grandchildren by her son named Anthony REED also of this parish, the most or all of the grandchildren are minors." The petition dated December 10, 1837 was presented by Jonathan HARRIS, the husband of Mary's granddaughter (Eleanor O'DONEGAN, II, see below), in whose house Mary SHARP had died, who requested settlement of the estate to pay the descendant's last medical and funeral expenses.

Thus, of William O'DONEGAN's five children, four (Elinor, Michael, Daniel, and William) died without known children. Only Mary O'DONEGAN, wife of Joseph BONNER, had descendants. In the concluding section of this article, "Descendants of Mary SHARP", the particulars as to these will be set forth.

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Mary SHARP (SCHORB): The Pennsylvania Documentation

Thus, prior to the Pennsylvania findings below described, we knew only this about Mary SHARP/CHARPES/ROULE/ RULE: She first appears, a widow, in the Opelousas records in her 1792 marriage to William O'DONEGAN. She had already had two children with her, a daughter, Ann/Nancy/ROULE/RULE (who at her marriage to Henry RAPER in 1802 was stated to be a native of Pennsylvania and the daughter of Frederick ROULE and Maria CHARPE); and a son, Anthony REED. The parentage of Anthony REED is not reflected in his St. Landry Parish civil marriage record July 29, 1815 to Nancy CALLAGHAN (CALLIHAM). Hebert, *supra*, vol. 2, p.749. The parentage of Mary SHARP/CHARPES/ROULE is shown as Andrew SHARPES and Ana NOEL in the 1800 baptisms of her sons, Daniel and William O'DONEGAN.

Recent Pennsylvania research has identified Mary SHARP, her parentage, and her prior marriages to the fathers of Anthony REED(ROHR) and Anna ROULE(RUHL). The primary source will be the registers of baptisms, marriages and deaths of the Catholic mission at Goshenhoppen (Bally), Washington Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania, reprinted from Records of the American Catholic Historical Society of Philadelphia in The Goshenhoppen Registers, 1741-1819 (Baltimore, 1984). Citation below will be to pages of this reprint, prefixed by "G".

Neither the marriage of the parents of Mary SHARP— shown as Andrew(Andres) CHARPES and Ana NOEL in the Louisiana records—, nor her own baptisms are reflected by these records. However, the birth (June 23, 1766) and baptism (August 3, 1766) is shown of Joseph SCHORB, son of Joseph Andrew SCHORB and his wife Anna. G-29. Subsequently, the marriage on February 12, 1793, of Joseph SHARP, lawful son of Andrew and Mary SCHARP, to Anna Maria STRUNK is reflected, G-179. There were, however, other children of the Andrew SCHORB/Anna marriage, perhaps baptized elsewhere and not reflected in the Goshenhoppen registers. On September 29, 1794, letters of administration for the estate of the late Andreas SCHORB (a probable brother to Anna Maria SCHORB) were issued to Joseph SCHORB, described as "son" of the deceased, with the notation that "Charles MILTY and Anna his wife (late Anna SCHORB, Mother of the said deceased) having first duly renounced their right of administration." See Jacob Bowerly Register for the Probate of Wills and granting Letters of Administration in and for the County of Berks, p.29, County Clerk, Berks County, Pennsylvania. (On August 2, 1784 Anna SCHORB, widow, had married Charles MILD, widower. G-111. On the 1790 federal census of Longswamp Township, Berks County, Pa., p.36, Charles MILTY is enumerated, with one male over 15 (himself) and one female in his household.)

In view of the Louisiana ascription of her parentage, with little doubt Mary SHARP (SCHORB) is yet another child of this marriage of Andrew SCHORB and Anna. As will be seen, because of the children of prior marriages she brought with her to Louisiana, there is also little doubt that Mary SHARP (an anglicized spelling of the German pronunciation of "SCHORB") is the Anna Marie SCHORB described in the following marriages and baptisms.

On May 4, 1779, Martin ROHR, widower, married Anna Marie SCHORB, single. G-110. On December 27, 1777, Martin ROHR's first wife, Anna M., had died in childbirth with

her child, leaving eleven minor children to her surviving husband. G-118. Martin ROHR, described as a shoemaker and twice married, died April 2, 1781, G-119, less than two years after the marriage. However, the records reflect that at least one child of the marriage, Anthony ROHR, son of Martin and Anna Mary ROHR, was born July 18, 1780 and baptized July 23 at Goshenhoppen in Berks County, Pa., by a visiting priest from St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Philadelphia, who registered the baptism at that church. Records of American Catholic Historical Society, Vol. II (Philadelphia, 1889) (which includes "Baptisms of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Philadelphia, 1776-1781"), p.265.

The 1802 Opelousas church record of the marriage of Mary's daughter, Anna ROULE, to Henry RAPER describes Anna as a native of Pennsylvania and the daughter of a marriage between Frederick ROULE and Maria CHARPE. Search of the Pennsylvania records has so far not discovered the marriage of Frederick ROULE (RUHL) and Maria CHARPE (SCHORB), which must have taken place after the death in 1781 of Mary's first husband, Martin ROHR. However, they do reflect the baptisms of three children of Mary's second marriage.

The baptism of M. Anna RUHL, born April 26, 1782 and baptized at the Goshenhoppen church shortly thereafter, describes her as the daughter of Frederick RUHL and his wife, Anna Maria SCHORB. G-84. Her godmother was described as "M. Anna SCHORB, grandmother of the child." Id. This child, of course, is "Anna ROULE" (later known as "Nancy RULE"), the Louisiana-shown daughter of Mary (Maria) SHARP (SCHORB). "ROULE" and "RULE" are gallicized and anglicized spellings of the sound of the German name "RUHL".

Two other children baptized of this marriage never appear in the Opelousas records: Conrad, born March 3, 1784, G-92; and Salome Elizabeth, born February 6, 1788, and baptized March 28, 1788. G-136. This last baptism in 1788 indicates that Frederick RUHL was not deceased, and it places the date of Mary SHARP (SCHORB)'s migration to Louisiana as after this 1788 date, at the earliest.

In the writer's opinion, these records conclusively identify this ANNA Maria SCHORB-ROHR-RUHL as the Maria CHARPES/ROULE, who shows up in the Spanish Opelousas post by 1792 (when she married William O'DONEGAN), with two children, Anthony RIER?/REED and Anna ROULE, by prior marriages. As earlier noted, the transcription of the German names "SCHORB" and "RUHL" as "SHARP" and "ROULE-RULE" is explained by an anglicized spelling of the sound of the German names. Likewise, how Anthony "ROHR" became Anthony "REED" is easily explained. He was raised by an English speaking stepfather in the clusters of English-speaking settlers at Ville Platte and Bayou Chicot in the Spanish Opelousas district. The German "ROHR" translated into English has the meaning of "REED". Cassel's German Dictionary (New York, 1971), verbo "ROHR". Anthony thus anglicized his German name by translating it to an English equivalent.

#### Anna Maria SCHORB (Mary SHARP)'s Parents

Two lists of the German migrants who arrived in the ship Halifax at Philadelphia on October 20, 1754 from Rotterdam via Plymouth are published in R.B. Strassburger, Pennsylvania German Pioneers (Norristown, Pa., 1934), pp.652-55. They include "Andreas SHORPE" (spelled on the other list as "Andreras SHOP") and "Martin REAR" (spelled on the other list as "Martin RORR"). These individuals, more probably than not, are the Andreas SCHORB and Martin ROHR of the Pennsylvania Catholic German records, father and the elderly previously widowed first husband of Anna Maria SCHORB.

The Louisiana records show that Mary's mother was "Anna NOEL". The Pennsylvania records (so far discovered) corroborate that her mother's name was "Anna", without

designating her surname. Accepting as accurate the Louisiana ascription, it is highly possible that Anna's father was an Ignatius NOEL, the only male NOEL reflected in the Goshenhoffen records. His death record describes him as dying March 23, 1775 and as "ninety years of age, a native of Lorraine, resident of Pennsylvania for more than thirty years", and refers to an unnamed son-in-law. G.-117. (The death in 1783 of Catherine NOEL, aged 75, "twice widowed, wife first NN Kraft, then of Ignatius NOEL" is also recorded. G-120). It is believed that Ignatius NOEL is the Ineas NOEL, who on June 12, 1753 received a warrant to purchase fifty acres in Berks County, which as surveyed to him shortly thereafter was situated in Longswamp Township of that county. See documents in the archives of the Division of Land Records, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Harrisburg, Pa. It is to be remembered that Anna (NOEL?) SCHORB and her second husband, Charles MILD(Y), were living in Longswamp Township of Berks County in the 1790 census.

### Summary

In summary, then, Mary SHARP was the anglicized version of the name of Anna Maria SCHORB, who was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, ca 1760-1765, the daughter of Andreas SCHORB, a German Catholic migrant to Philadelphia in 1754, and of Maria Anne NOEL, born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, quite possibly the daughter of Ignatius NOEL, a migrant to Pennsylvania from Lorraine ca 1745. Before coming to Louisiana 1788-1792, Anna Maria SHORB had been married twice in Berks County: (1) in 1779 to Martin ROHR, by whom she had one child, Anthony ROHR (later known in Opelousas records as "Anthony REED"), born in 1780; and (2) in 1781, following his death, to Frederick RUHL, by whom she had three children born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, although only one of them Maria Anna RUHL ("Ann/Nancy ROULE"), b.1782, appears in the Opelousas records. Whether her husband Frederick RUHL died before Maria SCHORB RUHL migrated by 1792 to Louisiana, or why and how Maria came to Opelousas, is still unknown.

### The Descendants of Mary SHARP (Anna Maria SCHORB)

In her probate proceedings following her death in 1837, Mary SHARP's surviving heirs are described as: Nancy RULE (also known as Nancy RAPER), living in the province of Texas; Mary O'DONEGAN, widow of Joseph BONNER; and her five grandchildren by her predeceased son, Anthony REED. The concluding section of this paper will sketch some known details concerning these descendants. Precise documentation will not be attempted, but the detailed corroboration can be ascertained from St. Landry Parish records, many abstracted in Hebert, supra, and from Chambers County, Texas, records and historical works, such as K.L. Clark, Diamond in the Rough, A History of Cove, Texas (Ozark, Mo.; 1982), and F. Fleishman, Old River Country, A History of West Chambers County (Fort Worth, Tex. 1976).

#### (1) Nancy RULE/RAPER (Maria Anna RUHL), b. 1782

Nancy first married Henry RAPER in St. Landry Parish in 1802, who died sometime after 1809 (when their fourth child was born) and before his St. Landry Parish (La.) succession was filed on April 25, 1814. The record of Nancy's next marriage (while living in St. Landry Parish) to Samuel FISHER (by whom she had three children) has not been located, but in 1827 in St. Landry Parish she married James HANNEY, by whom she had one child. She moved in 1829 with this third husband to Lawrence's Island, then in Liberty County of Mexican Texas (now in Chambers County, Texas), where HANNEY lived. She died at that place January 1, 1845, and is buried in Stubbs Cemetery, Cove, Chambers County, Texas. A traveler to Texas in March 1831, in describing the area and its early colonists, relates his visit to the HANNEY household with HANNEY and his wife,

describing his habitation on the bayou (three or four miles by water from the Anahuac community) as the only one within miles. R. S. Gray, ed., A Visit to Texas in 1831 (3d ed., 1975), pp.55-56.

Nancy had the following eight children, all born in the Plaquemines Brulees section of (then) St. Landry Parish, La. (now in Acadia Parish). These were:

RAPER: 1. Louise Mechele (Mahala), b. ca 1802, m. Daniel HARMAN 1823 (St. Landry Parish), d. before 1855 (Texas); 2. Catherine, b. ca 1804, m. Alexander DUGGINS 1826 (St. Landry Parish), d. before 1855 (Texas); 3. Daniel, b. ca 1807, d. (unmarried) September 3, 1843, Montgomery County, Texas; 4. Marie Magdalene, b. November 11, 1809, m. (1) James W. DARWIN 1830 (St. Landry Parish), (2) John J. WHITESIDES prior to 1844 (Texas), d. prior to 1855, Montgomery County, Texas.

FISHER: 5. Henrietta Harriet, b. February 11, 1814, m. January 15, 1830 to Joseph LAWRENCE (Mexican province of Texas), d. November 15, 1846, Lawrence Island, Liberty (now Chambers) County, Texas; 6. Elizabeth Ann, b. October 30, 1816, m. Washington STUBBS 1841 (Liberty County, Texas) d. January 22, 1897, Cove, Chambers County, Texas; 7. Jeremiah Conrad, b. November 13, 1819, m. Sarah Ann BARROW August 10, 1841 (Liberty County, Texas), d. November 30, 1899, Barber's Hill, Chambers County, Texas.

HANNEY: 8. Margaret, b. ca 1826, m. Ransom W. WILBURN 1840 (Liberty County, Texas), d. January 1861, Old River, Chambers County, Texas.

- (2) Mary O'DONEGAN, b. 1796.  
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Mary O'DONEGAN, daughter of Mary SHARP(SCHORB)'s marriage to William O'DONEGAN, her third husband, was the only O'DONEGAN child shown to have descendants. We know that Mary was married to Joseph BONNER in 1817 (see below), apparently a second marriage. However, her first marriage or the name of her first husband has not been located. Her only known children were born of this first union, both baptized at the Opelousas Catholic church: Helene DUNNIGAN (Eleanore O'DONEGAN), born December 27, 1811, Hebert, *supra*, v.2, p.297 (by whom Mary's known descendants were born); and William O'DONEGAN, born April 14, 1814, Hebert, *supra*, v.2, p. 693) (who never appears further in the records). The children's father was not shown, perhaps because the Catholic priest did not recognize as valid the Catholic Mary's marriage to a non-Catholic. Mary's daughter, Eleanore (II), was apparently soon placed with Mary's childless sister, Eleanor (I) O'DONEGAN, wife of William KNOX. In Eleanor I's will of November 30, 1829 (the day of her death), by which she left everything to KNOX, she included a request that her husband aid and protect, if the need arose, "Ellinor O'DONEGAN wife of Nathan SARGENT, she having been raised with myself and husband since infancy." Will of Eleanor O'DONEGAN, November 30, 1829, Louisiana State Archives and Records, Baton Rouge, La.; see also Estate of Eleanor O'DONEGAN, Probate Docket #560, St. Landry Parish, filed May 26, 1831. When Eleanore (II) married Nathan SARGENT in 1826, her civil marriage record contains a document executed by KNOX stating that she had on October 11, 1813, been bound by her mother, Mary O'DONEGAN, to KNOX as an apprentice to learn the art and trade of seamstress. KNOX to O'DONEGAN, Discharge and Consent, January 26, 1826, in Marriage Record #14, January 28, 1826, St. Landry Parish. The original of the O'DONEGAN-KNOX apprenticeship agreement of October 7, 1813, is recorded in the conveyance records of St. Landry Parish, Conveyance Book C-1, p.132.

When this known daughter ("Eleanore DONNEGAN") was married to Nathan SARGENT in that church on February 2, 1826, Hebert, *supra*, v.2, p.270, her father's name is not shown. On the civil marriage-license record, consent to the marriage is given only by her mother as "Mary O'DONEGAN, wife of Joseph BONNER", and by her uncle, William G. KNOX, who released the girl from the apprenticeship agreement. Marriage Record #14, January 28, 1826, Eleanor DONEGAN and Nathan SARGENT, St. Landry Parish. The church record of that marriage shows that Nathan SARGENT was a native of the State of New York, the son of Nathan SARGENT and of Elizabeth CRAWFORD.

Marie O'DONEGAN of Opelousas married Joseph BONNER of (i.e., born in) the Mississippi Territory in 1817, recorded at the St. Martinville Church, in Attakapas (St. Martin) Parish, which is adjacent to St. Landry Parish. Hebert, *supra*, v.9, pp.430, 547. Her brother, Michael O'DONEGAN, had died in that parish November 20, 1817, at the habitation of Major (Jesse) MACHALL(McCALL), according to his burial record at that church. St. Martin de Tours Church records, Book 4, #1147. Her half-brother, Anthony REED, had unsuccessfully sought confirmation of American title to 640 acres of land on the Bayou Vermilion in that parish, which he had occupied from some time prior to 1816. American State Papers: Public Lands, Volume 3 (Gales and Seaton ed., 1834), p.231. The claim of her father, William O'DONEGAN, to American title to 320 arpents of land on the lower Bayou Teche in that parish had been approved in 1815. *Id.*, Vol.3, p.121. This may be indicative that, before or after the birth of her children in 1811 and 1814, Mary had located in Attakapas Parish with her brothers Michael O'DONEGAN and Anthony REED.

No children have been located of the marriage between Mary and Joseph BONNER, nor has he thus far been located in any census record. Although Mary is shown as the "wife" of Joseph BONNER in her daughter Eleanor's marriage to Nathan SARGENT in 1826, by 1829 she is referred to as the "widow" BONNER, indicating that he had died (or had perhaps permanently separated from her) by then. In an 1829 agreement in William O'DONEGAN's supplementary estate (#511, St. Landry Parish, 1830), she appears as "Mary O'DONEGAN, widow of Joseph BONNER", and is likewise shown as the "widow BONNER", an heir in her mother's succession (Estate of Mary SHARP, Probate Docket #1837, St. Landry Parish (1837)). However, in 1831, in an eventually successful suit brought by her, against KNOX to annul her sister Eleanor (I)'s will for defects of form, Mary is described as "Mary O'DONEGAN, wife of Joseph BONNER, an absentee from the estate of Louisiana." Estate of Eleanor O'DONEGAN, Probate Docket #582, St. Landry Parish (Dec. 1831); Estate of Eleanor O'DONEGAN, Probate Docket #560 (May, 1831). Although the usual meaning of "widow" is "a woman who has lost her husband by death", a less common meaning of the term is "a woman whose husband deserts her". Webster's Third New International Dictionary of the English Language (Springfield, Mass., 1971), verbo "widow".

Mary's husband, Joseph BONNER, has so far not surfaced as a party or witness to any document. His 1817 St. Martinville marriage records shows his parents to be Joseph BONNER and Grissy SIMONS. The ascription of his origin as in the Mississippi Territory indicates that, most probably, he was a member of a BONNER family that had received grants in the Spanish Natchez District 1789-91, which included Joseph, James, Willis, Josh, and Moses, Jr., BONNER, sons or brothers of Moses BONNER, Sr. M. W. McBee, The Natchez Court Records (reprint, Baltimore, 1979), see e.g., pp.363, 398, 424, *cf.*, 109.

Two claims to American title were made (a) founded on a Joseph BONNER's Spanish title to 500 acres of land in the Felicianas (just south of the Mississippi and Natchez territory), derived from a 1810 Spanish title to Joseph, and (b) of 1000 acres in adjacent St. Tammany Parish by Willis BONNER, based on his Spanish 1801 title. American State

Papers, *supra*, v.3, p.64. In 1822, the claim of American title by "Heirs of Joseph BONNER" to land in this area were registered. *Id.*, v.3, p.506. A James and a Willis BONNER appear on the 1810 American census of Rapides parish (p.277), which is adjacent to St. Landry Parish.

The marriage of Mary's daughter, Eleanore O'DONEGAN, to Nathan SARGENT ended with his death on December 28, 1830. Hebert, *supra*, v.2, p.796. Three children were born of this marriage, William (1827), Julien (Julianne) (1829), and (after Nathan's death) Helene Sarah (b. 27 March 1831; died 23 July 1831). Estate of Nathan SARGENT, Probate Docket #546, St. Landry Parish (1830). Four years later, Eleanore married Nathan's former business partner, Jonathan HARRIS. Marriage Record #47, June 10, 1835, St. Landry Parish. In the 1840 St. Landry census enumeration of Jonathan HARRIS (p.227), no minors under the age of ten appear in his household, which apparently includes Eleanore (the one female enumerated in this age 20-30), and the two SARGINT boys of her first marriage (2 males, age 10-15). In the 1850 federal census no children whatsoever appear in the enumeration of Jonathan HARRIS, by then living alone, in St. Landry Parish (p.122), and none appear in the East Feliciana Parish enumeration (p.211, household #82) of Elinor SERGINT (by then separated from HARRIS), age 38, with real estate valued at \$2,000. The only member of her household is Mary BONNER (her mother), enumerated as age 52, born in Louisiana.

Thus, as of 1840, Mary O'DONEGAN BONNER through her daughter Eleanore O'DONEGAN SARGINT/HARRIS had two known living grandchildren: William SARGINT(SARGEANT/SERGEANT) b. 1827; and Julien(Julianne) SARGINT(SARGEANT/SERGEANT), b. 1829. Whether Mary O'DONEGAN had any other children by Joseph BONNER is doubtful, but not known. Whether Eleanore had any children by Jonathan HARRIS after 1840 is doubtful, but also unknown.

### (3) Anthony REED (Anthony ROHR), b. 1780

The civil records of St. Landry Parish show that Anthony REED married Nancy CALLAGHAN (Nancy CALLIHAM) in 1815, and his mother's 1837 probate proceedings show that by then he had died, leaving five children. Only one of Anthony REED's children were baptized in the Catholic Church, so no tabulation of the names and births of the other children may be derived from Hebert, *supra*. Nor is there any clue except as to one child in Anthony REED's own St. Landry Parish probate proceedings (Probate Docket #809, June 1837), which as surviving in the records shows only the public auction sale of June 17, 1837 proceedings of his property at his residence in Pine Prairie, 35 miles from the Opelousas courthouse. However, a document entitled "Settlement & Partition of the estate of the late Anthony REED, Decd" dated October 12, 1841, shows the disbursement of the proceeds from the auction sale. This document includes a receipt by "Ellen REED one of the heirs of said Anthony REED, & wife of Simon MATTE", for her share of the estate proceeds as paid to her by her former tutor, Nichl M. CALLIHAM.

Anthony REED, incidentally, served in the war of 1812 as a private in the 16th (Thompson's) Regiment of the Louisiana militia. M.J.B. Pierson, Louisiana Soldiers in the War of 1812 (Baton Rouge, 1063), p.99. In the 1820 federal census of St. Landry Parish (p.106), his household is enumerated as including 2 males aged 26-45, 1 female 16-26, 1 male under 10, 1 female under 10, and 1 free colored male 20-25. In the 1830 census of St. Landry Parish (p.40), his household is enumerated as containing 1 male from 40-50 years, one female age 30-40, and five children: 1 male, 10-15; 1 female, 10-15, 1 male, 5-10; 1 female, 5-10, and 1 female under five years of age.

In Anthony REED's mother's estate proceedings of 1837, it is stated that her heirs included the five children who survived her deceased son, Anthony REED. The five children enumerated in his household on the 1830 census may well be these, although of course some of them could have died and others have been born between 1830-37, when he died. We know the names at this time of only two of these children of his marriage to Nancy CALLIHAM:

1. Helene Marie REED was baptized in the St. Landry Catholic Church, Opelousas, on September 5, 1838, at the age of 15 (i.e., b. ca 1823). Hebert, supra, vol.2, p.750. She is probably the Ellen REED who on 27 Jan. 1841 was a party to civil marriage proceedings with Simon MATTE, and who as Helen REED married Simon MATTE in the Grand Coteau Church on February 13, 1844. Hebert, supra, vol.4, p.412. As noted, in the settlement papers of Anthony REED's estate, Ellen REED wife of Simon MATTE acknowledged receipt of the amount due her by inheritance. Hebert, supra, reflects the baptisms of numerous children of this couple.

2. William REED also surfaces as a son of Anthony. In the 1870 federal census of St. Landry Parish is enumerated as Anthony W. REED, age 54, and on his civil marriage license is shown as William A. REED. For some as yet unexplained reason, he was also known as Antoine DONNINGUE/DONEGUEX/DONEGUI (Anthony O'DONEGAN), as is illustrated by the baptisms of his first six children in that name between 1837 and 1849. Hebert, supra, v.3, p.204; v.4, p.149; v.5, p.171. However, the three of these children who survived until adulthood married with the surname REED, and William's last four children, born between 1855 and 1869, were all baptized with the surname REED.

In the church record of his marriage July 3, 1837 to Celeste JANSONNE in the Opelousas Catholic church, Guillaume (William) REED is shown to be the son of Antoine REED and Nancy CALEKHAM, and a major (i.e., over 21 years of age b. before 1816). See also civil marriage record, William A. REED to Sarah (in French, Celeste) JOHNSON, 3 July 1837, Marriage #75, July 3, 1867, St. Landry Parish. Research by Mrs. Lance Kimball of Lafayette indicates the following to be the children of William REED (not readily ascertainable in Hebert, supra):

From his marriage to Celeste JEANSONNE (\* means believed to have died young): a. NANCY\*, b. October 20, 1837; b. ANTOINE\*, b. March 10, 1841; c. VALENTINE, b. February 14, 1843, possibly the Valentine who married November 23, 1882 Lezuire LAFLEUR; d. DARCOURT(DALICOURT), b. January 21, 1845, m. January 29, 1872, Gustine(Justine) JEANSONNE; e. LUCIEN\*, b. January 17, 1846; f. GUSTAVE, b. November 3, 1849, m. August 12, 1874 Felonise FONTENOT; g. EMMÄ, b. October 17, 1855, m. January 9, 1871 Deville GUILLORY; and h. LEZIMA, b. February 9, 1861, m. January 5, 1882 Valerie FONTENOT.

From William REED's marriage to Marguerite BERZA following Celeste's death ca 1862-1864: i. JOSEPH HEBRARD, b. 1866, baptized October 16, 1868, at age of two years, who married (1) December 3, 1888 Lucille McCAULLY, (2) December 28, 1897, Eva FONTENOT, and (3) \_\_\_\_\_ SOILEAU; and j. CHARLES ADEMA, b. October 7, 1869, m. December 30, 1890, Cecilia McDANIEL, d. November 12, 1957.

### Conclusion

To the many descendants of Mary SHARP, her origin and that of her son Anthony REED and her daughter Nancy ROULE have for many years been a mystery. By this recent Pennsylvania research, virtually conclusive is her identification as Anna Maria SCHORB of Pennsylvania, and of Anthony REED as her son Anthony ROHR, b. 1780, by her first Pennsylvania marriage, as is the identification of Ann/Nancy ROULE as Anna RUHL, b. 1782, Anna Maria SCHORB's daughter by a second Pennsylvania marriage.

Book Note— The Rieder Acadian Research Works Again Available

Milton P. Rieder and his wife, Norma Gaudet Rieder, produced at least nine invaluable works on the Acadians, both in Acadia before their deportation in 1755, and on their subsequent exile to France and the American colonies, before many of them were finally enabled to reach Louisiana. The lists and particulars of Acadian families were based on extensive research in Nova Scotia and France.. For several years, these works, published by the authors from Metairie, La., have been unavailable for purchase.

However, their son, Mr. David M. Rieder, 925 Cameron Court, Kenner, La., 70065, has recently announced these works are again available. The price is \$21, including postage and handling (except for Acadian Exiles, see below, which is available for \$10.50). These works are (\*denotes in short supply): 1. The Crew and Passenger Registration Lists of the Seven Acadian Expeditions of 1785<sup>1/</sup>; 2. The Acadians in France, 1762-1776\*; 3. (out of print, but will be reprinted upon sufficient demand) The Acadians in France, Volume 2 (Belle Isle en Mer Registers and the LaRochette Papers); 4. The Acadians in France, Volume 3 (Archives of the Port of Saint Servan); 5. The Acadian Exiles in the American Colonies 1755-1768; 6. Acadian Church Records, Volume 2 (Beaubassin 1712-1748); 7. Acadian Church Records, Volume 3 (Port Royal 1702-1721); 8. Acadian Church Records, Volume 4 (Port Royal 1716-1729); 9. Acadian Church Records, Volume 5 (Port Royal 1730-1740).

Mr. Reider's announcement does not refer to the availability of Acadian Church Records, Volume 1. It does, however, note the availability of two other Rieder and Rieder works: New Orleans Ship Lists, Volume 1 (1820-21); and New Orleans Ship Lists, Volume 2 (1821-23).

1/ This first work, concerning the seven 1785 Acadian expeditions, lists from French records the names and members of each family group, and their ages and occupation, on embarkation from France. In O. W. Winzerling, Acadian Odyssey (Eunice, La. reprint, 1981), pp. 199-206, from Spanish records are listed the names and family members of these vessels when they disembarked from the ships in New Orleans.

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From Claire D'Artois Leeper, Louisiana Places (Baton Rouge, 1976), p.241:

Turkey Creek— a community in the nothern part of Evangeline Parish. It is located near Turkey Creek, which acquired its name, according to one source, because the creeks runs in the form of a turkey's foot. A more popular theory is that there were many turkeys in the area, resulting in the name Turkey Creek. Some of the first families that settled in the area were named NUGENT, SINGLETARY, STEWARD, FONTENOT, CLARK, JOHNSON, and DEVILLE. Other families that moved in later were CLOUD, COMEAUX, ARDOIN, MANUEL, ORTEGO, MONK, RUSSELL, POWELL, COOPER, CHAPELLE, CAMPBELL, WEST, MARTIN, McDANIEL, DESHOTEL, RANDOLPH, and SMITH.

Mr. SINGLETARY operated the first cotton gin and grist mill in 1892. The first sawmill came later. From 1905, when the Rock Island Railraod was built through Turkey Creek, logging became an important industry, remaining so until 1950. The largest of the sawmills in operation was located at Meridian, a few miles outside of Turkey Creek. The mill, built around 1914, burned April 26, 1928. Other forms of industry were tanning plants and coal kilns. The first gravel pit was started by the Evangeline Gravel Company in the early 1920's, and the Gifford Hill gravel pit opening in 1928-29 became one of the chief sources of income for the people in the area. The first post office was established around the 1890's.

With regard to education, an elementary school existed before 1845, according to a land document which showed the donation of land for a school by Louis DEVILLE. Two other schools that are supposed to have existed are a college started by a George COVERDALE in 1875 and lasting until 1880. The Weaver Normal College was established by a Mr. MITCHUM from Atlanta, Georgia, 1900-1901, and lasted about two years.

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From Claire D'Artois Leeper, Louisiana Places (Baton Rouge, 1976), p.27:

Bayou Chicot— the name of a village not far from the banks of that bayou in Evangeline Parish. Probably the oldest settlement in Evangeline Parish. Early Spanish land claimants, 1783-1790's Isaac FRAZIER, Roger WEST, Jesse KIRKLAND, William (O')DONEGAN, Louis GUILLORY (John McDANIEL, William BUNDICK, Godfrey KRIEGER, Marie DeSOTO de St.DENIS and her husband Joachim ORTEGO, John READ(REED), James CROOK, Matthew NUGENT, John HAY, Henry HARGRODER, Gabriel MARTIN, and others could be added, according to 1788 and 1796 Spanish census records.—Editor). Bayou Chicot became a thriving settlement. A stagecoach trail from Washington to Lloyd's Bridge on Bayou Cocodrie passed through Chicot, and a stage stand where horses were changed and travelers lodged was located at Bayou Chicot as late 1877. Bayou Chicot had the first Baptist Church in the state of Louisiana and west of the Mississippi. It was founded in 1812. Bayou Chicot had the first school in what is now Evangeline Parish, which was taught by Isaac GRIFFITH in 1814. At p.61 of the work, the author notes that "Chicot", which means "stump" in French, probably referred to cypress-knees of cypress trees that grew in the waters in low area of Louisiana; Chicot is the name given not only to the bayou in Evangeline Parish, but to a lake and pass in St. Martin Parish, a point and an island off the coast of St. Bernard Parish, and a pass in Iberia Parish.

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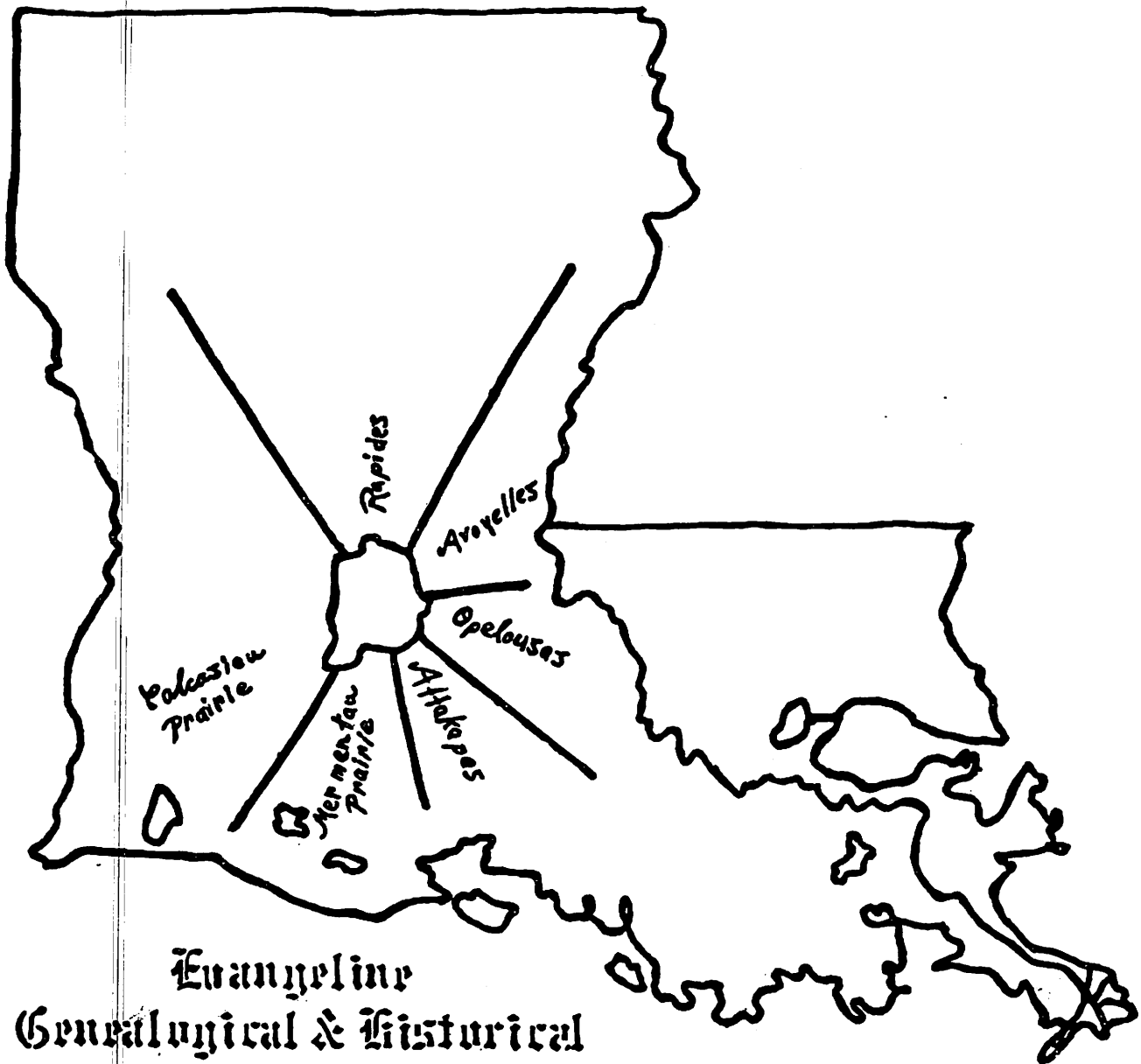
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**THE LAUNEYS OF EVANGELINE PARISH**

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**FRANCIS VOOHRIES LAUNEY** and **ALOYSIUS LAUNEY** played significant roles in the development of Education in Evangeline Parish. Mr. F. V. Launey was Superintendent of Education in Evangeline Parish from 1925 to 1955 and Mr. A. Launey was Supervisor and Assistant Superintendent in the same parish from 1935 to 1957. Because of Mr. A. Launey's love of history, he instilled in many of his grandchildren an appreciation of the past which is now manifested in a curiosity about genealogy. This family outline represents a small effort to find my grandfather's and Uncle F. V.'s ancestors.

The earliest known ancestor of the Evangeline Parish Launeys is **SEBASTIEN LAUNEY (LAUNAY)**. He was born circa 1810 and is mentioned in the 1840<sup>1</sup> census in New Orleans with his wife and two children. A family history, written by Sebastien's grandchild, Ira Garnett Launey, states that he and his wife were born and married in Bordeaux, France and their first two children were born there. In 1841 and 1842, he is listed in the New Orleans Directories as living at 262 Burgundy. His crafts were masonry and painting. In 1843, Sebastien, at age 33, is identified as a passenger on the schooner, **VIRGINIA ANTOINETTE**, arriving in New Orleans on August 21 from Tampico<sup>2</sup>. On this ship's passenger list, he gives his home country as France. Sebastien was married to Marguerite Gaudens (Marie St. Laurent St. Gaudains). Three known children were born to this couple; **JEAN HECTOR** and **PETRONILE CORALIE** are identified in their respective marriage records and **ARTHUR** in his baptismal record. Sebastien died circa November, 1853<sup>3</sup> in St. Landry Parish and his son Jean Hector was named administrator of his small estate. No record of his wife's death or either's burial place has been found to date.

The family outline of **SEBASTIEN** and **MARIE** is as follows:

A. **JEAN HECTOR**, b. circa 1832, m. Sylvanie Lambert on 19 March 1852. Sylvanie was the daughter of Zephirin Lambert and Celeste Roy. d. circa 1867. He worked in New Orleans as late as 1852 as a plasterer. In 1852 he was in the Opelousas area, probably Washington. He served in the Confederate Army in the Fourth La. Calvary and Company D - Siege Train Battalion, La. In 1864, he was on the register of the CSA General Hospital in Shreveport, La. and was transferred to Jefferson, Texas Hospital on April 9, 1864. He was parolled at Washington, La. on June 16, 1865. A letter to his sister, Coralie, in 1867 indicates he was in Washington, La. Their children were:

1. **SEBASTIEN EDGAR (ZEPHIRIN)** b. 16 July 1853 (Opel. Ch), m. Marie Aemelie Vige on 27 December 1877, possibly daughter of Charles Vige and Leocadie Pitre. Their children were:
  - a) **HECTOR SEBASTIAN** - b. 30 June 1880 (Opal.Ch), m. Louise Lasalle<sup>4</sup>, d. 30 June 1944, Moved to New Orleans in 1905<sup>19</sup>
    - 1) **EDGAR SEBASTIEN**,
  - b) **MARIE IDA** b. 31 October 1878 (Opal Ch).
  - c) **WILLIAM B.**, b. 14 November 1882 (Opal.Ch.), d. 17 September 1963<sup>5</sup>, Sacred Heart Cem., Ville Platte, La.

- d) PAUL ELI b. 13 April 1885 (Opel. Ch.),
  - e) FRANCOIS OSCAR b. 1888<sup>5</sup>, m. Amy Agnes Fuselier<sup>6</sup>, d. 1954, Sacred Heart Cem., Ville Platte, La.
    - 1) NAZEL m. Hebert Guillory,
    - 2) MARY VELMA m. Joe Hand.
    - 3) EARLINE m. Ronald Boyce.
  - f) CHARLES HENRY<sup>5</sup>, b. 17 August 1890 (Opel. Ch.), d. 27 May 1962, Sacred Heart Cem., Ville Platte, La.
    - 1) JOSEPH M. KIA(Prt, USMC) 22 Sept. 1944.
  - g) MARTIAL, b. 27 January 1893 (Opel. Ch.), m. Marjore Courtney, d. 26 November 1965<sup>8</sup>.
  - h) LILLIAN<sup>8</sup>, b. 1902<sup>11</sup>, m. David Lafleur, d. 1973
  - i) MARIE CAMILLE<sup>8</sup>, b. 3 April 1898, m. Mr. Stacum.
  - j) RINA, d. 3 September 1897 at age 2-1/2 years.
  - k) MRS. F. MILLER (?).
2. JEAN ACHILLE, b. 25 Septeyember 1854 (Opel.Ch.), m. 1st Marguerita Estelle Breau, 26 August 1880, 2nd Josette Miller, 4 September 1893 (Iota Ch.).
- Children 1st marriage
- a) LUCAS ANSELME, b. 21 April 1881 (Iota Ch.), d. 18 October 1886.
  - b) HENRI ADAM, b. 2 September 1882 (Wash. Ch.).
  - c) LASTIE ACHILLE, b. 3 August 1884 (Wash. Ch.).
  - d) INFANT, d. 4 October 1885.
  - e) MARIE LITA, b. 21 March 1889 (Wash.Ch.), m. Grundy C. Lusby, 15 May 1912 at Turkey Creek<sup>9</sup>.
  - f) MARIE JUANITA, b. 2 December 1892 (Wash.Ch.), d. March 1968<sup>11</sup>.
- Children 2nd Marriage
- a) JEAN WILLIE, b. 15 June 1894.
    - 1) WILLIE A.<sup>6</sup>
    - 2) LUTHUR L.<sup>6</sup>
    - 3) JOYCELIN<sup>6</sup>.
  - b) LINIA, b. 30 August 1898,
  - c) FREEMONT<sup>6</sup>.
3. ARISTIDE HECTOR, b. 30 July 1856, (Opal.Ch.) m. Marie Elia Brignac, 23 January 1883, daughter of Francois<sup>5</sup> Brignac and Adelaide Vidrine (V.P.Ch.). d. 21 January 1923<sup>5</sup> buried Sacred Heart Cemetery next to his wife Marie who d. 6 May 1948<sup>5</sup>.

- a) JEAN FERNAND - First principal in Eunice<sup>10</sup>, b. 25 February 1884, m. Vivian Quirk<sup>6</sup>, d. November 1932<sup>11</sup>.
  - 1) PEARL BELLE<sup>5</sup>, b. 11 October 1904, d. 24 Nov. 1904
  - 2) JOHN RAOUL<sup>11</sup>, d. 1956
  - 3) BYRON<sup>11</sup>
  - 4) JOHN F.<sup>11</sup>
  - 5) MALCOLM<sup>11</sup>, d. December 1963.
  - 6) LARA<sup>11</sup>
- b) MARIE ISABELLE, b. 30 April 1886 (V.P. CH.), m. Ugee Landrineau<sup>12</sup>
- c) SYLVANIE BERTHA, b. 10 June 1888, d. 15 March 1889 Buried Sacred Heart Cem. V.P.
- d) FRANCIS VOORHIES, b. 17 September 1890 (V.P. Ch.) , m. Edna Doucet<sup>6</sup>, daughter of Theodore Doucet and Emma Alice Briley d. 29 November 1961<sup>13</sup>, Buried next to his wife in Evangeline Memorial Park in Ville Platte, Louisiana.
  - 1) LILY MAE<sup>6</sup>
  - 2) FRANCIS VOOHRIES, JR.<sup>6</sup>
  - 3) VINCENT<sup>6</sup>
  - 4) DONALD JEROME<sup>6</sup>
  - 5) MARJORIE<sup>6</sup>
- e) ALOYSIUS. b. 26 July 1892 (V.P. Ch.), M. Bertthe Dubois & Hermina Lanoue, 26 August 1916<sup>12</sup>, d. 12 March 1970, buried in Evangeline Memorial Park in Ville Platte, La. next to his wife who died 29 January 1977<sup>13</sup>.
  - 1) LOWELL PENN
  - 2) JOHN GLENN
- f) JOSEPH CLAUDIUS, b. 23 January 1895, d. 16 February 1961<sup>5</sup>
- g) ADELAIDE M., b. 14 August 1897, d. 24 February 1961<sup>5</sup>.
- h) EVE CLEMENT, b. 18 May 1901, d. 25 July 1918<sup>5</sup>
- i) GAZELLE, m. Albert Fontenot<sup>12</sup>
4. ADAM HENERY, b. 1 October 1858
5. RENE BEAUREGARD, b. 7 December 1861.

B. PETRONILE CORALIE dit CORA, b. 1833<sup>14</sup>, m. 1st(Jean) Baptiste Veyant (Vallant), 31 July 1847, 2nd Mahon Bell, 3 October 1860 - Child - 1st Marriage, 1. ALFRED  
Child - 2nd Marriage, 1. MARY GERTRUDE BELL, b. 16 May 1870, m. 1 July 1890, Francis Lalanne.

C. ARTHUR PHILIBERT RENE', b. 10 November 1843, Btz. 25 December 1844<sup>15</sup> at St. Augustine's Church, New Orleans. He was living in St. Landry Parish when he enlisted 4 June 1861 in the Confederate Army. He was taken prisoner twice and wounded once and was paroled

at Charlotte, West Virginia on May 1, 1865. m. Mary Louisa Penwell of Shelbyville, Ill. on 17 November 1868<sup>17</sup>, d. 21 January 1908 and his wife Mary died 23 April 1931 at age 81, both in Savannah, Ga.

All dates below are from source <sup>18</sup>.

1. ELFLETAH, m. Elbridge Connat.
2. PEARL
3. IRA GARNETT, b. 18 March 1871, d. 13 February 1953
4. MARIE GAZELLE, b. 8 February 1873, m. John Lewis Riddle (b. 24 Oct 1863, d. 31 March 1983) d. 29 December 1959.
5. BEATRICE CORALIE, b. 3 October 1877, d. 28 January 1956.
6. RENELL ORR, b. 7 July 1882, m. Tenilla Englerth (b. 24 Jan 1886, d. 12 Nov 1967), d. 17 June 1957.
7. GEORGE VOLNEY, m. Marie Lang,
  - a) GEORGE VOLNEY, JR.,
  - b) ARTHUR RENE,
  - c) WALTON SEBASTIAN.

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Etienne A. Launey - 1834 Directory of New Orleans

Rita V. Launey - Buried Sacred Heart Cemetary 27 June 1893

Charles Launay - d. Natchitoches 19 Jan. 1765, Roll 1 Jan. 1763

Jean Baptiste Launey - m. Victorire Savoie 26 Aug. 1856, son of Jean and Eugenie Courville

Balthazar Launey - City Directory of New Orleans, 1841

Turkey Creek Area - Possibly related through the Jean Achille line;  
 Arthur Launey - Eutis M. Launey - Joseph Launey

EARLY SEVENTEENTH-CENTURY DARDEAU PRESENCE NEAR  
FRANCE'S MASSIF-CENTRAL

by

Elba Anthony Dardeau, Jr.

and

René-Pierre Dardeau

Introduction

Our three previous articles on the Louisiana DARDEAU family<sup>1</sup> reported the results of intensive French archival research. The earliest agnatic ancestor, Pierre DARDEAU (m. Magdelaine GERMAIN), had been traced as far back as 5 January 1717 to the St. Medard de Bourges (départ. Cher) baptismal record of his son, Etienne. At that time, Pierre had given his occupation as "tailleur de pierres" (stone mason). This article will briefly summarize the first eight years (1976-1984) of archival research and will present new findings.

Previous Efforts

Research on the ancestry of the Louisiana DARDEAU line in France began in 1976 with the location of the 14 January 1807 baptismal record of the immigrant ancestor, Edouard,<sup>2</sup> in Selles-sur-Cher (départ. Loir-et-Cher). As we followed Edouard's paternal ancestry, we expected to be able to establish a connection with the DARDEAUs in Montlouis-sur-Loire (départ. Indre-et-Loire) (Rene-Pierre DARDEAU's ancestors). These Montlouis DARDEAUs have been in the same vicinity for fifteen generations (since before 1540), and we assumed that sooner or later, we would have to find "notre ancêtre commun." However, each generation preceding Edouard led us farther away from Montlouis.

Edouard's father, André (born ca. 1757), died at St.-Aignan (départ. Loir-et-Cher), 16 August 1839, but Andre and Rosalie BOURDERIOU's older children (Edouard being the youngest of twelve) were born in Vignoux-sur-Barengeon (départ. Cher). André had operated a restaurant and an inn in Vignoux. In Selles, he was a farmer and then a proprietor.<sup>3</sup>

André was the son of Etienne (d. 25 June 1783) and Jeanne MOSNY (MÔNY). Etienne was "Premier Echevin" of the town of Mehun-sur-Yèvre (départ. Cher) during the pre-Revolutionary epoch. The Echevins were later replaced by the "Conseillers Municipaux." Etienne also farmed the lands of Marquis de Blosset, who had a domaine near Vignoux.<sup>4</sup>

Cousins of the Louisiana DARDEAU Family in the Paris Region<sup>5</sup>

Besides André, Etienne and Jeanne had ten other children, one of whom was Philippe-Jean DARDEAU de la Croix (1739-1812) (m. Marie Rosalie BERTRAND).<sup>6</sup> Descendants of Philippe-Jean and Marie Rosalie have been located in the Paris region. One of them, Mme. Brigitte DARDEAU BARRÉ (b. 1909), a resident of Versailles (départ. Yvelines), is his g.-g.-g. granddaughter. Mme. BARRÉ, a widow, has two daughters, Micheline (m. Marcel GUICHAUD) and Chantal, each of whom have families.

Mme. BARRÉ had two siblings, Michel (1912-1967) and Solange (b. 1914). Michel DARDEAU had two sons, Alain (3 sons) and Hubert (5 sons), and two daughters, Francoise and Geneviève. The relationship of Mme. BARRÉ, Michel, and Solange to the Louisiana DARDEAUS is as follows:

Father: René-Marie DARDEAU (1874-1951), Docteur en médecine à Versailles.

Grandfather: François-Philippe-Jules DARDEAU (1835-1892), Greffier au Tribunal d'Issoudun (départ. Cher).

G.-grandfather: Pierre-Philippe DARDEAU (1804-1880).

G.-g.-grandfather: Etienne DARDEAU (1768-1806).

G.-g.-g.-grandfather: Philippe-Jean DARDEAU de la Croix, brother André DARDEAU (the father of Edouard Alphonse Ferdinand DARDEAU and the grandfather of Alexandre DARDEAU).

Two More Generations of the Louisiana DARDEAU Line in France<sup>7</sup>

In 1984, data on two more generations of the Louisiana DARDEAU line were located in the archives of the département of Creuse near France's Massif-Central. These ancestors were the parents and grandparents of Pierre DARDEAU, the husband of Magdelaine GERMAIN. Pierre was born on 1 April 1690 at Sannat (départ. Creuse). He was the oldest child of Léonard DARDEAU (b. ca. 1666), a farm laborer, and Marie BOURRET (BOUDET, BARDET).

Léonard and Marie were also the parents of Anne (b. 8 November 1693; d. 10 July 1697). Léonard had a second marriage at Sannat on 2 May 1698 to Marguerite BELLEGI (d. between 1711 and 1715). Children of the DARDEAU-BELLEGI marriage included:

François, b. 30 April 1699; d. before 1707.  
 Anne, b. 24 April 1701.  
 Marie, b. 27 November 1703; d. before 1711.  
 Jeanne, b. 28 June 1706.  
 François, b. 12 July 1707.  
 Marie, b. 22 July 1711.

Léonard was the son of Annet DARDEAU (b. ca. 1628) and Pasquette RABASSON. Annet was a "cardeur de laine" in the village of Anchaud, commune of Sannat, Diocese of Limoges. He died 18 January 1670 at the age of 42 years. Children of Annet and Pasquette were:

Antoinette, b. 1656.  
 Jeanne, b. 1659.  
 Anne and Catherine (twins), b. 1661.  
 Catherine, b. 1664.  
 Antoinette, b. 1665.  
 Léonard, b. ca. 1666.  
 Françoise, b. 1667.

#### Connection with the Montlouis DARDEAU Line

Even today, DARDEAU is not a common family name in France or in Louisiana. The odds are against the same surname evolving at two separate locations and still maintaining a consistent orthography. Yet, we still have not established a link between the Montlouis DARDEAUS and the ancestors of the Louisiana DARDEAU line. Perhaps additional research into the French archives will yield "notre ancêtre commun."

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2. Edouard Alphonse Ferdinand Dardeau arrived in Louisiana via the port of Bordeaux in February 1831 and became an American citizen on 23 November 1840. (Based on 1958 research notes made by Jacqueline Olivier Vidrine on Edouard's naturalization documents found in the St. Landry Parish Courthouse Archives, Opelousas, La. These papers have since disappeared from the Courthouse.) Edouard's name and the 1840 date of his application for U. S. Citizenship as well as a list of other aliens who filed between 1818 and 1849 are given in Winston DeVillie's "Aliens of St. Landry Parish," Genealogical Register, Vol VI, No. 5 (Oct 1959), p 33. Alexandre, a nephew of Edouard, later settled in Terrebonne Parish, La. (See Note 1, Article b).
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### Book Review

Love's Legacy: The Mobile Marriages Recorded in French, Transcribed, with Annotated Abstracts in English, 1724-1786. By Jacqueline Olivier Vidrine. 1985; Center for Louisiana Studies, University of Southwestern Louisiana, P. O. Box 4-0831, Lafayette, La., 70804. \$20.00. Hard cover. 432 pages, including complete first-name index, together with 15 pages of introduction and preface.

Many of the settlers in French Mobile (1702-1763), or their descendants, later migrated to Louisiana. Many of the French soldiers serving in Mobile or its outlying posts (Fort Toulouse at the Alibamons; Fort Tombecbe in northwestern Alabama) at the time of the surrender of French Alabama to the English in 1763 chose to accept land grants in (then) French Louisiana, rather than to return to France or to remain under the rule of the hated English. A substantial contingent of the French soldiers at the Alibamons, in fact, came to the Opelousas Post. See Brasseaux, "Opelousas and the Alabama Immigrants, 1763-1766," Attakapas Gazette, Vol. 14, No. 3 (Fall, 1979), pp. 112-117.

In the work now reviewed, Jacqueline O. Vidrine, one of Louisiana's premier authoritative genealogists, has made available to researchers the riches of the materials in the colonial Mobile church records that shed light on the family relationships and the place of European origin of many of the Louisiana families that migrated via Mobile. The substance of the work, the Mobile French marriages 1724-1786, is a genuine scholarly contribution to history and genealogy and our understanding of the people who inhabited Mobile during French times and immediately thereafter. The annotations and cross-references are insightful and convey much valuable information about the persons and places. The truly excellent and comprehensive first-name index will make these contents readily available to the many researchers who will find this work an invaluable aide.

In addition to the important substantive content, the work is well written and interesting. The introduction is by itself a brilliant and eloquent essay about early Mobile. Its scholarly discourse conveys not only much historical information but also invaluable historiographic insights about the vocabulary, specialized terms, calligraphy, and orthography of early French archival sources. The most attractive format of the work not only adds to the pleasure in reading, but also, by placing side by side the transcription in French of the original record with the abstract (and annotations) in English, greatly adds to its usefulness both for scholar and for amateur.

The work is a treasury of information for researchers of Southwestern Louisiana families of the colonial Opelousas and Attakapas districts. The marriage records reflect information of parentage, occupation, and European parish of origin, and quite a few relate to Opelousas and Attakapas families.

The work contains, for instance, a transcription of the original marriage record, and its translated abstract in English with annotations, of the following, among others: the marriage (1726) of Louis FONTENOT, progenitor of the FONTENOTs of Louisiana, and that (1747) of his son Philippe (progenitor of the "LaRose" branch of the family), at which appears his father-in-law, Simon BRIGNAC (progenitor of the BRIGNACs of Southwest Louisiana), which is the only surviving record so far discovered of the name of Simon's wife, Marie TURPIN; the marriage (1739) of Gregoire GUILLORY, progenitor of the GUILLORYs of Southwest Louisiana; the marriage (1738) of Claude SYLVESTER, progenitor of the SYLVESTERs of Southwest Louisiana; and the marriage (1726) of Joseph Barbeau dit BOISDORE, grandfather of Antoine BOISDORE, one of the largest

landowners of the Spanish Opelousas district (who through his daughters left many descendants in Southwest Louisiana). Through the superb index can be easily located references to other early settler families, even though they appeared in the documents only as a witness or by reference, such as the references (in 1739 and 1748 documents) to Martin DORE, progenitor of the DOREs of colonial Attakapas, or to Conrad SELHOFF dit CAULET, witness in two 1786 marriages, a brother-in-law of Jean MANUEL, who through his son Pierre MANUEL was the progenitor of the MANUELs of Southwest Louisiana. These instances are just samples of the Southwest Louisiana-related information that can readily surface through use of the work's complete index.

Mrs. Vidrine's work, in short, is yet another scholarly and authoritative work by her that will be invaluable to researchers of the history of the families of the settlers of colonial Louisiana.

—Albert Tate, Jr.

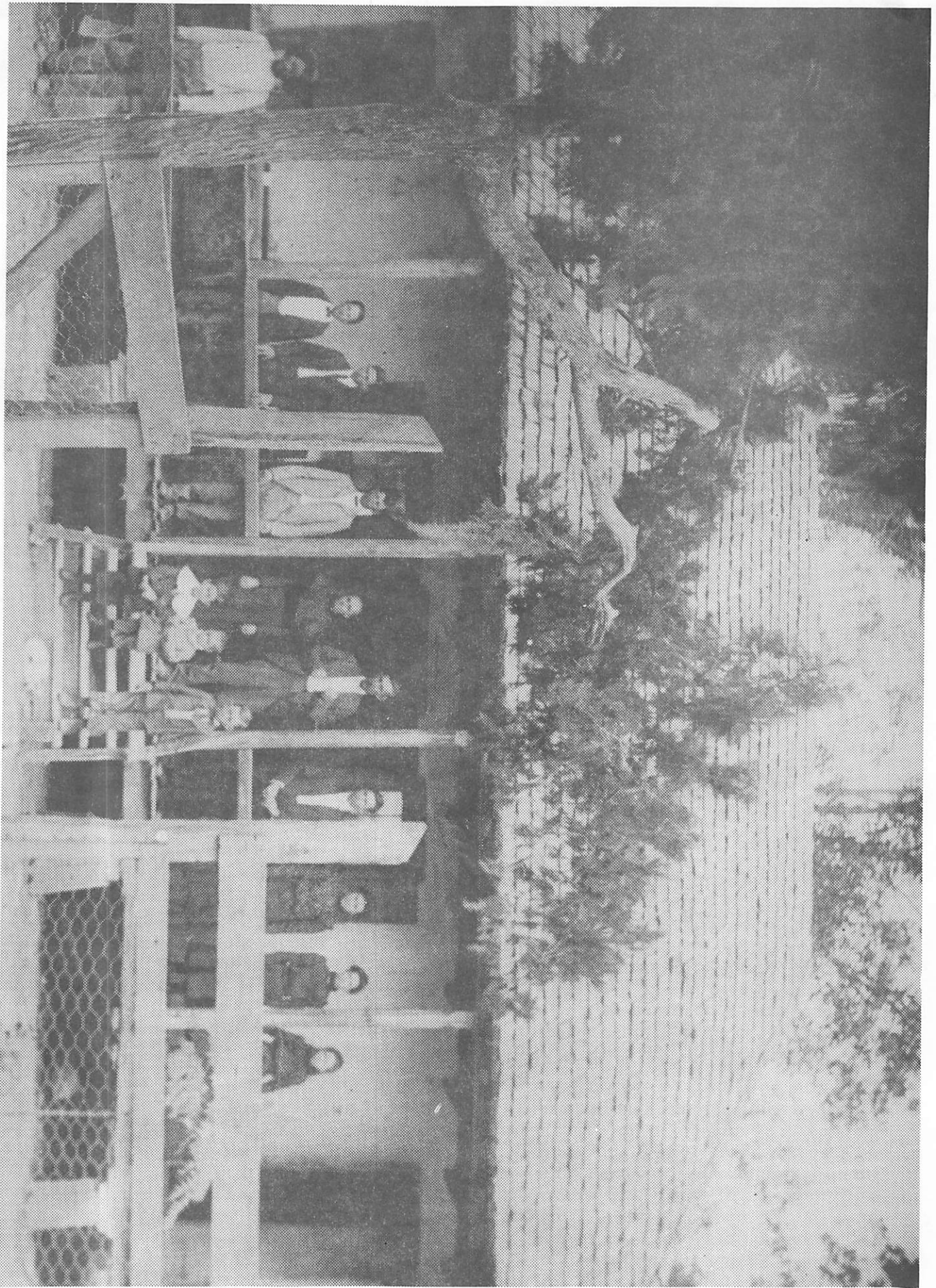
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Sheryl Morace, 4546 Williams Hwy, Grants Pass, OR 97527 requests any information on the MARACE (MARAS, MORASS, MAURASSE, MARACE, MARACE) family who first settled in Avoyelles Parish around 1785. She traces Louis Antoine or Antoine Louis MORASSE and his wife, Suzanne CARMAUCHE to Mansura, La in 1800 with four children: Alesis, Antoine Louis II, Aimee and Villejoint Antoine all baptized at St. Paul's, Mansura. Needs documentation for arrival of Louis' parents, also Louis, and Francoise BRESON.

Lois M. Francois, R#2, Box 492, Eunice, LA 70535 requests information on the parents of Edward (BB) MOREAU, Edward MOREAU, Sr. and Marie HEBERT. Also needs information on Marie Louise VIVARETTE, widow of Jean ORTELON of Illinois, who married Pierre CARRIER, Sr. on 8 Feb 1808

Juanita F. Cline, 4426 Rougon Road, Port Allen, LA 70767 is tracing a Marie PITRE, born ca 1706, married to Jean Baptiste BOURG. She died at sea ca 1758. Is this the same Marie who is listed as daughter of Claude PITRE and Marie COMEAU?

Note from the editor to those with 'Illinois Country' connections. A national publication, "Country Home" published by the Better Homes and Gardens Publishing Group, has included in their August 1985 publication a 13 page article with color pictures on the village of Ste. Genevieve, MO which was mentioned in La Voix des Prairies No. 20. Called "A French Legacy in Middle America" it details what the early ancestors had and did. Tours of the illustrated homes are available every year but with a 250th anniversary celebration this year it could be a good time to visit.



The photo on the facing page shows the Olin Manuel home which was located about three miles South of Ville Platte, taken around 1900, with members of the Manuel family. The home, built in the West Indies style (thought to have been built about the time of the Louisiana Purchase or before) had three central rooms with full porches across the front and back. The corners of the back porch were later enclosed for more living space. In recent years, Dr. Roy Boucvalt purchased the home and moved it to a location called Mintmere Plantation at New Iberia. In a filmed interview with Ethma Odom, KALB-TV, Dr. Boucvalt stated that one of the rooms thus formed was a 'stranger's room' which did not open into the family dwelling. He has renovated this and two other homes on the property ( one is Anti-bellum, the other Cajun) for a bed and breakfast business with all guests coming into the Anti-bellum dining room for breakfast.

His research shows the home to be constructed of mostly cypress, heart pine and tulip poplar with bouzillage filler in the walls and original hardware on the original board and batten shutters and doors throughout. The heavy hewn beam rafters and ceilings have never been painted but retain the 'gros rouge' iron oxide pigment that was used when the structure was built. The floor now in use is 90% original cypress and the home is furnished in early Louisiana pieces up through the Victorian period.

We did not interview Dr. Boucvalt but viewed a video-taped film of interview with Mrs. Odom.

Older family members have memories of a brick factory on the property. Oral history has it that Olin Manuel had purchased the property at the auction of O'Gustan (Augustine?) LaRose Fontenot. The Manuel couple married in 1875 or 76 so the purchase was made since that time.

Additional information on the property and/or the family is welcome. /BW

#### OLIN MANUEL, SR. FAMILY

left to right, a cane cutter known only as Poupon, Arcade Manuel, Valcour Manuel, Aldus Manuel, Leontine M. Manuel(mother) Oline Manuel, Sr. (father) Deusa Manuel, Eugenie Manuel (wife of Deusa) Oline Manuel, Leontine Manuel  
left to right on the steps below, Fernest Manuel, Olin Manuel, Jr. and Arole Manuel

At right: Olin Manuel, Sr. and his wife, Leontine both descend from Jean Manuel and Jeanne LaPerriere, through Jean's son Pierre Manuel and Genevieve Albert.

Many of their descendants are among the membership of this organization. Please send documented lineage for inclusion in future issues.



THE BOISDORE FAMILY OF THE SPANISH OPELOUSAS POST

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The primary subject of this paper is the family of Antoine BOISDORE (b. ca 1738, probably at Mobile, where his parents lived), who came to the Opelousas area before the 1777 census, already married and with children. He was a prominent and wealthy landowner in the Opelousas district. He died there in 1794, leaving ten children, who have many descendants in Southwest Louisiana.

Antoine's father, Joseph BARBAU dit BOISDORE, had come from Canada to French Mobile shortly before 1726, when he married Jeanne Louise BRET. The origins and immediate descendants of Joseph are set forth, based on Canadian, Mobile, and New Orleans records, in Futch, The BOISDORE Family, New Orleans Genesis, Vol. 9, No. 33 (Jan. 1970), pp. 85-88. Further details are found in: Drouin, Dictionnaire National des Canadiens Francais (Montreal, rev. ed. 1979), p. 46; C. Tanguay, Dictionnaire Genealogique des Familles Canadiennes (Quebec, 1975 reprint), Vol. 1, p. 25, and Vol. 2, p. 111; and W. DeVille, Gulf Coast Colonials (Baltimore, 1978), p. 19. From these sources, we know the following:

The progenitor in North America of our BOISDORE family was Joseph's father (Antoine's grandfather), Jean (or Francois-Jean) BARBAU/BARBEAU dit (called) BOISDORE, who was born in 1666 at St. Vivien de Pons, of the diocese of Saintes in the ancient Province of Saintonge, France. (Saintonge was on the west coast of France just below LaRoche, and Saintes is in the present-day French Department of Charente Maritime.) Jean was the son of Pierre and Madeleine BABIN. Jean BARBEAU dit BOISDORE came to Canada as a soldier shortly before 1686, when at Boucherville in Quebec he married Marie (Marie Jeanne) DE NOYON, daughter of Jean DE NOYON and Marie CHAUVIN. (In Mobile and Louisiana records she is sometimes referred to as a DE PAYAN.) The couple had thirteen children shown as baptized in Canadian records. The father, Jean, died in 1714 at Montreal.

Jean's eighth child, Joseph BARBAU dit BOISDORE, born in Quebec in 1700, came to Mobile by 1726, there when he married Marie (Jeanne) Louise BRET/BRETTE, daughter of Louis and Elizabeth ROY. Joseph was a master tailor. The couple had eight known children between 1727 and 1739. Baptismal records of six of them are at the Mobile church, as well as the funeral record of Jeanne BRET in May, 1747. (From the witnesses at Joseph's marriage and the godparents, it is possible that two of his brothers also came to Mobile, although they were denoted as Etienne du BARBEAU and Louis BOURBOY, variants of the family name, without the BOISDORE dit name appended.)

Of these children, our primary interest is in Jean Antoine BARBAU dit BOISDORE, known as Antoine BOISDORE in most subsequent records. (Although his baptismal record has not been located, he is shown as age 39 on the 1777 Opelousas census, which indicates a birth date of ca 1738.) Although the father remained the King's master tailor in Mobile, the sons seem to have moved to New Orleans at some date after the mother's 1747 death in Mobile. Records of that city note subsequent family events, including the second marriage in October 1747 (in Mobile) of the father Joseph to Marguerite COLON, widow of Francois SIANON (no children known to be of this marriage), and the marriages in 1749 of the oldest child, Joseph BOISDORE, b. 1727, in Mobile to Marie Jean DESLANDES, and of another son, Louis BOISDORE, b. 1731, to Marie DOUCEIN. These two BOISDORE sons, Joseph and Louis, the latter a physician, remained in New Orleans, where records reflect their children's marriages and other family events.

Antoine BOISDORÉ, the Opelousas progenitor, married Francoise VEILLON (daughter of Jean Baptiste and Francoise AUBERT) in New Orleans in 1762. See marriage contract, Louisiana Historical Quarterly, Vol. 23, No. 3 (July 1940), p. 907. The couple moved to the Opelousas Post at some time before the 1777 census, on which they appear with six children identified by name and age. J. K. Voorhies, Some Late Eighteenth Century Louisianians (Lafayette, 1973), p. 289. The couple had at least ten children, one boy and nine girls, the first five or six of whom were born in New Orleans. The daughters who survived to adulthood married and have many descendants in the Opelousas and Southwest Louisiana area.

From the 1777 census and the following sources, without specific documentation, will be summarized the information about the children to be shown: D. J. Hebert, Southwest Louisiana Records, 31 volumes, (Eunice, La., 1974 and following) (especially Volumes 1 and 2); G. Devillier, The Opelousas Post (Cottonport, La., 1972); the Futch article, previously cited; Vidrine, Notes on AUBERT and VEILLON, Arranged Chronologically, New Orleans Genesis, Vol. 9, No. 3 (June 1970), pp. 293-96. The information about Antoine BOISDORÉ's children, as there reflected, is as follows:

1. Joseph, b. 1764, btz. 1765 New Orleans, m. (1) 1790 to Marie Marguerite LaCOUR (JEAN BAPTISTE & Marianne LEONARD), in Pointe Coupee Parish, where at least two children of the couple (Joseph, b. 1790; and Marguerite, b. 1795) were baptized. Diocese of Baton Rouge Church Records, Vol. 2— 1770-1803 (Baton Rouge, 1980), p. 103. (That source also reflects the marriage in 1801 in Pointe Coupee of Valery BOISDORÉ (the son of Antoine's brother LOUIS & Marie TOUSSAI/DOUCEIN) to Heloise BARRON (George & Marianne LA COUR), and the baptisms of two of their children.) Joseph remarried (2) 1800 Julie RICHE, but no children are known to have been born of this marriage before Joseph's death in 1819 in Pointe Coupee. Antoine's BOISDORÉ descendants (none of whom are in the Opelousas area) stem from Joseph, his only known son.

2. Marie Euphrosine, b. ca 1767 New Orleans, m. 1786 Francoise GREVEMBERG (Jean Baptiste & Arsene JUDICE) in the St. Martinville church, in which area they have many descendants. (Note: In the St. Martin area, a Charles BOISDORÉ married Marie Louise Josephine LE MELLE in 1829 and has descendants there. Charles was a son of a Louis BOISDORÉ, believed to be the brother of Antoine.)

3. Genevieve Celeste, b. 1769 New Orleans, m. 1790 Jean Henri LASTRAPES, native of Castelrondarry in Languedoc Province, France (Bartholome & Laureza VERNEDE) at the St. Landry Church in Opelousas, with many LASTRAPES and other descendants in the Opelousas area.

4. Louise (Louison), b. 1771, New Orleans, m. (1) 1796 Jean Baptiste PEYTAVIN (Henri Francois & Antoinette RIGOLET) (born in St. Martin de Castillon diocese d'apt in Provence, France), in the Opelousas church, and (2) 1807 William Constant DE MARGUILLE in St. Martinville church. She died in 1811. Some PEYTAVIN children were baptized and married in Opelousas. It is believed that they may have gone to the St. James-Ascension Parish areas.

5. Madeleine Felicite, b. 1774, New Orleans, m. 1791 Bartholomew DEJEAN (Bartholomew & Ana GILET) (born in Archdiocese of Toulouse in the Province of Languedoc, France), in the Opelousas church, by whom she has many DEJEAN and other descendants in Southwest Louisiana.

6. Mannette, b. 1776 probably in New Orleans, d. 1793 in Opelousas.

7. Hyacinthe, b. 1777 Opelousas, m. 1803 Jean Pierre TAURIAC (Jean Pierre & Marie Anne DE LA MORANDIERE) (born in Opelousas in 1781) in the Opelousas church, where several of their children are baptized and married, who have PRUDHOMME, ANDRUS, and other descendants.

8. Eugenie, b. 1780 Opelousas, no now-known further trace.

9. Marie Eulalie, b. 1782, Opelousas, no now-known further trace.

10. Henrietta, b. 1786 Opelousas, no now-known further trace.

(The last two, at least, may have died young. The widow BOISDORÉ's household in the 1796 Opelousas census, Voorhies, above-cited, p. 345, shows as members of her household only two females, both aged 15 or over.)

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#### Research Notes: THE SOILEAU AND FUSELIER FAMILIES

From the earliest days of settlement, the SOILEAU and FUSELIER families have been prominent in the affairs of the Opelousas Post area. Both are among the early colonial families with most numerous descendants in Southwest Louisiana. For SOILEAU researchers, an excellently documented and authoritative three-part article by Mrs. Jacqueline O. Vidrine will furnish all essential particulars as to the first three generations. The article also clarifies the children of another prominent early settler, Gabriel FUSELIER de la CLAIRE (married to a SOILEAU daughter), a commandant of the Post, who has numerous descendants in this area.

Mrs. Vidrine's article, entitled "The Family of Noel Soileau," is published in Volume 16 of the Attakapas Gazette at (part 1) No. 1 (Spring 1981), pp.29-31, (part 2) No. 2 (Summer 1981), pp. 80-83, and (part 3) No. 3 (Fall 1981), pp.124-125. Part 1 concerns Noel SOILEAU, who came to French Louisiana in 1719 and served as an official at Natchez and other posts until his death in 1754; it tells of his children and their marriages, many of whom later came to the Opelousas area, including Jean-Baptiste SOILEAU, b. 1752, m. Marianne VIDRINE, who left descendants. Part 2 is devoted to Noel SOILEAU, Jr., b. 1745, who married Angelique FONTENOT (Pierre FONTENOT dit Bellvue & Louise DOUCET) in Opelousas in 1771, and lists his children and their spouses. Part 3 is devoted to the children of Helene SOILEAU, b. 1754, and Gabriel FUSELIER de la CLAIRE, and their marriages. For further data on FUSELIER, see also: Builliard and Davis, "1774 Census of Attakapas," published in W. DeVille, Marriage Contracts of the Attakapas Post (St. Martinville, 1966), at pp.37-38; and R.B.L. Ardoin, Notes genealogique sur les familles Fuselier et Dubuisson (Puteaux, France, 1982)— a comprehensive research report on French records of Gabriel FUSELIER's family, detailing its history back to 1621. — AT,Jr.

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#### WILL OF PIERRE MANUEL, NEW ORLEANS, 1775

In La Voix, No. 21 (1985) pp.23-26, was published "The Early MANUEL Family of the Spanish Opelousas Post Area," describing the arrival and descendants in the area of Pierre MANUEL. Since publication, a will of Pierre MANUEL ("Pedro Manuel"), dated February 15, 1776, has been found in the Notarial Archives of the City of New Orleans. Notary ALMONASTER, vol. 75, folios 79-82. In that will, Pierre describes himself as single, the son of Pedro (sic) MANUEL and Juana LAPERRIERE, both deceased. Pierre leaves his estate to his sister Magdalena, which he describes (translated from the Spanish) as his share of the estate bequeathed to him by his parents, being his share "in a small house located on St. Peter Street (New Orleans)." — AT,Jr.

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Identification of tombs in old cemetery South of Chataignier, LA, behind the Olivier Ardoin Estate: (diagram of cemetery on page 59)  
submitted by Cynthia Brown Leger, Route # 1, Box 19, Eunice, LA 70535

1. Eleanor Young Manuel (Brick tomb), daughter of Eulice Young and Alicia Bertrand. She married Goldman Manuel.
2. Marie Young McGee (concrete tomb), daughter of Eulice Young and Alicia Bertrand. She married Dennis McGee.
3. Dolia Young (baby tomb), daughter of Eulice Young and Alicia Bertrand.
4. Eulice Young, son of Henry Young, Jr. and Mary Hickman. He married Alicia Bertrand.
5. Alicia Bertrand Young, daughter of Iris Billeaudeau and Louis Bertrand.
6. Harrison Darbonne, son of Media Bertrand and Ernest Darbonne. Media was the daughter of Iris Billeaudeau and Louis Bertrand. Ernest (Arnes) Darbonne was the son of Loucille Cortez and Clofile Darbonne.
7. Louis Bertrand, married Iris Billeaudeau (daughter of Francois Billeaudeau and Azelia (Edvise) Jeansonne).
8. Iris Billeaudeau Bertrand (born Dec 18, 1856, V.P. Church record) married Louis Bertrand. (Iris could be #7 and Louis #8)
9. Clayton Guillory (born Feb 6, 1891; died Nov 14, 1967), son of Theophile Guillory and his second wife, Marie Roy. Clayton married Onezia (Nasia) Fontenot.
10. Onezia Fontenot (born Sep 1, 1896; died Oct 29, 1927 or 1937) She was the daughter of Adoil Fontenot (born Feb 10, 1869; died May 1, 1953) and Mary Young (born Aug 8, 1871; died Mar 6, 1966). Onezia Fontenot married Clayton Guillory.
11. Joseph Guillory (born Mar 26, 1922; died Jan 23, 1959), son of Clayton Guillory and Onezia Fontenot. (tomb has inscription: Louisiana; AS USNR (Able Seaman United States Naval Reserve) World War II
12. Baby boy, son of Claya Guillory (daughter of Theophil Guillory and Marie Roy) and Aday Fontenot.
13. through 16. Three baby boys and one baby girl. Children of Clayton Guillory and Onezia Fontenot Guillory.
17. Mary Gail (Gayle) Guillory, baby girl of (Rena) Kathryn Manuel (daughter of Thomas Manuel and Mathilde Fontenot) and Charles (Charlie) Guillory (son of Theophile Guillory and Marie Roy)
18. Odile Guillory Billeaudeau (born 1843; died Feb 13, 1890), daughter of Jean Baptiste Guillory and Zelonaie Ardoin. Odile married Methridate Billeaudeau.
19. Methridate Billeaudeau (born March 28, 1848 on stone, October 31, 1948 is Opelousas Church Record) died July 16, 1923) son of Francois Billeaudeau and Azelia (Edvise) Jeansonne. Methridate married Odile Guillory.
20. Hubert Billeaudeau, (born July 3, 1878; died December 15, 1900) son of Methridate Billeaudeau and Odile Guillory. He married Anna Quinelty.
21. Noah Guillory, baby son of Theophile Guillory and Marie Ortego.
22. Theophile Guillory, son of Jean Baptiste Guillory and Zelonaie Ardoin. He had married, first, Marie Ortego and, second, Marie Roy.
23. Marie Roy, second wife of Theophile Guillory.
24. Marie Ortego, first wife of Theophile Guillory. Tomb is surrounded by iron fence
25. through 27. These three graves are unknown but could possibly be Theodule Guillory and his wife Aurore Manuel and one of their sons, Ursan (Arson) Guillory. Theodule was the son of Jean Baptiste Guillory and Zelonaie Ardoin.
28. Arnold Guillory, son of Theodule Guillory and Aurore Manuel. Arnold married Oledia Fontenot (born Nov 23, 1879; died Dec 27, 1952), daughter of Olide Fontenot and Melane Young.

29. Archade Guillory, son of Theodule Guillory and Aurore Manuel.
30. Olide Fontenot, Jr. (born Mar 4, 1874 according to Fr. Hebert's book) son of Olide Fontenot and Melane Young. Olide, Junior, married Marice Guillory (daughter of Theodule Guillory and Aurore Manuel)
31. Effie Tate (small brick tomb that has been opened) infant daughter of Marice Guillory and second husband, Ferdinand Tate. Her body was moved to St. Paul's Cemetery, Eunice.
32. Large tomb that has been opened. Possibly Emma Guillory, first wife of Ferdinand Tate. She was moved to the Ville Platte cemetery. Or possibly Aurore Guillory (daughter of Arnold Guillory and Oledia Fontenot) according to her son, Edless Manuel, of Opelousas.
33. Homer Guillory, son of Theodule Guillory and Aurore Manuel. Homer married Liza (Lizy) Manuel, daughter of Lastie Manuel and Louise Young.
34. Climax Guillory, son of Homer Guillory and Lizy (Liza) Manuel.

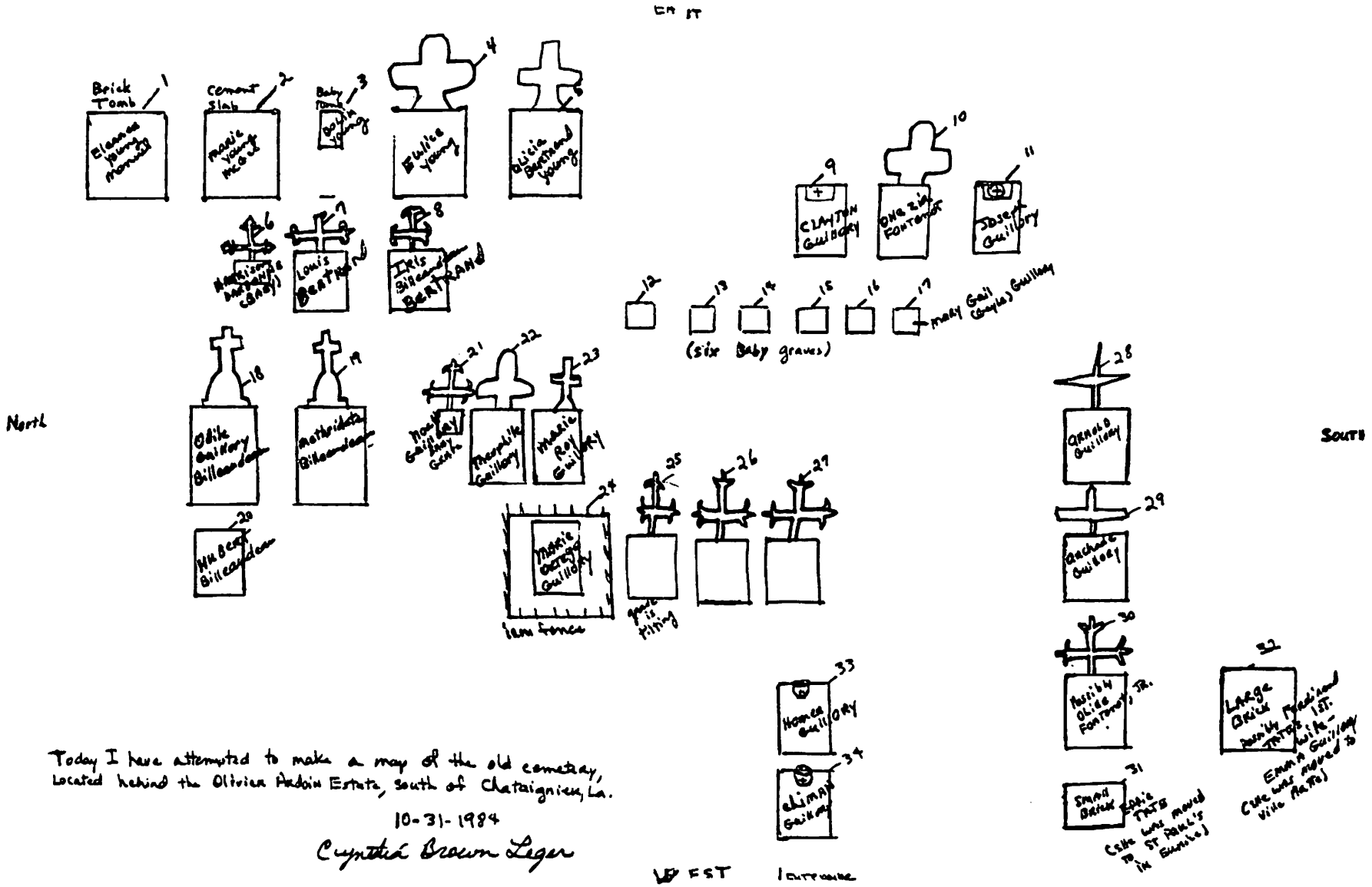
I have collected old pictures of many of these people and would like to copy pictures that readers may have. - Cynthia Brown Leger (daughter of Linzay Brown and Merzie Billeaudeau)

Sources: 1. through 5. Hattie Young Lejeune, daughter of Eulice Young and Alicia Bertrand. Hattie married Steve LeJeune.  
 6. Evas Darbonne, son of Media Bertrand and Ernest Darbonne.  
 7. through 8. Mae Bertrand Thibodeaux, daughter of Adam Bertrand (son of Louis Bertrand and Iris Billeaudeau) and Octave Fontenot.  
 9. through 11. (Rena) Kathryn Guillory, wife of Charles Guillory and from stone.  
 12. through 17. (Rena) Kathryn Guillory (daughter of Thomas Manuel and Mathilde Fontenot)  
 18. through 19. From tombstones. My grandfather's (Euger Billeaudeau) parents.  
 20. From tombstones. Hubert Billeaudeau was Euger Billeaudeau's brother.  
 21. Hillery Ardoin, son of Agna Guillory and Olivier Ardoin.  
 22. through 23. Hillery Ardoin and (Rena) Kathryn Manuel Guillory.  
 24. Hillery Ardoin.  
 25. through 27. Fredrick Guillory, son of Homer Guillory and Liza (Lizy) Manuel.  
 28. through 32. Essie Fontenot Andrus, daughter of Olide Fontenot, Jr. and Marice Guillory.  
 33. through 34. Mafie Guillory Brown, daughter of Homer Guillory and Liza Manuel. Mafie married Agnes Brown.

#### BIRTHPLACE OF PIERRE MANUEL: New Orleans, 1752.

In La Voix, No. 21 (1985), pp. 23-26, was published "The Early MANUEL Family of the Spanish Opelousas Post Area." That paper described the arrival in this area of Pierre MANUEL, progenitor of the MANUELS of Southwest Louisiana, but it was unable to verify the oral history that the first MANUEL had been born in Mexico.

Since its publication, the original record has been examined of Pierre's marriage 25 Nov. 1778 to Genevieve ALBERT, St. John the Baptist Church, Edgard, La., Vol. 1, page 10-B. That record describes Pierre as (translated from the French) "a native of New Orleans," the son of Jean MANUEL and of Jeanne LA PERRIERE. At Vol. II, p. 260, of the baptismal records of the St. Louis Cathedral, New Orleans, is contained the registration of the baptism on 13 July 1752 of Pierre Joseph MANUEL, born 25 June, 1752, to Jean MANUEL, resident of New Orleans, and Jeanne LAPARRIERE. The godparents were Pierre BREMENTIER, sergeant, and Marie Marguerite JOSEPH.—AT, Jr.



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Martha Young, R#1, Box 230-L, Atlanta, TX 75551 needs information on Julian YOUNG b. ca 1808 LA and Eliza b. 1821. Their children - Jefferson, Emilie, Stephen, Serena, Susanna, Austin, Oscar, Julian and Ezra - all b. LA (St. Landry or Calcasieu Parish) She can help others with the Austin YOUNG family.

Sally Patin, 11845 Newsom Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70811 is interested in exchanging information on family of Alexander MORRISON (probably James Alexander MORRISON) m. Mary CAMPBELL probably Mecklinburg, N.C. Two children John Campbell MORRISON b. 20 March 1814 and Alexander MORRISON b. 17 June 1816 in Amite Co. MS. He married Elizabeth Alice FERGUSON (dau. of James FERGUSON of Chicot area) and died 2 Aug 1843 at Bayou Chicot, LA. Interested in grave and homeplace and sugar mill (?). Four children: John Campbell MORRISON b 23 Sep 1846 d 9 Aug 1909 m Sophia MILBURN; Alexander Winfrey MORRISON b 21 Oct 1851 d 18 May 1896 m Minnie Viola HARRELL (dau Levi HARRELL and Octavia FAUST, lived near Eola or Golddust; Ella Florence MORRISON never married; Lewis Edward MORRISON never married.

Caroline Fontenot, R#2, Box 105, Jennings, LA 70546 looking for information on Bernadine SCHMIT (SCHMITZ, SMITH) common-law-wife of Dr. Hergert Eastin (H.E.) MARTIN. Following his death M#1 Alfred REED, divorced, M#2 Percy LIVINGSTON. Also need parents of both Richard EASTIN married Sara STUD/STEED possibly having resided in Louisville, KY.

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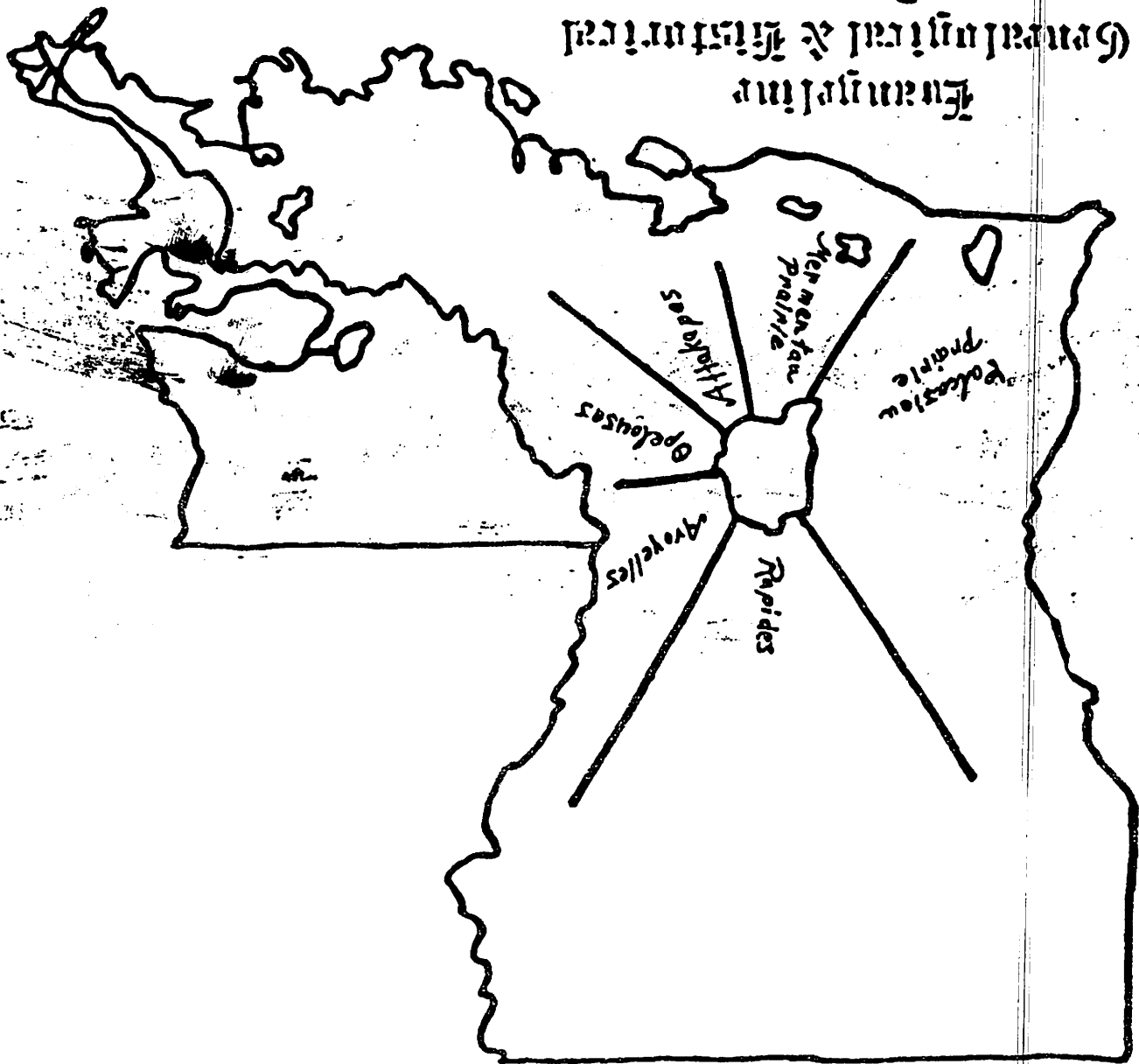
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UNITY WEST OF THE SPANISH COLONIAL AND  
AMERICAN ATTAKAPAS-OPELOUSAS AREA:  
Her Family, Husbands, Children, and Neighbors

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Introduction

The following paper is based on Louisiana records concerning UNITY WEST. She came from North Carolina as a young girl to the Attakapas region of Louisiana before 1779. She died in St. Landry Parish, probably at some time after the 1840 census, in which she has been tentatively identified as the female in age group 80-90 living in her son LEVY's household. (Bracketing her ages as shown in the 1785 Spanish and 1810 American censuses of the Opelousas area, she would have been born 1765-1770, a little later than the birth date reflected by the 1840 census.) She married JOHN REED in the British West Florida or Spanish New Iberia area before 1781 and, following his death, JAMES CAMPBELL in 1792 in the Spanish Opelousas District. At least three known children were born of the REED marriage (and possibly more; see Note 1 following text), and eight children of the CAMPBELL marriage, and UNITY's descendants are numbered in the thousands, primarily in Southwest Louisiana but also throughout the state and Texas.

UNITY was the daughter of NATHANIEL WEST of North Carolina, who was married first to MARY SELLERS and, after her death, to SARAH BONN. SARAH married a THOMAS SMILEY after NATHANIEL's death, and UNITY's Louisiana story opens with the probate of SARAH's will in New Iberia in 1781, which provided for the children of NATHANIEL WEST by both his marriages. (Following the text, Note 2 will furnish more information about the WEST-SELLERS-BONN background of UNITY's family, and Note 3 will concern the CAMPBELL family background. Abbreviations for cited works will include: ASP—American State Papers: Public Lands (Gales and Seaton ed. 1934), 8 volumes; and SWL-R—D. J. Hebert, Southwest Louisiana Records (Eunice, La., 1974 and following), 31 volumes. The abbreviations Opel.Ch. and St.M.Ch. will respectively refer to the St. Landry Catholic Church in Opelousas and the St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church in St. Martinville. Note: In La Voix, Vol. 5, No. 18 (July 1984), pp.49-52, is published an article principally concerning the descendants of NATHANIEL WEST (Jr.), UNITY's brother: West, "A West Family Line.")

The 1781 Estate of SARAH BONN, New Iberia

UNITY WEST, already married to JOHN REED, was living in the Spanish Attakapas district when her step-mother, SARAH BONN WEST SMILEY, died at her home on the 2nd of January 1781. How long they had been there is not known. New Iberia had been settled by the Spanish in early 1779, at which time only a few French settlers were nearby. G. Conrad, New Iberia (Lafayette, La., 1979) 5-7, although the 1779 documentation also reveals a few Anglo settlers (THOMAS BEARD, JOHN ABSHIRE, and THOMAS BERWICK are named) in the area, M. Bergerie, They Tasted Bayou Water (New Iberia, La., 1980 ed.) 144, 147. See Note 4. The 1778 census shows the New Iberia District as having a population of 190, served by priests from St. Martinville. SWL-R, v.1, p.429. However, we find little mention in church records of the largely Protestant English until several years later, despite Spanish regulations requiring the registration of marriages and births of all inhabitants.

Based on SARAH BONN's 1781 probate, until recently it was believed that UNITY WEST had only four minor brothers. This St. Martin Parish court record, found at Original Acts, Book 2, folio 48, and translated from the French, provides:

WEST— Minors and their different tutors. Settlement.

Today—29th of the month of February 1781, before me Sieur FORSTALL perpetual Regidor of the Province of Louisiana and Commandant for the King of the village of New Iberia, do present the Sieurs EPHRIAM THORNELL, JOHN REED, JACQUES ANDRE, residents of the Attakapas, in conformity with the last will of the widow of SARAH SMILIE does charge them to deliver to the children when they reach the age of majority each 82 piastres [dollars], the sum due them.

Bondsman: Sieur EPHRIAM THORNELL for the share of the minor CREED WEST and the other of the Sieur JOHN REED; Sieur JOHN REED bondsman, for the minor named JOHN WEST and the other named NATHANIEL WEST; Sieur JACQUES ANDRE, bondsman, for the minor named JOEL WEST.

Then, about ten years ago, the entire SARAH BONN Succession was located in the St. Martin Parish Court House, and an attempt was made at translation of the 13 or more brittle, blotted, and blurred pages. It was found that NATHANIEL WEST had been dead for several years, that SARAH BONN was his widow, and that she was at the time of her death married to THOMAS SMILEY, facts not revealed in the settlement. It was also discovered there were two other WEST minors who were dealt with separately, for reasons not explained in the legible pages. JOSEPH and THOMAS ANDREWS were appointed tutors for JOEL (as transcribed) and LOUISIDE, and provision was made for the shares of these two— seemingly a second settlement for JOEL. Then, on the 26th of December 1781 Sieur JOHN REED consented to take charge of them. He was to board, to clothe, and to take care of them.

Throughout the SARAH BONN Succession the minors were all referred to as the children of SARAH BONN. From other sources we know, however, that CREED WEST was a child of NATHANIEL's first marriage to MARY SELLERS— the eldest son of that marriage. One of the other boys listed may also have been a child of that union.

The documents seems to show that JOEL WEST was paid twice, and that UNITY WEST had only four brothers. However, as the Opelousas St. Landry church records show, there was both a JOEL and NOEL, and JOEL was thus not paid twice. NOEL WEST (son of NEGENER (NATHAN) and SARA— (both) English), is shown as dying 10 September 1789 (Opel.Ch. v.1, p. 12). On the other hand, JOEL was alive in 1801 as a godparent for JAMES CAMPBELL, a child of UNITY's second marriage; alive in 1808 as a godparent for his namesake JOEL, a son of NATHANIEL, JR; alive in 1822, when he gave bond for his namesake when he married MARTHA NETTLES, daughter of Reverend ISHAM NETTLES; and alive up until 1838 when he died at the age of 66 (Grand Coteau Church Records vol.1, p.48; also Succ. #880, St. Landry Parish Clerk of Court). Nothing is said in the BONN succession about twins, but we do know from later WEST records that JOEL, LOUISIDE, and NATHANIEL, JR., were all born between 1772 and 1776. NOEL's age was not given in the translations of the death entry; he may well have been a twin.

It will be noted that THORNELL and several ANDREWS were appointed as tutors or bondsmen for the WEST minors. They were certainly friends and neighbors of the WESTS; whether they were also kinsmen has not been established at this time. Two underlying facts are known: the WESTS, THORNELLS, and ANDREWS had been living in North Carolina before coming to British West Florida; and most of them came there at about the same time, 1772-1773. THORNELL applied 22nd April 1776 for a British grant of 100 acres on Second Creek, stating he had been in the province since 1773. At the time of SARAH BONN's death he was married to MARY HAYES. She was the daughter of WILLIAM HAYES and SARAH BOSMAN, who on the 21st of July 1773 had applied for land on Coles Creek. HAYES had a wife and six children at that time.

JAMES ANDREWS (JACQUES ANDRE) was married to LUCY HAYES, another daughter of WILLIAM HAYES and SARAH BOSMAN. JOSEPH ANDREWS was his brother as was probably the last tutor, THOMAS ANDREWS. They were sons of BENJAMIN ANDREWS and MARY HARTGRAVE (spelling varies) who had applied for in 1776 and were granted land between the Amite and Mississippi Rivers. After the death of THORNELL, JOSEPH ANDREWS married THORNELL's widow, MARY HAYES. (See Louisiana Genealogical Register, Vols. XVIII No.4, Dec. 1971 through No.1 March 1973 for the British West Florida Land Petitions abstracted, by Mary A. Peterson.)

No estate settlement has been found for MARY SELLERS. One reference to her is as MARY EUNS SELLERS (which could be MARY UNITY SELLERS.) She was alive at least up until 1768 or 1769, judging by her son CREED's birthdate in 1765 (see below); it is possible that she died back in the Carolinas. No record has been found of NATHANIEL's marriage to SARAH BONN. Some descendants of NATHANIEL, Jr., contend that he was the youngest child, born in 1776. If this is correct, then NATHANIEL, Sr. must have died about that time, as it was clearly stated in the St. Martin BONN estate proceedings that he had been dead several years before the 2nd of January 1781.

No record has been found of a British land grant to NATHANIEL WEST. He had been dead those several years before an inventory was taken in 1781 in the SARAH BONN estate of the property to which his children were entitled, apparently as inherited from him. This inventory, found in the St. Martin Parish court records, Original Acts, Book 2, folio 46, provides (translated from the French, insofar as legible and with omission):

Today two of February seventeen hundred eighty one, we NICOLAS FORSTALL, perpetual Register of the Province of Louisiana and commandant for the King of New Iberia, informed of the death of Dame SARE SMILIE, tutrix of the minor children, having gone to her domicile in order to make there an inventory of the movables and effects belonging to the said succession in the presence of Sieurs ARAGAN and CARD and having found there the Sieurs COTABLE (COURTABLEUX?) and BERRIE (BERWICK?) named them to serve as appraisers of said goods; they, having been sworn, did proceed to the said general inventory and appraisal, as follows:

Firstly, we have been shown by the stepfather of the said minors three cows estimated to have the value of forty piastres (\$40.00);

- Item— two calves of a year and a bull of eighteen months, valued at eighteen piastres (\$18.00)
- Item— a horse of midling condition valued at twenty piastres (\$20.00)
- Item— a grindstone, four copper (pots), and a teapot with fire-irons, valued at twenty-one piastres (\$20.00)
- Item— ten pounds of wool, three hundred and four - - - - (illegible) - - - - (illegible)

- Item— Two cow-hides, a hammer, and a wooden bale of sugar, valued at seven piastres (\$7.00)
- Item— a tract of sixteen arpents, a - - - - -, a garden, a house, and a corn-mill (feed-mill?), valued at one hundred twenty piastres (\$120.00)
- Item— a looking-glass, two caskets, and a little cask, valued at three piastres (\$3.00)
- Item— two woods (wood-piles) to use in the house or the — (illegible) and a storehouse, valued at seventeen piastres (\$17.00)
- Item— ——— scrapiron in bad condition, valued at one piastre and four sous (cents) \$1.04)
- Item— a large trunk and three boxes of ——— valued at eight piastres (\$8.00)
- Item— A Negro named Phillip age of 25 years valued at four hundred fifty piastres (\$450.00)

Totalling to the sum of seven hundred ten piastres (\$710.00)

Inventory by the declaration of Monsieur SMILIE, step-father of the minors, whom we have named guardian of said goods, in the presence of the witnesses and the appraisers.

#### WESTs and their CALLAGHAN and RUSS connections

Four or five years after SARAH BONN's death, JOHN REED, and his wife UNITY WEST, their sons SAMUEL, born 1784 (based on the age he gave in the 1850 census) and JOHN born 1785 (estimated from the 1810 and 1820 censuses), and all of the WEST minors who were still minors moved from Spanish Attakapas to the Spanish Opelousas Post, where they settled in the Bayou Chicot District on, it is believed, Mamou Prairie. They could have moved after the 1785 Spanish census of the Attakapas (in which they appeared), but before the 2nd of September 1785, when an agreement in Opelousas between JOHN REED and DANIEL CALLAGHAN placed JOEL WEST in CALLAGHAN's care. Apparently JOEL was then in JOHN REED's charge. This apprenticeship was for a period of nine years to learn the trade of weaver. At the end of this time the eleven year old boy was to receive from his teacher a complete set of clothing, a spinning wheel and wool suitable for the trade. See Opelousas Colonial Documents, September 2, 1785, Louisiana p.123, State Archives, Baton Rouge; and see also W. Deville's Opelousas (Cottonport, La. 1973).

CALLAGHAN, who had lived in Kentucky before coming into the province, was at that time married to CATHERINE WEST and living in the Opelousas Bellevue District, where by 1791 he was manufacturing shoes. In March of that year he had ordered sixty calf or deer skins in order to have plenty of leather for his trade. One of the men who was hired to tan the skins was told to do so "as perfectly as in Philadelphia." See W. Deville's Opelousas, *supra*, p.97. CALLAGHAN acquired and sold land rapidly and was involved in much litigation strung from Natchez to Opelousas to New Orleans.

We do not know the relationship of his wife, CATHERINE WEST, to UNITY and the WEST minors. Her children were the same age as UNITY's older children. She and CALLAGHAN were godparents in 1790 when CREED's son LOUIS was born, and CALLAGHAN was one of the three witnesses at UNITY's second marriage in 1792 to JAMES CAMPBELL. CATHERINE may have been a child of NATHANIEL's first marriage to MARY SELLERS, although some researchers contend that she was NATHANIEL Sr.'s sister. In proceedings before the Opelousas Commandant, CALLAGHAN was judicially separated from her on 6 May 1795. LSU Department of Archives, Opelousas #6.

In 1801, CATHERINE's death was shown in a record of the Opelousas St. Landry Catholic Church, as follows:

In the Church parish of St. Landry of the Post of Opelousas, Proving and Bishopric of Louisiana. On Tuesday, March 10th of this present year 1801, I, Fr. PEDRO de ZAMORA, priest of said post, having buried with the ceremonies of the church the body of CATHALIA OUEST whom I have baptised as she was dying (she had not been baptised in the Quaker sect) and administered Extreme Unction. I have signed this same day, month and year. PEDRO de ZAMORA.

When UNITY and JOHN REED came to the Opelousas Post ca 1785, CREED WEST (UNITY's brother) was living there, where some of his children had been baptized. In a deposition of 21 Nov. 1812, in connection with a land claim by DANIEL CALLAGHAN, CREED WEST stated he was "aged forty-seven years"— i.e., born ca 1765. ASP, Vol.3, p. 125. By the 22nd of August 1793 he had moved to the Thompsons' Creek area near Baton Rouge, where two daughters born at Opelousas, WINIFRED and CATHERINE, were baptised, and where his marriage was recorded at St. Josephs Cathedral in 1801. Translated from the Spanish:

This day the 20th of April 1801, I, Fr. JUAN de LEMON, cura of Baton Rouge, assisted to a marriage contract between CREED WEST, native of North Carolina, eldest son of NATHANIEL WEST and MARY SELLERS, and MARIE LEJEUNE of this place, daughter of ANTHONIO LEJEUNE and MARGUERITE DULAT. Witnesses: JOHN BOSSLER and WILLIAM BIGGS.

BOSSLER and BIGGS were both natives of Pennsylvania and sons-in-law of WINIFRED WEST RUSS HILLEN, who herself was either a daughter of the first marriage of NATHANIEL, Sr. or his sister. One reference says she was WINIFRED CREED WEST, suggesting that perhaps she was the daughter of an elder CREED WEST. By 1775 WINIFRED was married to WILLIAM RUSS and had a daughter SOPHIA. In the 1782 Baton Rouge census, RUSS's occupation is given as a shoemaker, and both he and WINIFRED are said to be natives of South Carolina. He was a son of HEZEKIAH RUSS and REBECCA ELEVE, who had petitioned on the 22nd of July 1772 for a British grant of 1000 acres on Thompsons' Creek, west side. HEZEKIAH brought with him his wife, twelve children, and four slaves. By 1782 only six of those children were still in his household. The WILLIAM RUSS-WEST marriage most probably took place in the Thompsons' Creek area.

WILLIAM RUSS died on the 31st of January 1792, leaving WINIFRED with six children and pregnant. That same year she married a neighbor, JAMES HILLEN, whose wife JANE STALNEY had died in 1789 leaving with him seven children. HILLEN and WINIFRED had at least one child, WINIFRED HILLEN, born 21st of March 1797, baptised at St. Joseph's in Baton Rouge. Much information has been abstracted from Louisiana's Spanish West Florida records by Elizabeth Becker Gianelloni and published in the Louisiana Genealogical Register, among which is the WILLIAM RUSS Sucession in Vol. XIX, No. 1 March 1972. The RUSS home was one-fourth mile above the fort; HILLEN's one-half league above the fort. After the marriage WINIFRED sold the RUSS property, reserving a few feet where RUSS was buried.

CREED WEST appears in the 1810 Louisiana Census, in Assumption Parish adjacent to the Attakapas, with seven members in his household, three males and four females.

JOEL WEST appears next to him, listed alone, but is back in St. Landry Parish in 1820 with this household: one male 26-45; one male over 45; one female under 10; and one female 26-45. When LOUIS WEST married 1st of May 1817 MARIE McDANIEL, daughter of JOHN McDANIEL and CATHERINE CORKRAN (Opel.Ch. Book 1, p.102), he gave the information that his father CREED was of Thompsons' Creek.

When NATHANIEL WEST, Jr., of Bayou Sara, married MARY CORKRAN, daughter of ANTHONY CORKRAN and MARGUERITE WATSON, on the 12th of Nov. 1805 in the St. Landry Catholic Church (Book 1, p.481), he is shown to be a son of NATHANIEL Sr.'s second marriage to SARAH BONN. This information was repeated when his children were baptised. In one reference, SARAH was called SALLY BONN; in another BONN was spelled BOND. When his son DEIKSON (DIXON) was baptised on the 26th of Oct. 1823 (born 1822) (Opel.Ch. V.2, p.262), his godparents were JOHN ANDRUS and SOPHIA RUSS. JOHN was a son of JOSEPH ANDREWS, a tutor for a WEST minor in 1781, and of his wife MARY HAYES THORNELL. SOPHIA was a daughter of WINIFRED "WINNIE" WEST RUSS HILLEN, born in 1775. SOPHIA was first married to JOHN BOSSLER, then second to WILLIAM JONES, who was also deceased before her third marriage of 2nd of Feb. 1822 to ANDRUS.

More research needs to be done on all the WESTS and the WEST minors, especially on the WEST minor JOHN, on whom we have nothing after 1781. It is possible he was a child of the first marriage.

It is believed this entry in SWL-R, V.1, is the WEST minor LOUSIDE:

WEST, SNIDE died April 5, 1786 at 13 years (Opel. Ch. V. OA folio, p.24, No.2). (Sex and parents not listed.)

Her name in the succession was written at least once as SARAH or SADIA LOUSIDE. In English it was probably LOUSILE (LUCILLE) or LUCY. The age is about right, and no other WESTS have been found in the area that early. (ROGER WEST was in the Bayou Chicot district briefly, but that was several years after this death entry.)

#### UNITY's first husband— JOHN REED

Not much is known about JOHN REED, the first husband of UNITY WEST. He is probably the "JOHN RIDDE" in the carelessly taken 1785 Spanish census, of the Attakapas district, AGI-PPC legajo 2360, with two males in the first age group; three males in the second age group; and two males in the third age group. Only one female is listed (i.e., UNITY). The third age group in this particular census was the militia-age group. SAMUEL and JOHN REED were probably the males in the first (youngest) age group; three of JOHN WEST's brothers-in-law in the second; and JOHN REED and one of his brothers-in-law in the third. He definitely is the JOHN REED in the 1788 Bayou Chicot district census, from which we know that he was born after 1738. We do not know whether he was married before his marriage to UNITY WEST, nor have we found a record of his marriage to UNITY. Her name could have been UNITY JANE, becoming GENEVIEVE, GENOVEVA and DIONYSIA when recorded by the French and Spanish priests. Even her age is indefinite. Some researchers believe she was about the same age as her second husband (JAMES CAMPBELL), who was born in 1765. If this is correct, UNITY was also a WEST minor in 1781, possibly the one not named in the settlement whose share was bounded to EPHRIAM THORNELL for "the other of the Sieur John REED"? UNITY appears in the 1785, 1788, 1796, and 1810, censuses but was skipped in the 1820, making impossible a comparison of the 1810 and 1820 censuses.

If UNITY WEST was a minor when she married JOHN REED, the marriage could have taken place in New Iberia. If not there, it could have occurred elsewhere, perhaps east of the Mississippi River or in the Baton Rouge or Thompsons' Creek area, where the RUSS-WEST marriage is likely to have taken place.

The only REED who petitioned for a British land grant anywhere within striking distance of the WESTs was WILLIAM REED, a loyalist, who came into the province in 1773 and on the 6th of Nov. 1776 applied for a 100-acre grant about eight or ten miles from the mouth of Boyds Creek. This at least shows there were REEDs in the area where WESTs were found. Other REEDs were in Mississippi and later married into the family of the CATO and CHARLES WESTs.

WILLIAM REED, born 1748 died 1804, who married JANE ELLIOTT, widow of EVAN MILLS of Pointe Coupee, appears in Opelousas records about two years earlier than does JOHN REED in the latter's 1785 agreement with CALLAGHAN. WILLIAM and JANE lived in the Plaisance District, but there was contact with the family of JOHN REED. CLARK BARTON, widower of WILLIAM and JANE's daughter CHARLOTTE REED, married in 1804 MARGUERITE LEJEUNE, a sister of the MARIE JOSEPHE LEJEUNE who was already married to SAMUEL REED. Then, later, godparents for ADAM REED, son of SAMUEL, baptised 13 Sept. 1808, were JAMES CAMPBELL and JANE (JEANNE) ELLIOTT REED. (Book 1, p.451, Opelousas Church.)

Another REED, JAMES, born between 1766 and 1774 Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, to JOHN REED and MARGUERITE BELLIT or BELLI appears on the 15th of September 1803 (V.1, p.160, Opelousas Church), when he marries MARIE JACOB WILTZ or WILDS. Three sons of this marriage are recorded: JAMES born 1810, WILLIAM born 1813, and JOHN born 1820. If he was related to the other two REEDs, it is not known at this time.

Without a JOHN REED succession it is difficult to piece together the last few years of his life. After the agreement with CALLAGHAN for the apprenticeship of his brother-in-law, JOEL WEST, in 1785, his 13 year old sister-in-law LOUSIDE probably died in 1786. Nothing is recorded in 1787. In the 1788 Bayou Chicot District census found in J.K. Voochries, Some Late Eighteenth Century Louisianians (Lafayette, La. 1973), JOHN REED has in his household: 2 males 1-15; 2 men 15-49; 1 female 1-15; 1 woman over 15; no slaves. He has two horses and one animal listed under cattle. He has no land facing the river. It is reasonable to believe that the two males 1-15 are SAMUEL and JOHN REED; that the two males listed 15-49 are JOHN and one of his brothers-in-law; and that the woman over 15 UNITY WEST his wife. Who is the female 1-15? If LOUSIDE is the death entry in 1786, then this might be a JOHN REED daughter.

In 1789 the WEST minor NOEL dies, and on the 12th of October 1790, a daughter of JOHN REED and UNITY, AMELIA (EMELIA) REED, is baptised, with DANIEL and CATHERINE WEST CALLAGHAN as godparents. Her date of birth is not given. Is she the female age 1-15 in the 1788 census? Or, did JOHN REED and UNITY WEST have another daughter?

JOHN REED died between 1788 census and 1792, when UNITY married again, if AMELIA is the daughter in the 1788 census; but the odds are better that she was not, and that JOHN probably was still alive in 1790 when AMELIA was conceived.

#### UNITY's second marriage to JAMES CAMPBELL

Records improve a little after JOHN REED's widow married JAMES CAMPBELL on the 12th of April 1792. This marriage was recorded by Father PEDRO DE ZAMORA

(Opel.Ch. V.1, p. 38). We then learned that UNITY's parents were NATHANIEL WEST and MARY SELLERS of North Carolina, and that JAMES, a resident of Bayou Chicot, was the son of JOHN CAMPBELL of Scotland and MARY BAILEY of North America.

The three witnesses were DANIEL CALLAGHAN, brother-in-law (or uncle) of the bride; CREED WEST, brother of the bride; and MATTHEW SELLERS, cousin or young uncle of the bride. SELLERS, born 1772 to MATTHEW SELLERS and ESTHER NEAL of Brunswick County, North Carolina, was supposedly captured by the Indians but returned to Louisiana province, where he later married MARIE RENEE AUCOIN and became the progenitor of the South Louisiana SELLERS so well-recorded in SWL-R. His birthplace in the 8th of February 1796 marriage record was given as Charleston, Carolina (SM.Ch. V.4., p.125).

It will be noted that all of the witnesses were relatives of the bride. We are given the names and general birthplaces of JAMES' parents and are told he was a habitant of Bayou Chicot. Later, when his children are baptised, we are told he was a native of Illinois. Yet, we are almost certain he knew the WESTs and the REEDs before they came into the Bayou Chicot District, and possibly before they were in New Iberia.

A JOHN CAMPBELL owned property in the 1782 Baton Rouge census, where WESTs have been found. Then, in 1805, 640 acres on Bayou Nezpique at Pine Prairie that a JOHN CAMPBELL had purchased from NATHANIEL WEST were sold to ELIZABETH LANIER. The sale included the home and other improvements and buildings, the brand and numerous livestock, indicating JOHN CAMPBELL or someone else had been there quite awhile. We do not find JOHN CAMPBELL in the censuses (1788, 1796, 1810); however, we do find two children, MARY born 1801 and WILLIAM born 1805, parents listed as JOHN CAMPBELL and BETSY RYAN, who were baptised on the 3rd of September 1812 (Opel.Ch. V.1, p.565). JOHN CAMPBELL may have been dead at the time of the sale or before the 1810 census, although his family remained in the district. A WILLIAM CAMPBELL later married into the ROW family, and a MARY CAMPBELL married into the DAVIS family. Neither were JAMES' children and were too old to have been his grandchildren. No other CAMPBELLS are known to have been in the Opelousas Post that early.

There are two or more possibilities here: JOHN CAMPBELL who married BETSY RYAN may have been a brother of JAMES, or even his father if JOHN had remarried after the death of MARY BAILEY; or the JOHN who purchased the 640 acres from NATHANIEL WEST may not have been the JOHN who married BETSY RYAN, but instead JAMES' father still married to MARY BAILEY. The ELIZABETH LANIER who purchased the CAMPBELL property could have been the ELIZABETH RYAN, born Kentucky to WILLIAM and ELIZABETH RYAN, who married on the 29th of June 1796 in Natchez JOHN LANIER, age 23, son of BENJAMIN LANIER. This JOHN LANIER was a native of Georgia. (Baton Rouge Diocese Records Vol. 2, p.657). These RYANs are believed to have been in Illinois before Kentucky.

In the 1796 census of the Bayou Chicot District found in J.K. Voorhies, Some Eighteenth Century Louisianians (Lafayette, 1973), JAMES CAMPBELL, then living on 338.51 acres he had claimed on Bayou Cannes, has in his household 3 males 1-15; 2 females 1-15; 1 man 15 and over; 1 woman 15 and over; no slaves. Two of the males 1-15 are SAMUEL and JOHN REED, the third is WILLIAM CAMPBELL, born in 1795. The man 15 and over is JAMES. The woman 15 and over is UNITY WEST, his wife. AMELIA (EMELIE) REED is one of the females 1-15. Who is the other? JAMES and UNITY's only daughter was not born until 1806. The WEST minor, LOUSIDE, probably died in 1786. Even if living, she would be well over 20 years of age. This does seem to support the belief of some that there was another JOHN REED girl.

On the 17th of November 1813, Father Barriere baptised at the Mamou Prairie Mission all of the CAMPBELL children. This is found in Book 4, pp.14-15, Opelousas Church. The eldest, WILLIAM, was an adult. At this multiple baptism we are told that JAMES was a native of Illinois and UNITY of North Carolina. Baptised were WILLIAM, born 10 Nov. 1795; NATHANIEL, born 6 Nov. 1798; LOUIS, born 5 Sept. 1799; HYLAIRE, born 4 April 1803; JESSE, born 28 Feb. 1805; LOUISE, born 5 April 1806; and LEVY, born 26 Oct. 1808. Another child JAMES was baptised 1 April 1801 with JOEL WEST and DIANA GREGSON as godparents. He probably did not survive.

Godparents for the youngest child LEVY were listed: "WILLIAM CASON, represented by JOHN CORKRAN, and EMELIE REED, wife of said CASON." WILLIAM CASON lived on one side of JAMES CAMPBELL; JOHN CORKRAN and his wife, MARTHA "PATSY" MARTIN on the other.

Giving a better picture of the lay of the land back at that time is this deposition which appears in ASP, v.3, p.224:

WILLIAM CASON claims six hundred forty superficial acres on the left bank of the West fork of Bayou Cannes, bounded by the land of JAMES CAMPBELL and above that of LaRose Fontenot. The evidence of JAMES CAMPBELL aged 47 years taken on the 8th day of February 1813 states he had made four crops on the land 1800, 1801, 1802, 1803, supposing it to be a part of his own land, but when surveyed it proved to be on CASSON's tract. The claimant (CASSON) put up a log house on the land but did not cover it as LAROSE FONTENOT warned him not to occupy said land, claiming it to be part of his own tract, but when surveyed did not embrace either the field or the log house, that no person has ever resided on the land, nor has it ever been cultivated except for the four years aforesaid.

This deposition gives us the age of UNITY WEST's second husband. He was born in 1765 or before the 8th of February 1766.

In the 1810 St. Landry census JAMES CAMPBELL has in his household 2 boys under 10; 2 boys 10-16, one male 26-45; 1 female under 10; and 1 female 26-45. These are all CAMPBELLS. EMELIE REED has already married CASON. The other female in his 1796 household is also missing. SAMUEL and JOHN REED have both married and established homes of their own.

#### Other Neighbors and Relatives

In 1810 the neighbors of JAMES CAMPBELL and UNITY WEST are, in addition to the CASONS and JOHN CORKRAN, CLARK BARTON then married to MARGUERITE LEJEUNE (his first wife CHARLOTTE WILLIAM REED is deceased); PATRICK MCAULEY who married second JULIE ANN WEST (his first wife was NANCY IVY); and FRANCOIS FONTENOT and his wife THERESA HANKEL. PATRICK MCAULEY was the son of HENRY MCAULEY and CATHERINE CAMPBELL, relationship not established. His second wife was a daughter of the second marriage of ROGER WEST. Some researchers have felt for years that overlapping patterns suggest that ROGER was a brother or at least a relative of NATHANIEL. We know from the baptism of his daughter MARIE WEST on the 29th of October 1802 (Opel.Ch. Book 1, p93) that her father ROGER was a native of Pennsylvania, son of CHARLES WEST and ANNA HASELTON, and her mother ANNA FISHER. MARIE was 27 years old when baptised. In ASP, Vol.3, pp.117,

122, we find that ROGER WEST was 63 years old on the 6th of January 1814 when he gave evidence that "he had purchased the land in question from ISAAC FRAZIER in about 1792 and took possession of it about two or three years later, remaining on it about one year, and then left it to pursue his trade as a carpenter on the Mississippi, having previously established his son-in-law JOHN McLAUGHLIN on the land. McLAUGHLIN was obliged to abandon it about 18 years ago in consequence of the Indians being troublesome to him and alarming his wife . . . ." One of ROGER's daughters named MARY married on the 8th of Nov. 1802 PIERRE COURVILLE (Opel.Ch. V.1, p.111). It is possible that MARY is the daughter referred to in this deposition.

CLARK BARTON's second wife was a sister of MARIE JOSEPHE LEJEUNE, wife of SAMUEL REED. Both were daughters of JOSEPH LEJEUNE and PERRINE HAY. SAMUEL married, second, MARIE FONTENOT, widow of JOACHIM HEBERT and daughter of FRANCOIS FONTENOT and THERESE HANKEL. Three children of his first marriage also married into this family; JOHN REED married MARGUERITE FONTENOT; ADAM REED married DENISE FONTENOT; and CHARLOTTE REED married JOSEPH ZINCOURT FONTENOT. Another son, WILLIAM REED, married MARIE FONTENOT's daughter, MARIE EMERANTE HEBERT.

In the 1810 Opelousas census WILLIAM CUISSON (CASON) has in his household 2 males 26-45; 1 female under 10; 1 female 16-26. There is an extra male here, offering the possibility of two CASONs, perhaps father and son. The female 16-26 is probably EMELIE REED, who had married one of them, and the female 1-10 her first child. Neighbors in addition to those already named were Mrs. BIRCH, ANDREW WEAVER, and ANDREW ROW (whose wife BRIDGET CORKRAN was another daughter of ANTHONY CORKRAN-MARGUERITE WATSON and sister of JOHN, MARY, and CATHERINE mentioned earlier).

By the time of the 1820 census, the CAMPBELLS have moved northward near Bayou Chicot-Pine Prairie, and the CASONs have disappeared, as have most of their neighbors. A check of Southwest Louisiana Records reveals what happened to some of them, but not the CASONs. The War of 1812 occurred during this period. Most of the able-bodied men, including JAMES CAMPBELL and his stepsons and elder sons, served in the militia. Economic conditions were poor at best. Settlers were edging a little westward and up into Rapides and points above.

The name CASON is an old one, appearing with the early Virginia settlers and soon spreading down the states along the Atlantic. A JOHN CASON was in Rapides in 1810 and 1820, perhaps the same JOHN CASON in one of St. Landry Parish's early court cases: 1805-06 #212: JOHN CASON v. CLAUDE GUILLORY. SWL-R, Vols. 6 and 7 include the Grand Coteau Church records, in which we find listed WILLIAM CAZON born 7th of Nov. 1789 who died 28 Sept. 1865, at 75 years of age, a Protestant convert. He was about the same age as EMELIE REED (AMELIA) and in an area where she had WEST and REED relatives. Also listed were (1) MARTHA FRANCES CASON born 1831 baptised 19th of Dec. 1863, and (2) SUZANNE ELIZABETH CASON born 1834 baptised 26th of March 1863. Both were married by 1851 to JAMES and AUGUSTIN BURLEIGH, sons of JAMES BURLEIGH and ADELAIDE BOUDREAUX. The baptismal records of about twenty of their children were also recorded. Some of these children married into the WILLS, DROUDYN, and DEVALCOURT families.

We do not know that these CASONs are the same, but a closer look at church records and contact with some of the BURLEIGH-CASON descendants could provide additional information. We do know EMELIE REED was alive on the 17th of Nov. 1813 when she and her husband were the godparents for her youngest brother. Beyond that is a blank.

We also know that, if she lived to be in her early forties, she could have had daughters this age.

#### Summary of Known Children of UNITY WEST

- (1) SAMUEL REED born c1784 d1857  
married 1802 MARIE JOSEPH LEJEUNE (JOSEPH LEJEUNE-PERRINE HAYES)  
married 1824 MARIE FONTENOT widow of JOACHIM HEBERT (FRANCOIS FONTENOT-THERESE HANKEL)
- (2) JOHN REED born c1785-  
married before 1809 MARIE SEIS (JOHN SEIS or SAY-MARIE SUIRE or SWEASY or SWAYZE)
- (3) AMELIA (EMELIE) REED bt.1790-  
married before 1810 WILLIAM CASON
- (4) WILLIAM CAMPBELL born 1795 d.1832  
married 1816 SARAH ALLEN (HIRAM ALLEN and MARY ANN— MARY ANN married second DRURY THOMPSON)
- (5) NATHANIEL CAMPBELL born 1798-  
married 1823 MARY RITCHEY (EWEL RITCHEY and REBECCA ROBERTS). In 1850 Carroll Parish census
- (6) LEWIS CAMPBELL born 1799 appears in 1840 census  
married 1823 SARAH HAYES (JOHN HAYES and MARY IVY).  
In 1850 Madison Parish census
- (7) JAMES CAMPBELL born 1801  
probably died in infancy
- (8) ELI B. CAMPBELL born 1803 d.after 1870  
married 1841 MARY JOHNSON. In St. Landry 1850 census
- (9) JESSE CAMPBELL born 1805-in St. Landry 1850 census but  
moved to Texas after Civil War  
married 1834 NANCY SWAN
- (10) ELIZABETH CAMPBELL born 1806 d.1835  
married 1827 JAMES ALLEN (HIRAM ALLEN and MARY ANN— MARY ANN married second DRURY THOMPSON)  
JAMES ALLEN married (2) AMELIA HAYES (JOHN HAYES and MARY IVY)
- (11) LEVY CAMPBELL born 1808 d.1866  
married 1830 HYACINTHE FONTENOT (LEANDRE PHILLIPE FONTENOT-MARIE POUPON PITRE). In St. Landry 1850 census.

#### Conclusion

UNITY's second husband JAMES CAMPBELL was alive on the 27th of July 1827 when their daughter ELIZABETH LOUISE married JAMES ALLEN, but deceased before the 2nd of December 1830 when their youngest child LEVY married HYACINTHE LEANDRE FONTENOT. It is believed UNITY lived on for several years, appearing as a woman over 80 years of age in the 1840 household of LEVY CAMPBELL in the sparsely settled Cypress Creek area about six miles northwest of Pine Prairie. His mother-in-law, MARIE POUPON PITRE, would have been 43 years old that year. Neighbors were not very close, the nearest probably being JAMES BURNEY son of SIMON BURNEY and SARAH TEAL; WILLIAM BUNDICK, son of ROBERT BUNDICK and CHARLOTTE DALTON; JOHN WHITTINGTON (probably the younger JOHN married to SARAH NELSON); and RALPH VOOHRIES and his wife, ROSANNE FRANCOIS HEBERT.

UNITY's long, rugged yet colorful life came to an end before the census enumerator made his rounds for the 1850 census. She was probably laid to rest in the old Heath Cemetery at Bayou Chicot, or one of its predecessors, where few grave markers are found today.

We do not have a picture of her, as she lived and died before photography reached the rural areas, while portrait painters even for the wealthy were few and far between. However, what a legacy she left for us in that life she led: travelling when a child from North Carolina to the frontier Louisiana Province; growing up in Spanish times; assuming responsibility at a young age for several of her younger siblings; marrying twice and bringing up at least ten children of her own, of whom only two can be considered household help; and still alive and wielding her influence as an octogenarian, or at least a septuagenarian.

It is hoped that this background paper on UNITY WEST-Her Family, Husbands, Children and Neighbors has introduced UNITY WEST to her innumerable descendants and that it will preserve a richly-deserved special place for her in their memories—ad infinitum. It is also hoped that it will encourage further REED-WEST-CAMPBELL research. So much more needs to be done.

#### Notes:

##### (1) About other children of JOHN REED:

The following information is from letters written by the late ZORA WEISS LANDRY 1971-75, a genealogist of reputation, who spent many years tracing REED-WEST and other related lines. ZORA was a descendant of SAMUEL REED through WILLIAM I, WILLIAM II, and ROSALINE REED (who married in 1891, Acadia Parish, JACOB ANDREW WEISS). ZORA married in 1911 JOHN R. LANDRY and lived in Morse until his tragic death in 1963, after which she made her home in New Orleans with her daughter. When she died she left her files to her son Dr. E.C. LANDRY, then living in Houma. Quoting from one letter and summarizing from others:

"My Mother (ROSALINE REED) often talked about her Uncle JESSE REED (son of SAMUEL), and in the spring of 1963 I visited with his grandson JOHN (son of NEVILLE). We had so much to talk about. JOHN has since died. JOHN's home was near the REED Cemetery on Bayou Nezpique six miles south of Basile, also near SAMUEL's old home, which was torn down just before I went to see JOHN."

When Vol. 1 of Southwest Louisiana Records came out, she remarked she had never heard of Amelia (Emelie), that a genealogist had told her SAMUEL had a brother JAMES, but she emphasized her ancestors (sometimes she called them the "old REEDs") told her he had a brother JOHN and a brother DAMON and a sister MYRTLE. She was so happy when she found JOHN listed in Vol. 1, and died convinced she had found the lost DAMON in the entry of ANSELM bt. 14 May 1786 at 4 years St. Martinville Church, JOHN RIDE father. The actual baptismal record gave little more information. JOHN RIDE has been found listed in the Attakapas Militia as being 36 years of age and a native of Ireland. The census was not dated, but a similar recapitulation following it was dated 1792. If those lists were kept up-to-date, it could not have been the JOHN REED who moved into the Bayou Chicot District of the Spanish Opelousas Post.

(2) About WEST-SELLERS-BONN:

ZORA WEISS LANDRY felt that NATHANIEL WEST was descended from JOHN WEST, Provincial Governor of Virginia, and his wife ANNE, through their son JOHN WEST, Jr., and his wife UNITY CROSHAW, daughter of JOSEPH CROSHAW (as were CATO and CHARLES WEST, who were in Mississippi a little after NATHANIEL.) She and her sister-in-law spent six or seven weeks in 1963 travelling up through the Atlantic states as far as Richmond, Va., searching court houses and libraries for documentary proof of linking NATHANIEL to these WESTs from West Point, Va., but find it they did not. ZORA knew the late VERONA BENHARD of Palmetto, who reportedly did later find the evidence. As far as we know, none of her work has ever been published. Hopefully, someday it will be and thus perpetuated.

Most SELLERS in North Carolina were descended from SAMUEL SELLERS and HANNAH GIBBONS, who came to Pennsylvania from Derbyshire, England. Their son SAMUEL married SARAH ELEANOR SMITH, daughter of JOHN SMITH and ELEANOR DOLBY, who came from Leicestershire, England. Their descendants were in the Edgecombe County area near Tarboro in the early 1700's, spreading down into Duplin, New Hanover-Bladen, and other counties along the eastern South Carolina border by 1750. WILLIAM SELLERS settled on Sevens Creek, Columbus County (Brunswick the parent county) with several children including a son MATTHEW. The MATTHEW born 1772, who witnessed UNITY WEST's second marriage in 1792, was the son of MATTHEW SELLERS and ESTHER NEEL or NEAL from Brunswick County. However, there were other SELLERS just above Brunswick, including a SAMUEL SELLERS with a daughter UNITY. There were several MATTHEW SELLERS, one or two settling in early Mississippi. It is possible that the Indians seized the MATTHEW born 1772, on the move toward Mississippi. We must remember that back at that time North Carolina extended over into what is now Tennessee, and Virginia over into what is now Kentucky.

Some SELLERS researchers believe that a large migration moved down from Pennsylvania, including SELLERS, REEVES, and others—not inconceivably WESTs, also—in the very early 1700's. Edgecombe County, parent county of Nash, was full of SELLERS; Nash was full of WESTs also. In the Carolinas we find many CREEDS living not far from HASELDENS. In Pennsylvania Quaker records we find the name spelled HASELTON. There were Quaker settlements in both Carolinas before 1770.

The only reference to BONN, other than SARAH BONN, that we have ever noticed spelled that way was in Louisiana Historical Quarterly, Vol. 4, p.488 January-October 1921: Interrogation of BONN an Englishman in the service of Sr. DE CASTILLON, accused of participating in a plot to steal a long boat and go over to the English side. Signed: ROSSARD and BRUSLE. This was in a record of the Superior Council of Louisiana dated the 3rd of June 1728. That is pretty far back, but at least it shows the name did exist, at least the French and Spanish spelling of it. Perhaps someone will someday make an in-depth study of SARAH BONN, who must have been remarkable herself, with such deep concern for the young children she knew she had to leave to the care of others in that Spanish village. as evidenced by her last will and testament on that day more than 200 years ago.

(3) About Campbell:

We know from FATHER BARRIERE and a deposition in American State Papers that JAMES CAMPBELL was born in Illinois in 1765 or before the 8th of February in 1766. He was 27 years old when he married UNITY WEST, at which time we learned his parents were JOHN CAMPBELL of Scotland and MARY BAILEY of North America. There was a

RYAN connection, whether through the father or the brother has not been determined. These RYANS are believed to have been in Illinois before Kentucky. We find several CAMPBELLS in the British West Florida Land Grants. One JOHN CAMPBELL was granted 500 acres as near Natchez as possible in 1768, providing he settled it within seven months. Later, in the 1780's, a JOHN died in the Natchez area, whose family was still back in Georgia. Had too many years elapsed for this to have been the one granted the land in 1768? Then, we have the JOHN CAMPBELL who owned property in the 1782 Baton Rouge Census, and a PARKER CAMPBELL in the 1810 Orleans census, who was a descendant of JOHN CAMPBELL and MARY deLOACH. PARKER's descent is traced to DUNCAN CAMPBELL and MARY McCOY. PARKER was about the age of JAMES CAMPBELL.

In Pointe Coupee there was a CHARLES CAMPBELL who had land bordering the land of some of the RUSSES, possibly the CHARLES who received a British grant to 100 acres on the southwest side of Boyds Creek in 1779. A DUNCAN CAMPBELL who received a British grant to 200 acres on the Iberville River in 1772 later had descendants on Bayou Que de la Tortue.

Descendants of LEVI CAMPBELL and SARAH WATKINS— who came to southwest Louisiana from Oglethorpe County, Georgia, after 1800, although they do not appear in Vermillion (Lafayette) Parish records until 1815— believe LEVI was a brother of JAMES CAMPBELL. LEVI already had a brother in southwest Louisiana when he left Georgia; JAMES was the only CAMPBELL appearing in the 1796 and 1810 Censuses of this area. Also, JAMES did name his youngest child LEVY about the time the other LEVI CAMPBELL moved to Louisiana.

More research needs to be done on the CAMPBELLS and on MARY BAILEY, mother of JAMES CAMPBELL.

#### (4) About other Anglos in the Spanish New Iberia District 1779-1781:

In 1781, the Spanish took a special census of "foreigners" (Anglos, Irish, Germans) in the Attakapas and Opelousas districts. See Conrad, Friend or Foe?, Attakapas Gazette, Vol.12, No.3 (Fall 1977), pp.137-140. At page 140 that article cites from the Spanish census dated 15 May 1781 the following "foreigners" enumerated as at New Iberia: THOMAS BERWICK; EPHRAIM HORMELLE; THOMAS BEARD; WILLIAM BUNDICK; JOSEPH CARR; JOHN BRANDON; JOHN HAIR; WILLIAM McCULLOGH; EBENAZER CRENE; CAMERON; PATRICK McCARTY; JOHN ABSHIRE; ABRAHAM STUART; and WILLIAM DICKSON.

See also Conrad, Some Observations On Anglo-Saxon Settlers In Colonial Attakapas, Attakapas Gazette, Vol. 20, No.1 (Spring 1985), pp.42-48.

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James MARTIN, of Chicot, m. Amelia Elizabeth BRYER, 1867 (Opel. Ct. Hs) James fathered Hattie Elizabeth (m. Austin CAMPBELL 1892) Alice (m. Holcan POWELL) Lucie (m. Curtis NUGENT) Essie (m. Joe STOCKMAN) John G. (m. Ida Lou SCOTT or Nora LOVE?) and Holmes (m. Mattie ELLIS) Information on this family is requested by Kilbern K. Campbell, 134 Burkwall Dr., Houma, LA 70360

## A MARRIAGE CONTRACT FOR OPELOUSAS POST: 1769

By Winston De Ville, Fellow, American Society of Genealogists

Although the first recorded church ritual performed in the Opelousas area occurred in 1756,<sup>1</sup> settlement was somewhat slow and erratic until a number of years later. One of the first important migrations to southwest Louisiana was in the early 1760's, following the English occupation of the Gulf Coast east of the Pearl River. At that time, such families as the Fontenots and the Guillorys re-settled at Opelousas. The population of the Opelousas Post increased rapidly thereafter.<sup>2</sup>

The extant civil records which originated at the Opelousas Post, and remained in St. Landry Parish until recent times, begin in 1764, while the first marriage contract in this group of records is dated 1766; marriage contracts remain relatively sparse during the early years.<sup>3</sup>

However, in the colonial archives of the Louisiana State Museum in New Orleans, commonly called the "Cabildo Archives," is found an important "Opelousas" document for Louisiana genealogists, a marriage contract for the families of Harang and Roman. The information in this contract should be considered an addendum to the records abstracted in Marriage Contracts of the Opelousas Post: 1766-1803.<sup>4</sup> At this writing, no recent file number is known to this writer, but the number on the original document is 93177; the document's date is a viable retrieval device. The writer examined this marriage contract approximately twenty years ago. Then, and we assume since W.P.A. days, it was slathered with "Scotch" tape, in very poor condition, yet most of the essential genealogical data were legible enough to be abstracted; no attempt was made to extract the property information which was included. The abstract follows:

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At the Presbytère<sup>5</sup> of Opelousas, 24 August 1769, at relevée (early afternoon). Priest: Valentin, capucin curé, in absence of a notary. Louis Alexandre Haran, major son of Louis Haran, resident of this colony, and Barbe Herterine. The groom is a native of St. Louis Parish of New Orleans. His witnesses are Dames Françoise Hubert la Croix and Françoise illegible, his belles soeurs, Laurent Bailli, and Jean Louis Zeringue, his frères,<sup>6</sup> residents of Opelousas. Louis Alexandre Haran contracts marriage with Marie Joseph( illegible where her name is first recorded, although it is clearly written elsewhere in the document as) Roman, major daughter of deceased Jacques illegible and illegible Joseph illegible (very likely, Marie Joseph Daigle). The bride is a native of St. illegible des illegible. Her witnesses are Fuselier de la Claire, her beau-frère and Jacques Roman, her brother. Signed by: J.L. Zeringue, Meri Françoise Hubert, Fuselier De la Claire, L.A. Harang, M. Jh. Roman, Jacques Roman, fr: Valentin pastor qui supra (clergyman mentioned above).

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Louis Haran, the groom's father, was a native of the city of Chartres, France, and his parents were Pierre Haran and Jeanne Fillon; his marriage contract with the groom's mother is dated 11 May 1740, in New Orleans.<sup>7</sup> The name Haran (or often Harang) did not become a common one in southwest Louisiana, although progeny of this family did flourish, particularly in the river parishes and in New Orleans.

Traditionally, in referring to the principal parties in a marriage contract, this writer and others use the terms "bride" and "groom." It should be well-remembered, however, that a marriage contract does not a marriage make, so the researcher must seek out and

try to secure data from the actual marriage record. For anyone interested in learning more about marriage contracts, we suggest Dr. Hans W. Baade's introduction in the Forsyth-Pleasanton book cited at footnote seven.

### Notes

- 1: Winston De Ville, Opelousas (Cottonport, La., 1973) p. 42.
- 2: Ibid., pp. 22-40 for material on the settlement and population of Opelousas Post.
- 3: Winston De Ville, Calendar of Louisiana Colonial Documents, Vol. II, St. Landry Parish, Part One (Baton Rouge, 1964) p. 1.
- 4: Jacqueline Olivier Vidrine and Winston De Ville (N.P., 1960).
- 5: This presbytere was no doubt included in the complex of buildings around the church house at what is now Washington, La., in 1780. De Ville, Opelousas, p. 55.
- 6: Belle soeur, in standard French, means sister-in-law; its masculine equivalent, beau-frère, means brother-in-law. However, belle-mère and beau-père can mean either mother/father-in-law or step-mother/father in standard French. In translating early Louisiana French records, the cautious researcher will be aware of the possible ambiguous use of all these terms. Such words are best left untranslated in publications, unless proper and sufficient evidence to establish the correct relationship is shown. Clearly, in the present document, Laurent Bailli and Jean Louis Zeringue were not actual brothers of the groom, but almost certainly were half-brothers, based on conclusions from data in the Haran-Herterine marriage contract of 1740 cited in footnote seven. In this case, even the relatively stable word frère is used incorrectly, and this writer has seen the mis-use of the "in-law" and "step" relationships still more. Demi-frère is the correct term for half-brother.
- 7: Alice Daly Forsyth and Ghislaine Pleasanton, Louisiana Marriage Contracts: 1725-1758 (New Orleans, 1980) p. 99.

### Addendum: A Harang Land Grant in 1769

Seven months prior to his marriage contract, Alexandre Harang petitioned for and received a land grant from the French authorities. This, of course, was just prior to the time that Spain took firm control of the Louisiana colony. The grant is found in "Land Grants," Manuscript Section, Howard-Tilton Library, Tulane University, New Orleans. It is dated New Orleans, 28 January 1769; a brief abstract follows: Land grant to Alexandre Harant, to be located where he lives, 20 arpents facing Bayou Marie Croquant by 40 arpents in depth in Prairie Longue in the "quarter" of Opelousas, bounded by the habitation of Zeringue and on the other side by unceded land." The document is signed by Chls. Philippe Aubry and Denis Nicolas Foucault.

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### ACADIANS AT OPELOUSAS: 1768

By Winston De Ville

(Source: The Cuban Papers, General Archives of the Indies, Seville, legajo 187A)

On March 13, 1768, several newly-arrived Acadians at Opelousas petitioned the Spanish governor, Ulloa, requesting additional aid in the form of cattle and plows. Their wheat crop had been unproductive, they were living in misery, and were of no use to the colony. The governor responded quickly - in less than a month. On April 8, he refused their petition, saying that the Spanish king had done enough to help the Acadians. Eleven men had signed the original petition with their ordinary marks: Michel Comeau, Michel Cormier (?), Victor Richard, Pierre Pitre, Joseph Cormier, "l'ange bourg," Charles Comeau, Pierre Thibodo, Silvain Saunier, ? Richard, and Bellerose (no doubt a Fontenot) who had married an Acadian girl.

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**BOOK REVIEW: Notes Genealogiques sur les familles Fuselier et Dubuisson.** By Robert Bruce Ardoin. Published by author in France, 1982. May be ordered from author, 17 rue Le Verrier, Paris 75006, France (allow five weeks for delivery). \$30.00 (by check), which includes mailing costs. Soft cover. 80 pages, plus 7 pages of photoreproductions of original documents in French archives.

Gabriel FUSELIER de la Claire (1712-1789) of Lyon, France, settled permanently in Louisiana by 1764, although he had voyaged to the area commencing in 1748. He was commandant at the Opelousas and Attakapas Spanish posts from 1770 onwards. Through his eleven children he has thousands of descendants in Louisiana. One of his daughters married Francois Joseph DUBUISSON, born in Lyon in 1783, who arrived in Louisiana about 1800 and who, likewise, left many descendants in this state. For those interested in the history of these two families, the most valuable portion of this scholarly work will be the full exposition, based on research of French church registers and departmental and notarial archives, of the parentage, ancestry, siblings, and collaterals of these two colonial progenitors of distinguished Louisiana families. (However, based on Louisiana documentary sources, the work also includes charts with dates and places setting forth most of the first three generations of their descendants of these two colonists.)

The author, Robert Bruce Ardoin, is a native of Evangeline Parish, La. Before leaving for his studies in Paris some eight years ago, Ardoin published numerous articles in Louisiana genealogical publications and three books compiling Louisiana censuses of 1810 and 1820. In addition, he is the author of the extensive and authoritative documentation of the Fontenot family in Poitiers, France, which he accomplished on behalf of the Evangeline Parish Genealogical and Historical Society. Copies of his research report, with copies of the original French documents, were deposited at the Evangeline Parish Public Library, Ville Platte, the Louisiana State Archives, Baton Rouge, and at the Center for Louisiana Studies, Lafayette, where they are available to interested researchers. Ardoin brings to the present work enormous research expertise and an in-depth knowledge of our early Louisiana families.

The work is organized for immediate comprehension of its findings, followed by detailed description (and often photo-reproductions, with subsequent transcription) of the documentary sources upon which the work is based. At the beginning of the work are charts of the French ancestry of FUSELIER (going back to his great-grandfather's birth in 1621) and of that of DUBUISSON (going back to his great-grandfather's marriage in 1720). Following summaries of the particulars of each colonist's family history, with charts of the ancestry of each forebear and his spouse, then a detailed recitation of cited French documentary sources describes the basis of the research conclusions. Although the text is in French, one not conversant with that language may easily understand from the charts and the names and dates in the documents the substance of the exhaustive information set forth.

It is not easily possible in a short review to indicate the scope and breadth of the documented information contained in this work. For instance, the information concerning the parents of Gabriel FUSELIER (Pierre, a merchant and judge of Lyons, and his wife, Ludvina CHOUFOUREAUD) includes full documentation of all their children as well as Gabriel, and of their own parents and siblings. Similarly, this information is set forth with regard to his FUSELIER grandparents (Antoine and Genevieve COMPAGNON) and great-grandparents (Francois, born 1621, and Sebastienne ROYER; married 1644). The original documents are cited and many key baptisms or wills are reproduced (and transcribed in full). In addition, full information is set forth as to collateral FUSELIER and related families of the respective French parishes. Similar treatment is given to the family forbears and collaterals of Francois Joseph DUBUISSON.

Louisiana family historians have been furnished an invaluable resource in Ardoin's comprehensive work. Assembled for ready access are virtually all the discoverable documentation in France concerning these two early Louisiana settlers and their families. Thus made readily available, through Ardoin's exhaustive and authoritative research over the years, is this rich collection, with precise summarizations, of the research resources of France concerning the families of Gabriel FUSELIER de la Clair and of Francois Joseph DUBUISSON. (Note: To expedite receipt by the author of an order for the work, it is advised that the letter with \$30.00 check be marked and sent air mail, at 44 cents per half-ounce.)

For SOILEAU researchers, one additional item deserves comment. Gabriel FUSELLIER's second wife, Helene Elizabeth SOILEAU, was the daughter of Noel SOILEAU, Sr. (1700-1754) and the sister of Noel SOILEAU, Jr. and Jean-Baptiste SOILEAU, ancestors of the SOILEAU's of Southwest Louisiana. Ardoin's work contains copies of the baptism of Noel SOILEAU (Sr.) on 22 November 1700 at Mezieres in the Ardennes, France, and of the marriage 21 February 1700 in that parish of his parents: Jean SOILEAU (son of Noel SOILEAU and Marie RONDEAUX of Clavy Parish) and Elizabeth PELLERIN (daughter of Robert PELLERIN and Elizabeth FOULON of Mezieres Parish.)

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I need to know the parents of EMELIA DUHON m. to ALFRED LANGLEY. Their children were: ANIESE m. CYPRIEN MANUEL; LUCILLE m. MAYO ORTEGO; ELODIE m. EVAN ARDOIN and EMELIA m. LUCIUS ARDOIN. ALFRED was b. ca 1847 son of WILLIAM LANGLEY and MARIE ANNE DELAFOSSE. EMELIA d. prior to 1910. They lived in the Elton area of Old Imperial Calcasieu Parish. Anyone having information on this family please contact SHERRY MANUEL, P.O. Box 149, Crowley, LA 70527

I need to know the parents of FRANCOIS DUPRE MARCANTEL b. ca 1823, m. 19 April 1855 (OpCtHs #1303) MARIE JEAN BAPTISTE MANUEL b ca 1834, (parents unknown) The children of this couple were: ESOLIDE m. SIMON JEAN BAPTISTE MANUEL; MARIE MERAND m. JOSEPH BERTRAND; EDVILLE and AUGUSTINA. They lived in the Ville Platte area. Please contact SHERRY MANUEL, P.O. Box 149, Crowley, LA 70527 with any information.

I am doing research on any diseases, physical impairments or eye problems that may be carried as an inherited trait by the MANUEL family and their allied lines. If you have knowledge of such problems that have been occurring through several generations or if you know the cause of death or prominent health problems of your MANUEL ancestors, please contact SHERRY MANUEL, P.O. Box 149, Crowley, LA 70527

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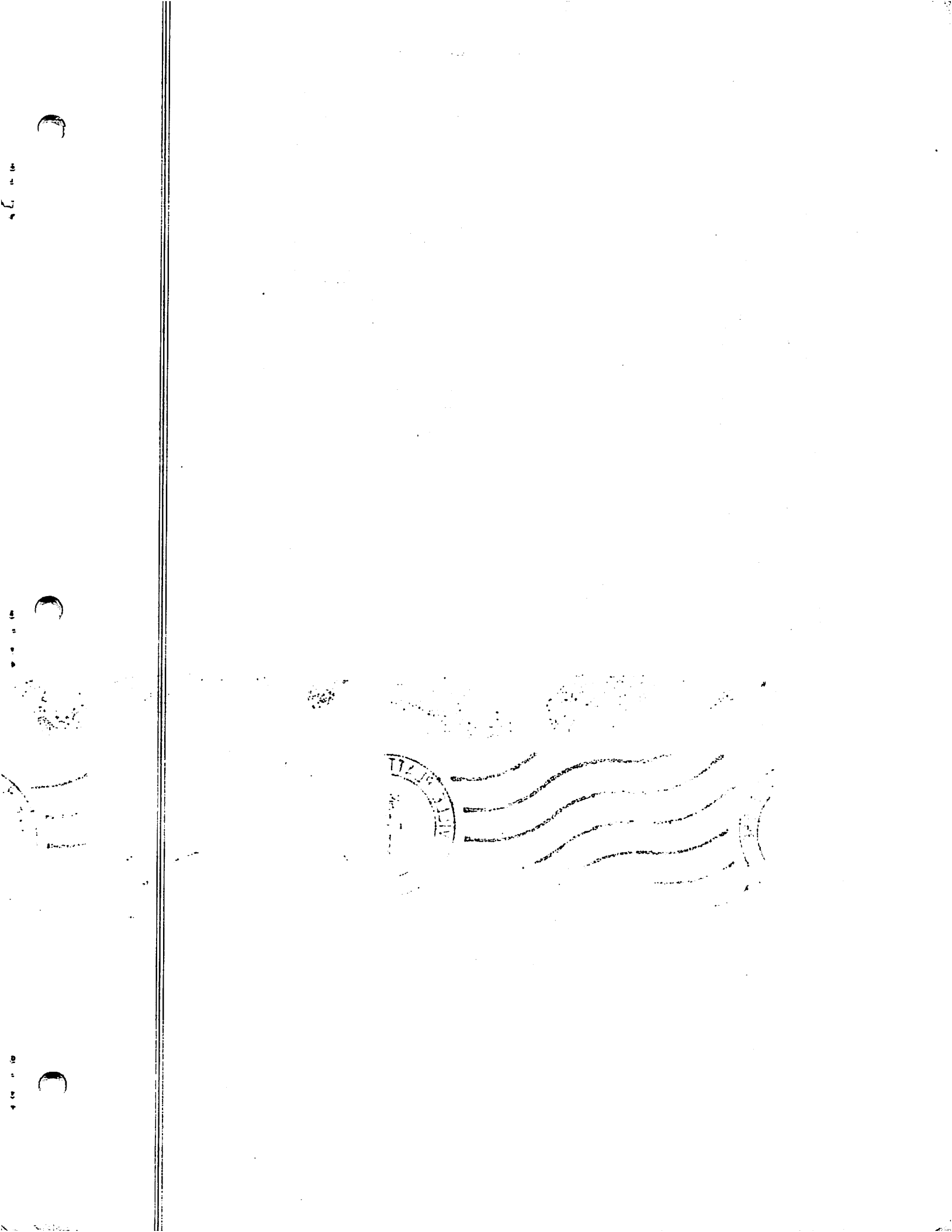
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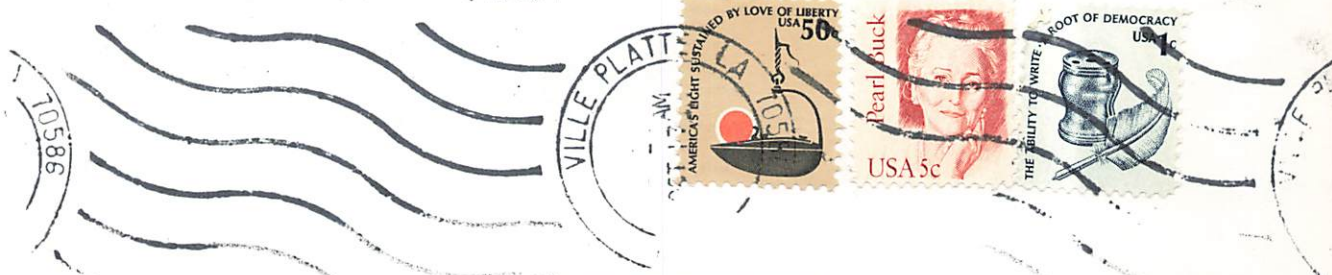
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