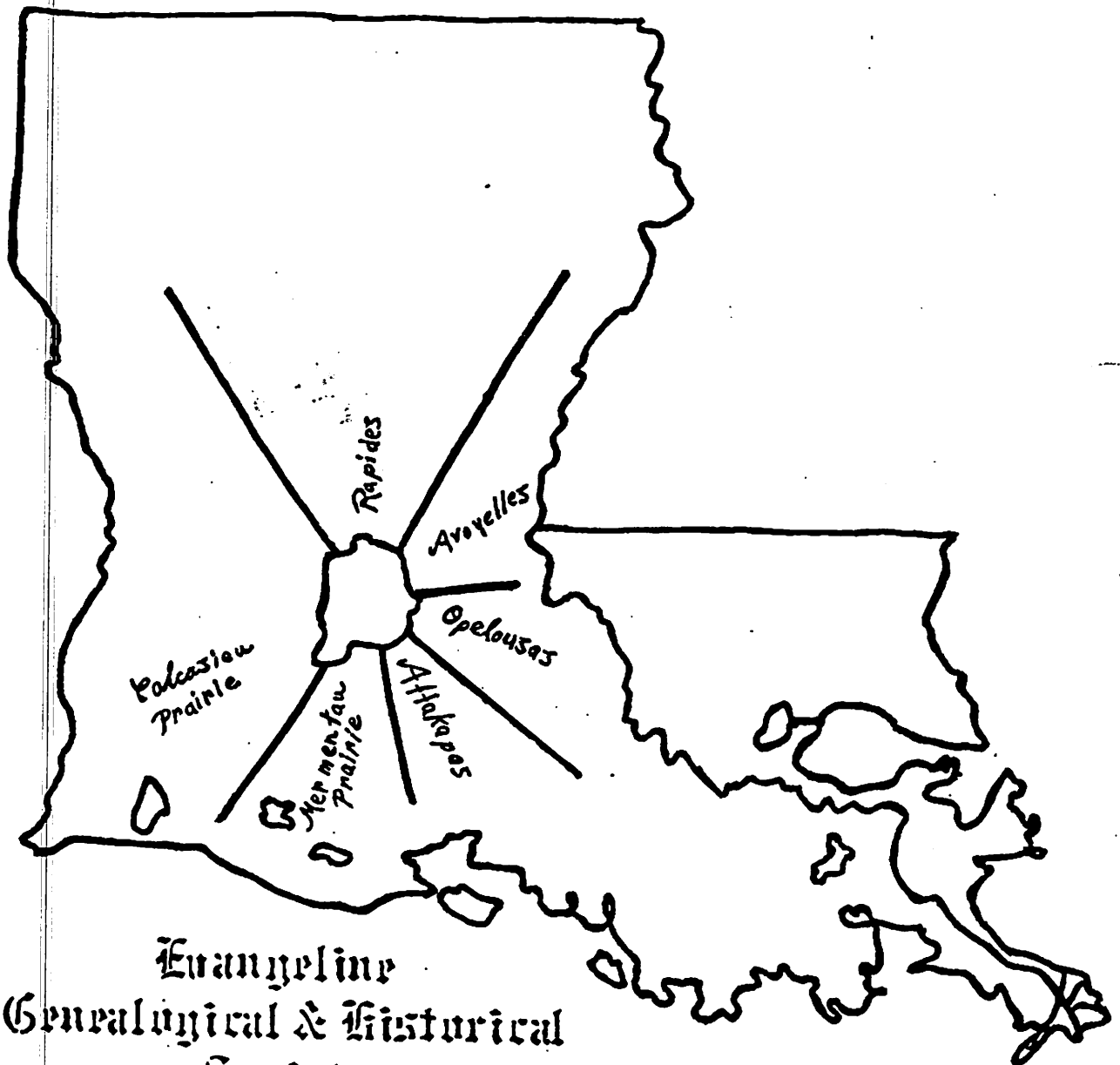


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JUDGE ALBERT TATE, JR.

September 23, 1920 - March 27, 1986

More About MANUEL-LAPERRIERE

Research by Albert Tate, Jr.

Prepared for publication by Jacqueline Olivier Vidrine

Previous issues of La Voix have featured articles on the MANUEL family of Louisiana and Illinois.¹ Judge Albert Tate, Jr. gave me the results of his further efforts on behalf of Manuel researchers. Too late to be included in the January issue, too important to postpone, the information is presented here.

Baptismal certificates pertinent to MANUEL research were prepared for Judge Tate by Associate Archivist Charles Nolan from the records of St. Louis Cathedral, New Orleans:²

1. Rafael de Dios Felix MANUEL born 10 April 1800 baptized by Antonio de Sedella, 17 March 1801, son of Pedro MANUEL and Genoveba ALBERT, both natives of and residents of this city; Godparents: Adelaida MANUEL, sister of the baptized, and Dr. Rafael RAMOS DE VILCHES, honorary Commissioner of War and Comptroller of the Royal Hospital of New Orleans. The infant's grandparents were named: Paternal, Juan MANUEL and Juana de LA PERIERE; Maternal, Antonio ALBERT and Genoveba LAFLEUR.
2. Three children of Pierre SAVANT and Marie Françoise MANUEL:
 Maria Francisca SAVANT born 22 February (1775 presumed) baptized by Luis de Quintilla 17 April 1775. Godparents: Pedro Matheo SAVANT and Magdalena MANUEL; signatures: Magdelain MANUELL; Pierre MANUELL témoin.
 Maria "SABAN" born 17 August 1782 baptized by Antonio de Sedella the same day. Godparents: Francisco SANCHEZ and Maria Francisca "SABAN."
 Juan Pedro SAVANT born 26 November 1784 baptized by Louis Guigues 3 December 1784. Godparents: Conratt SELOF, German, and Carlota TOXLER, German.

Nothing was found in Metz about Jean MANUEL or about Jeanne LAPERRIERE,³ and the discovery of a LA PAIRIERE-MUNIER marriage in an obscure French village was pure chance. For MANUEL genealogists it appears to be a stroke of good fortune. Judge Tate's generous correspondent, Mademoiselle Deshayes,⁴ calls it, in her bilingual letter, both a "coup de chance," a "fluke." Visiting the cradle of her own ancestors at Beux (a small community southeast of Metz), she happened to be looking through its church records. There she found a 1707 marriage that is probably — almost certainly — that of Jeanne LAPERRIERE's parents. Only the priest signed.

Village de Beux (Moselle en LORRAINE - FRANCE)

Le 8 mars 1707, les 3 bans et le quart d'abondant proclamés entre: Laurent LA PAIRIERE, jeune fils de Nicolas LA PAIRIERE, vivant dans les chevaux légers de son altesse Charles Cinq (the Duc of Lorraine, Charles V) et d'Anne Magdeleine PESCHEUR, demeurante à Epinal, ses père et mère d'une part, et Claudine MUNIER, fille de Phylippe MUSNIER, manoeuvre, demeurant à Aube, et de Barbe NOEL, ses père et mère d'autre part; Je sousigné Prêtre et Curé de Buchy leur avoir donné la bénédiction nuptiale en l'absence de Mr Estienne HENRY Prêtre et Curé de Beux dans la chapelle d'Aube le 8ème du même mois, en présence
 de Charles RICHARD oncle de l'époux,
 de Jean VINCENT, régent d'école, son bon amy,

MANUEL-LAPERRIERE

de Phylippe GOUGET, et
 de Dominique GRANDJEAN, beau-frère à l'épouse,
 qui ont signé et marqué avec moy soussigné le présent acte, les bans
 proclamés sans aucune opposition, l' 'extrait baptistaire de l'epouse
 dûment contrôlé à Remilly le 4 mars 1707, et le 'extrait baptistaire
 de l'époux légalisé par Monseigneur l'Evesque de Toul le 5ème mars 1707.

Although she did not find the baptism of Jeanne "La Pairiere," these
 LA PAIRIERE-MUNIER children were recorded at Beux:

"Naissances des enfants, à Beux:

Le 16 december 1707, Catherine est née;
 Le 15 février 1714, Marguerite Julienne est née;
 Le 26 juillet 1716, Françoise est née;
 Le 20 janvier 1720, Agnès est née;
 Le 07 Fevrier 1722, Claude est né.

Pas de naissance entre 1707 et 1714 (ou ailleurs)."

At the time of the Tate-Deshayes letters, it was not known that Jeanne may
 have been born as late as 1730. We have written to Mlle Deshayes concerning that
 possibility.

 NOTES

1. Albert Tate, Jr., "The Early Manuel Family of the Spanish Opelousas
 Post Area" La Voix, (April 1985), 23-26; Jacqueline Olivier Vidrine, "The Manuel
 Family of Louisiana Province," La Voix, (January 1986), 10-17. See also La Voix,
 (July 1985), 56, 58.

2. Information prepared from photocopies of certificates of records in
 Baptism Books Vol. 3 p. 148; Vol. VII, p. 48; Vol. ONE pp. 254, 348.

3. Archives Municipales de Metz, France, to Albert Tate, Jr., New Orleans,
 15 April 1985. The staff, consulting the tables 1566-1760, did not find any
 La Perriere, Perriere, or Manuel names.

4. Marie-Pierre Deshayes, Metz, to Albert Tate, Jr., New Orleans,
 October 1985; Albert Tate, Jr. to Jacqueline Olivier Vidrine, Ville Platte,
 November 1985. All of the French records presented in this article are from
 typescripts included in her letter.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Jean MANUEL and Jeanne LA PAIRIERE'S New Orleans-born son,
 Pierre MANUEL married Genevieve ALBERT. A study chart prepared by Jacqueline
 Olivier Vidrine, of the Canadian ALBERT family will appear in a future issue
 of La Voix des Prairies.

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The Evangeline Genealogical and Historical Society in association with the Evangeline Parish Library is honored to announce the establishment of an endowment in memory of Judge Albert L. Tate, Jr.

Interest earned upon contributions to the endowment will be used to acquire genealogical and related materials to be housed in the Evangeline Parish Library and made available via inter-library loan throughout the country.

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Contributions of any size will be accepted and an acknowledgement will be forwarded to the family.

JUDGE ALBERT TATE, JR. GENEALOGICAL ENDOWMENT FUND

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Ville Platte, Louisiana 70586

Ancestor Chart

Name of Compiler Velma Bertrand
 Address P.O. Box 743
 City, State Elton, La. 70532
 Date _____

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

Chart No. _____

4. Aleondor Manuel

(Father of No. 2)

b. 19 July 1884
 p.b. Lauredale, La.
 m.
 d. 22 July 1962, Fusilier Cove
 p.d. Southeast of Elton, La.

2. Don Louis Manuel

(Father of No. 1)

b. 19 Dec. 1905
 p.b. Fusilier Cove, Elton, La.
 m. 2 Feb. 1929, Jefferson Davis
 d. 20 June, 1957, in Auto accident
 p.d. Kinder, La. "Kinder Hospital"

5. Erma (dit "Babe") Sonnier

(Mother of No. 2)

b. 2 July 1885
 p.b. Elton, La. Fusilier Cove
 d. 21 March 1936
 p.d. Home, Bur. @ Liberty Cem.

1. Velma Lee Manuel Bertrand

b. 27 Oct. 1929
 p.b. Fusilier Cove, Southeast of Elton, La.
 m. 20 Dec. 1952
 d.
 p.d.

6. Ephmond Sonnier Sr.

(Father of No. 3)

b. 11 Oct., 1872
 p.b. Church Point, La.
 m.
 d. 27 Jan., 1947 @ home in
 p.d. Fusilier Cove, Elton, La.
 Bur. in Bertrand Cem. in Hath-
 way, La. Mary Arthmisse Sonnier

(Mother of No. 1)

b. 13 Nov. 1905 Fusilier Cove
 p.b. Elton, La.
 d.
 p.d.

7. Marie Arthmisse Lopez

(Mother of No. 3)

b. 16 Dec. 1874
 p.b. Youngsville, La.
 d. 15 Feb. 1934 @ Home in
 p.d. Fusilier Cove, Elton, La.

Bur. in Bertrand Cem., Hataway, La.

~~Wilson Joseph Bertrand~~

b. 25 Nov. 1929 d.
 p.b. Gueydan, La. p.d.

8. Jerome Manuel

(Father of No. 4)

b. 23 Nov. 1856
 p.b. Calasieu Parish, La.
 m. 23 Nov. 1881
 d. 5 Oct. 1934, bur. @ Liberty
 p.d. Cem.

9. Elodie Bertrand

(Mother of No. 4)

b. 6 April, 1865
 p.b. Calasieu Par., La.
 d. 1 June 1952, @ home bur. @
 p.d. Liberty Cem.

10. Par. Pierre Sonnier

(Father of No. 5)

b. 21 Dec. 1859
 p.b. Grande coteau, La.
 m.
 d. 1 June, 1937, @ home of Don
 p.d. Louis Manuel's, Bur. @
 Liberty Cem.
 Fannillee Fusilier

(Mother of No. 5)

b. 9 Jan. 1855
 p.h.
 d. 10 Nov. 1936, @ home Bur.
 p.d. in Liberty Cem.

12. Placide Sonnier

(Father of No. 6)

b. 10 March, 1845, bt. in
 p.b. Church Point as well as married
 m. 18 Feb. 1868
 d. was killed while riding
 p.d. horseback and was struck
 by lightning. Bur. in Bertrand
 Cem.

13. Cadillee Fusilier

(Mother of No. 6)

b. 3 Dec. 1818, Opel Ch. V.2, 27
 p.b. pg. 159
 d. Suppose to be burried in
 p.d. Chretien Cem, but can't find
 grave.

14. Dermoncourt Lopez

(Father of No. 7)

b. ca. 1802
 p.b.
 m. 10 April 1871, youngsville, d.
 d. V.1, Pg. 139. possible from
 p.d. New Iberia
 Bur. in Bertrand Cem.

15. Marie Zeophile Hulin

(Mother of No. 7)

b. 8 April 1854 (S.M., La. Par 31)
 p.b. S.M. Ch. V.9, #38
 d. 30 Jan. 1910, Bur. in Bertrand
 p.d. Cem. Southeast of Elton, La.

16. Raphael Godefroi Manuel

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

b. 31 Aug., 1829
 m. 22 July, 1848
 d. after 1910, Bur. @ Liberty
 Cem.

17. Josephine Granger

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

b. ca. 1830
 d.

18. Soloman Bertrand

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

b. 2 Oct. 1835
 m.

19. Delside Pitre

(Mother of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. _____)

b. 24 Dec. 1838
 d. both are bur. @ Liberty Cem

20. Joseph Sonnier

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

b. 25 June 1818
 m. 26 June 1837, Opel Ch. V.2
 d. ? p. 120

21. Celestine Hebert

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

b. 3 Dec. 1818
 d. ?

22. Firman Fusilier de La Claire

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

b. 13 June, 1816
 m. 6 Feb. 1838
 d. ?

23. Pauline Pierrie Manuel

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

b. 25 June 1817
 d. 8 Oct. 1917, both are bur. i
 Chretien Cem, Elton, La.

24. Joseph Saunier

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

b. 25 June, 1818
 m. 26 June 1837
 d. ?

25. Celestine Hebert

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

b. 3 Dec. 1818
 d. ?

26. Firman Fusilier de La Claire

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

b. 13 June 1816
 m. 6 Feb. 1838
 d. ?

27. Pauline Pierre Manuel

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

b. 25 June 1816
 d. 8 Oct. 1917

28. Francois Lopez

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

b. 25 July 1810
 m. 6 July, 1829
 d. ?

29. Julie Garryo of S. M.

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

b.
 m. 10 April 1871

30. Valsin Hulin

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

b. 10 April 1871
 d. 12 May 1868 @ age 46

Marie Arthmisse Hulin

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

b. 7 April, 1871
 d. 1 July 1884(?)

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Name of Compiler Velma BertrandAddress P.O. Box 743City, State Elton, La. 70532

Date _____

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Chart No. _____

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

4 Godefroi Raphael Manuel
(Father of No. 2)

b. 8 Feb., 1786

p.b. Chataigner, St. Landry Par.

m. 19 Apr. 1825, Opel Ch. V. 19

d. p. 436

p.d. Calasieu Par. on Bayou Serpent

2 Raphael Godefroi Manuel
(Father of No. 1)

b. 31 Aug. 1829

p.b. Chataigner, St. Landry Par.

m. 22 July 1848, Opel. Ch.

d. after 1910

p.d. Liberty Cemetery Southwest of Elton, La.

5 Marie Louise Pelouquin
(Mother of No. 2)

bt. 24 July 1796, Opel Ch.

p.b. St. Landry Parish

d.

p.d. Calasieu Parish on Bayou Serpent

1 Jerome Manuel

b. 24 Nov. 1856, Ville Platte, V. 6, p. 404

p.b. bt. 22 Jan. 1858, V.P. Ch. V. 1, P. 101

m. 23 Nov. 1881

d. 5 Oct. 1934-75 yrs. old

p.d. Bur. @ Liberty Cem.

8 Cyrien Granger
(Father of No. 3)

b. 31 Jan., 1792

p.b. Cote Glee (Breaux Bridge)

m. 21 Feb. 1820, Avoyelles

d.

p.d. St. Landry Parish

3 Josephine Granger
(Mother of No. 1)

b. ca. 1831

p.b. Avoyelles Parish

d. after 1874/before 1880

p.d. Calasieu Par. Bur. @ Liberty Cem.

7 Sadalise Gaspard
(Mother of No. 3)

b. ca. 1805

p.b. Avoyelles Parish

d.

p.d.

Elodie Bertrand
(Spouse of No. 1)

b. 6 April 1865

d. 1 June, 1952

p.b. Calasieu Par.

p.d. Bur. @ Liberty

8 Pierre Manuel
(Father of No. 4)

b. 25 June, 1752

p.b. New Orleans, La.

m. 25 Nov. 1778, Edgard, La.

d. Oct. 1805 Chatigner, La.

p.d. Manuel Cem.

Genevieve Albert
(Mother of No. 4)

b. ca. 1762

p.b. St. Charles, Par. Succ#44

d. Chataigner, La.

p.d.

10 Jean Baptiste Pelouquin
(Father of No. 5)

b. 29 June 1758

p.b. Sorel Canada

m. 30 July 1787, Kaskaskia, Ill.

d.

p.d.

11 Marie Louise De'Lils
(Mother of No. 5)

b. 6 Feb. bt. 12 April 1770

p.b. Kaskaskia, Ill

d.

p.d.

12 Jean Baptiste Granger
(Father of No. 6)

b.

p.b. Canada or Maryland

m. 10 Jan. 1779

d.

p.d.

13 Suzanne Cormier
(Mother of No. 6)

b. ca. 1760

p.b. St. Martinville, La.

d. 27 Nov. 1800

p.d. St. Martinville, La.

14 Daniel Gaspard II
(Father of No. 7)

b. ca. 1774

p.b. St. Charles Par.

m. Civil, 1796, 22 Aug. 1796

d. Morganza, La.

p.d.

15 Augustine Juneau
(Mother of No. 7)

b. ca. 1780

p. bbt. 5 Aug. 1781, @ 10 Months

d. Avoyelles, Parish, La.

p.d.

16 Jean Baptiste Manuel

b. ca. 1733

m.

d. New Orleans, La.

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

b. 1732,

d. New Orleans

18 Antoine Albert
(Father of No. 9,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

b. 1739, Canada

m.

d. Genevieve LeRoux

19 July 1776, St. Charles Par.
(Mother of No. 9,
Cont. on chart No. _____)20 Pierre Antoine Felix Pelquin
(Father of No. 10,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

b. 4 May, 1734

m. 8 July 1755

d. Sorel, Canada

21 Marie Joseph St. Martin
(Mother of No. 10,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

b. 1736

d. 2 Jan. 1773, Sorel, Canada

22 Charles Bienvenue (Delisle)
(Father of No. 11,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

b.

m. 2 June 1760, Kaskaskia, Ill.

d.

23 Marie Elizabeth LeLonde
(Mother of No. 11,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

b.

d.

24 Pierrie Granger

b. 1714 Acadia

m. 23 Jan. 1741, Grand Pre. Ca

d. Euphrosine Gautrot

25 b. ca. 1724
(Mother of No. 12,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

d.

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

b. ca. 1742

m. 2, 5 April 1771, S.M. Ch.

d.

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

b. ca. 1745

d.

28 Daniel Gaspard Norman Sr
(Father of No. 14,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

b. 1750 Quebec

m. 1770-1773 St. Charles Par.

d.

29 Francoise' Materne (Madere)
(Mother of No. 14,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

b. 29 June 1775

d. Natchitoches, La.

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

b. 5 Nov. 1757

m. 8 Oct. 1776, Point Coupe

d.

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

b. 28 Jan. 1761

d.

PIERRE COURVILLE of Illinois

By Callie P. Avera

For many years Pierre COURVILLE and Marie WEST have been an unsolved mystery to area researchers. After several years of frustration, I asked a dear friend Jacky Vidrine for help.¹ She guided me to fruitful sources, and to Mr. Anton J. Pregaldin.²

The marriage record of Pierre COURVILLE and Maria WEST, 8 November 1802, Opelousas, is our most important genealogical record in Louisiana. The marriage certificate shows he is a young unmarried man of Illinois, son of Alexis COURVILLE and Isabelle FERRETTE. The bride Maria WEST, native of the parish, is daughter of Roger WEST and Maria OLIVIER. Witnesses were Antoine LA CASE, Frederic MILLER, Francois FRUGE, and Arroute DAMAIND(?).³

Pierre COURVILLE's father is given, on all Opelousas documents seen as Alexis COURVILLE; the mother's name given is Isabelle FERRETTE on the marriage record, and Babe LOCAT on one baptismal record and Babe LOCATTE on another.⁴ When I presented this confusing information to Mr. Pregaldin he responded promptly: "The discrepancies in the name of Pierre COURVILLE's mother are beneficial. Her correct name was Elizabeth Louise (RENAUD dit) LOCAT....one of the diminutives for Elizabeth in French is Babette, and because of this one encounters "Barbe".."⁵ And of course Isabelle is Spanish for Elizabeth. Mr. Pregaldin also adds, "the FERRETTE is not correct, but it just reflects the fact that Elizabeth's step-father was Marc FERRETTI, from Modena, Italy."⁶

Elizabeth Louise LOCAT was born 24 August 1745, baptized the following day at Michilimackinac. She is listed as daughter of Pierre LOCAT, voyageur and Josette CHEVALIER, residents of the post; the godmother is Manon ALA VOINE, wife of Sieur CHEVALIER, voyageur. The godmother's signature reads: MANON LAVOINE CHEVALIER. When Elizabeth LOCAT married 24 November 1760 (Alexis) "COURVILLE" at Cahokia, Illinois, her parents were named as Pierre RENAUD dit LOCAT and Marie Joseph CHEVALIER. One record describes Marie Joseph CHEVALIER as a native of Michilimackinac. Although the RENAUD dit LOCAT-CHEVALIER marriage listing is incomplete in the Mackinac Registers, it is certainly theirs. It reads: 21 July 1739 - pierre Locat and Marie(torn).⁷ There is only one CHEVALIER family at Mackinac⁸ during that era; they had a daughter, Marie Joseph, born just 22 years before the birth of the first known child of the LOCAT-CHEVALIER couple. Therefore, it can be assumed that Marie Joseph (CHEVALIER) LOCAT was the daughter of Jean Baptiste CHEVALIER and Francoise ALA VOINE.⁹ Marie Joseph CHEVALIER of Michilimackinac married second at Cahokia 6 April 1760, Marc FERRETTI.¹⁰

The marriage register of Cahokia for that parish is lost, but some of the marriages can be found in Tanguay, including the 1760 marriage of Elizabeth LOCAT and Alexis COURVILLE. Unfortunately, Tanguay does not give the first name of COURVILLE nor identify his parents.¹¹ The search for COURVILLE included Cahokia and all of Illinois and Canada. Tanguay shows a family called LEFEBVRE dit COURRIER or COURVILLE of which some members lived at Cahokia. No Alexis (LEFEBVRE dit) COURVILLE of the right age could be found in Tanguay. However, it seems more probable that the Alexis BILLY, baptized 2 September 1731 could be the Alexis COURVILLE who married Elizabeth LOCAT at Cahokia. If so, he would be the son of Jean BILLY and Marguerite VIEN, the family who adopted the sobriquet COURVILLE in 1747.¹²

PIERRE COURVILLE of Illinois

In Volume IX of the Illinois Historical Collections, "Cahokia Records, 1778-1790," a Pierre COURVILLE is listed in the August 1787 census of males at Cahokia. It is footnoted that he was born about 1762 with no indication as to how this is known.¹³ A Pedro COURVILLE appears as godparent on a baptism in Louisiana, 7 August 1796,¹⁴ apparently the first time the name surfaces in the Opelousas area.

As I share this exciting find with the readers of La Voix, I want to again thank Mr. A. J. Pregaldin for the essential data he sent and Jacky Vidrine for pointing me in the right direction and assisting in bringing this article to its present form. Any suggestions or comments on the antecedents of Pierre COURVILLE and of Marie WEST will be welcomed.

NOTES

1. Jacqueline Olivier Vidrine of Ville Platte, La., to whom I owe many thanks for this study and for her guidance in other projects.

2. Mr. A. J. Pregaldin of Clayton, Missouri, author of "The Vincennes Oath..." published in K. W. Seineke's The George Rogers Clark Adventure in the Illinois. New Orleans: Polyanthos, n.d.

3. As transcribed by Ms. Goldie Young, St. Landry Church, Vol. 1-A, p. 111, Opelousas, La. The mother of Marie WEST remains a puzzle and any suggestions are invited. Her name may be OLIVIER, FISHER, FRIGER, FRUGE, LEJEUNE, or even MAURICE dit OLIVIER.

4. Baptisms of Pauline COURVILLE, 14 July 1829 (Vol. 3, p. 73, No. 91) and Mirza COURVILLE, 8 Jan. 1832 (Vol. 3, p. 194, No. 1); as copied by Ms. Goldie Young, St. Landry Church, Opelousas, La.

5. Anton J. Pregaldin to Callie Pitre Avera, 18 August 1985. Hereinafter cited as AJP to CPA. Mr. Pregaldin notes: "There is of course such a name as "Barbe" (Barbara), in French. It is also used occasionally in instances where the woman's name is "Elizabeth."" However, "Babe" is the name used in transcribed documents in Note 4 above.

6. AJP to CPA.

7. Ibid. Parish Register of Michilimackinac, Wisconsin Historical Collections, Vol. VIII, p. 470; Vol. XIX, p. 15. Hereinafter cited as WHC. Also, Cyprien Tanguay, Dictionnaire genealogique des familles canadiennes depuis la fondation de la colonie jusqu'a nos jours, VI (Montreal, 1871-1890), p. 544. Hereinafter cited as Tanguay, Dictionnaire.

8. WHC, XVIII, p. 136, 137. The CHEVALIERS were a prominent Mackinac family. Jean Baptiste CHEVALIER was born at Montreal in 1677 and there married (1709) Marie Françoise (Manon) ALAVOINE. Jean Baptiste was an early voyageur and trader in the Mackinac country, where he brought his family about 1719. He died shortly before 1752; his wife died in 1756. Their numerous children intermarried with the other well-known families of the upper posts.

9. AJP to CPA. Tanguay, Dictionnaire, III, p. 56; WHC, XVIII, pp. 136, 137, 470-472, 478, 479; XIX, pp. 2, 3, 15. Marie Joseph CHEVALIER was probably their last child born in Montreal, while the remainder of this couple's children were baptized at Mackinac.

10. AJP to CPA. Tanguay, Dictionnaire, VI, p. 544; groom's name is Marc FUSH.

11. Mr. Pregaldin's letter confirms the prenom Alexis as Elizabeth's husband.

12. Tanguay, Dictionnaire, I, p. 52; II, p. 280-281. Also, Institut Genealogique Drouin, Dictionnaire National Des Canadiens Francais (1608-1760) (Montreal, Canada) I, p. 113; III, p. 1403-1404.

13. AJP to CPA.

14. Gladys De Villier, The Opelousas Post; A Compendium of Church Records Relating to the First Families of Southwest Louisiana, 1776-1806 (Cottonport: Polyanthos, 1972) p. 63. Baptism of Joseph FRUGERE, natural son of Josef Frugere and Maria Gregen (Friger ?). There is no indication he was a friend or relative of the couple.

Children of Pierre COURVILLE and Marie WEST

- I. Eugenie, baptized 21 July 1805, age 6 months;
married 23 July 1844, Joseph ISTRE.
- II. Alexis, baptized 10 December 1807, age 7 weeks;
married (1) 28 August 1827, Pauline JANY;
married (2) 18 December 1835, Eugenie FIGURANT;
died 5 March 1855, age 49.
- III. Adele (Adeline), baptized 25 March 1810, age 4 months;
married (1) 9 November Jean Baptiste FRUGE;
married (2) 10 October 1835 Michel CARRIERE.
- IV. Marcelite, baptized 3 September 1812, age 11 months;
married 6 May 1829, Joseph ISTRE, fils.
- V. Marie Louise, born 15 February 1813;
married 5 April 1836, Virgil FRUGE.
- VI. Pierre, born 16 January 1815;
married (1) 4 May 1835, Clemence FRUGE;
married (2) 27 December 1860, Adelaide LEBERT.
- VII. Hilarie, born 20 February 1817;
married 18 April 1843, Apoline DIAVILLE.
- VIII. Michel, born 3 May 1819;
married 4 February 1840, Frances MILLER;
Succession, 3 November 1866.
- IX. Antoine, born 29 July 1821.
- X. David, born 24 April 1823;
married 31 March 1847, Caroline BERGEREAU.
- XI. Jean Baptiste, born 30 June 1825;
married 6 July 1850, Louise TELLER.
- XII. Sosthene, born 30 May 1827;
married (1) 11 July 1848, Clementine MELANCON;
married (2) 8 August 1860, Virginie PATIN.
- XIII. Pauline, born 20 June 1829.
- XIV. Mirza, born 25 November 1831;
married 24 January 1854, Hildevert DUPLECHAIN.

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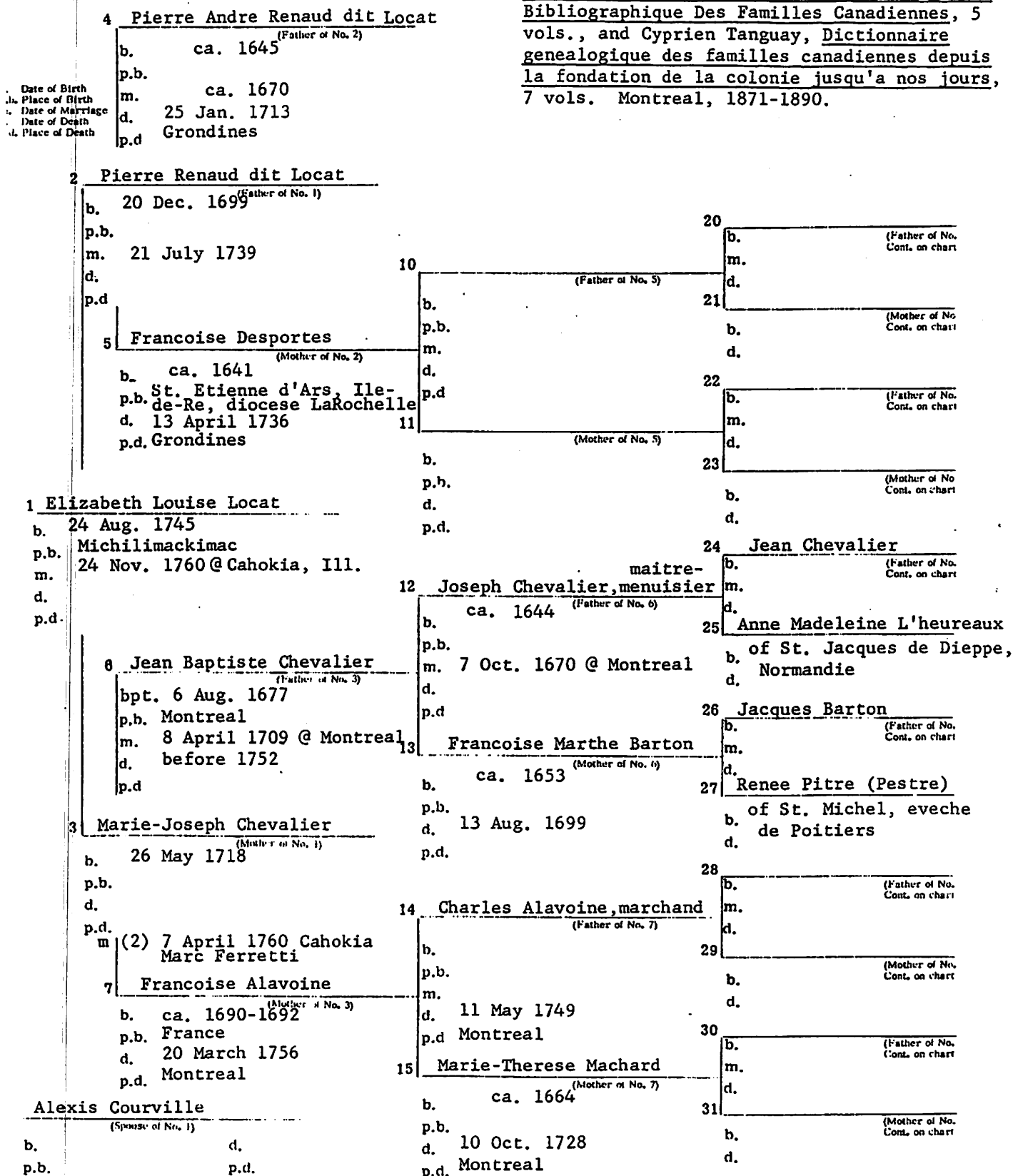
Rev. Donald J. Hebert, Southwest Louisiana Records,
Volumes 1 - 6.

Ancestor Chart

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Information on this chart compiled from:

R. P. Archange Godbout, O.F.M., Nos Ancetres Au XVII^e, Dictionnaire Genealogique et Bio-Bibliographique Des Familles Canadiennes, 5 vols., and Cyprien Tanguay, Dictionnaire genealogique des familles canadiennes depuis la fondation de la colonie jusqu'a nos jours, 7 vols. Montreal, 1871-1890.



MICHILIMACKINAC

(MACKINAC)

*Historically considered, the name Michilimackinac applies not only to the Strait, but to the region on either side of the Strait and to Mackinac Island. **

Michilimackinac was the earliest form used by the French (1760). It was shortened, the French spelling it as Mackinac, the English as Mackinaw. Although both spellings survive there is a single pronunciation, better represented by the English spelling.¹

The handful of inhabitants of old Mackinac were dependent on the fur trade and on the military post which dominated the strait between Lakes Huron and Michigan. Mackinac was the commercial *entrepôt* for the shores and remote areas of the vast region known as the "upper country." Fur traders, voyageurs, trappers and Indians gathered here each summer to buy and sell pelts, and to secure goods and necessities for forest life and traffic. It was the social center of the upper Great Lakes which included the small Wisconsin settlements of Green Bay, Chequamegon, Prairie du Chien—commercial and official "dependencies" of Mackinac.²

There was a church at Mackinac and, during the French regime (1670-1760), a resident missionary priest. Under British rule (1761-1796) ecclesiastical ministrations were less regular.³ Mackinac register, "Register of Baptisms and Marriages of the Mission of St. Ignace De Michilimackinac," (original preserved in the parish church of Ste. Anne at Mackinac) consists of one large volume, which records ceremonies from 1741-1821, with marriages entered at one end and those of baptisms at the other. It followed an older one, now lost. At some time, a list of marriages from 1725-1741 was copied from the older one into the existing register. Parts of the first few pages of list of marriages are torn, but only part of the entries are obliterated. Also listed in this extant register are baptisms from 1695-1741, giving merely date and name. The transcriber freely added remarks of his own, indicating status of the person at the time of copying.⁴ Some entries show how French traders scattered along the shores of the lakes and rivers of the upper country returned to Mackinac in the summer to traffic for their skins and brought their families with them for marriage, baptisms, etc.⁵

In the last five years (1755-1760) of French Administration, the upper country suffered from neglect. Reports after 1754 indicate lack of interest concerning the fate of the nearly deserted district. At the outbreak of the Seven Years War higher officers were withdrawn and the posts left to the care of subordinates of small repute. This helped determine the prevailing sovereignty of upper Wisconsin. In 1760, the old French post of Mackinac was evacuated by the conquered French even before the arrival of the British troops. English occupation at Fort Mackinac began in 1761.⁶

NOTES

1. George R. Stewart, American Place-Names; A Concise and Selective Dictionary for the Continental United States of America (New York: Oxford University Press, 1970) p. 270.

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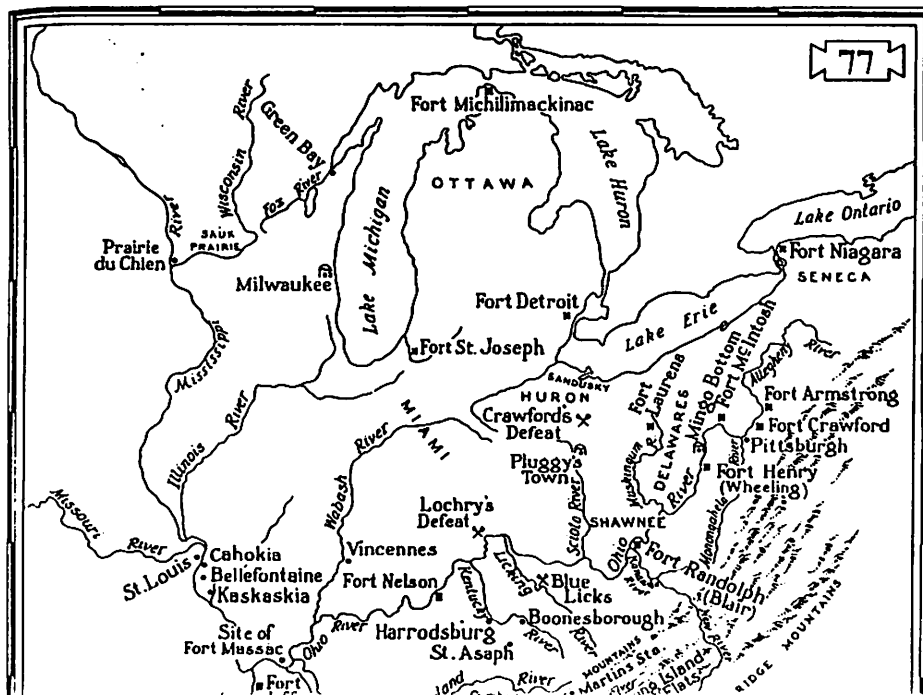
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Name of Compiler Dorothy Matte BergeronAddress 130 Everette Dr.City, State Houma, La. 70364

4 Simon Matte

(Father of No. 3)
 b. 14-Sept.-1872
 p.b. C.P. ch. V.4 P. 47
 m. 20-Dec.-1888 C.P.ch.
 d. 16-Oct.-1941
 p.d. Church Point

2 Constant Matte

(Father of No. 1)
 b. 14-Feb.-1898
 p.b. Church Point, La.
 m. 25-May-1915
 d. 27-Dec.-1958
 p.d. Richard, La.

5 Louisa Richard

(Mother of No. 2)
 b. 6-Aug.-1872
 p.b. C.P.ch. V.4 P.44
 d. 21-Sept.-1949
 p.d. Church Point

1 Elzia Matte

b. 28-Jan.-1926
 p.b. Church Point.
 m. 10-Dec.-1944
 d. 1-May-1965
 p.d. Richard, La.

8 Louis Edgar Fux

(Father of No. 3)
 b. 6-Sept.-1851
 p.b. C.P.ch. V.4 P.403
 m. 14-Oct.-1874
 d.
 p.d. Church Point

3 Lucille Fux

(Mother of No. 1)
 b. 25-July-1890
 p.b. Church Point
 d. 8-Dec.-1970
 p.d. Richard, La.

7 Marie Coralie Daigle

(Mother of No. 3)
 b. 21-Mar.-1857
 p.b. C.P.ch. V.1 P. 35
 d.
 p.d. Church Point

Aline Matte

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

8 Harvey Matte

(Father of No. 4)
 b. 1-Nov.-1851
 p.b. C.P.ch. V.1 P.6
 m. 16-Aug.-1873 C.P.ch.
 d. ??
 p.d.
 9 Meranthe Lebleu

b. 24-April-1847
 p.b. G.C.ch. V.1 P. 267-B
 d. ??
 p.d.

10 Lastie Richard

(Mother of No. 5)
 b. 11-Sept.-1852
 p.b. C.P.ch. V.1 P.8
 m. 29-Aug.-1871 C.P. ch.
 d. ?
 p.d.

11 Josephine Lejeune

(Mother of No. 5)
 b. 12-Dec.-1853
 p.b. C.P.ch. V.1 P.7
 d. ??
 p.d.

12 Louis Eugene Fux

(Father of No. 6)
 b. 6-July-1828
 p.b. Opel. ch. V.3 P.53
 m. 24-Aug.-1850
 d. 1863
 p.d.

13 Mathilda Sittig

(Mother of No. 6)
 b. 5-Mar.-1830
 p.b. Opel. ch. V.3 P. 124
 d. ??
 p.d. ??

14 Zephias Daigle

(Father of No. 7)
 b. 3-Aug.-1834
 p.b.
 m. 9-June-1856 G.C.ch.
 d. 7-April-1923
 p.d.

15 Julie Guidry

(Mother of No. 7)
 b. 15-Dec.-1830
 p.b. S.M.ch. V.8 # 29
 d. 13-Feb.1910
 p.d.

16 Simon Matte

b. 1828 (Father of No. 8,
 Cont. on chart No.)
 m. ?
 d. ?
 Doucet
 Madeleine Josephine
 (Mother of No. 8,
 Cont. on chart No.)

18 Onezime Lebleu

b. 2-June-1825 (Father of No. 9,
 Cont. on chart No.)
 m. 26-Oct.-1841
 d. @ 1866
 Zelphine Berwick

12-Oct.-1817 (Mother of No. 9,
 Cont. on chart No.)
 d.

20 Leander Richard

b. 30-June-1824 (Father of No. 10,
 Cont. on chart No.)
 m. 9-Jan.-1849
 d. ??

21 Marie Leonide Bergeron
 b. 8-Sept.-1824 (Mother of No. 10,
 Cont. on chart No.)
 m. 26-Jan.-1879 C.P.ch.

22 Joseph Lejeune Jr.

b. 25-Dec.-1824 (Father of No. 11,
 Cont. on chart No.)
 m. 9-May-1839

23 Felonise Hall
 b. 15-Sept.-1864
 m. 27-Aug.-1817 (Mother of No. 11,
 Cont. on chart No.)
 d. 3-June-1863 C.P.ch.

24 Jean Louis Fux

b. ?? (Father of No. 12,
 Cont. on chart No.)
 m. 31-Jan.-1826
 d. Estate Dated 1833

25 Emeline David
 b. 15-June-1806 (Mother of No. 12,
 Cont. on chart No.)
 d. Succ. 1838

26 Dominique Sittig

b. ?? (Father of No. 13,
 Cont. on chart No.)
 m. 14-Nov.-1827
 d. 1-Mar.-1873 age 73
 Hermance Chachere
 (Mother of No. 13,
 Cont. on chart No.)
 b. ??
 d. 6-July-1892

28 Jos. Etienne Daigle

b. 13-Oct.-1806 (Father of No. 14,
 Cont. on chart No.)
 m. 9-April-1822
 d. Succ. 1844

29 Lise Dupre

b. 1804 (Mother of No. 14,
 Cont. on chart No.)
 d.

30 Jos. Rosemond Guidry

b. 8-Oct.-1806 (Father of No. 15,
 Cont. on chart No.)
 m. 3-Nov.-1825
 d. ??

31 Henriette Potier
 b. 30-Oct.-1807 (Mother of No. 15,
 Cont. on chart No.)
 d. 14-Feb.1868

THE MATTE FAMILY
BY
DOROTHY MATTE BERGERON

The first Matte we know of is Charles Matte of St-Cyr, Diocese of Rouen, France. Charles Matte married Barbe Horace in 1635. The only known child of Charles and Barbe is Nicolas. Nicolas Matte was born in 1637 most probably France and died 20-July-1704 at Pointe-aux-Trembles of Quebec, Canada. Nicolas married at Quebec on 12-October-1671 to Madeleine Aubray born 1650, daughter of Antoine & Marie Aubry of St.-Vivien Diocese of Rouen, France. Madeleine died the 7 of May 1734 Canada. The known children of Nicolas Matte and Madeleine Aubry are as followed:

- (1) Jeanne -----bn. 20-Dec.-1679 Quebec, Canada', died 29-Jan.-1703 at St. Antoine Tilly Canada, m. 3-Nov.-1695
Jacque Bourgoin s/o Pierre & Catherine Basset
- (2) Nicolas -----bn. 22-Sept.-1682 Quebec, Canada, died 22-March 1760, m. 20-April-1705 Pointe-aux-Trembles, Quebec
Marie Angelique Cocquin d/o Pierre Cocquin
- (3) Leonard -----bn. 28-Nov.-1672 Quebec,
Posterrity unknown
- (4) Marie Francoise -bn. 29-Jan.-1675 Quebec , m. 14-Feb.-1695
Pointe-aux-Tremble Quebec Francois Laroche s/o
Innocent Laroche & Marie Harbour
- (5) Laurent -----bn. 29-June-1677 Quebec, died 19-Feb.-1712 Cape
Sante Canada, m. 12-aug-1702 Pointe-aux-Tremble
Canada Francoise Sylvestre d/o NicolasSylvestre
and Barbe Nepveu
- (6) Marie Madeleine-bn. 11-Feb.-1685, died 29-Aug.-1724 Canada
m. 13-Aug.-1703 Noel Pelletier s/o Pierre &
Francoise Richard
- (7) Marie Ann ---bn. 18-Mar.-1687, m. 1st Romain Dubuc and 2nd.
on27-Feb.-1713 Pointe-aux-Tremble Canada to a
Etienne Magnan s/o Etienne & Elizabeth Migneron
- (8) Madeleine ---bn. 3-Nov.-1688 Died 10-Nov.-1688
- *** (9) Alexis -----bn.14-Feb.-1692 Quebec, Canada-- died ?
m. 17-Feb.-1721 Cap-Sante, Quebec Canada Marie
Francoise Carpentier d/o Jean Baptiste & Marie
Francoise Gentil
- (10) Marie Louise-bn. 21-July-1694 Quebec-- died 24-Feb.-1734
St.-Frs.-Du-Lac Canada,m. about 1714 to Jean
Francois Coutancineau s/o Michel & Ursule
Elisabeth Pinel

THE CHILDREN OF
ALEXIS MATTE & MARIE FRANCOISE CARPENTIER

- (1) Alexis -----bn. 26-Sept.-1721 Quebec--m. 23-Aug.-1745 Cape Sante
Canada to Marie Jugnac d/o Pierre & Brigette Petit
- (2) Jean Baptiste-bn. 1725-- Died 3-April-1731
- (3) Francoise---bn. 4-Mar.-1726 Quebec,-- m. 3-Oct.-1746 Jean Bte.
Page s/o Martin & Francoise Gaudin
- *** (4) Jean Baptiste-bn. 1-Mar.-1728 Quebec,-- m. @ 1752 Canada Marie
Joseph Richard d/o Nicolas & Marie Joseph Jugnac
- (5) Marie Joseph -bn. 19-Dec.-1729 Quebec,- m. 30-July-1753 Etienne
Chaille s/o Claude & Marie Madeleine Briere
- (6) Marie Madeleine- bn. 7-Mar.-1732 Canada, m. 7-Feb.-1752 Cape
Sante, Canada Joseph Marie Marcot s/o Jean Francois
& Genevieve Morisset
- (7) Marie Angelique- bn. 28-Mar-1734 Quebec ,- m. 12-Jan.-1751 at
quebec to Guillaume Ferland s/o Francois & Anne Paulet
- (8) Therese ----bn. 25-Feb.-1736 Pte.-aux-Tremble Canada,- m. @ 1765
Joseph Lefebvre
- (9) Jean Bte.---bn. 13-Sept.-1737 Posterrity unknown
- (10) Marie Angelique-bn. 29-June-1739 Posterrity Unknown
- (11) Scholastique -bn. 1-Aug.-1741 Posterrity unknown
- (12) Marie Charlotte-bn. 17-Mar.-1743,- m. 1-Feb.-1768 Ecureuils, in
Canada to Jean Baptiste Richard s/o Pierre & ?
- (13) Marie Elisabeth-bn. 29-Dec.-1744 Canada, died 10-Nov.-1745

THE CHILDREN OF
JEAN BAPTISTE MATTE & MARIE JOSEPHE RICHARD

- (1) Marie Joseph - bn. 7-Dec.-1752 Cape Sante, Canada
Posterrity unknown
- (2) Rosalie -----bn. 25-Feb.-1754
Posterrity unknown
- (3) Jean Francois --bn. 6-April-1758 Deschambault, Canada
Posterrity unknown
- (4) Marie Joseph ---bn. 1-Jan.-1762 aux Ecureuils
Posterrity unknown
- *** (5) Joseph -----bn. ? ,m. 28-June-1796 Opelousas ch. V.1
P.66, Ester Bellard d/o Antoine Bellard & Marie
Trahan
NOTE Joseph Mattebirth has not benn determined
or his death record found. He may be one of the
three above

The first Matte to appear in Louisiana was Joseph Matte who Married Ester Belard or Bellard on 28-June-1796 At the Opelousas church. Joseph and Ester reared their children in the Opelousas area. The known children of Joseph & Ester are as followed.

- (1) Joseph Marc --bn. 15-June-1797 Opel. ch. V.#1 P. 193
m. 26-April-1836 Opel. ch. V.#2 P. 92
Josephine Lejeune d/o Joseph & Carmelite Bourassas
- (2) Jean Pierre --bn. 13-Aug.-1798 S.M.ch. V.#5 # 90
m. before 1822 Marie Janis
- (3) Onesime -----bn. 11-Dec.-1799 Opel. ch. V.# 1 P. 232
m. 12-May-1819 Opel. ch. V.# 1 P. 341
Caroline Chiasson d/o Charles & Magdeleine Bourassas
- (4) Louis Joseph -bn. 1801, bt. 21-Aug.-1803 age 18 mts. Opel ch. V.1
P. 313 m. 18-Nov.-1823 Opel. ch. V.1 P. 417
Unibonne Janis d/o Hubert & Victorie Phillip Langlois
- **** (5) Simon -----bn. 1805, bt. 26-Aug.-1806 age 1½ yrs. Opel. ch.
m. 24-April-1821 Opel ch. V.1 P.372 Celeste
Chiasson d/o Charles & Magdeleine Bourassas
- (6) Celeste -----bt.26-Aug.-1806 age 9 mts.,--m. 26-June-1821 Opel.
ch. V.1 P.377 Michel Leger s/o Louis & Anne Doucet
Celeste Succ. at the Opel. ct. hse. # 2740
Filed 18-Sept.-1865
- (7) Sidalise -----bn. 13-Dec.-1807 Opel. ch. V.1 P. 466
d. 26-June-1809 Opel. ch. V.1 P. 102
- (8) Arsene -----bn. 1809, bt. 9-Sept.-1811 Opel ch. V.1 P. 539
m. 5-May-1831 Michel Araby of Lafourche s/o
Joseph & Henriette Olivier,- Arsene Succ. filed
29-May-1868 Opel. ct. hse. # 3140
- (9) Mart -----bt. 9-Sept.-1811 Opel ch. V.1 P. 539 age 6 mts.
Posterrity unknown
- (10) Melanie -----bn. 5-Oct.-1812 Opel. ch. V. 2 P. 35
m. 19-Aug.-1828 Opel. ch. V. 1 P. 522 Archille
Doucet s/o Anselme & Angelle Lejeune.-Melanie Succ.
filed 15-Aug.-1888 Crowley ct. hse. #56
- (11) Marie Azelie--bn. 16-Jan.-1816 Opel ch. V. 2 P. 87
m. 8-Sept.-1834 Opel ch. V.2 P. 52 Placide
Leger s/o Michel & Marguerite Louise Boutin
Marie Azelie Succ. filed 2-Sept.-1870 Opel. ct.
Hse. # 3406
- (12) Jean Baptiste-bn. 13-Nov.-1817 Opel ch. V. 2 P. 138
m. 8-Sept.-1835 Opel. ch. V. 2 P. 78 Marie
Zelima Leger d/o Louis & Anne Doucet

THE CHILDREN OF
SIMON MATTE & CELESTE CHIASSON

- (1) Celestine -- bn. 16-July-1823 Opel ch. V.2 P.305
m. 23-Feb.-1837 Opel. ct. hse. Lic. # 16, Jean
Gerard Janis s/o Hubert Janis & Marie Victorine
Langlois
- (2) Celestin --- bn. 30-Mar.-1825 Opel. ch. V.2 P. 323
m. 4-May-1847 G.C. ch. V.1 P. 170 Josephine
Bellard d/o Pierre & Denize Bourassas
- *** (3) Simon ----- bt. 26-Dec.-1828 Lafayette ch. V.3 P.79 age 10
mts.,- m. ? No marriage record found
Magdeleine Josephine Doucet d/o ?
- (4) Magdeleine --bn. 10-April-1831 Opel. ch. V. 3 P. 169
m. 8-Sept.-1849 Opel. ct. hse. Mar. # 688 Leon
Lebleu s/o Jean Baptiste & Marguerite Lejeune
- (5) Ozema -----bn. 1-Feb.-1835 Opel. ch. V.3 P. 309
Posterrity unknown
- (6) Marie Irma --bn. 18-July-1837 Opel Ch. V. 4 P. 52
died 3-April-1894 Iota, Louisiana
m. 3-May-1858 Church Point ch. V.1 P. 13 Martin
Doucet s/o Joseph & Marie Carmelite Richard

NOTE --Celeste Chiasson died 5-July-1840,-- Simon Matte married
Helen Reed 13-Feb.-1844 at the G.C. ch. V.1 P. 372
Helen d/o Henry Reed

The Following are children of Simon Matte & Helen Reed

- (1) Antoine -----bn. 1-Dec.-1842 G.C.ch. V.1 P. 216
m. 8-Aug.-1865 Opel Ct. hse. Mar. # 2632 Marie
Josephe Istre d/o Joseph & Josephine Guidry
- (2) Joseph -----bn. 25-Dec.-1844 G.C. ch. V.1 P. 228,- Died 27-Dec.
1884 Church Pointe,- m. 4-June-1868 C.P. ch. V.1
P.51 Marie Menda Rivier d/o Francois & Spise
Mathilde Crognier
- (3) Francois Azolin-bn. 24-May-1848 G.C.ch. V.1 P. 328
m. 24-Nov.-1868 Onezilia Lebleu d/o Onezime &
Zelphine Berwick
- (4) Etienne -----bt. 3-July-1850 G.C.ch. V.1 P. 328
Posterrity unknown
- (5) Marie Melanie-bn. 18-Feb.-1852 Church Point ch. V.1 P. 6
m. 9-Sept.-1868 Opel. ct. hse. Mar. # 5008
Blaize Lejeune
- (6) Pierre ----- bn. 14-Oct.-1858 G.c. ch. V.2 P. 177
Posterrity Unknown
- (7) Salina -----bn. 12-Dec.-1855 Church Point ch. V. 1 P. 28
Posterrity Unknown

THE CHILDREN OF
SIMON MATTE & MAGDELEINE JOSEPHINE DOUCET

- (1) Zephyrin --- bn. 3-Dec.-1845 G.C.ch. V.1 P. 240
m. 6-June-1881 Opel. ct. hse. Mar. #11862
Matie Doucet
- (2) Marie Julie---bn. 4-Dec.-1847 G.C.ch. V.1 P. 270
Posterrity unknown
- (3) Celeste -----bn. 5-Feb.-1850 G.C.ch. V.1 P. 329
Posterrity unknown
- **** (4) Gervais -----bn. 1-Nov.-1851 Church Point ch. V. 1 P. 6
(Harvey) m. 16-Aug.-1873 Church Point ch. V.4 P. 25
Meranthe Lebleu d/o Onesime & Zelphine Berwick
- (5) Jean -----bt.23-Oct.-1854 Opel. ch. V.1 P. 6 under the
name of Jean Simon Doucet,--m. 25-Jan.-1876 Church
Point ch. V.4 P. 40 Myrza Leger d/o Hilaire &
Caroline Lejeune
- (6) Toussaint---bn. 1-Nov.-1856 G. C. ch. V.2 P. 166
Posterrity unknown
- (7) Onesime -----bn. 4-Oct.-1858 Church Point ch. V.1 P. 44
Posterrity unknown
- (8) Emile -----bn. 3-Dec.-1860 Church Point ch. V. 1 P. 53
Posterrity unknown
- (9) Marie Josephine -bn. 11-Feb.-1853 Church Point ch. V. 1 P. 9

THE ONLY KNOWN CHILD OF
HARVEY MATTE & MERANTHE LEBLEU

- *** (1) Simon -----bn. 14-Sept.-1872 Church Point ch. V.4 P. 47
died 16-Oct.-1941, bur. Church Point cem.
m. 11-Dec.-1888 Church Point ch. V.4 P. 143
Louisa Richard d/o Lastie & Josephine Lejeune
Louisa died 21-Sept.-1949 & buried with Simon.
There was a notation on her burial record which
stated that she was a Saint.

THE CHILDREN OF
SIMON MATTE & LOUISA RICHARD

- (1) Etienne -----bn. 20-Sept.-1889 Church Point ch. V.4 P. 250
m. 7-Dec.-1908 Church Point, Zoa Thibodeaux d/o
Etienne & Eugenie Richard
- (2) Natalie-----bn. 1-Mar.-1892 Church Point ch V.5 P.19
died 1-Nov.-1906 Church Point
- (3) Laurent -----bn. 22-Jan.-1894 Church Point ch. V.5 P. 52
died Young
- *** (4) Constance---bn. 14-Feb.-1896 Church Point ch. V.5 P. 87
died 27-Dec.1958 buried St. Edward cem. Richard,La.
m. 25-May-1915 Lucille Fux d/o Louis Edgar & Marie
Coralie Daigle
- (5) Merante -----bn.20-Dec.-1897 Church Point ch. V. 5 P. 123
m. 4-Oct.-1921 Pierre Fruge s/o Martin & Aglaide
Lejeune

- (6) Orance-----bn. 22-Jan.-1900 Church Point, died 13-July-1977
m. 25-Jan.-1919 Marie Bellard d/o Lucien & Emma Leger
- (7) Aline -----bn. 10-Aug-1913 Church Point,- died 11-Aug.-1981
buried St. Paul cem. Eunice, La.--m. 8-Nov.-1924
Noah Lejeune s/o Ernest & Emma Dies
- (8) Dora-----bn. @ 1909,--died 24-June-1970 Lacassine, La.
m. 30-June-1925 Joseph Thibodeaux s/o Arthur & Odilia Lejeune
- (9) Eva -----bn. 2 1913 Still Living around Mansura, La.
m. 18-Sept.-1934 Opelousas, La. Justice of the Peace Norbert Courville s/o Ozeme & Madie Miller
- (10) Joseph-----Birth unknown Never Married
died 14-Feb.-1966 Church Point
- (11) Tillie ----Birth unknown Died Young
- (12) Jean ----Birth Unknown Died Young

THE CHILDREN OF
CONSTANT MATTE & LUCILLE FUX

- (1) Elvena -----bn. 29-Mar.-1916 Church Point,- died 23-Dec.-1978
buried St. Edward cem. Richard, La.,-- m. 29-Nov. 1930 Ernest Lejeune s/o Ernest & Emma Dies
- (2) Austin -----bn. 2-Dec.-1917,-- died 21-Mar.-1983, Buried Mt. Calvary cem. Eunice, La.,-- m. 14-Sept.-1935 Lelian Richard d/o Anglas & Lucille Doucet
- (3) Annebelle --bn. ? m. 1st. Lester Cormier s/o Martin & Ermia Matte m. 2nd. 20-June-1981 Thomas Picard
- (4) Louis -----bn. 27-Sept.-1922,-- m. 23-Nov.-1941 Yevone Miller d/o Meyus & Eda Hebert
- *** (5) Eliza -----bn. 28-Jan.-1926,-- died 1-May-1965, buried St. Edward cem. Richard, La.--m. Aline Matte d/o Willis & Orelia Thibodeaux
- (6) Adeline ----bn. 25-July-1927,-- m. 2-Dec.-1945 Richard, La. Eddie Babineaux s/o Marshal & Elozia Lejeune
- (7) Wilma -----bn. 18-Nov.-1931,-- m. 7-Nov.-1948 Richard, La. Iceal Lejeune s/o Ogel & Helena Lejeune

THE CHILDREN OF
ELIZA MATTE & ALINE MATTE

- *** (1) Dorothy-- --bn. 1-Sept.-1945 Church Point, La.,--m. 11-July-1964 St. Edward ch, Richard, La. Jess Bergeron, Jr s/o Jess Sr. & Verna Comeaux of Opelousas
Jess & Dorothy make their home in Houma, La.

- (2) Clifford James---bn. 28-April-1948 Church Point,---m. 13-Aug.-1967
Lawtell, La. Mary Castille d/o John & Alzima
Bourque
- (3) Lonnie Wayne---bn. 3-Sept.-1951 Lafayette, La.,--m. 10-Jan.-
1970 Lawtell, La. Florence Castille d/o John &
Alzima Bourque
- (4) Carolyn Marie---bn. 13-Oct.-1952,--m. 22-Sept.-1973 Eunice, La.
Mitchel Dewey Mire s/o Mitchel Dewey & Ivy Mae
Comeaux
- (5) Michael Dale ---bn. 18-June-1956 Lafayette, La.,--m. 8-Mar.-1974
Shelia Richard d/o Lucien & Jo Ann Richard
Divorced at present
- (6) Sandra Ann ---bn. 16-Oct.-1960 Lafayette,--m. 5-Jan.-1979
Philip Launey Duplechain s/o Ronald & Nettie
Fontenot
- (7) Gary Lee -----bn. 2-Aug.-1962 Lafayette,--m. 17-Nov.-1984
Church Point, Laura Matte d/o Eddie Jr. & Cynthia
Daigle
- (8) Glynn Kirt -----bn. 7-Nov.-1964 Lafayette,--m. 16-Feb.-1985 St.
Edward ch. Richard La. Angelique Venable d/o
Emar & Lynn Horaist

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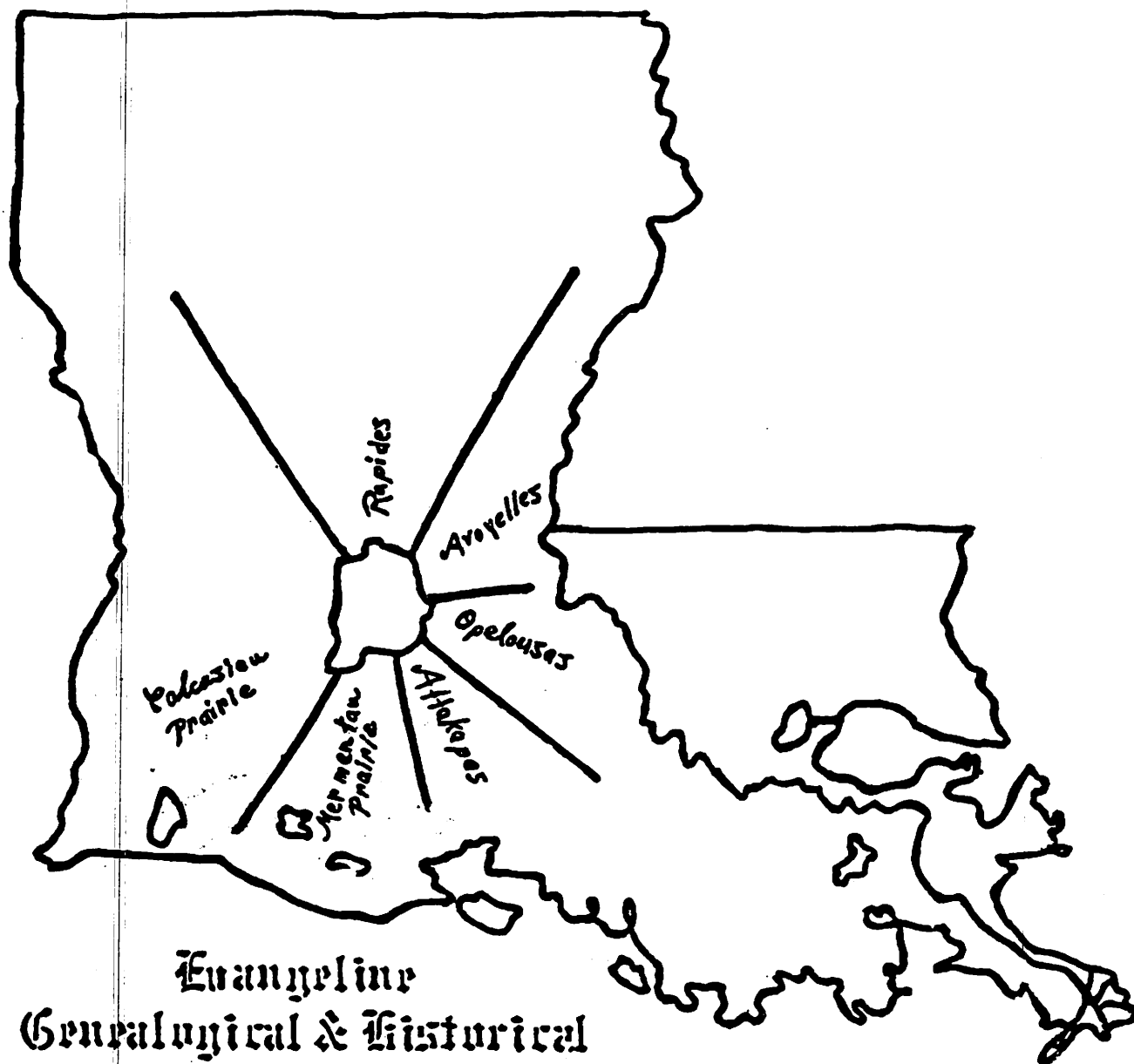
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THE ORTEGA FAMILY: THREE GENERATIONS IN LOUISIANA*

By Winston De Ville, Fellow, American Society of Genealogists

We know little of Joachin de Ortega y Prieto's early life in Spain and his early career in Louisiana. But we do know considerably of his ancestry. For his pre-American genealogy, the reader is referred to an article on the subject, "Joachin de Ortega y Prieto."

Ortega's date of arrival in the New World still alludes this researcher. Based on nothing more than intuition, this writer believes that he arrived in Louisiana at about the time Bernardo de Galvez did, or ca. 1776. Had he seen service in Mexico prior to arriving in Louisiana? Some evidence points that way. By the spring of 1779, not yet twenty-four years old, he was active in Spanish affairs in Texas. In May of that year, Athanaze de Mézières wrote to Governor Galvez: ² "Your servants stopped here a few days, and taking advantage of the return of some Spaniards to the Trinity (River in Texas), went there with plenty of powder. The person named Joachim Ortega suffered a severe accident during this journey, having been burned with powder which left him, I am told, in a pitiable condition."

In spite of the accident and apparently not hors de combat, three months later Ortega was again mentioned in an official communication. Jean Louis César Borne to Galvez, August 30, 1779, from Natchitoches: ³ "I received on the 25th, by M(onsieur) Rose, who left Opelousas the 22nd of the same month, the dispatches which you sent to M(onsieur) De Mézières, Don Antonio Gil y Barbo, Juakin Hortega, and Francisco Garcia, who has your letter, having just arrived at the moment and being obliged to depart tomorrow for the town. I have re-sealed the packet which I am sending to Juakin Hortega, and which I send, the same as the former ones, to Capue, by a messenger named Lانس Bayonne as far as Nacogdoches, with instructions to have given to M. De Mézières the packet which concerns him."

We assume that Ortega advanced in his military career. By 1782, in any event, he was stationed at Spanish Pensacola as comisone of the artillery there.⁴ Ortega certainly was advancing socially. Also in 1782, he married into one of Louisiana's oldest and most prominent families. His bride was Marie Josepha Damesainte de Soto y Juchereau de St. Denys, daughter of Don Manuel Antonio de Soto y Bermudez and Marie des Neiges Juchereau de St. Denys y Sanchez-Navarro. They were apparently married in Opelousas, and the date was 14 January 1782. In spite of long and diligent searches, no ecclesiastical record of this marriage has been found. Their marriage contract, however, states plainly that they promised to be married later that day, the day of their marriage contract.⁵ We must content ourselves that they did marry, for there is every reason so to believe.

Don Joachin, his wife, a son, and a Negress slave (Margarita), were in Pensacola at least until the spring of 1784, when the household appeared on that year's census.⁶ We know that one other son was born in Florida, or perhaps the first three children, all sons, as we shall observe presently.

The purpose of this study - begun as an exercise - was to try to determine the parentage of the elusive Jean Pierre Marie Ortega who united in civil marriage with Marie Azelia Billeaudeau in 1844 at Opelousas.⁷ Marie Azelia's father (Michel Billeaudeau ⁸) is known, but not the groom's. They have many descendants in Louisiana. Alas, this writer has failed

utterly in his purpose, for Jean Pierre's parents are still unknown. We are at a loss even to speculate.

We wish to stress in the strongest terms that this article is merely a composite, hopefully logically arranged, based (except as noted otherwise) on the published volumes by the Rev. Donald J. Hébert and one important succession record referenced below. Volumes I through XI of the Hébert volumes (Southwest Louisiana Records, an invaluable source) were consulted, and the cut-off date (1874) was arbitrary. We eschew citing specific volumes and pages, for the dates will guide the reader to the various volumes and entries. We are mindful of discrepancies - and are unable to offer explanations for them. Names have necessarily been standardized - they are spelled one way in one record, another way in another. In some entries (those, for example, with both birth / baptism dates and marriage dates given) we have often had to use what we hope is good judgement in assigning the marriage date and spouse to the apparent child-subject. With this practice, however, the writer has tried to be cautious and he has been conservative. There are so many Maries, Josephs, Marie Josephs, Joseph Maries, et al ! We did not attempt to record all spouses in the third generation, as the object was only to try to clarify the names of the Ortega grandchildren in a general way. Also, if both baptism and birth dates were available, here we have used only the birth dates, unless otherwise noted.

First Generation

Joachin de Ortega, born 2 August 1755, at Tordesillas, near Valladolid, Spain, was the son of Santiago de Ortega y Molinero and Francisca Prieto y del Rio.⁹ He died probably just prior to 29 June 1826, in St. Landry Parish, Louisiana. It is likely that his place of death was either Bayou Chicot or Pine Prairie, both places which are closely associated with the Ortega and de Soto families historically.¹⁰ His only known wife and the mother of the children shown below was Marie Josefa Damesainte de Soto y Juchereau de St. Denys. According to her funeral record at Opelousas, she was fifty years old when she died in 1814. However, she is, with practically no doubt whatsoever, the child born to Don Emmanuel de Soto y Bermudez and Marie des Neiges de St. Denys, who was baptized early in 1760 at Natchitoches.¹¹ Thus, she was actually a few months older than fifty-four at her death. The Ortega - de Soto couple drew their marriage contract at Opelousas on 14 January 1782, as referenced above.

Second and Third Generations (The second generation appears in large type, while the third generation is indented.)

JEAN FRANCOIS ORTEGA dit FIFI was born in Pensacola either in late 1782 or early 1783, as he was one and one-half years old in late June, 1784.¹² On 4 February 1806, at Opelousas, he married Eugenie Fontenot; daughter of Joseph Fontenot and Magadeleine Hayter; she died in her twenty-fifth year, 17 June 1815. Children:

Jean Baptiste, born 14 May 1807.

Joachim (born ca. January 1809), baptized 11 June 1809, seven months.

Marie Joseph (born ca. March 1810), baptized 28 April 1811, thirteen months.

Josephe Marie, born 4 December 1810.

Emelie, born 16 September 1811.

Damascena, born 10 June 1813, married when nineteen years old, 27 April 1833, to Antoine Soileau.

Josephine, married when nineteen years old, 3 June 1828, to Antoine Vidrine. Although her approximate date of birth is revealed here, we hesitate to assign her a slot above. She is probably not another child, but one of the Marie Josephs/Josephe Maries shown here. And the reconcillation of the birth dates of these two is beyond this writer's ken in making such a choice.

Jean Francois Ortega dit Fifi married, secondly, Marie Jose Lucia Fontenot, widow of Godefroy Soileau, on 31 January 1826; there was apparently no issue from this union.

JOSEPH GREGOIRE ORTEGA dit PEPE was born in Pensacola, but is not on the 1784 census of that place. 24 October 1828 is the date of his succession. In fact, however, we know that he was deceased prior to 29 June 1826, for his widow signed his father's succession papers in favor of their children. On 30 January 1810, he married Emelie Henry Fontenot, daughter of Henry Fontenot and Marie Louise Doucet. Their children:

Marguerite, born 10 June 1813, married 27 October 1829 to Elie Ardoin.

Marie Louise, born 25 October 1816, married 12 December 1837 to Joseph Courville.

Joacin, born 6 November 1818.

Joseph. Unable to distinguish his birth / baptism date, thus his birth is probably not in order here. On 4 May 1830, he married Helen Meusnier. Thus, considering his probable age when married and Marguerite's birth three years after the parents married, as well as the periodicity of the following births, he may have been the first-born.

DENIS ORTEGA. His order of birth would appear arbitrary, but in papers included in his father's succession and written in his father's hand, he is thus listed among the heirs, all of which (of those whose birth dates are known) are in chronological order - that was simply Don Joacin's way. His first marriage was on 25 May 1813 to Felonise Sallier, daughter of Charles Sallier and Angelique Fontenot. From this marriage issued:

Marie Deneiges, born 27 June 1815, died 27 November 1872.

Felonise, born 5 April 1818, married 26 February 1840 to Hypolite Guillory.

Villeneuve, born 28 August 1824, married 24 May 1853 to Lelitia Pitre.

Marie Denise, born 7 October 1828, married 9 July 1861 to Zenon Larose Fontenot.

Joseph, born 28 December 1834.

On 24 January 1837, Denis Ortega took as his second wife Antoinette Guillory, daughter of Elie Guillory and Françoise Hébert, of which, the following children:

Elise, born 16 May 1842.

Louis, born 15 March 1845.

Athanase, born 16 June 1846.

Marguerite, born 3 July 1849.

Amelita, born 11 February 1852.

Melisia, who married 2 December 1874 to Ozeme Ardoin, we believe to be the same as Amelita, just above. (The name probably evolved from Carmelita=Amelita=Amelitia=Melisia.)

ANICET ORTEGA was the first child definitely known to be born in Louisiana. His birth date was 16 April 1788. When the British attacked Louisiana during the War of 1812, his father paid \$80.00 "for his replacement in the militia at the Invasion of New Orleans," according to a notation by Joacin Ortega in his succession file. Yet his older brother, Joseph Gregoire dit Pépé, served in that battle.¹³ His first marriage was to Ophelia Fontenot, daughter of Charles Fontenot and Perinne Vidrine, on 9 January 1812. Their children were:

Adeline, born 13 October 1815, married 18 October 1832 to Jean Baptiste Auguste Guillory.

Domitille, born 6 May 1818.

Marie, born 8 March 1822.

We did not readily find a funeral record for Ophelia Fontenot, but she was probably dead prior to Anicet's second marriage on 19 March 1828, to Ozite "Landrenon" (should be

Landerneau), daughter of Joseph Landerneau and H  l  ne Juneau. Issue from this second marriage:

A child, un-named, died 20 June 1831, seven months old.

Osite (father's name is shown as "Antoine" Ortega, but is probably Anicet), born 14 November 1834, married 14 January 1852 to Zenon Onezime Fontenot.

Marie Louise, born 10 April 1837, died 4 September 1838, two years old.

Onille, born 27 May 1839.

MARIE JOSEPHE MATHILDE (and often with a fourth name added:) MARTHE ORTEGA was the only daughter of the Ortega - de Soto marriage. She was born in Opelousas on 10 March 1790 and died prior to 6 September 1866, when her succession was filed. Her marriage to Philippe Joseph La Rose Fontenot (son of Joseph Fontenot and Magdaleine Rayter) occurred 21 November 1803. They had many FONTENOT children:

Marie Josephine, born 26 September 1804, married 15 October 1821 to Zenon Vidrine.

Philippe, born 24 February 1806, married 27 November 1827 to Marie Rosalie Guillory.

Eloise, born 26 June 1808, married 28 July 1824 to Antoine Vidrine.

Denis, baptized 21 October 1810, married 26 August 1830 to Victoire Irene Vidrine.

Marie Louise, born 25 September 1811, married 23 October 1827 to Pierre Guillory.

Joseph, born 25 April 1813.

Divine, born 13 October 1816, married 2 December 1834 to Louis Guillory.

Manuel, born 29 October 1818.

Adelaide, born 15 February 1823.

Hypolite, born 7 January 1826.

Jean Baptiste, born 13 December 1828.

Celeste, born 18 February 1831.

Philippe, born 4 April 1835.

JOSEPH JOACHIN MARCELIN ORTEGA dit COSSE was born 2 June 1792 at Opelousas. On 14 August 1817, he married Louise Lejeune of Prairie Fak  t  ique. Her parents were Joseph Lejeune (of Acadia) and Marguerite Hay (of Mobile). Of this marriage:

Celise (father's name is given as "Lansi" Ortega in the published record), born 28 November 1818.

Sylvanie, born 29 August 1820, married when seventeen years old to Jean Baptiste Broussard, twenty-one years old, on 21 August 1838.

Joseph, born 25 March 1822.

Treville, born 20 May 1824.

Adolphe (father's name not given), born 10 March 1826.

Eloise, born 14 October 1828.

Melanie, born 23 December 1832.

Celanie, born 23 February 1835.

JOSEPH MARIE ORTEGA was born 26 June 1794 at Opelousas. One Joseph Ortega (son of Ortega - de Soto) died on 28 November 1797. Because all other children of the Ortega - de Soto marriage are accounted for, we are led to conclude that this baptism and this funeral record relate to the same person, he having died when nearly three and one-half years of age. As we shall see below, the next child born was given this name, a not-uncommon practice. We note, however, that the next child was given this name while the putative subject still lived - but that practice is also all too common in early Louisiana French or Spanish families.

JOSEPH MARIE (often MARIE JOSEPH) ORTEGA was born at Opelousas on 26 June 1796.¹⁴ His only known marriage was to Marie Josephe Pierre Guillory on 21 February 1814. The bride was the daughter of Pierre Guillory (native of Mobile) and Marie Josephe Fontenot. She was probably the Marie Josephe born to this couple who was baptized 26 May 1799. Children:

Joseph Ursin (also Dorsino, Dorsineau; his descendants recognize the French version, Joseph Dorsin), born 15 February 1815, married when he was eighteen years old to Celise (actually Heloise) Landerneau, twenty-two years old, of Avoyelles Parish. Their ecclesiastical marriage in which their ages are given is dated 21 May 1833. On 4 May 1833, they had been married in a civil ceremony. Then, seven years later, 24 February 1840, they filed still another civil marriage record. (Nos. 29 and 13, respectively, Office of the Clerk of Court, St. Landry Parish, Opelousas, Louisiana).

A child, un-named, died 7 November 1816, six days old.

Jean Baptiste, born 1 October 1818, married 15 May 1838 to Helene Guillory.

Marie, born 15 February 1823, married at age "fourteen or seventeen," (apparently the former, as it jibes with her year of birth) on 30 November 1837 to Victorin Deshotel, seventeen years old.

Marie Josephe, born 21 August 1827.

Julia, died 22 September 1829, two years old (thus born in 1827, but see Marie Josephe's date of birth just above, yet twinning is not indicated.)

Elie, born 11 August 1829

Emelienne, born 11 August 1833, married 13 June 1853 to Achille Billeaudeau.

Zoe, born 11 September 1835.

Aristide, born 27 November 1838.

Domitille (no baptismal record found, thus order of birth is arbitrary here), married 22 January 1850 to Olin Guillory.

JOSEPH MANUEL ORTEGA, born 30 January 1799, at Opelousas, was the last known child of Joachin de Ortega and Marie Damesainte de Soto. On 8 January 1821, he married Marie Denise Vidrine, daughter of Pierre Baptiste Vidrine and Marie Josephe Brignac. Their six children follow:

Marie, born 22 January 1822.

Joseph, born 3 February 1828.

Marie Denise, born 26 August 1830, married 6 April 1869 to Alexandre Lazaro.

Augustin Emile, born 28 August 1837.

Marie Cleopha, born 8 May 1842.

Clotilde (no baptismal record found, thus order of birth is arbitrary here), married 29 July 1871 to Samuel Derozier.

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We note that three Ortega sons bore dit names: Fifi, Pépé, and Cosse'. Some present-day descendants of the Ortega family, of one or more generations older than the writer, readily recall the Pépé branch, and insist that they are of "the Pépé Ortegos," when, in fact, they do not descend from Joseph Gregoire dit Pépé. We believe that, as the generations progressed and relationships became more diffused, other branches assumed the Pépé appellation, perhaps because they had a closer relationship to that family. The writer's maternal grandmother, Onezia Landerneau (whose mother, Elodie, was a daughter of the Joseph Dorsin Ortega-Heloise Landerneau union above - not a dit branch) recalled that some of the family were called "the Fifi Ortegos." The dit Cosse' name, however, has never been encountered in any of the writer's interviews.

Notes

* The name, we hardly need to add, was originally Ortega. It was so spelled, one way or another phonetically - at least some of the time - as late in the 19th century as the time of the progenitor's succession (1826). We use the original spelling here, except when referring to more recent times, when the evolved name, Ortego, is used. Also, all unidentified places of birth, marriage, or death are the Opelousas area, unless otherwise stated, but, of course, not necessarily the present-day site of that town. It is likely that the last several second-generation Ortega children were born in the Bayou Chicot area where the family settled.

1 Winston De Ville, La Voix des Prairies, Vol. III, no. 10, pp. 43-48.

2 Papeles Procedentes de Cuba, General Archives of the Indies, Seville, legajo 192, no. 157, as published in Herbert Eugene Bolton, Athanasz de Mézière and the Texas - Louisiana Frontier, 1768 - 1780 (2 vols., Cleveland, 1913-14) Vol. II, p. 247.

3 Ibid., no. 162; Bolton, p. 266. Borne was a long-time resident of Natchitoches. Attached to the military, he was captain of the militia and early in his career had served as commandant of that post. He died there in 1787. Elizabeth Shown Mills, Natchitoches, 1729-1803 (New Orleans, 1977) p. 162, no. 1380, and numerous references to the subject as revealed in the index.

4 Jacqueline Olivier Vidrine and Winston De Ville, Marriage Contracts of the Opel - Post: 1766 - 1803 (N.P., 1960) p. 10. This "marriage contract" is actually a recognizance.

5 Ibid.; See also footnote 11 below.

6 William S. Coker and G. Douglas Inglis, The Spanish Censuses of Pensacola, 1784 - 1820 (Pensacola, 1980) p. 43.

7 Marriage record no. 111, Office of the Clerk of Court, St. Landry Parish Courthouse, Opelousas, Louisiana, as published in Hebert, S.W. La. Records, Vol. IV, p. 41.

8 For the Billeaudeau family, see the writer's article, La Voix, Vol. IV, no. 15, pp. 63-66.

9 De Ville, "Joaquin de Ortega y Prieto," p. 44.

10 Succession of Deceased Joaquin Ortegat, drawn and approved by the heirs on 29 June 1826, Office of the Clerk of Court, St. Landry Parish Courthouse, Opelousas, Louisiana. Because it is a major piece of evidence in the Ortega genealogy, this document we use as a primary source for this article, as it names all the progenitor's heirs. Unfortunately, the usual inventory of movable and other property is not extant. All genealogical details in the succession are reflected below. Additional data in this succession are interesting and we outline them here: (a) Two feuilles volantes are found in this document, one being a small sheet of paper bearing only some unexplained and brief mathematical figuring and a phrase which the writer recognizes clearly as having been written by the hand of the decedent, "Division of property in my community with my wife." This was probably the wrapper for (b) the self-bound little booklet in the succession papers containing Ortega's "Exhortation" to his son Fifi. (The translation was published in Louisiana History, Vol. III, no. 2, pp. 145-46. (c) A single sheet is an itemized bill detailing the debts owed by the decedent to "Louisilliet aine" and Renaud." All items are for the year 1825: one 'bahuts' (either a round-top desk, a traveling box, or a military kit-box), one spool of cotton, one flask of rhubarbe

(a purgative), four bottles of 'wine à 5" ' (which we cannot explain, unless it refers to "fifths" of wine), one chamber pot (on July 21), one bar of soap, one bottle of olive oil, two bottles of Malaga wine, one bottle of vinegar, and on 4 November, another chamber pot. The total bill amounted to \$8.43 3/4. (d) In the main piece of the succession record, the usual list of debtors is given. In addition to the heirs, only two names appear: Jacques Dupré (owed \$990.00) and Zenon Vidrine (\$57.50). Debts (other than to the heirs) owed by the estate are in favor of André Petrowich, the priest, Garrigues and Debaillon, Marcellin Garrand, Louaillier and Renaud (as outlined above), Dr. Robert D. Windes, and "the de Soto de St. Denis heirs," aunts and uncles of the children. On the (e) document jacket we find noted: "Registered, folio 113, 114 & 115, Register of Notarial Acts for all the portion of St. Landry Parish situated west of Bayou Grand Louis. Opelousas 30 June 1826. (Signed) J.M. De Baillon." "West of Bayou Grand Louis" is essentially Evangeline Parish.

11 Mills, Natchitoches, p. 51, no. 406, and numerous entries in the Mills volume relating to her parents. Her funeral is recorded 1 October 1814, as published in the Hebert volumes.

12 Coker and Inglis, Spanish Censuses of Pensacola, p. 43. See also the writer's remarks relating to Joachin Ortega's methodical arrangement of his children's names in his succession record.

13 Marion J.B. Pierson, Louisiana Soldiers in the War of 1812 (Baton Rouge, 1963) p. 90.

14 Gladys De Villier, The Opelousas Post (Cottonport, La., 1972) p. 113.

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LOUISIANA AND MISSISSIPPI LANDS:

A Guide to Spanish Land Grants at The University of Michigan
by Winston De Ville, F.A.S.G.

Documents relating to land ownership in the Lower South before 1803 have never been investigated to the fullest extent. One reason is that those documents, being of no practical value to the federal and state governments after titles were confirmed by the United States, were never centralized. They are now found in various depositories in the United States, England, France and Spain.

This guide addresses 150 land documents in the William L. Clements Library at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Fortunately for researchers in the South, a microfilm copy of these papers is now available at the Historic New Orleans Collection in New Orleans; this publication is based on that microfilm record. It leads the researcher to the names of property owners, the location of the land, and a year - date for reference. The records are approximately evenly divided between Louisiana and Mississippi, and all relate to land titles acquired or confirmed during the Spanish period, although some refer to land grants made much earlier. Some 300 property owners are named.

In Louisiana, land holdings are described at Ascension, Attakapas, Baton Rouge, Chapitoulas, Concordia, the Felicianas, Galveztown, Opelousas, Pointe Coupee, Rapides, St. Bernard, St. Charles and Valenzuela. In Mississippi, the center of land holdings is Natchez, although some are distant from that place by a number of miles. The family names included reflect not only the early French and Spanish inhabitants of the areas named; but a very large number of 18th century Anglo-Americans.

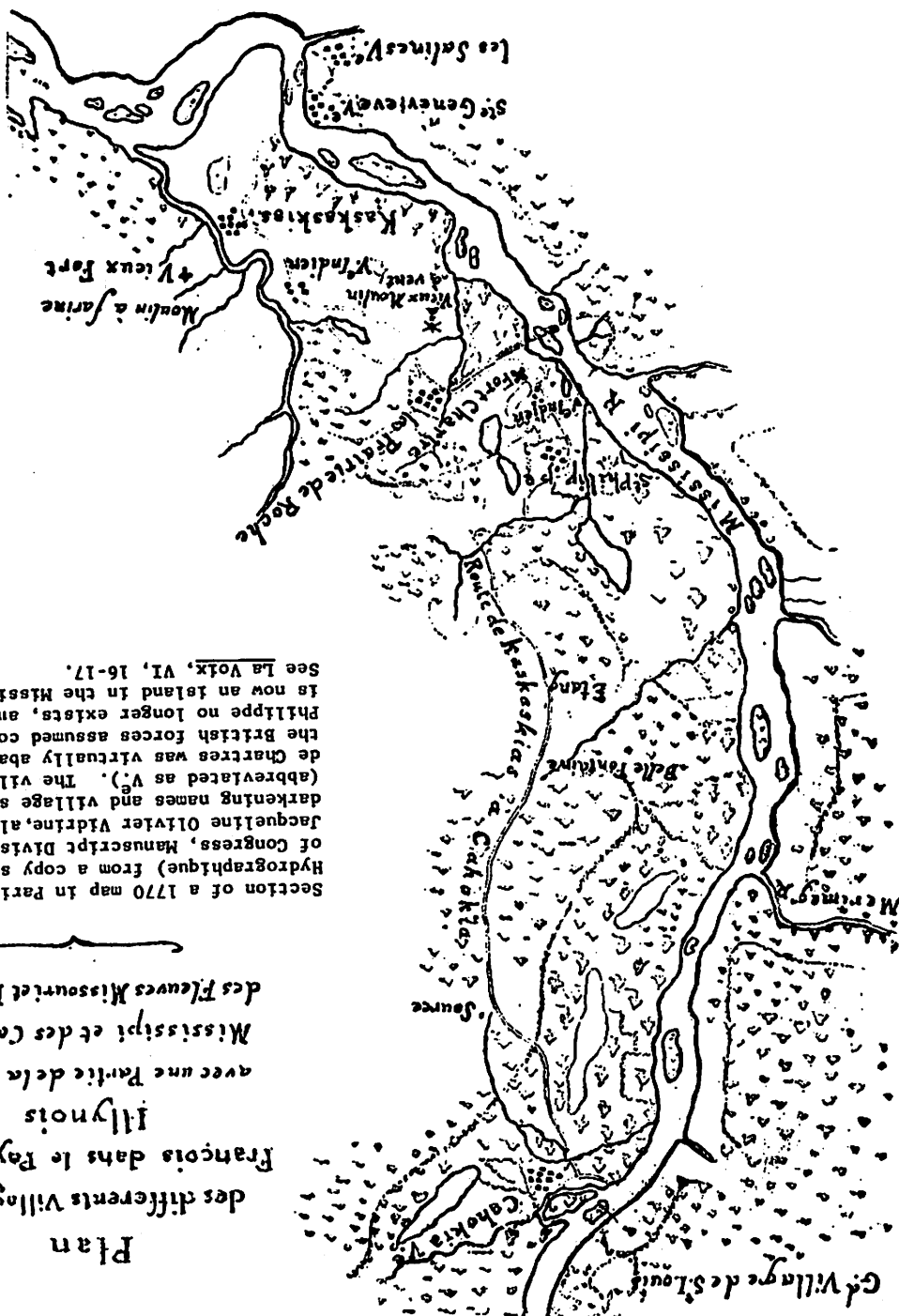
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AUTHOR'S NOTE: Some of the questions posed by Albert Tate, Jr. in "The Early MANUEL Family..." published April 1985, were being answered as he wrote. Researchers are referred to La Voix des Prairie, VI (April 1985; 22-26; and July 1985; 56, 58). In April, Judge Tate's "chumbrail sketch of what is readily known of the early MANUELS" appeared, and in the July issue he provided a brief abstract of Pierre MANUEL's baptismal record and testament. If it is to be as the other's interest in the MANUEL family, much time and effort would have been saved by our customers sharing. Because so much of my paper (which I had just completed) duplicated this, I have rewritten mine, leaving minimum repetition.

Plan
des differents Villages
Francois dans le Pays des
Illinois
avec une Partie de la Riviere
Mississipi et des Confluent
des Fleuves Missouriet Illinois

Section of a 1770 map in Paris (Service Hydrographique) from a copy sent by Librairie Ollivier Vidrine, altered by Jacqueline names and village sites (abbreviated as V.). The village of Fort de Chartres was virtually abandoned when the British forces assumed command. St. Philippe no longer exists, and Kaskaskia is now an island in the Mississippi River See La Voix, VI, 16-17.



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Pierre MANUEL, sometimes identified as native of Europe and native of France, was actually born in Louisiana of European parents, on 25 June 1752. He was baptized in New Orleans on 30 July 1752 as Pierre Joseph, son of Jean MANUEL, resident, and Jeanne LAPARIERE (sic.). His Godparents were Pierre BREMONTIER, a sergeant, and Marie-Marguerite JOSEPH.¹

Pierre's parents apparently left for the Illinois Country less than four years after his birth. In the Kaskaskia Archives Jean MANUEL's name appears several times, the first when he witnessed a document on 30 March 1756. It is probable that he left New Orleans in 1755, with the usual autumn convoy to the Illinois. Yet, he may have been en route even before his son's baptism in July, perhaps in the group led by Sr. Pierre-René HARPAIN de la GAUTRAIS in May 1752, or one of those that followed, sending workmen for the fort planned for Kaskaskia but built at the Village of Chartres.²

A list of Kaskaskia documents mentioning Jean MANUEL³ is on file at the Randolph County Courthouse, by date and number, (Example: (17)56.11(month).9(day).1(number)). The asterisk marks those originals seen at Chester, or on microfilm at Urbana, by this writer.)⁴

56.3.30⁵; 56.11.9.1*; 58.3.30.2*; 59.4.26.2*; 59.8.26.1*; 60.1.13.1⁶; 60.1.24.1 (original not found)⁷; 60.5.8.1 (IHS list: buys house and land); 60.11.20.1; 61.3.28.1; 61.5.30.1*; 61.6.27.1; 62.3.26.1*; 62.5.1.1; 62.7.27.1; 63.1.11.1*; 65.1.10.1*

The following summary of pertinent court records makes possible a bare outline of his life there:

- 1756 March 30 - A witness was Jean MANUEL.
- 1756 April - MANUEL was granted a half-arpent square plot of land (at Prairie du Rocher). (Document, not listed nor found, mentioned in exchange dated 1759 August 26.)
- 1756 November 9 - Sale of house and lot at Nouvelle Chartres by Thomas-Alexandre LAVIGNE dit St. Germain, master shoemaker, and his wife Marie Josephe GUERODG (QUEBEDO) to Joseph PANISSE dit LaGiroflee, master mason. Jean MANUEL mentioned. (The wife's father, Joseph QUEBEDO dit l'Espagnol, is ancestor of the Louisiana QUEBEDEAU family.)
- 1758 March 30 - (mentioned as March 13th (?) in exchange 26 August 1759.) Jean MANUEL, a mason of Kaskaskia, bought land from Jean-Baptiste BARBEAU le jeune.
- 1759 April 26 - Jean MANUEL, master mason of Fort de Chartres, bought land near Prairie du Rocher from Jacques GOSSIAUX. The sale was passed at Kaskaskia.
- 1759 August 26 - Jean-Baptiste BARBEAU, master joiner of Kaskaskia, and Jean MANUEL, master mason of Prairie du Rocher, exchanged houses and land so that BARBEAU wound up in Prairie du Rocher and MANUEL back in Kaskaskia. BARBEAU was exchanging land he had acquired from Jean-Baptiste RICHARD.
- 1760 January 11 - Jean MANUEL of Kaskaskia requested a grant of land at Kaskaskia. Granted. (See note 6.)
- 1760 January 24 - At an auction in Kaskaskia MANUEL bought several pieces of furniture. (Original not found by JOV, nor by Brown and Dean. See translation in their book, The Village of Chartres, 688-692.)
- 1761 May 30 - Jacques DEGAGNE sold to Jean MANUEL, master mason of Kaskaskia, land on the other side of the Kaskaskia River, four arpents front and six arpents deep, from the river to the bluffs. MANUEL paid in full 300 livres in royal treasury notes.
- 1762 March 26 - Jean MANUEL, master mason of Kaskaskia paid 725 livres for a house on a lot three arpents front on "the other side" of the Kaskaskia River "near the village". The land's depth, six arpents, extended from the river to the bluffs.

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1763 January 11 - Jean MANUEL of Kaskaskia petitions for two arpents adjoining his small plantation on the other side of the Petit Rivière des Kaskaskias. It was granted at New Chartres 7 April 1763.

1765 January 10 - Letter from MANUEL at New Orleans to Pierre LANGLOIS of Kaskaskia, making LANGLOIS⁸ a gift of the habitation MANUEL had left in Kaskaskia. In translation it reads:

Sir and Friend

Having decided to stay in New Orleans and since, as you know, I left a habitation (usually house and farmland). I can give it to no one better than you, in recognition of your long-standing friendship. By this present (letter) it is conveyed to you as a clear and complete deed by me and my wife, and with this you have only to go to the court. (?) the procuration (Power of Attorney) that I had made to Mr. LACHANSE.

But to avoid expenses my present (letter) will be sufficient to give you all needed surety for this subject if the papers are attached to it. My wife and family assure you and yours of their regard, as I do, who is Sir and friend your very humble and affectionate servant.

MANUEL signed the letter, probably his usual "jean manuel", but the actual form of his signature was not transcribed when the original was studied.

The letter is followed by a notation that it was registered in folio One on page 190 by Clerk Pierre LANGLOIS on 1 July 1783 and then by the transfer of the property by LANGLOIS to John EDGAR, for 300 livres in merchandise, on 8 January 1785.

The MANUELS left Illinois at the end of the Seven Years' War, when the English acquired the land east of the Mississippi (except for the "Isle" of New Orleans). Jean MANUEL and his family probably departed for New Orleans on 15 June 1764, in the convoy of soldiers and settlers led by the Illinois commandant, Pierre-Joseph DE NEYON DE VILLIERS. DE NEYON had turned command over to Louis ST. ANGE DE BELLERIVE,⁹ leaving forty men under him to await the arrival of the English military.

With the parents were their son, Pierre, almost twelve, and their daughter Françoise, who was about six years old.¹⁰

Another daughter, Madeleine,¹¹ was probably part of the group, with her husband,¹² Conrad SEELOFF dit Caulet, a baker-employee of the French king who had been stationed at Fort de Chartres.¹³

That convoy from Illinois¹⁴ arrived at New Orleans on July first or second. The "Journal of Dabbadie" reported it under the heading of 2 July 1764.¹⁵ An indication that it was July first was found on an obscure document in the Paris Archives which shows that one of the enseignes with DE NEYON was to be pensioned beginning July first since he had continued to serve in that position (Enseigne en pied d'infanterie at the Illinois) until that date.¹⁶

Jean MANUEL wrote to his friend in Illinois, on 10 January 1765, that they would stay in New Orleans;¹⁷ no indication has been found of their residence elsewhere.

It is distressing that neither Jean MANUEL nor his wife Jeanne have been definitely identified on any of the several published censuses of Louisiana. Jean was, perhaps, over age for the militia, but they should have been on one of the other lists made after Spain assumed control of Louisiana. One MANUELLE age 50 and wife age 36 (with one arpent of land (cultivated ?) were listed at St. Charles (Côte des Allemands) on a census dated 4 April 1766,¹⁸ but they are listed without children. It is possible, in spite of the wife's age as given, that this 1766 couple was Jean MANUEL dit Lafleur and his wife Catherine¹⁹ "PITRIMIECHE" who married in 1741 and were still childless in July 1746.

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Apparently she was the Catherine SCHMITT, widow of Emanuel LAFLEUR, in St. Charles Parish 26 November 1768, when she renounced her rights to his succession. However, the widow LAFLEUR is also listed; it is possible that the MANUEL - LAPERRIERE minors were with their married sister.²⁰ If so, and if that was Jean MANUEL with Jeanne LAPERRIERE, the approximate years of their birth would be 1716 and 1730 respectively.

Jean and Jeanne MANUEL did buy a house in New Orleans, perhaps the one at No. 11 St. Peter's Street, Pierre MANUEL's address in 1770 when he was almost eighteen years old, serving in the New Orleans Militia but still without a trade. His brother-in-law, Conrad "Colet" was also listed that year on Orleans Street as a baker.²¹

The time of Jean MANUEL's death is not known. On 14 January 1774, his widow Jeanne LAPERRIERE dictated her last will and testament.²² Undoubtedly the greatest source of information about her, it is still in relatively good condition. Unfortunately, some names are difficult to read. As written, in Spanish, probably with Estevan de QUINONES as its scribe, she is a native of " _esse en Loren_",²³ kingdom of France, and daughter of "Lorenzo Laperrier" and of deceased
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*Testam. En el Nombre de Dios todo poderoso amen. Dijo
 quando esta fante vivian como yo Juana La
 perriere natural de la ciudad de Metz en Lorena
 Reyno de Francia, hija legitima de Lorenzo La-
 perriere, y de Glodina su mujer difunta*

identifies Jeanne LAPERRIERE. Notice line 3, word 7: if it is Messe (for Metz), her mother's name, word 5 on line 5, must be here spelled MUNIER, and her given name seems to be written Glodina, that is, Claudine.²⁴

After a profession of faith and invocation, she stated that she had been married, by (presumably Roman Catholic) church rites, for more than twenty-seven years to Juan MANUEL, deceased,²⁵ and that the living children of that union are Magdalena, married to "Coratur (or Coraten ?) Colet"; Pierre, age twenty-two years and unmarried; and Francisca MANUEL, married to Pedro SAVANT.²⁶

Next is the mention of 130 pesos owed her daughter Magdalena for food and medicine during the nine months of her illness, to be paid by the estate.

Jeanne named Pedro DU TERTRE as her testamentary executor, and appoints as heirs her three children to share in her estate, which consists of her dwelling on St. Peter's Street²⁷ and its small household.

Witnesses present were Guillermo DUBUISSON,²⁸ Lorenzo CHOURIAC, and Estevan DE QUINONES. Jeanne LAPERRIERE did not sign because she could not write. At her request one of the witnesses, Lorenzo CHOURIAC, signed the will with the notary, Andres Almonester y ROXAS.²⁹

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Her only son, Pierre MANUEL, was twenty-five years old³⁰ when he married Marie-Geneviève ALBERT of St. Jean-Baptiste des Allemands. She was the daughter of Antoine ALBERT, a blacksmith who had been born in Canada in 1738 or 1739. Antoine ALBERT and his wife were living on the German Coast, on the right bank of the Mississippi, in 1770.³¹

His wife (Marie-Geneviève's mother) was Geneviève LEROUX, daughter of Antoine LEROUX and Marie-Anne (TRAYER ?, DREGER ?, TREIR ?, PRET ?, DRET ?, TOURLAUX ?, TOUNIER ?).³² Geneviève LEROUX died in childbirth on 17 June 1776,³³ more than two years before her daughter's marriage to MANUEL. Antoine ALBERT remained a widower until 7 May 1780, when he wed Marie-Thérèse MASON (or MAXENE ?) widow of François CARE.³⁴

Apparently Pierre MANUEL took his bride to New Orleans soon after the wedding: their first child, Marie-Adelaide, was baptized there in 1780, on April 29.³⁵ They soon moved to the Opelousas Post where Pierre's name appears in civil records from July 1782 to July 1787. Eight MANUEL-ALBERT children are found in the church records there.³⁶

The funeral record of Pierre MANUEL has not been found;³⁷ it can be deduced that he died between 1796 and 1806. His son Edouard was born 2 Dec. 1796, and another son, Raphael was probably born late in 1797 or in 1798.³⁸

Pierre's widow, Geneviève ALBERT, married in July 1806 at Opelousas, Joseph GUILLORY.³⁹ GUILLORY, born about 1753-54, a native of "the river Alibamons" (above Mobile), was identified as a son of Joseph GUILLORY and Marie-Anne LA CASE.⁴⁰

There are no known children of the GUILLORY-ALBERT union. When Geneviève ALBERT was again widowed, by Joseph's death in March, 1813 ("at age 60 years"),⁴¹ she was stepmother of nine GUILLORY children:⁴² Augustin, born and baptized 1782; Joseph, born 1783; Marie-Loulette, born 1785, baptized 1786; Valery, born 1787, married 1811 his stepsister Geneviève MANUEL; Godfroi (Sifroy), born 1791, baptized 1792; Brigitte, born 1794; Elise (Lise), baptized 1796, a minor in 1815; Alexandre, born 1798; and Josephine, baptized 1800.

All of the above were named as heirs of Joseph GUILLORY by his earlier marriage to Claire FONTENOT (dit Bellevue)⁴³ on a document dated 25 June 1815.⁴⁴

At the time of Geneviève ALBERT's marriage to Joseph GUILLORY, she had seven unmarried MANUEL children ranging in age from 22 years to a boy (Raphaël) who was about eight years old. Antoine, the son born in 1782, baptized in 1783, died in September 1806.⁴⁵ The oldest MANUEL child, Marie-Adelaide, had married 7 June 1800 (in New Orleans) Nicolas TONNELIER⁴⁶ or FOMELIA. Adelaide, who had been baptized on 29 April 1780,⁴⁷ died 12 September 1809 at age 30 years. Her husband, Nicolas "Fomelia" lived until 16 June 1826.⁴⁸

The record of Geneviève ALBERT's death has not been found. Her succession record in Opelousas is dated August 1827.⁴⁹ By then, all of her children had married.⁵⁰ At least two adult MANUEL sons predeceased their mother: Jean-Baptiste (born 1784, married 1806), whose St. Landry Parish Probate is dated 1820,⁵¹ and Pierre (born 1792, married 1818 Marie-Joseph BERTRAND (dit Beaulieu) who died in 1800.⁵²

There are a great many MANUEL descendants: in the current Ville Platte area telephone directory, twenty-one inches of MANUEL entries!

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ABBREVIATIONS

bb baptismal book
mb marriage book
fb funeral book

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IHS: Illinois Historical Survey, University of Illinois, Urbana.

JOV: Jacqueline Olivier Vidrine

Kas: Kaskaskia Archives. Originals at Randolph County Courthouse, Chester, Illinois. Microfilm and cardfile there and at IHS were also used.

LGHS Register: The Louisiana Genealogical Register. Baton Rouge, La.: Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Society.

La Voix: La Voix des Prairies, Evangeline Genealogical & Historical Society, Ville Platte, La.

LHML: Louisiana Historical Museum Library, New Orleans. Formerly on St. Ann's Street near the Cathedral, it is now in the Old Mint Building.

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1. St.LNO, bb II, 260. Abstract sent by Alice D. Forsyth to JOV, December 1976; original later examined personally. Bremontier signed.
2. HMLO, 360, 363, 365, 380; AN Col. 13 A 38;17; See Saucier and Seineke, "François Saucier".
3. His signature was written clearly: jean manuel.
4. Kas. and IHS.
5. This one, not on the Kas. list, was sent by Natalia Marie Belting from IHS file to JOV.
6. One abstract sent to JOV by Belting from the IHS file was dated 11 January 1760: Request of Jean Manuel of Kaskaskia for a grant of land at Kaskaskia. Granted. However, there might be a simple typing error: Jan. 13, 1760 or Jan. 11, 1763, may have been meant.
7. Brown and Dean, The Village of Chartres, 668-692.
8. Notes in parentheses added. My translation differs only slightly from that published in Alvord and Carter, The Critical Period, 398-399 (preceded by its transcription). Kathrine W. Seineke called my attention to this source.
9. Alvord & Carter, The Critical Period, 189, 271; Belting, Kaskaskia, 8; Wallace, History, 360, 363; Villiers du Terrage, The Last Years, 218, 219, 227.
10. Bourgeois, Cabanocey, 192.
11. She was born 11 April 1749 at Gonges, France, died 4 May 1820 at New Orleans. LHML: card file, St. Louis Cemetary No. 1 (research by JOV in 1962).
12. They had married at Kaskaskia 3 May 1763. The mother's name is transcribed as Jeanne LA PARRIER. Belting, Kaskaskia, 63, 85.
13. Native of "Dietz in diocese of Mayence". Belting, Kaskaskia, 85. His signatures at Mobile in 1786 (August and September) appear to be Conrad Selhoff dit Cottels or Collet. (Vidrine, Love's Legacy, 393, 395.)
14. Possibly the Manuels left on an earlier convoy. Documents printed in Alvord and Carter, The Critical Years, 164-165, refer to plans in August 1763 to send back to New Orleans 100 men of the 196 garrisoned in the Illinois.
15. Alvord & Carter, The Critical Years, 271.
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17. Manuel at New Orleans to Pierre Langlois of Kaskaskia. See text above for complete translation and citation.
18. Genesis VII, 30; Voorhies, Some Late, 171.
19. LHML, Black Books, 23 July 1746.
20. Gianelloni, Calendar St. Charles, No. 168.
21. Robichaux, La. Census, 9, 15, 17. Also, Voorhies, Some Late, 387, 395. See note 27 for a 1776 reference to the St. Peter's Street home.
22. Notarial Archives, Notary Almonester y Roxas, Vol. 74, 11. Testament of Juana Laperriere, 14 January 1774. The will was translated completely for JOV by Father Peter Van Tiel, a former pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Ville Platte, now deceased.
23. Possibly "Messe", for Metz. Metz is the prefecture of the department of Moselle, part of the Lorraine (Lorena in Spanish).
24. Her father's given name may have been Lorentz (German) or Laurent (French). His surname in other Louisiana and Illinois records is written Laperier, Leperrier, Lapiere, and Lapiere, as well as Laperriere. At first glance her mother's name looks like Glovina. It could be Claudine, or even Marina, Mariane, or Marie. Her surname appears as "estunier" but may be Runier or Menier. (However, if Germanic, it could have been Estamaier, Staymeyer, Steiner, or some such.) See illustration. If the place is Metz, the surname most likely begins with "M".
25. The meaning is not clear. Was she married in 1746? Or was she widowed after more than 27 years of marriage? Perhaps the wedding took place in Ganges, a small industrial town on the east bank of the river Herault, 46 km. north of Montpellier (a bishopric since 1536, and the prefecture of the department of Herault). "Ganges" in the diocese of Montpellier was given as the place of birth (1749) of their daughter Madeleine, on her funeral record (1820), sent to JOV by Alice D. Forsyth. (St.LNO, fb (4 May 1820) No. 238).
26. Pierre-Mathieu Savant, baptized 2 May 1754 (St. Charles, p. 82), was the son of Mathieu Savant of "Proven" (son of Mathieu and Françoise Bardot) and of Marie-Agnes Droezele (daughter of Jean-George and Marie-Agnes Lay) who had married 15 February 1752. (St. Charles, p. 67½). Known Savant-Manuel children are: Charlotte, born ca. 1774 (St. James Church, bb I, p. 62a; Bourgeois, Cabanocey, p. 192); Pierre, born about 1775; Marie Françoise, a godmother in 1780; and Marie Eleanore, baptized 25 May 1780. (Jean) Pierre Savant is the only one found in the early Opelousas area records. He married in 1805 Marie-Louise Guillory.
27. Two years later, Pierre bequeathed his share of the St. Peter's Street house to his sister Magdeleine. (Notarial Archives, Almonaster y Roxas, photocopy sent to JOV by Velma Bertrand and Melba Bertrand, of Elton, members of EGHS.) A summary by Albert Tate, Jr. appeared in La Voix VI, 56. Listed in Maduell, Marriage Contracts, Wills, 19, as Almonaster y Roxas, 75:79.
28. This could have been "Guilhamé Dubuisson", a retired warehouseman living on the street of the church in June 1778 (Robichaux, La. Census, 46).
29. Quiñones, who did not sign, later became a notary; for examples of his work see Gianelloni, Love, Honor, Betrayal.

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30. Pierre, born 25 June 1752, married at St. Jean-Baptiste Church (mb I, p. 11) 22 November 1778. For a more complete abstract, see Tate, "The Early Manuels".
31. Robichaux, La. Census, 71. Antoine was very probably the child baptized 23 August 1738 in Beaumont, Canada, son of Pierre Albert and Elizabeth Alarie who had married in 1727 (Tanguay, DGCF). An article being prepared on the Albert family will be offered for publication in La Voix, to follow this Manuel study.
32. Conrad, St. Charles, 13, 95, 120; Conrad, St. Jean-Baptiste, Index, LeRoux entries; LHML, card files, Black Books. The controversy over her name is still not resolved (see LGHS Register, XXV, 204-207; XXVI, 59-61). A study of LeRoux and his wives (were there two ? three ? or four ?) cannot be completed until the original archives in New Orleans, St. Charles Parish, and St. Jean-Baptiste Parish, are consulted. Hopefully it will be ready for La Voix during 1986.
33. St. JB, fb I, 8b.
34. St. JB, mb I, 13a. There is a slight chance that the dowry arrangement of this couple has further information. Dated 24 April 1780, it is listed in Maduell, Marriage Contracts, Wills, as Notary Leonard Mazange's Vol. I, 322. (Notarial Archives.)
35. St.LNO, bb One, 92 (Not Volume I).
36. Tate, "The Early Manuels", 24-25.
37. The Manuel, "adult, age about 50 years", buried 10 January 1783 was not Pierre Manuel (Op. OA, 15). The date is not 1803. That adult named Manuel may have been a relative stranger in the community, and "Manuel" may have been his first name instead of surname.
38. Edward's baptism was on 7 May 1797 in Opelousas (Op. bb I, 178). Raphaël was listed last, after Edward, on their father's Succession record (Op. CH, Probate #443, year 1812). When Raphaël died in 1862 his age was given as 65 years (Op. fb II, 148).
39. Op. mb I, 157.
40. Joseph, père, whose name was Gregoire or perhaps Joseph-Gregoire, was a son of one of Mobile's earliest settlers, François Guillory of Canada. Mobile Church Marriage Book I: 25b-26a. See Vidrine, Love's Legacy, 191, 301, 361.
41. Op. fb I, 129.
42. Op. bb I, mb I & II. Original records were used years ago. Now, with Father Hebert's volumes of SWLR, the exact citation is so easily found that they are not given here. All of these nine children married in Opelousas between 1810 and 1827. One other child of Guillory's first marriage, Alexandro baptized in 1789, must have died when still young.
43. When Claire died in March 1804, the age given appears to be 40 years (Op. fb I, 71). Their marriage seems to have been before the 1777 census at Opelousas. On that census, the husband's name was given as Louis, his age as 22. Claire was 17. (A document that should be studied again is: LSAR, Opelousas, 17 Sept. 1781; Donation: Joseph Guillory and wife, Claire Fontenot.)
44. Op.CH, #166, year 1815.
45. Op. OA, 79; bb I, 42; Hebert, SWLR, I, 388.
46. Forsyth, Louisiana Marriages I, 82.
47. St.LNO, bb I, 92. Her godparents were Joseph Sanchez and Marie Jourdain.
48. Nicolas had been born 25 February 1766, son of Jacques Tonnelier or Fomelia and Marie Ledger. LHML card file: St. Louis Cemetary No. 1.
49. Op.CH: Probate #443.
50. Aside from Adelaide's previously discussed, all the weddings were in Opelousas between 1806 and 1825.
51. My old notes have, for Jean-Baptiste's marriage, 8 Dec. 1806 (Op. mb I, 164). Hebert, SWLR, I, 388, has November. The original has not been re-checked.
52. Pierre's marriage names his wife Billieau but baptisms of their children give Bertrand. On his funeral record at St. Gabriel (BRDA, II, 515) the widow is given as "Manuel Viollet", using "V" for "B", common in Spanish.

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THE DORE FAMILY OF THE SPANISH AND EARLY AMERICAN ATTAKAPAS-OPELOUSAS AREA

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

A DORE family appeared in the Spanish Attakapas area in the 1780's, which has many descendants in Southwest Louisiana. In the records abstracted through 1840 in D. J. Hebert, *Southwest Louisiana Records*, 31 vols. (Eunice, La., 1974), all DOREs reflected are of children (and their descendants) of Gaspard DORE, noted on two of the records as originating in Savoy (France) or in France, and of Marguerite CHRISTIAN of St. Charles Parish. The couple's children without exception are noted as born in St. Charles Parish. These DOREs apparently migrated to St. Martin Parish, probably in the Cypress Island area, at some time after 1779. A DORRE appears in the Spanish 1785 census of the Attakapas district, with 4 males in the second age group, 1 male in the third, 3 females in the first age group, 2 in the second, and 1 in the first. AGI-PPC legajo 2360.

As abstracted in Hebert, volume 1, Gaspard DORE's children married at the St. Martinville church were: SONS: Philip, m. 1787 Marguerite GRELOT/GROLOT; Jacques, m. 1791 Ursula PERRON; Louis, m. 1796 Marguerite LAVIOLETTE; Francois, m. 1799 Marie Josephe HULIN; DAUGHTERS: Catherine, m. 1787 Mathurin HEBERT; Clema Helene, m. 1787 Jean CHAMPAGNE; Marie, m. 1798 Louis POMMIER; Carlota(Charlotte), m.(1) 1799 Thomas CONARD (d. 1802), (2) 1803 Jean ROMERO; Marie Louise, m. 1807 Jacques LAVIOLETTE (however, Marie Louise had children in the St. Martin area in 1799 and 1802 from an earlier union with Jean Louis DORE of St. Charles). In addition, in the 1779 Attakapas civil estate proceedings of George SCHEXNAYDER, Marie DORE, daughter of Gaspard, is shown as SCHEXAYDER's wife.

The presence of Gaspard DORE and his wife Marguerite GRABERT CHRISTIANE in St. Charles Parish is attested by numerous documents abstracted in G. Conrad, *St. Charles ... 1770-1803* (Lafayette, 1974). The GRABERT family was frequently referred to by its dit CHRISTIANE name. The records of the St. Charles Borremeo Catholic Church at Destrahan, La. following 1755 have disappeared for the period in question. However, its records from 1739-1755 have survived and have been abstracted in the *New Orleans Genesis*, wherein at Vol. 1, No. 2 (March 1962) is abstracted the marriage in that church on January 10, 1755 of Gaspard DORE to Anne Marguerite GREBER, daughter of Christian GREBER and Anna Marie HERTER. DORE is there shown to be a native of Mornay, diocese of Chambéry, duchy of Savoy, the son of Martin DORE and Marie VOLANT.

Although born in France, it is probable that Gaspard DORE came at an early age to French Mobile, where his father was a soldier. The records of the Mobile church show that Martin DOREE dit LEVEILLE, a soldier in Marchand's and then in De Merveilleaux's company, and his wife Jeanne VALOIS(VALON) (VALLON), she a native of LaRochelle, France, parish of Notre Dame, had seven children baptized in that church between 1726 and 1737. Martin DORE was buried there on December 14, 1737, and his wife Jeanne on September 27, 1740. See W. DeVille, *Gulf Coast Colonials* (Baltimore, 1968), p.34.

Gaspard DORE's wife was the granddaughter, born in French Louisiana, of a German migrant, Christian GRABERT, who came to Louisiana in 1721 or so; he died at the age of 50 in Biloxi, survived by his widow, Catherine HENCKE(HENCHE) (who was aged 50 in the census of 1724), a minor daughter (14 in 1724), and a major son (father of DORE's wife), Christian GRABERT, age 23 in 1724, already married by the 1724 census to Anna-Marie HERTER (sometimes BAUMANN/BAUMEN). J. H. Deiler, *Settlement of the German Coast of Louisiana* (Baltimore, 1969), pp. 85-86; C. R. Maduell, *Census Tables of*

Louisiana 1699-1732 (Baltimore, 1972), pp. 40-41; G. Conrad, St. Charles (Lafayette, 1974), pp. 448-449. The family were natives of Horenbourg, Brandenburg, in Germany. Id.

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THE MARRIAGE OF PHILIPPE FONTENOT AND MARIE BRIGNAC IN 1747

In La Voix, Vol. 5, No. 17 (April 1984), were published several articles on the FONTENOT family. A son of Louis FONTENOT dit Colin was Philippe FONTENOT, progenitor of the "LaRose" or "L." Fontenots, who came with his children to the Spanish Opelousas Post area before 1766. His marriage to Marie BRIGNAC in Mobile in 1747 is recorded at Marriage Records Book 1, page 37b, of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at Mobile, Alabama. As translated from the French, it provides:

The year seventeen hundred forty seven the twenty-four may after the publication of one ban of marriage and dispensation of two others for valid reasons between philippe fontenau dit st. philippe solider of the company d' Erneville native of the Alabamons (Post) legitimate son of louis fontenot dit colin sereant, and of Marie henry his father and mother of the one part, and of Marie Brignac native of the Alabamons legitimate daughter of Simon Brignac soldier of the company D'erneville and of Marie turpin, her father and mother of the other part, I priest Capuchin Apostolic Missionary Cure of Mobile undersigned have receved their mutual consent and have given them the nuptial benediction in the presence of Simon Brignac father of the bride (and) of pierre D'omail resident who have declared they do not know how to sign, also the bride (so declares). As required the other witnesses with may have signed below at Mobile the day and year above said.

s/f.jean francois, Cap.Cure

s/philippe fonteneaux
mark of the bride
mark of Simon Brignac
s/Marcelin

s/Sassez

s/hourier

s/? N. Henry

* * *

The signature of "philippe fonteneaux" is signed by a precise and literate hand, far more readable tha the signatures of the four witnesses. Philip's marriage record is of particular interest because it is the only surviving record that shows the maiden name (TURPIN) of the wife of SIMON BRIGNAC, almost all of whose children (many married to FONTENOTs) came to Louisiana in 1764, many to the Opelousas Post area. From the later statements in church records of the place of birth of the FONTENOT and BRIGNAC children as being at the Alibamons— the French Fort Toulouse in east mid-Alabama—, we know that their fathers were stationed there from the 1720's on. The Alibamons birth and marriage records were maintained at a Jesuit mission, but, unfortunately, until now efforts to locate these records have been unsuccessful.

The Mobile church records do contain the baptismal records of three of the FONTENOT children: Philippe, Sept. 2, 1727 (two days after birth); Jean, Jan. 2, 1729 (born a day earlier); and Jean Louis, March 1, 1730 (born Feb. 27, 1730). The baptism in each case is by the Capuchin priest having the function of chaplain to Fort Conde at Mobile. The records do not reflect whether the baptisms were at Mobile or whether, instead, the priest had journeyed to the troops at the Alibamons, who were technically part of the Fort Conde garrison. —AT, Jr.

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DUPLECHIN CEMETERY

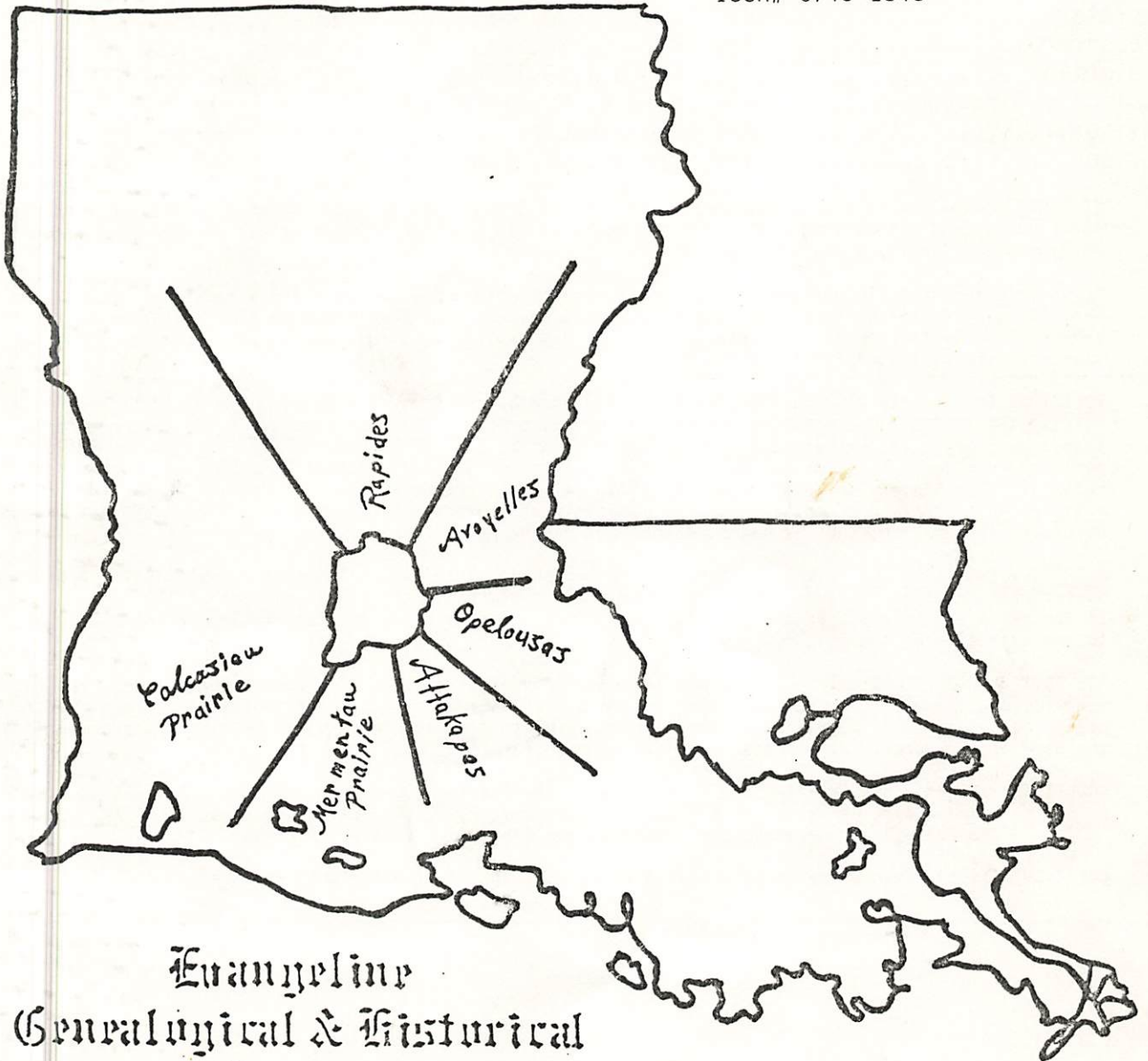
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(Located in Allen Parish off Soileau Hwy. from Mamou, turning right on Allen Parish Road #150, approximately 5 miles down this road, right behind the home of Abel Duplechin)

FONTENOT, Dorelle (Mrs.)
b. 1861 d. 1957 age 96FONTENOT, Osma
b. 1876 d. 1943FONTENOT, Ephram
b. 1889 d. 1944SAUCIER, Marie
b. 07-25-1888 d. 10-18-1925FONTENOT, Frank?
b. 1895? d. 1936?SAUCIER, Homer
b. 10-10-1871 d. 11-26-1960FONTENOT, Paul
d.? 1935FONTENOT, Agnes Commie
b. 1917 d. 1930DUPLECHIN, Dacy?
b. 08-01-1942 age 33DUPLECHIN, David W.
b. 11-19-1955 d. 01-28-1976DUPLECHAIN,ancelc
b. 1872 d. 1943DUPLECHAIN, Amos
b. 01-13-1902 d. 03-30-1972FONTENOT, Canay
d. 1930COURVILLE, Jercy Lee (child)
b. Nov. d. Nov. 1934LEJEUNE, Mable D.
b. 12-25-1920 d. 10-17-1967DUPLECHAIN, Leta Louise
b. 08-24-1923 d. 03-19-1925
d/o Eual DUPLECHAINCOURVILLE, Jos
b. 05-129-1936 d. 06-24-1938JOHNSON, May
b. 1873 d. 1949DUPLECHAIN, Floyd
b. and d. 02-08-1935
c/o Foster DUPLECHAINDUPLECHAIN, Calahan
b. 04-11-1876
d. 10-_____MANUEL, orlla
b. 02-25-184 d. age 50DUPLECHAIN, C.
b. 08-25-1845 d. ___-19-1930FONTENOT, Frank
b. 08-29-1862 d. 11-27-1940EVANGELINE GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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RECORD OF APPOINTMENT OF POSTMASTERS
Evangeline Parish, Louisiana, 1891-1930

[This list of Evangeline Parish Postmasters was copied in the National Archives, Washington, D.C., from Microfilm 841, Roll 50, by Mrs. Elaine Miller Richardson, 402 Chase Dr., Corpus Christi, TX 78412.]

Basile (Late in St. Landry)

Louis F. SCHAMBER, 10 June 1893
Mary E. ROBERTS, 24 July 1914
Noah H. GUILLORY, (act.) 11 Oct 1922, (Poss.) 10 Nov 1922
Frank REED, 10 Feb 1923

Bayou Chicot (Late in St. Landry)

Henry L. ERLICH, 16 Dec 1905
Edward H. THOMAS, 12 Nov 1920

Beaver (Late in St. Landry)

Mary E. CLEGG, 1 Apr 1913
Delia LEGGETT, 13 Apr 1916
Oneal L. FONTENOT, 18 Sep 1919

Chataignier (Late in St. Landry)

Alphonse GUILLET, 22 Aug 1904

Durald (Late in St. Landry)

Richard T. MARSHALL, 18 Apr 1911
Discontinued 15 Apr 1916, M. to Eunice

Easton

Annie C. PALMER, 27 May 1912
Wm. Thos. PALMER, 7 Apr 1913
Edmond ARDOIN, 24 Jan 1925
Dis. after 30 Apr 1928, Mail to Pine Prairie

Lonepine

Ernest LEFLEUR (sic), 17 Feb 1909
B. O. O'QUIN, 8 Jan 1921
Mrs. Savanna HOLMAN, (Act.) 27 Jul 1923, 13 Aug 1923
B. Ogden O'QUINN, (Act.) 9 Mar 1927, 16 Mar 1927

Mamou (Late in St. Landry)

J. White FUSILIER, 27 Jul 1909
Euclide LANDRENEAU, 19 May 1914
Simon E. TATE, 27 Jul 1916

Pine Prairie (Late in St. Landry)

Emily R. FONTENOT, 2 Jul 1905
Philip H. O'NEAL, 15 Aug 1910
Jesse CAMPBELL, 16 Dec 1914

Point Bleu (Late in St. Landry)

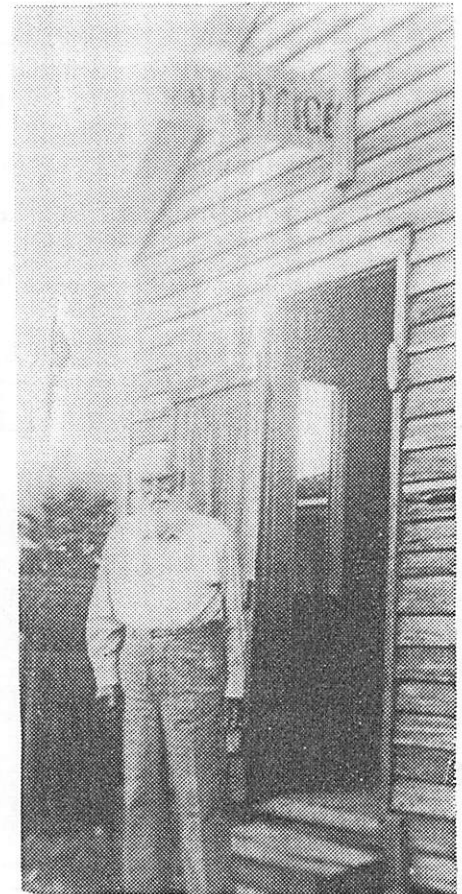
Edwin PERRON, 14 Jun 1912
Valsin GUILLORY, 19 Jun 1914
Dis. 31 Mar 1920, M. to Ville Platte

Reddell (late in St. Landry)

Cleophas M. MILLER, 7 May 1919

Saint Landry (Late in St. Landry)

P. H. TUBRE, 14 Dec 1908



ALPHONSE GUILLET
(Chataignier postmaster)

- loaned by
Cindy Leger

Turkey Creek (Late in St. Landry)

Geo. B. SEAMAN, 26 Dec 1911
Wm. R. WALKER, 3 Oct 1914
Maggie L. WALKER, 30 Dec 1919
Effie W. WILLIAMS, 6 Sep 1923
Belle H. CHAPELLE, (Act.) 23 Nov 1925, 7 Jan 1926

Vidrine (Late in St. Landry)

Julius C. VIDRINE, 18 Oct 1912
Herodias G. VIDRINE, 12 Mar 1915
Hartwell H. GUILLORY, 17 Dec 1915
Dis. 27 Jul 1925, effective 15 Aug 1925, mail to Ville Platte

Ville Platte (Late in St. Landry)

Rene Louis DEROUEN, 4 Dec 1903
Christine DEROUEN, 23 Jan 1917
Chester A. THOMPSON, 13 Dec 1918
Theodore G. ASHLOCK, 12 Mar 1924
Isaac GUILLORY, (Act.) 8 Aug 1927
LaPerle T. ASHLOCK, (Act.) 3 Oct 1927
Avenant MANUEL, 2 May 1928

Wilburton (Late of St. Landry)

Montrose C. PUTNAM, 20 Oct 1909
Dis. 15 Jun 1915, M. to Elton

Clearwater

Marshall M. SHAMBURGER, 30 Aug 1913
Dis. 15 Nov 1915, M. to Sartori
Joseph B. EWER, 11 Dec 1918

Meridian

Edward C. TANNER, 16 Sep 1913
Robt. D. CROWELL, 7 May 1915, (Pres.) 1 Jul 1926
Wilson ARDOIN, 11 Sep 1922
Robt. D. CROWELL, 4 Dec 1922
Mrs. Wm. F. HUNT, 2 Apr 1924
Eunice O. RANDOLPH, (Act.) 28 Oct 1928, 19 Dec 1928
Dis. 5 Sep 1929, effective 10 Sep 1929, M. to Turkey Creek

Fenris

Evarest YOUNG, 7 Oct 1924
Dis. 27 Jan 1927, Effective 28 Feb 1927, M. to Eunice

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THE COREIL FAMILY: A PRELIMINARY STUDY

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Introduction

COREIL is by no means a common surname in Evangeline Parish. It appears much less often in print and in the records than such well-known family names as FONTENOT, VIDRINE, SOILEAU, or GUILLORY. The COREILs, however, have intermarried with these and many other families.

Two recent genealogical references to this family include a discussion of Coralie Florestillie (or Florestite) COREIL by Bobbe WEST in an article on the DAIRE family that appeared in her "Family Connections" column in The Gazette (1) and a brief writeup by Patrick MOREIN on (Barthelemy) Theodore COREIL in the October 1983 issue of La Voix des Prairies. (2) These two COREILs were siblings and children of the immigrant ancestor, Marius Barthelemy COREIL. Other references to the Evangeline Parish COREILs can be found in various volumes of Rev. Donald J. HEBERT's Southwest Louisiana Records ("H"). (3)

For the record, I will mention two accidental discoveries that I have made relating to COREIL and some close orthographic variations. Unfortunately, however, I am unable to establish any Evangeline Parish connection. A Jean Jacques COREIL was a principal signatory to a 1762 New Orleans partnership agreement with Antoine OLIVIER to engage in the shipping business. (4) There is also a Coryell County, Texas, a part of which comprises the northern portion of the Fort Hood military reservation. That county was named in honor of James CORYELL of Adams County, Ohio, the grandson of Joseph COREILL. The COREILLs, who were "originally French Huguenots, settled in the eastern part of the United States, mostly in New Jersey and Virginia and gradually worked westward." (5)

This article focuses on the COREIL line in Evangeline Parish. It incorporates entries from "H" with limited information taken from church records, cemetery inscriptions, and family data, reconstructing three generations of this family beginning with Marius Barthelemy COREIL. I hope that this modest initial effort can serve as a vehicle for further detailed studies.

The Immigrant Ancestor

Marius Barthelemy (Barthelemi) COREIL, a native of the departement of Bouches-du-Rhone, France, (6) was born ca. 1805 or ca. 1812. (8) His first marriage was on 26 July 1836 at St. Landry Catholic Church, Opelousas, LA (Opel. Ch.), to Hyacinthe Godfroy SOILEAU, the daughter of Godfroy SOILEAU and Marie de Las Nieves (Denise) FONTENOT. (9) Hyacinthe's baptismal record at Opel. Ch. gives her date of birth as 28 December 1818, (10) while her French tombstone inscription in Le Vieux Cimetiere, Ville Platte, LA (ts, VC), simply shows her age as 46 years at the time of her death, 29 August 1865.

When the the immigrant ancestor married a second time to Pauline GUILLORY, the daughter of Jean Baptiste GUILLORY and Sophie LAFLEUR at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Ville Platte (VP Ch.), his name was recorded as Barthelemy Marius COREIL, and his parents were listed as Louis Bruno COREIL and Louise Gabrielle ANDRIEUS. (11) There were no children born of the COREIL-GUILLORY union. Around a week after he married Miss GUILLORY, Marius Barthelemy's name was recorded in the donation records of the St. Landry Parish Courthouse, Opelousas (Opel. Ct. Hse.). (12) VP Ch. burial records show the date of his death as 9 January 1874, (13) and his succession at Opel. Ct. Hse. is dated 12 January 1874. (14)

Second and Third Generations--Known Children and Grandchildren
of Marius Barthelemy COREIL and Hyacinthe Godfroy SOILEAU

A total of eleven children of the marriage of Marius Barthelemy COREIL and Hyacinthe Godfroy SOILEAU have been identified. Joseph (No. 4) has been included even though records to positively connect him with Marius Barthelemy and Hyacinthe have not been located. What has been found was a VP Ch. baptismal record for Marie Jeanne COREIL, whose parents were listed as Joseph COREIL and Larie Jeanne FUX, and based on the 22 December 1862 date, the assumption has been made that Joseph could logically be a second-generation Evangeline Parish COREIL. In the following tabulation, each known descendant and spouse has been identified to the best extent possible. Citations have been given to record locations and to the listing of the record abstract in "H". Abbreviations have been used to save space.

1. Louis Marius, b 20 Aug 1838 (Opel. Ch., V4, p97; "H", V3, p157); m 27 Sep 1858, Emelia (Emelie) VIDRINE (Opel. Ct. Hse., Mar #1775; "H", V6, p134 and p579).
 - a. Emelia Cecilia, b 30 Jul 1859 (VP Ch., V1, p145-A; "H", V6, p134).
 - b. Horace K., b 22 Dec 1862 (VP Ch., V1, p206; "H", V7, p101).

- c. Marie Regina, b 24 Aug 1866 (VP Ch., V2, p30; "H", V8, p115). d 8 Feb 1880, age 14 yrs (VP Ch., V1, p60; "H", V14, p122).
 - d. Louise Isabel, b. 15 Sep 1868 (VP Ch., V2, p66; "H", V8, p115).
 - e. Hypolite Armand, b 20 Sep 1870 (VP Ch., V2, p105; "H", V9, p93).
 - f. Anathole Moise, b 6 Oct 1877 (VP Ch., V3, p40; "H", V13, p119); d 17 Jul 1897, age 19 yrs (VP Ch., V1, p162; "H", V28, p110).
 - g. Hyacinthe Edna, b 13 Jul 1879 (VP Ch., V3, p95; "H", V14, p122); m 22 Apr 1897, Raymond Joseph PETERMAN (John Joseph PETERMAN and Melanie VENDEGER) (VP Ch., V5, p40; "H", V28, p109 and p386).
 - h. Joseph Maurice, b 5 Feb 1882 (VP Ch. V3, p210; "H", V15, p131).
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2. Athenaise, b 12 Jan 1840 (Opel. Ch., V4, p144; "H", V3, p156).
 3. Letitia Louise, b 19 Mar 1841 (St. John's Cathedral, Lafayette, LA, V4, p159; "H", V4, p109).
 4. ?Joseph, b ?; m Larie Jeanne FUX (VP Ch. baptismal records, V1, p206; "H", V4, p109).
- Marie Jeanne, b 22 Dec 1862 (same ref as above).
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5. Arthemion Hypolite, b 12 May 1843 (Opel. Ch., V4, p212; "H", V4, p109).
 6. Alfred Armand (Amond), b 26 Mar 1848 (Opel. Ch., V4, p314; "H", V5, p130); m1 Hypolite ARTEMAN (Opel. Ct. Hse. Succ. of Hypolite ARTEMAN # 3454 dtd 25 Jan 1871; "H", V10, p11 and p88); m2 18 Jan 1897, Emilie (Marie Emely) LAFLEUR (Immaculate Conception Church, Washington, LA, V1-A, p65; "H", V28, p109 and p277). There were apparently no children born to the COREIL-ARTEMAN union. At least one child can be identified from the COREIL-LAFLEUR marriage:
- Marie Jeanette, b 24 April 1898 (VP Ch., V7, p75; "H", V29, p118).
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7. Marie Louise (Louisia) (Louisa), b 4 Jun 1849 (Opel. Ch., V4 p548; "H", V5, p130); m1 5 Jun 1865, Joseph Pierre ROY (Opel. Ct. Hse., Mar #2588; "H", V7, p101 and p403). Joseph Pierre ROY, b ?15 Oct 1842 (Pierre ROY and Cleophine DUPRE (Opel. Ch., V4, p191; "H", V4, p433); d 1 Jul 1886, age 43 yrs (Opel. Ch., V2, p428; "H", V17, p530) (Evidently, no children

were born to the ROY-COREIL marriage.). Marie Louise m2 26 Jul 1888, Oscar DARDEAU, widower of Marie Coralie TATE (Edouard Alphonse Ferdinand DARDEAU and Lodoiska RAULIN) (VP Ch., V3, p112; "H", V19, p90 and p99). There were no children born to the DARDEAU-COREIL union. Oscar DARDEAU and Marie Louise COREIL moved from Ville Platte to Opelousas in 1892 to buy a store and go into business. Their home still stands at 246 North Court Street, and it is presently occupied by Oline Dardeau ROBERTS, widow of Hershel ROBERTS and the granddaughter of Oscar DARDEAU and Marie Coralie TATE. (15) Oscar DARDEAU, b 22 Mar 1846 (Opel. Ch., V4, p291; "H", V4, p121; Note: his ts, VC, is dtd 23 Mar 1846); m1 21 Jun 1870, Marie Coralie TATE (Hilaire TATE, II, and Marie Cedalise GARAND) (VP Ch., V2, #25; "H", V9, p102 and p385); d Opelousas (16) 20 Jun 1927 (ts, VC), bur VC.

8. Coralie Florentille (Florestite), b 7 Sep 1850 (Opel. Ch., V4, p364; "H", V5, p130); m1 2 Oct 1867, Octave DAIRE (Marcel DAIRE and Delphine VIDRINE) (Opel. Ch., VD, #308; "H", V8, p115 and p125). Octave DAIRE, b 15 Jun 1845 (Opel. Ch., V4, p281; "H", V4, p119); d 18 Aug 1884, age 40 yrs (VP Ch., V1, p87; "H", V16, p142). DAIRE's Opel. Ct. Hse. Succ. #4542, dtd 3 Sep 1884, was transferred to Evangeline Parish 10 Jul 1914 ("H", V16, p143).
 - a. Hyacinthe Stella, b ?; m 20 Jul 1887, Joseph SOILEAU (Onil SOILEAU and Alida DEVILLE) (VP Ch., V3, p61; "H", V18, p88 and p320).
 - b. Ida, b ca. 1868; d 2 Aug 1892, age 24 yrs (VP Ch., V1, p130; "H", V23 p99).
 - c. Henri Martel (Henry M.) (Henri Marcel), b 3 Mar 1872 (VP Ch., V2, p142; "H", V10, p96 and p181); m1 16 Aug 1894, Marie Josephine PITRE (Francois J. PITRE and Elisha J. PITRE) (VP Ch., V4, p70; "H", V25, p104 and p326); m2 22 Feb 1947, Marguerite GUILLORY (Jean Louis GUILLORY and Irene CHATMAN (?CHAPMAN)) (VP Ch. baptismal records V2, p142; "H", V10, p96 and p181).
 - d. Barthelemi Marius, b 27 May 1874 (VP Ch., V2, p117; "H", V11, p91).
 - e. N., b ca. 1875; d 30 Mar 1885, age 10 yrs (VP Ch., V1, p92; "H", V17, p149; Note: only initial, "N.", not full given name, used on this individual's burial record.).
 - f. Hippolite (Hypolite Octave), b 29 Jun 1879 (VP Ch., V3, p94; "H", V14, p133); m 27 Sep 1898, Odette FUSELIER (Fremond FUSELIER and Juila CHACHERE) (VP Ch., V5, p83; "H", V29, p198; Note: church record listed only under bride's name in "H".).
 - g. Jean Kossuth, b ?; m 28 Nov 1899, Pauline GUILLORY (Philomen GUILLORY and Louide FONTENOT) (VP Ch., V6, p39; "H", V30, p126 and p227).
 - h. Jules Edouard, b 30 Dec 1883 (VP Ch., V3, p295; "H"; V16, p142).

Coralie Florentille (Florestite) COREIL m2 7 May 1889, Cyprien DELAFOSSE, Jr. (Cyprien DELAFOSSE and Angelie BRODER (BROTHER) (VP Ch., V3, p107). Cyprien DELAFOSSE, Jr., b 13 Jun 1844 (Opel. Ch., V6, p40; "H", V4, p132). There were no children born to this second marriage.

9. Barthelemi Theodore, b 10 Apr 1852 (Opel. Ch., V4, p389; "H", V5, p130); m 25 Nov 1873, Marie Domelise FONTENOT (Theophile FONTENOT and Emelie LAFLEUR) (VP Ch., V2, p127; "H", V11, p84 and p137).
10. Leopold Julius (Jules), b 11 Dec 1855 (Opel. Ch., V6, p17; "H", V6, p134); m 23 Nov 1876, Oline VIDRINE (Olin VIDRINE and Pauline DEROUEN), Chataignier, LA (records at St. Anthony Catholic Church, Eunice, LA (Eunice Ch.), V1, p59; "H", V12, p100 and p472); d 7 Dec 1877 (VP Ch., V3, p51; "H", V11, p119; Note: ts, VC, dtd 6 Dec 1877). Oline VIDRINE, b 29 Aug 1858 (Opel. Ch., V6, p77; "H", V6, p588; Note: ts, VC, dtd 28 Aug 1858); d 23 Nov 1895, age 38 yrs (VP Ch., p151; "H", V26, p434; Note: ts, VC, dtd 22 Nov 1895).

Marie Rita, b 15 Aug 1877 (Eunice Ch., V1, p24-X; "H", V13, p119); m 25 Feb 1895, Arthur DARDEAU (Oscar DARDEAU and Marie Coralie TATE) (VP Ch., V4, p95; "H", V26, p97 and p108); d 2 Jan 1945 (ts, VC). Arthur DARDEAU, b 2 Jan 1874 (VP Ch., V2, p165; "H", V11, p193); d 8 Jan 1931 (ts, VC). (17)

Oline VIDRINE m2 12 Aug 1880, Joseph Dorsinus (J. D.) LAFLEUR (Dorsinal LAFLEUR and Emilia MILLER) (Eunice Ch., V1, p115; "H", V14, p309 and p554). There were at least five children born to the LAFLEUR-VIDRINE marriage, including:

- a. Dea, b 23 May 1881 (Eunice Ch., V1, p147-X; "H", V15, p321); m 14 Jun 1898, Lastie AUCOIN (Pierre AUCOIN and Celestine FONTENOT) (VP Ch., V5, p76; "H", V29, p18 and p286).
- b. Joseph Uzzi (Uzee), b 2 Dec 1882 (Eunice Ch., V1, p195; "H", V15, p321); d as a child ca. 1888, bur VC next to his mother, Oline VIDRINE.
- c. Jules, b 1 Apr 1885 (Eunice Ch., V1, p283; "H", V17, p347).
- d. Marie Rina, b 23 Sep 1887 (Eunice Ch., V2, p54; "H", V18, p201).
- e. Maurice, b 2 Jul 1889 (Eunice Ch., V2, p121; "H", V20, p228).
11. Hermance Hyacinthe, b 6 Mar 1858 (VP Ch., V1, p119; "H", V6, p134); d 28 Aug 1870, age 12 yrs (VP Ch., V1, p11; "H", V9, p93).

A Final Note

This preliminary study summarizes available information on the COREIL family. Obviously many sources still need to be examined. These additional sources include French archives, port arrival records, citizenship documents, military service records, land records, succession papers, newspaper files, as well as data that can be gleaned from family records and from personal interviews with descendants. Perhaps others will be inspired to continue this effort.

Notes

1. Barbara Braun West, "Family Connections--Across the Generations," The Gazette, Ville Platte, LA, 13 May 1982, Sec 2, p12. A writeup and photograph of a reunion of the descendants of Octave Daire and Coralie Florestille (Florestite) Coreil was in the 6 May 1982 issue of this newspaper, Sec 2, p5.
2. Patrick Morein, "Theodore Coreil," La Voix des Prairies, V4, #15 (Oct 1983), p78.
3. Rev Donald J. Hebert, Southwest Louisiana Records, Eunice and Cecilia, LA, from 1974 through 1982, by the author, and since 1982, published by the author and distributed by Claitor's Publishing Division, Baton Rouge, LA ("H").
4. Mrs. Fred O. James, "Index to French and Spanish Translations of Original Documents," New Orleans Genesis, VIII, #9 (Jan 1964), p59. The title of the document in question is "Partnership Agreement by and Between Jean Jacques Coreil and Antoine Olivier to Engage in the Shipping Business."
5. Zelma Scott, A History Of Coryell County, Texas, VIV, Texas County and Local History Series, Texas State Historical Association, Austin, TX, 1965.
6. Coreil's nativity is stated in the record of his 26 July 1836 marriage to Hyacinthe Soileau at St. Landry Catholic Church, Opelousas, LA (Opel. Ch.) (V2, p96; "H", V3, p599; Note: "H", V3, lists the abstract of this Opel. Ch. record only under the bride's name). The Rev. H. Flavius Rossi performed the marriage, and the four witnesses were D. C. Sittig, Joseph G. Soileau, Marcellin Garand, and Hypolite Gilly.
7. The record of Coreil's first marriage to Hyacinthe Soileau at the St. Landry Parish Courthouse, Opelousas (Opel. Ct. Hse.), gives the ages of both parties as 24 years in 1836 (#51, dtd 20 Jul 1836; "H", V3, p56 and p599), making his date of birth be ca. 1812. His burial record at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Ville Platte, LA (VP Ch.), which shows his age as 69 years in 1874 (V1, p26; "H", V11, p85), would mean a ca. 1805 birthdate. In general, however, a marriage record where a person states his own age should be treated as more reliable than a burial record where age at the time of death is often estimated.

8. Parents given in the Coreil-Soileau marriage record at Opel. Ch. See Note 6.

9. See Note 8. Hyacinthe's name is spelled "Jacente" in her 28 Dec 1818 baptismal record at Opel. Ch. Her parents are shown as Godfroy Soileau and Marie Joseph Fontenot (V2, p174; "H", V2, p824). Going further back, the 6 Mar 1800 Opel. Ch. marriage record of Hyacinthe's parents spells their names as Godfrido (Jean Baptiste Soileau dit Richaume and Marie Jeanne Vidrine) and Marie Las Nieves Fontenot (Luc (Lucas) Fontenot and Severine De Soto) (V1, p90; "H", V1, p223 and p518). The record of Hyacinthe's maternal grandmother's birth on 3 Feb 1786, which can be found in the baptismal records of Opel. Ch., shows her name as Marie De La Nieves Fontenot (Luc Fontenot and Genevieve Gertrude De Soto) (V1, p71; "H", V1, p222). Severina (Genevieve Gertrude) De Soto, bapt 1766 (no month or date shown but between entries for 13 Feb and 11 Mar 1766), Natchitoches, as Severine Antoine Gertrude De Soto (Elizabeth Shown Mills, Natchitoches, 1729-1803, Polyanthos, New Orleans, LA, 1977, p105, #860 ("M")), was the daughter of Don Manuel Bermudez y De Soto and Marie des Nieves de St. Denis (bapt 16 Aug 1734 (b Aug 1734), Natchitoches ("M", p5, #16); m 2 Jun 1754, Natchitoches ("M", p90, #731)) and the granddaughter of Louis Juchereau, Sieur de St. Denis.

10. See Note 9 for reference to baptismal record.

11. VP Ch. marriage records, V2, p39 ("H", V9, p93 and p183).

12. Op. Ct. Hse., Donations, V3, p155 ("H", V10, p88).

13. See Note 7.

14. Op. Ct. Hse. succession records, Succession #3701 ("H", V11, p85).

15. Information provided by Oline Dardeau Roberts.

16. Ibid.

17. Descendants of Arthur Dardeau and Rita Coreil are listed in Elba Anthony Dardeau, Jr., "Seven Generations of the Dardeau Family, ca. 1757-1980," Louisiana Genealogical Register, VXXVII, #3 (Sep 1980), pp255-262. Note that Arthur's father, Oscar, was the second husband of Marie Louise Coreil (No. 7), the paternal aunt of his wife, Marie Rita Coreil.

QUERIES

Mabel Broussard, 412 Orange Drive, Abbeville, LA 70510 descends from Pierre Courville (Alexis Courville and Isabelle Ferete) who married in 1802, Opel, Marie West (Roger West and Marie Olivier) She would like to correspond with others interested in this line.

Fred Duplechin, 513 Westview Drive, Houma, LA 70364 wishes to correspond with others working on the Duplechin line. He has been focusing on France and Belgium in his research.

Ancestor Chart

Name of Compiler LAURA S. DOUCET Person No. 1 on this chart is the same person as No. 1 on chart No. 1
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Chart No. 1ALPHONSE STRODERD, SR.(Father of No. 8,
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Cont. on chart No. _____)11 Jul 1808EMELITE CASSENWELL(Mother of No. 13,
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Cont. on chart No. _____)16 May 1809ALPHONSE STRODERD, JR.

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Joseph François Pitre

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Joséphine Soileau

Contrat - mariage

21 Janvier 1829 ¹

1 Etats Unis d'Amérique

Etat de la Louisiane Paroisse St. Landry Comté des Opeloussas

Aujourd'hui le vingt-unième Jour du mois de Janvier de l'an de notre Seigneur mil huit Cent vingt neuf, Pardevant nous J.M. Debailon notaire public dument

- 5 Commissionné et Spécialement appointé pour exercer + instrumenter dans et pour toute Cette partie de la Paroisse St. Landry Comté des Opeloussas, Situé à l'Ouest du Bayou Grand Louis -

- Furent présents, le Sieur Joseph François Pitre habitant résidant en Cette partie de la Paroisse St. Landry et demoiselle Josephine Soileau agée de 10 quinze ans, fille légitime et mineure de feu Sr. Godefroy Soileau + de dame Marie Joseph Fontenot son Epouse résidante en Cette Susdite partie de la Paroisse St. Landry à l'Effet d'Etablir, régler + Stipuler leurs Convictions + accords matrimoniaux

- Le Sieur Joseph François Pitre, d'une part, et la demoiselle Josephine Soileau assistée de Marie Joseph Fontenot Sa mère, d'autre part ont de leur bon gré et mutuel Consentement fait les traités + accords de mariage suivants - 15 Savoir 1° Promettent les dits futurs Epoux Se prendre par nom, loi + sacrement de mariage, le faire Célébrer en notre Ste. Eglise Catholique, apostolique + Romaine le plutôt que faire Se pourra -

- 2° La Communauté des futurs Epoux Sera regie + gouvernée Selon les lois 20 Coutumes Statuts + usages de l'Etat de la Louisiane 3° Ne Seront tenus les dits futurs époux, de Dettes Contractées par l'un ou par l'autre avant le mariage mais au Contraire elles Seront acquittées par Celui et Sur les biens de qui les aura Contractés

- 4° En Cart² de mort Sans enfans les biens retourneront à la Souche d'ou elles 25 proviennent 5° En Cas de Séparation autorisée par nos lois Chacun reprendra ce qu'il aura apporté et le partage des bénéfices, S'il y en a, Sera fait par égale portion -

- 6° Se prennent les dits futurs epoux avec leurs droits successifs, meubles + 30 meubles + immeubles echus et à échoir

7° Les biens du futur Epoux Consistent Savoir en une terre de Six arpens de face Sur quarante de profondeur, Située dans la Prairie mamouth estimée par les parents et amis des futurs à la Somme de Six Cent Cinquante

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| 35 | Environ quarante têtes de Bêtes à Cornes en vacherie estimées à S 6 la tête | \$ | 650 | " | " |
| | Environ Vingt têtes de Bêtes à Cornes douces Estimées à \$ 8 la tête | | 240 | " | " |
| | Cinq cheveaux domptés estimées à | | 160 | " | " |
| | Une paire de Boeufs estimés trente Cinq piastres | | 175 | " | " |
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| 40 | En argent fait à la Connaissance des parents + amis des futurs Cent piastres | | 30 | " | " |
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\$ 1,390 " "

Formant en totalité la Somme de treize Cent quatre vingt dix piastres que le futur Epoux apporte en mariage -

- Les biens de la future Epouse Consistent Savoir: en une somme de Cinq 45 Cent quinze piastres: que lui doit Sa mère provenant du 1er partage de la Succession de feu Son père le Sr. Godefroy Soileau décédé \$ 515 " "

plus, en Sa part indivisé, resultantes du montant de la vacherie, de la Succession du feu Son père et qui sera réglée en avril prochain

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| | Sa garde robe estimée par les parents et amis des futurs à la Somme de Cent piastres | | 100 | " | " |
| 50 | plus dix têtes de Bêtes à Cornes estimées à huit piastres Chaque | | 80 | " | " |
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Formant la Somme de six Cents quatre vingt quinze piastres que la future epouse apporte en mariage Sans y Comprendre Sa part indivisée dans la vacherie de la Succession de feu son père, nous disons Six Cents quatre vingt 55 quinze piastres que la future epouse apporte en mariage -

promettant les parties Contractantes, d'exécuter le Contenu en Ces présentes, Car ainsi a été Convenu irrévocablement en renonçant a tout Contraire

- 60 Dont acte fait + passé en notre Etude le Jour et an Susdit, en présence de Messrs. Auguste Follain + Rob. Benguerel Temoins, + pardevant nous notaire public + et ont les parties après lecture a elles faite Signé ou fait leur marque ne Sachant écrire -

Témoins

A. follain

Rob. Benguerel

Joseph Pitre fils Signature

Marie Josephine Soileau x

Marie Joseph Fontenot x

65 + Pardevant nous

66 J.M. Debailon, notaire pub.

Joseph François Pitre
and
Joséphine Soileau
Contract of Marriage
21 January 1829 1

The United States of America
State of Louisiana, Parish of St. Landry, County of Opelousas
Today, the twenty-first day of the month of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred twenty nine, before me, J.M. Debaillon, notary public duelly
commissionned and especially appointed to exercise and to order for proceeding in and for all
this part of St. Landry parish, county of Opelousas, located West of
Bayou Grand Louis,

Were present Mr.² Joseph François Pitre, inhabitant residing in this
part of St. Landry Parish and Miss Josephine Soileau aged
fifteen years, legitimate and minor daughter of the deceased Mr. Godefroy Soileau and Mrs.²
Joseph Fontenot, his wife residing in this aforesaid part of the parish
of St. Landry, for the purpose of establishing, settling, and stipulating their convictions
and matrimonial agreements.

Mr. Joseph François Pitre, on the one hand, and Miss Josephine Soileau,
assisted by her mother, Marie Joseph Fontenot, on the other hand, have of their own free will
and mutual consent made the following marriage treatise and agreement:

To wit: 1° the futur couple promise to take each other by name of law, and sacrement
of marriage and to celebrate their marriage in our holy, apostolic and Roman Catholic church
as soon as that may be possible.

2° The community of the future couple will be managed and governed according to
the customs, statuts and practices of the
the state of Louisiana.

3° The future couple will not be held responsible for their respective debts contracted
before their marriage, but on the contrary will be acquitted by
and on the possession of the one who will have contracted them.

4° In the case of death without any children, the possessions will be returned
to the respective owners

5° In case of separation authorized by our laws each one will recuperate
what he or she will have contributed, and the distribution of the benefits, if there are any,
will be done in equal proportions.

6° The future couple will take each other with their successive rights, furniture,
furnishings, and real estate due and to be due them.

7° The possessions of the future husband consists of, to wit: one parcel of land six arpents
in width by forty in depth, situated in Prairie Mammouth, estimated by the family
and friends of the future couple at the sum of six hundred fifty

	dollars	\$	650	"
About forty heads of tamed horned cattle in a cowherd estimated at six dollars per head		\$	240	"
Around twenty tamed horned cattle estimated at eight dollars per head			160	"
Five broken-in horses estimated at fifteen dollars each			75	"
One pair of oxen estimated at thrity-five dollars			35	"
Two tamed mares estimated at fifteen dollars each			30	"
Money in cash made known to the family and friends of the future couple , one hundred dollars			100	"
Forming the total sum of thirteen hundred and ninety dollars			1,390	"

that the future husband brings into the community.

The possession of the future wife consists of
to wit, the sum of five hundred fif-

teen dollars, that her mother owes her due to the first partition of the
succession of her deceased father Mr. Godefroy Soileau

Plus her undivided part, resulting from the amount of the cattle herd of the
succession of her deceased father which will be settle next april

her trousseau estimated by the family and friends of the future couple at the
sum of one hundred dollars

Plus ten horned cattle estimated at eight dollars each

forming the sum of six hundred ninety-five dollars that the future wife
brings into marriage, not including her undivided part
in the cowherd from the succession of her deceased father, that we estimate at six hundred ninty five
dollars that the future wife brings into their marriage,

The contracting parties promise to
fulfill and carry out the contents of this present contract as
such was the agreement which is irrevocable and which annuls anything contrary
to the stipulations herewithin.

Act drawn up and passed in our office, the above said date and year in the presence
of Mr. Auguste Pollain, and Robert Benuerel, witnesses, and before me,
notary public. After having read the present act, the parties either signed or made
their marks if they didn't know how to write.

Témoin

Witnesses:

A. follain

Rob. Benguerel

Joseph Pitre fils signature

Marie Josephine Soileau x

Marie Joseph Fontenot x

and before us,
J.M. Debaillon, notary public

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3 = begins page 248 ... "furnishings, and real estate..."

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Submitted by Barbara Swire

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VIDRINE, Alma b. 08-18-1872 d. 05-31-1914 w/o Fernest REED	REED, Fernest Sr. b. 01-02-1874 d. 03-29-1940 h/o Alma VIDRINE	REED, Fernest, Jr. b. 07-12-1893 d. 11-03-1955	REED, Josia Y. b. 09-10-1903 d. 05-06-1978
REED, Adam Joseph b. 1918 d. 1979 PVT-US ARMY-WWII	YOUNG, John Pershing b. 07-08-1925 d. 12-04-1926 s/o Martin YOUNG	YOUNG, Martin b. 11-23-1891 d. 10-30-1968	YOUNG, Bernadette R. b. 03-20-1892 double headstone with Martin YOUNG
STRODERD, L. A. no dates child's grave	STRODERD, Wm. Sr. b. 07-01-1852 d. 06-15-1940	STRODERD, Mrs. Wm. b. 02-07-1861 d. 09-10-1922	REED, Marie Judith b. 1871 d. 07-03-1889
REED, Bridget A. b. 1813 d. 1891	REED, Jessie b. 1810 d. 1887	LEGER, Arnelia R. b. 02-22-1881 d. 12-30-1930	LEGER, Mark b. 1877 d. 1964
LANGLEY, Eugenie L. b. 1914 d. 1941	LEGER, Paul b. 1909 d. 1961	MENARD, Venice Cart 08-06-1913 birth or death date ??	MENARD, Lucien b. 01-13-1924 d. 04-02-1972
MARTIN, (Infant) 06-14-1964 s/o Charles MARTIN	REED, Corbett J. b. 07-02-1909 d. 01-06-1962	REED, Verlin J. b. 01-06-1934 d. 05-03-1969	MATTE, Leo, Sr. b. 05-07-1914 d. 01-24-1978
MILLER, Mirza S. b. 08-18-1898 d. 12-19-1961	MILLER, Alfred b. 11-18-1896 d. 08-08-1979	MILLER, Erise R. b. 01-27-1876 d. 01-08-1967 double headstone with Emile MILLER	MILLER, Emile b. 07-01-1873 d. 09-09-1958 double headstone with Erise R. MILLER
REED, Adam, Sr. b. 03-06-1859 d. 10-23-1932	REED, Mrs. Adam b. 01-09-1861 d. 12-29-1926	REED, Adam, Jr. b. 02-22-1892 d. 11-20-1912	REED, John b. 03-31-1889 d. 05-10-1966
REED, Mrs. John M. b. 09-18-1898 d. 02-08-1962	HEBERT, Ignace b. 1880 d. 1949	HEBERT, Marie b. 11-22-1857 d. 03-14-1926 w/o Alexis LANGLEY	LANGLEY, Alexis b. 08-12-1850 d. 03-31-1939 h/o Marie HEBERT
HEBERT, Louis Calvin b. 04-12-1924 d. 05-24-1924	RICHEY, Eva S. b. 04-30-1895 d. 05-28-1970	HEBERT, Jennie M. b. 07-13-1896 d. 10-05-1975	HEBERT, Don Louis b. 12-04-1884 d. 02-07-1946
SMITH, Clara Mae b. 12-17-1921 d. 12-28-1922	HEBERT, Rose Lee b. 01-14-1914 d. 06-11-1979	HEBERT, Alphonse Co. G 1 La. HY ARTY CSA	HEBERT, Leon, Sr. b. 11-10-1834 d. 01-17-1916
HEBERT, Leonce, Sr. b. 11-03-1870 d. 01-31-1949	HEBERT, Simeon b. 1874 d. 1935	STRODER, Louise D. b. 08-04-1895 d. 12-13-1975	STRODER, Darius b. 08-12-1888 d. 12-17-1973
LANGLEY, Dorcline H. b. 09-09-1878 d. 03-25-1949	HEBERT, Raymond b. 08-31-1895 d. 01-08-1957 PVT CO. B 102 INFAN. WWII	HEBERT, Augustin b. 1901 d. 1958	THIBODEAUX, Louis b. 02-20-1946 d. 04-02-1975 next to Eva THIBODEAUX
THIBODEAUX, Eva b. 10-21-1948	MILLER, Armance b. 1885 d. 1970	ANDREPONT, Fernest J. b. 09-03-1906 d. 11-29-1962	NICHOLS, Ronald Brent b. 10-10-1948 d. 11-11-1976 stepson of John VERONIE
VERONIE, John Shirley b. 12-20-1925 d. 09-06-1976	VERONIE, Cleve b. 07-05-1902 d. 09-20-1974	ARDOIN, Darius b. 05-03-1885 d. 08-12-1962 double headstone with Celeste O. ARDOIN	ARDOIN, Celeste O. b. 09-03-1887 d. 08-21-1955 double headstone with Darius ARDOIN

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BERGEAUX, Adam b. 04-25-1917 d. 08-21-1974	MILLER, Egbert L. b. 08-22-1917 d. 12-08-1977	GUILLORY, Artistide b. 09-04-1888 d. 08-01-1958 PVT ARMY TNG CORPS-WWI	GUILLORY, Joseph b. 1858 d. 1937
MILLER, Edmund b. 01-19-1928 d. 11-06-1929	MILLER, Odellia O. b. 10-10-1889 d. 03-21-1965	MILLER, Theobert b. 01-25-1884 d. 04-06-1959	MILLER, Mrs. Valerie b. 04-14-1852 d. 02-26-1947
ORTEGO, Edmund b. 05-16-1869 d. 12-16-1943	ORTEGO, Elizabeth C. b. 09-10-1872 d. 08-17-1958	GUILLORY, Doris b. 01-01-1888 (born KLUMPP)	MIRE, Beulah G. b. 11-22-1906 d. 12-30-1971
GUILLORY, Adelas b. 02-13-1883 d. 07-27-1952	HEBERT, Mrs. F. no dates	KLUMPP, Vernice d. 07-20-1921	KLUMPP, _____ d. 06-12-1922
KLUMPP, Adeline d. 04-18-1929	KLUMPP, (Infant Boy)	KLUMPP, (Infant Girl)	GUIDRY, Mary Janele 06-24-1968 birth or death date???
KLUMPP, Philip 12-29-1901 birth or death date??? double headstone with Vernice B. KLUMPP	KLUMPP, Vernice B. 10-08-1908 birth or death date??? double headstone with Philip KLUMPP	FONTENOT, Azia V. b. 04-13-1913 d. 04-22-1973	HEBERT, Moese b. 10-13-1883 d. 07-30-1957
HEBERT, Mrs. Moese b. 09-03-1892 d. 10-20-1959	VERONIE, _____ b. 11-11-1922 child's grave	VERONIE, Philip b. 02-04-1912 d. 08-28-1940	VERONIE, Mrs. Lezie (age 80) reared a family of 10 children
VERONIE, Lezia b. _____ d. 1941?	VERONIE, Ar _____ (no dates)	FRUGE, Annona b. 07-12-1935 d. 07-12-1935	FRUGE, Tanna S. (no dates)
LAFLEUR, Bertha b. 06-12-1921 d. 02-06-1937	KLUMPP, Helen b. 07-09-1923 d. 02-23-1948	KLUMPP, Frank b. 11-11-1904 d. 10-23-1961	CRADER, Ceaser b. 1858 d. 1937 double headstone with Louisa CRADER
CRADER, Louisa b. 1866 d. 1956 double headstone with Ceaser CRADER	CRADEUR, Cesaire b. 02-15-1888 d. 11-19-1957	REED, Agdell b. 05-06-1913 d. 10-12-1969	MOORE, Wilson b. 01-15-1931 d. 12-10-1968 SP3 37 ARMD INFANTRY
VASSEUR, Emadine A. 02-13-1900 birth or death date???	VASSEUR, Joseph N. b. 11-01-1907 d. 10-23-1975	REED, Felix b. 1917 d. 1976 PVT US ARMY WWII	LACOMBE, Mariette V. b. 01-21-1904 d. 05-05-1972
MEYERS, Katrina Rochelle (no dates)	LEJEUNE, Enola b. 04-20-1913 d. 01-19-1958 w/o Isaac FRUGE	REED, Grace b. 09-22-1907 d. 01-31-1971 w/o Isaac FRUGE	FRUGE, Addie Y. b. 10-09-1910 double headstone with Lyaness BERTRAND
BERTRAND, Lyaness b. 07-30-1905 d. 02-02-1973 double headstone with Addie Y. FRUGE	STRODERD, Alicia Kaye b. 11-22-1978 d. 03-09-1979	FRUGE, Wilson b. 11-25-1898 d. 05-25-1971	THIBODEAUX, Philip b. 11-18-1897 d. 02-19-1956
THIBODEAUX, Ora F. b. 03-21-1898 d. 01-27-1973	FRUGE, Homer b. 1874 d. 1916 double headstone with Jossette FRUGE	FRUGE, Jossette b. 1880 d. 1965 double headstone with Homer FRUGE	FRUGE, Cisa b. 1900 d. 1949 double headstone with Melton FRUGE
FRUGE, Melton 1922/birth or death??? double headstone with Cisa FRUGE	FRUGE, Louresia B. b. 1902 d. 1974	FRUGE, Leroy James b. 1920	SONNIER, Leonce b. 05-05-1920 d. 06-06-1944 PFC I ENGR. SP BRIG WWII - LOUISIANA

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FRUGE, Norman Lee b. 12-07-1931 d. 08-02-1978	KLUMPP, Audrey L. 02-06-1937 birth or death date???	ORTEGO, Kenneth Owen 09-14-1946 birth or death date??? same grave with Frances A. ORTEGO	ORTEGO, Frances A. 10-04-1948 birth or death date??? same grave with Kenneth Owen ORTEGO
DOUCET, Harry 01-21-1905 birth or death date???	DOUCET, Denise L. 02-14-1906 birth or death date???	REED, Raymond b. 01-23-1866 d. 05-04-1961	DUFOUR, Devine Reed b. 1893 d. 07-1953
REED, Eva Gotte b. 1952	REED, Ema Hebert (no dates)	REED, Clama S. b. 1840 d. 01-20-1924	STRODERD, Mary Lela May b. 07-06-1927 d. 01-14-1928
STRODERD, Joseph Stanley b. 03-02-1931 d. 12-31-1931	GARTMAN, James William b. 04-06-1979 d. 04-16-1979	STRODERD, Clarence J. b. 10-21-1907 d. 09-13-1970	HEBERT, Kevin Aaron b. 10-16-1956 d. 01-29-1957 s/o Melvin HEBERT
HEBERT, Leon Eli b. 09-26-1928 d. 04-07-1965 PFC US ARMY KOREA	HEBERT, Ella M. b. 05-15-1897 d. 02-15-1979	HEBERT, Louis D. b. 01-19-1894 d. 06-02-1952 PVT PROVOST GUARD CO-WWI	KERN, Izora L. b. 09-09-1894 d. 04-17-_____
KERN, Eddie J. b. 09-09-1896 d. 04-14-1978	HEBERT, Leon b. 10-12-1865 d. 06-20-1950	HEBERT, Louise O. b. 10-28-1873 d. 12-16-1965	TAYLOR, Mary Martin b. 1903 d. 1944
VIGE, Valerie, Sr. b. 01-22-1882 d. 06-21-1949	VIGE, Frances Lillian b. 10-03-1895 d. 01-20-1969	MARTIN, Elda M. b. 05-15-1917 d. 03-04-1954	MARTIN, Howard B. b. 03-26-1901 d. 05-17-1970
DESHOTEL, Ronnie Martin b. 11-03-1933 d. 04-11-1968	MILLER, Joe (no dates)	PETE, Mayo b. 05-14-1900 d. 04-19-1966	PETE, Augustine (b. REED) b. 07-14-1898 d. 05-05-1975
PETE, Rebecca Ann 10-02-1975 birth or death date???	LEBLUE, August b. 07-16-1900 d. 03-27-1975	MILLER, Celine b. 04-07-1869 d. 10-09-1958	MILLER, Proper b. 1861 d. 1947
DE RISE, Mitchell Paul b. 09-24-1978 d. 06-13-1980	PETE, Edmond b. 07-26-1944 d. 02-12-1945	ARDOIN, Fernest b. 06-10-1894 d. 06-27-1951 PVT QMC WWI	ARDOIN, Elodie L. b. 05-13-1890 d. 12-24-1953
ARDOIN, Evan b. 03-10-1883 d. 02-13-1962	LEJEUNE, Tobert	ORTEGO, A. E. b. 06-02-1865 d. 07-17-1946	RIMMER, Lewis G. b. 1868 d. 1926
BELLARD, Lydea b. 11-21-1887 d. 01-14-1964 w/o Lewis G. RIMMER	LEJEUNE, Martin b. 03-16-1874 d. 06-08-1940	KLUMPP, Aggie(b. MILLER) b. 09-07-1904 d. 05-06-1974	KLUMPP, Dominique E. b. 02-15-1904 d. 04-03-1980
LOPEZ, Currie Mae KLUMPP b. 09-29-1922 d. 01-09-1951	LAUGHLIN, Joseph b. 10-19-1882 d. 07-10-1970	LAUGHLIN, Alice K. b. 01-18-1887 d. 09-14-1966	HEBERT, Angeline b. 06-01-1880 d. 06-29-1945 w/o Joseph KLUMPP
KLUMPP, Joseph b. 12-16-1877 d. 08-05-1964	KLUMPP, Oralial L. b. 01-04-1854 d. 03-07-1927	KLUMPP, Joseph (no dates)	KLUMPP, John b. 1864 d. 1909
KLUMPP, Helena b. 1866 d. 1929	DUPRE, Issac b. 02-09-1923 d. 11-30-1934 s/o Felix DUPRE	BROUSSARD, Warren H. b. 10-23-1910 d. 07-10-1918	RIMMER, (Infant son) 07-12-1923 birth or death date??? s/o Lewis G. RIMMER
KLUMPP, Jacob b. 02-02-1892 d. 04-15-1972	KLUMPP, Jacob, Jr. b. 06-05-1914 d. 01-14-1923	DUFOUR, Adolucia b. 07-20-1894 d. 09-26-1956	KLUMPP, Edualie C. b. 1890 d. 1948 double headstone with John KLUMPP, Sr.

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KLUMPP, John, Sr. b. 1880 D. 1942 double headstone with Eduale C. KLUMPP	GUILLORY, Murphy b. 10-28-1909 d. 10-08-1951	KLUMPP, Henry b. 12-04-1884 d. 01-25-1951	KLUMPP, Armentine A. b. 05-03-1883 d. 06-06-1974
KLUMPP, J. Cleveland b. 12-14-1906 d. 06-12-1960	KLUMPP, Eliza M. b. 05-05-1912 d. 02-15-1964	FOREMAN, Richard Lee b. 10-14-1943 d. 04-13-1972	VASSEUR, James b. 05-04-1912 d. 04-08-1974
VASSEUR, Dorothy b. 01-19-1938 d. 10-23-1948	SMITH, Shawn Elizabeth b. 08-09-1962 d. 05-22-1964	DESHOTEL, Josephine V. b. 10-06-1918 d. 05-24-1975	REED, Morris b. 02-21-1909 d. 11-30-1914
BERTRAND, W. J. b. 02-24-1905 d. 08-27-1967	REED, Hattie H. b. 01-07-1885 d. 02-02-1965	REED, Martin b. 02-17-1878 d. 07-23-1960	REED, Louise Ortego b. 03-29-1892 d. 12-30-1966 double headstone with Thomas N. REED
REED, Thomas N. b. 01-06-1887 d. 07-03-1930 double headstone with Louise Ortego REED	CART, Emma R. b. 1883 d. 1969	CART, Armas b. 02-09-1878 d. 02-04-1955	REED, Myrta Walter b. 03-17-1894 d. 08-13-1965
REED, Frank b. 07-18-1891 d. 05-29-1952 BN SGT MAS CO C 319 ENG	REED, Celina Andrepont b. 08-18-1850 d. 03-19-1949	REED, Neville b. 12-26-1845 d. 08-21-1925 CO K 9 LA INF CSA	REED, Jesse b. 11-18-1875 d. 01-02-1961 h/o Onezia YOUNG
YOUNG, Onezia b. 03-18-1876 d. 03-20-1973	REED, Eraste b. 08-02-1877 d. 11-14-1959	REED, Clementine S. b. 02-24-1886 d. 09-05-1979	REED, Celeste L. b. 01-05-1885 d. 11-27-1971
REED, Damon b. 09-06-1887 d. 12-21-1925	REED, Alfred (no dates)	HEBERT, Dennis E.? b. 1852? d. 07-10-1899?	REED, Ivan b. 11-27-1921 d. 05-24-1969 PFC 31 GEN HOSP WWII
CART, Mrs. Isidore b. 02-04-1886 d. 04-22-1909	MILLER, Armance b. 1885 d. 1970	THIBODEAUX, b. 08-13-1919 just has "Mom" double headstones with next entry	THIBODEAUX, b. 04-05-1915 d. 05-18-1979 just has "Dad"
MILLER, Preston A. b. 05-22-1947 d. 02-13-1982 SP4 US ARMY VIETNAM	MILLER, Brenda V. b. 11-15-1948 double headstone with Preston A. MILLER	DOUCET, John b. 07-17-1909 d. 01-20-1978	DOUCET, Melba M. b. 11-26-1932 d. 05-19-1973
DOUCET, Mrs. Domini C. b. 11-20-1895 d. 05-24-1924	STRODER, Phillip b. 08-23-1903 d. 01-05-1980	STRODER, Louis b. 03-14-1860 d. 08-19-1954	STRODER, Mrs. Louis b. 02-12-1872 d. 06-22-1936
DUPLACHEN, Mary S. B. 12-12-1905 d. 07-20-1972 w/o Morris DUPLACHEN	DOUCET, Drazimond b. 01-14-1904 d. 09-20-1965	SMITH, Marie H. b. 09-08-1900 d. 10-13-1980	SMITH, John Grover b. 06-09-1888 d. 10-29-1975
ORTEGO, Willie b. 09-02-1906 d. 08-29-1978	ORTEGO, Lerisa Reed b. 1880 d. 1957	ORTEGO, Joseph Egies b. 01-11-1909 d. 09-19-1926	ORTEGO, (Infant) (no dates)
LEJEUNE, Louis Joseph b. 08-25-1898 d. 08-06-1975	LEJEUNE, Laura Ortego b. 08-25-1903 d.	ORTEGO, Louis b. 10-28-1872 d. 07-20-1955	ORTEGO, Mrs. Louis b. 03-15-1880 ? d. 01-08-1946
ORTEGO, Theodore b. 03-01-1856 d. 04-16-1924	ORTEGO, Elm _____ b. d. 1899	ORTEGO, Zoa b. 09-13-1840? d. 10-__-1905	HEBERT, Clara b. d. 1890
HEBERT, Doloris d. 1891	REED, Andrew, Jr. b. 09-10-1901 d. 02-12-1964	REED, Prospere b. 04-20-1924 d. 07-26-1959 PVT US ARMY WWII	LIVINGSTON, Persy M. b. 10-01-1880 d. 11-08-1957

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MARTIN, (Infant) (no dates)	REED, (Infant) (no dates)	MARTIN, Edward, Sr. b. 04-15-1890 d. 01-19-1961	MARTIN, Eva F. b. 01-21-1887 d. 11-01-1968
STRODERD, W. M. b. 07-04-1880 d. 06-11-1958	STRODERD, Eve b. 04-27-1902 d. 08-02-1973	BELLARD, Donna Faye b. 08-04-1960 d. 11-22-1960	ORTEGO, Audia b. 1889 d. 1953
LE JEUNE, Wedley J. b. 01-23-1924 d. 06-18-1966	DESHOTEL, Mavis Stroder b. 10-12-1917 d. 12-__-1942	RACHAL, Alvin b. 11-16-1919 d. 02-17-1979 US ARMY WWII	SOILEAU, Ewell b. 10-25-1898 d. 12-29-1966
SOILEAU, Celia Guillory b. 01-29-1898 d. 03-30-1956	GUILLORY, Emile b. 05-__-1889 d. 03-01-1965	RICHARD, Casimire b. 01-13-1892 d. 04-10-1974 double headstone with Mary RICHARD	RICHARD, Mary b. 06-26-1903 d. 12-14-1979 double headstone with Casimire RICHARD
GUILLORY, Mrs. Laura b. 1884 d. 1942	FRUGE, Mrs. Joe b. 12-03-1894 d. 03-27-1939	VERONIE, Villa K. b. 01-26-1915 d. 06-26-1978	VERONIE, Herman Lee b. 05-19-1942 d. 05-20-1950
REED, Rusty 05-27-1965 birth or death date??	VERONIE, Clemile b. 11-17-1888 d. 07-19-1955	VERONIE, Elizabeth b. 01-22-1884 d. 08-01-1961	BROWN, Valentin G. b. 1883 d. 1903
BELLARD, Emily Fruge b. 1856 d. 1937	BELLARD, Antoine b. 1856 d. 1931	BELLARD, Eli b. 1885 d. 1902	THIBODEAUX, Albert b. 1882 d. 1951
THIBODEAUX, Lela b. 1907 d. 1923	THIBODEAUX, Ada C. b. 12-03-1889 d. 03-13-1974	KLUMPP, Willie b. 1882 d. 1930	KLUMPP, Hazel b. 12-04-1923 d. 09-23-1925
GUILLORY, Mary Lee K. b. 03-05-1925 d. 01-28-1951	KLUMPP, John J. b. 03-20-1900 d. 04-__-1960	KLUMPP, Mrs. John J. b. 06-23-1900 d. 09-09-1965	LE JEUNE, Ralph R. b. 03-20-1915 d. 02-10-1972
KLUMPP, William "Bill" b. 05-17-1917 d. 04-05-1975	LE JEUNE, Iris b. 09-23-1910 d. 04-24-1974 w/o Raouil VERONIE	DUPRE, Helen K. b. 06-16-1898 d. 02-09-1961	DUPRE, Lina b. 04-26-1924 d. 10-21-1927
DESHOTEL, Thomas b. 03-02-1886 d. 04-02-1969			

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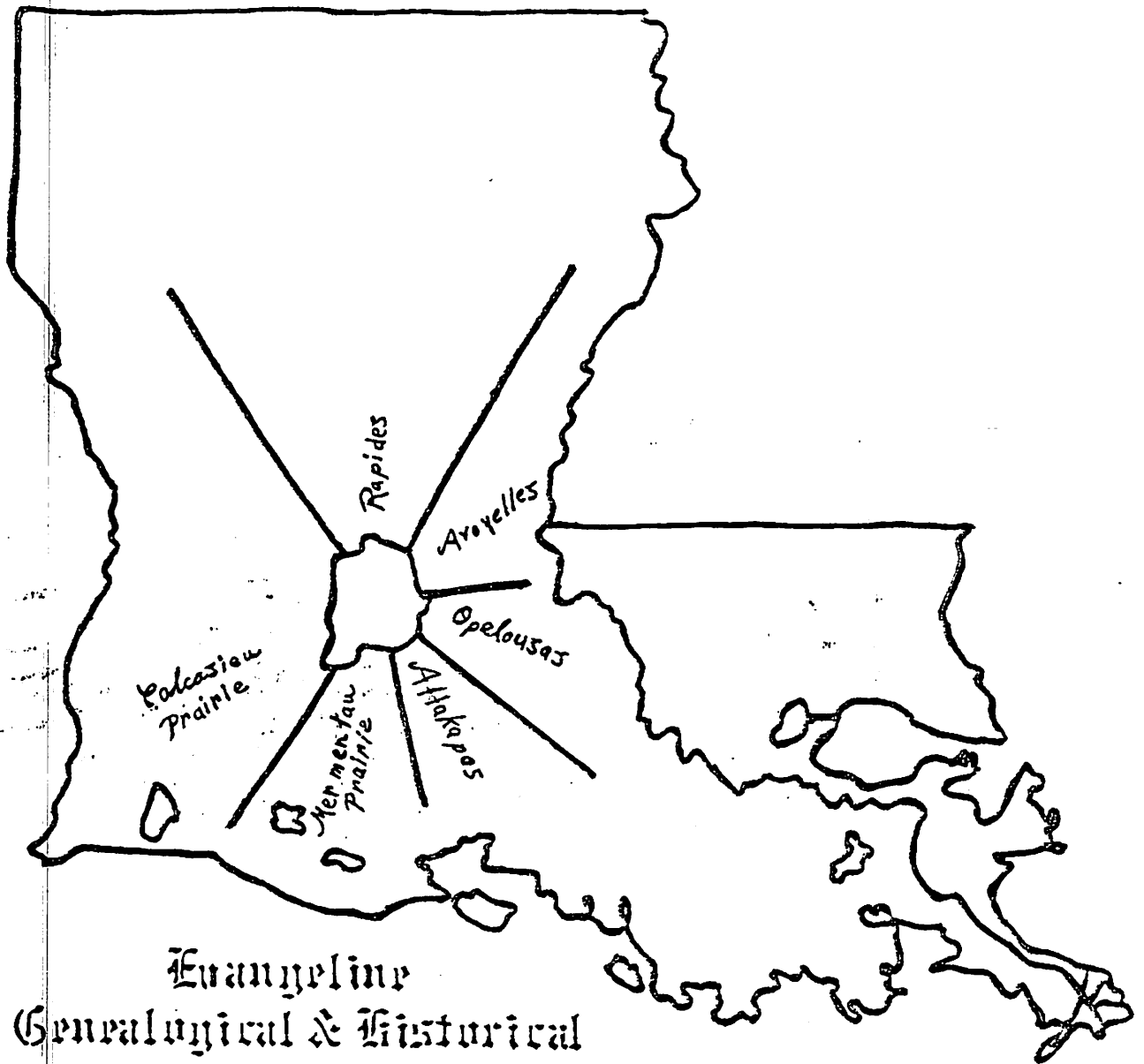
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BISHOP JEANMARD TO BLESS CHAPEL AT BELAIRE COVE

Father Bourgeois, Local Pastor, announces completion of Chapel

Bishop Jules B. Jeanmard, head of the Lafayette diocese, will be in Belaire Cove Sunday to dedicate the new \$3,500 Catholic chapel just completed in that community, according to Father J.M. Bourgeois, pastor at Ville Platte, who was instrumental in erection of the Belaire Cove church.

Father Bourgeois said the chapel was completed early this week. A mission, attracting people from miles around, will be concluded in the new building Saturday. Sunday it will be blessed and dedicated by the Bishop.

This new edifice has a seating capacity of about 300, Father Bourgeois estimated, and was built by popular subscription and a \$2,000 gift from the Catholic Extension Society of Chicago. The gift was presented in memory of Daniel and Elizabeth Sharkey, address unknown.

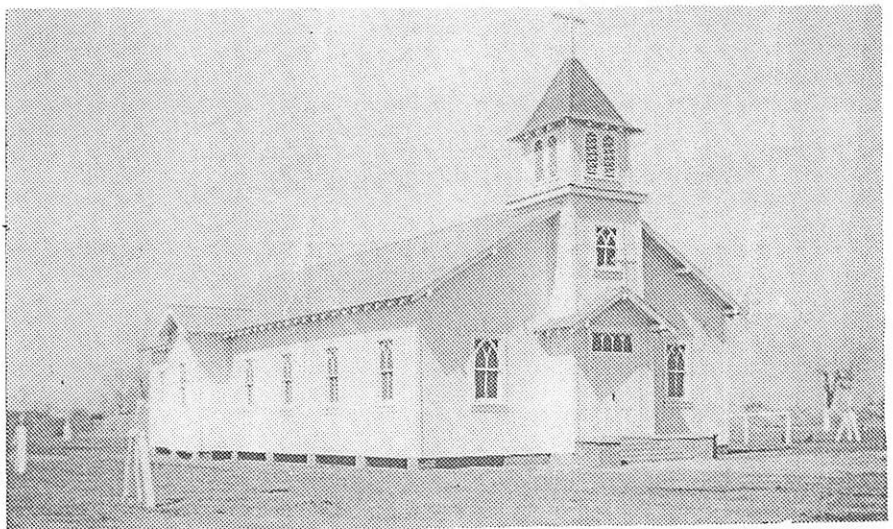
Photographs are of the new chapel at the time of dedication and a group of area boys with Father Bourgeois. From left, they are: Van Ortego, Joseph Burke-man Reed, Warner Beaugard, Russel Hollier and Sherril Duos.

(Loaned by Margaret Reed Fontenot)

BELAIRE COVE traces its name to 'Joseph dit Belair' Fontenot, son of Jean Louis Fontenot dit Colin and Louise Angelique Henry, who have been discussed in prior issues of La Voix Des Prairies.

Many present-day residents of the area are his descendants.

The community lies South of U.S. Highway 167 in the Southeastern portion of the civil parish of Evangeline, West of Bayou Grand Louis. BBW



Extracts and translations from "Notes genealogiques sur les familles
Fuselier et Dubuisson de differentes villes en Louisiane, de Lyon, de
Vignory, et de Vauvray en France" (c) 1981 Robert Bruce L. Ardoin

Both FUSELIER and DUBUISSON are common, well known names in France. Because of the simplicity in form and meaning, one can easily imagine a logical origin of the two family names. "Fuselier" means carrier of a gun or rifle, and "Du Buisson" means coming from the bushes. Today, the names FUSELIER and DUBUISSON can be found in the six corners of France.

The FUSELIERS with whom we are concerned and who are the ancestors of so many native Louisianians, came from two cities in France; first, from Lyon (Le Rhone Department), and going back into time, from Vignory-en-Bassigny (Haute Marne) in Champagne. The FUSELIER families from Vignory left many descendants in that area, those from Lyon left fewer.

FUSELIER-CHOUFOUREAU FAMILY: For the Louisiana descendants of the FUSELIER family, its history begins with the birth of Gabriel FUSELIER. He represents the link between French and Louisiana FUSELIER families. He is the common ancestor of all Louisiana descendants of that family. Gabriel FUSELIER was born on the 27th of August 1722 in the parish of St. Nizier in Lyon. The son of Pierre FUSELIER, a bourgeois merchant of Lyon and of Ludvine CHOUFOUREAU, he was baptized on the 28th and was the god-son of Gabriel CATTIN, from whom he was certainly named, and of Louise PANNIER, probably a distant maternal cousin.

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Fuselier
Ludvine baptisé Gabriel né hier fils de
Sr. Pierre fuselier m. de De. Lydvine
Choufoureaux son Epouse: par Sr. Gabriel
Cattin Bourgeois: marr. Elle Jeanne
Pannier Epouse de Sr. Louis Durand -
marché Pierre fuselier. Catin
Jeanne Pannier Anne Regnault
Molard chane

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s. Pierre fuselier s. Cattin
s. Jeanne Pannier s. Anne Regnault
s. Molard, chane.

Pierre FUSELIER and Ludvine CHOUFOUREAU were married in April of 1712 in the parish of St. Nizier in Lyon. Pierre was the son of Antoine FUSELIER and of Genevieve COMPAGNON. He was "juge conservateur des privileges royaux du roy a Lyon, tresorier de la Maison Generale de Lyon, propriétaire de la maison de Claire dans la paroisse de Vaize." Ludvine was the daughter of Quentin CHOUFOUREAU, merchant of St. Quentin, and Magdelaine PANNIER.

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accordée par monseigneur l'archevêque le 18^e du pnt.
devent. Insinué j'ay donné la benediction
nuptiale à Sr. Pierre fusillier marchand, fils de
deff. Sr. Antoine fusillier marchand, et de
Genevieve Compagnon et à d'elle. Ludvine
Choufoureaux fille de deff. Sr. Quentin
Choufoureaux marchand de St. Quentin et de d'elle.
Magdelaine Pannier: pns. Srs. Annibal Pannier
Antoine Pannier marchds. bourgeois benoit
Delorme, Antoine moulins marchds. temoins
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s. Pannier fils s. Pannier
s. Laytre pbrs.

According to different sources, they would have had eight children:

-Genevieve FUSELIER, born the 5th of May 1715 St. Nizier, Lyon. She married on the 4th May 1737 and died the 19th of July 1798. Her husband, Pierre DAREST, was "Sieur de Bouvesse, Marcieux, Charette, etc.", and was of Italian origin. He was baptized in Lyon on the 17th December 1700 and died there on the 14th March 1755. At the time of his death, he was "Conseiller en la cour des Monnaies". He apparently had 11 children, five of which follow:

-Jeanne Marie DARESTE, born 22 November 1740, died 3 February 1815. She married Jean Blaise DENIS de Cuezien on 2 September 1760. Her husband was the son of Benoit DENIS, ecuyer Sieur de Cuzien and his mother was Catherine ROUSSEAU.

-Antoinette DARESTE, baptized the 24th October 1743 and died the 4th April 1837. She married Anne Paul CHEVAL de FONTENAY on the 28th September 1764.

-Lucresse DAREST, baptized the 22nd December 1745 and died on the 29th August 1833. She married in 1765 to Pierre Dujast AMBERIEU.

-Marie Genevieve DAREST baptized at Lyon the 1st November 1748 and married there on the 27th November 1770 to Claude Jean Baptiste de GARRON de la BEVIERE, chevalier, ecuyer de Brosse, Officier du regiment de Champagne.

-Ludivine DARESTE, baptized at Lyon on the 16th April 1750 and died there on the 13th April 1817. She was married at Bourg on the 13th April 1774 to Henry de BOURRELLIER-MALAPAS, comte de Neutry.

-Anne FUSELIER baptized on the 2nd July 1716 at Lyon, St. Nizier. She was born on the 1st.

-Claudine FUSELIER, baptized on the 3rd July 1717

-Claude Pierre FUSELIER, baptized on the 8th December 1718. He was "Ecuyer secretaire du Roi, Conseiller pres de la court des monnoyes de Lyon" (1748), and "Secretaire du Roi honnoraire" (1771). He was married in 1750 on the 23rd of November to Claude Gervaise BRUISET. She was the daughter of Etienne and Charlotte PERNON. Two of their children were:

-Marie Rosalie FUSELIER, born at Lyon on the 8th February 1762

-Ludivine FUSELIER, married on the 30th July 1778 to Albert CAPILLIATA Comte de Colleoni

-Claudine FUSELIER, baptized on the 13 February 1720. She was born the 12th February 1720.

-Gabriel FUSELIER, born at Lyon on the 27 August 1722. Immigrant to Louisiana.

-Claude FUSELIER, baptized on the 22 August 1723 at Lyon.

-Marie FUSELIER, baptized on the 14th August 1724. She is probably the same Marie who was called Jeanne-Marie and who was married to David FLACHAT, Ecuyer, on the 10th November 1740. David FLACHAT was born on the 21st May 1700 and died on the 24 July 1754. They had a least one child:

-Anne FLACHAT, who married Jacques Claude Joseph CHOYNET de BEGNY.

The FUSELIER family was not noble. No mention of their nobility is ever made in any religious acts of the church registres of Lyon. However, the family was certainly bourgeois and it is quite possible that at one time one member received letters of homage. The known coat of arms described as "two guns, with two bends persaltire" were probably for Claude Pierre (son of Pierre and Ludivine CHOUFOUREAU) and not Pierre himself.

When Gabriel (the Louisiana immigrant) was no older than ten years, his father, Pierre, who was only 44 years old, decided to write his last will and testament. At that time, and long before and even for some time after, our ancestors contemplated their testaments long before dying. Preparation for the next world was necessary and involved much spiritual reflection. The children mentioned in Pierre's testament were Pierre-Claude, Gabriel, the second son, Genevieve, Jeanne-Marie, and Anna. The girls were single at that time. Failure to mention the other three children leaves one with the impression that they had predeceased their father. Pierre filed his testament with Mr. VERNON, notary on the 2nd September 1732. The style of the testament is typical of the testaments of that period. It begins with the evoking of the name of God and of all the saints. Pierre indicates the place where he would like to be buried. He designates his wife Ludivine as his universal heir; she is to take care of the funeral costs and of the settling of his succession. Different sums of money are bequeathed to the Monastery Ste. Claire at Lyon, to the Convents of the Capucins, and to the Convent of the "Petit Forez." Pierre wants each institution to celebrate 100 low masses for the dead for the reposal of his soul in the chapels. He donates money to Hotel Dieu, Pont du Poine, to the Maison Generale de Lyon, to the Maison des Incurables of St. Nizier, to his sister Jeanne FUSELIER, wife of Mr. ANDRILLARD, to another sister, Claudine FUSELIER, wife of Mr. TRUCHET, and to his "belle-mere" Elisabeth CHASSIGNON. (This "belle-mere" - in French, belle-mere can be either mother-in-law or step-mother - is in all logic the second wife of Quentin CHOUFOUREAU, the father of Ludivine. Note that according to the FUSELIER-CHOUFOUREAU marriage of 1712, Antoine FUSELIER was already deceased and his wife Genevieve COMPGNON was still living.)

A curious mention made in this testament is the "enseigne" - the sign of the "four hats" used to recognize Pierre's house which was located in the "rue des Establiers". Pierre then bequests: 1) an estate in the parish of Vaize called "Ste. Claire" to his son Gabriel; 2) an estate with its dependancies in the parish of Montagny to Genevieve, this donation includes the vignory together with its vats, wine press, barrels, furniture, and furnishings. the clothes and utensils which are located in the parish of Millery. He finally bequeaths money to his daughters Anne and Jeanne-Marie. He notes that he wants his wife Ludivine to "have their sons educated in a state conform to their rank" and goes on to specify that if Ludivine should contract marriage again, then she would be obliged to settle the estate with her children.

Pierre died the 19th November 1738, six years after having written his testament. He was 58 years old. His funeral was held in a "grand-procession" and he was buried in the parish of St. Nizier.

In 1741, at her turn, Ludivine CHOUFOUREAU decides to write her testament. In the same style as that of her husband's, she too evokes the name of God, the Holy Virgin, all the saints, and designates her burial place. She donates different sums of money to different institutions and in particular to Pierre Francois RAU, a nephew of hers. She specifies that she would like 800 low masses for the dead to be celebrated for the reposal of her soul. She finally donates money to her daughters Genevieve, wife of DAREST "Conseiller du roy", and to Jeanne-Marie, wife of David FLACHAT, ecuyer. She donates money also to Gabriel, her son who is in the "company of the Jesuits" and indicates that this money is to be left to him if he leaves the company and goes back to secular life before the age of 33 or before taking his last vows. Because of this precision, we know that Gabriel was at that time in the order of the Jesuits and thus studying to become a brother or a priest. One must not forget that at that time, it was a common tradition that the youngest son of many, and especially the rich families, was sent to study in the religious orders to become either monks, brothers, or priests.

On the 4th of October 1751, Ludivine CHOUFOUREAU, still an unmarried widow living in rue St. Dominique in Lyon, draws up another testament, thus annulling the first one of 1741. This time, she mentions only Pierre-Claude, Gabriel, Marie-Jeanne, and Genevieve. No mention is made of Anne. We can conclude that she probably died before this date. By now, Pierre-Claude is married to Claude BRUISET (in 1750). Again, as was a tradition, Pierre-Claude, the oldest child, was designated as the universal heir. Ludivine bequeaths different sums of money to different religious institutions and again asks that several hundred low masses for the dead be celebrated in favor of the reposal of her soul. Apart from this, she leaves the sum of 150 pounds to be distributed to the poor who would appear at church after her funeral. In the second testament, Ludivine no longer associates her son Gabriel with the Jesuits. We can thus suppose that he has already left the religious institution. She makes a specific and particular donation of a gold watch to him.

On the 30 of April 1754, Ludivine CHOUFOUREAU writes up a list of her furniture and furnishings. This list is to serve as a rule for her family, and she prohibits any inventory of her possessions.

Ludivine died on the 23rd November 1761, in the parish of St. Nizier. She was 78 years old.

*Pierre Fuselier
George Bernard Boyer Lamoureux
Jacques Petit Pierre Petit*

Signature of Pierre Fuselier in his last will and testament of 1732.

*Ludivine Choufoureaux
D. Gouty
M. Hayne
P. Guilloud M. David M. Chabrin*

Signature of Ludivine Choufoureaux in her last will and testament of 1741.

FUSELIER-COMPAGNON FAMILY: The parents of Pierre FUSELIER, husband of Ludivine CHOUFOUREAUX, were Antoine FUSELIER and Genevieve COMPAGNON. They were married the 7th September 1681 at St. Nizier, Lyon. Antoine was a native of Vignory-en-Bassigny (Haute Marne in Champagne) and the son of Francois FUSELIER, also a merchant of Vignory and of Sebastienne ROYET. Genevieve COMPAGNON was the daughter of Pierre COMPAGNON, a merchant also of Lyon and of Helene PANNIER. If the information given in the 1732 testament of Pierre FUSELIER is correct, then Antoine FUSELIER and Genevieve COMPAGNON would have had at least two daughters and one son that attained the age of adulthood:

- Pierre FUSELIER who married Ludivine CHOUFOUREAUX
- Jeanne FUSELIER who married Mr. ANDRILLARD, notary at Tarare
- Claudine FUSELIER who married Claude TRUCHET

Besides those children, records in the registers of St. Nizier show births and deaths of at least three others: the first one is specifically identified as the child of Antoine FUSELIER and Genevieve COMPAGNON; the other two, only as the sons of Antoine FUSELIER. They were however, probably the sons of the FUSELIER-COMPAGNON couple.

- Jean Baptiste FUSELIER, born 14th August 1686, died 14 February 1689
- Horace FUSELIER buried 7th August 1684, son of Antoine, book-shop keeper
- Robert FUSELIER buried 4th February 1692, son of Antoine

Apart from the death record of a certain Pierre COMPAGNON of 1709, in Lyon, who may be the father of Genevieve, still no other information was noted on that family.

Septembre 1681

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The Fuzillier - Compagnon marriage of 1681

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s. Jacques Pittoud
s. Mr. fabre

s. Genevieve Compagnon
s. Anne Compagnon
s. fabre

s. A. fuselier
s. p. Compagnon s. helen pany
s. jean compagnon s. S. Villier ?

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5(Archives Communales, St. Nizier, Lyon)

FUSELIER-ROYET FAMILY: Francois FUSELIER and Sebastienne ROYET were married on the 5th September 1644 in Vignory-en-Bassigny, a small village situated a few kilometers north of Chaumont in the Department of Haute-Marne. The origin of Vignory goes back to the 19th century when Raoul BARBETA founded the line of lords of Vignory and of Guy the First who established the first church there in 1030 - St. Etienne.

The only existing copy of the 1644 marriage does not mention the names of the parents of the marrying parties. However, according to the baptism of one of their children (Antoine FUSELIER - baptized in 1644), Sebastienne ROYET's father was Antoine ROYET. With this data and other, we are able to conclude that her mother was probably Jeanne LESIEUR (LE SEUR ?). In all of the parochial registres, there was only one Antoine ROYET that had any children between 1600 and 1650. In all those baptismal acts, the mother of his children was always identified as "Jeanne". Her family name, as is often the case during that period for women's family names, is never stated. A few years later, in the baptismal record of one of their grandchildren, (Clement ROYER, son of Jean, baptized in June of 1650), "Jeanne LESIEUR" is identified as the mother of the child's father, and as the wife of Antoine ROYET. It is this "Jeanne LESIEUR, femme d'Antoine ROYET" who is surely the mother of all the children of "Mr. Antoine ROYET" born between 1615 and 1620. The Sebastienne ROYET baptized the 26th May 1625, daughter of "Antoine ROYET and Jeanne, his wife" is probably the same Sebastienne ROYET that married Antoine FUSELIER in 1644...a theory not to be dismissed, but that should remain hypothetical until otherwise proven.

The Antoine ROYET and Jeanne (LE SEUR, LESIEUR) couple had at least the following four children:

- Nicole ROYET, baptized 1st February 1614, buried the 23 September 1628, aged about 14 years
- Gillette ROYER baptized the 9th November 1620
- Jehan ROYET baptized 14 Avril 1622, married Jeanne FUSELIER 27 September 1649. He is probably the same Jehan ROYER who was buried the 23 May 1694, aged 73.
- Sebastienne ROYER baptized the 26 May 1625, married Francois FUSELIER ??

Concerning the parents of Francois FUSELIER, husband of ROYET, it is difficult to determine who they were. Between the years 1600 and 1628, at least four Francois FUSELIERS were born. No other indication was found in the religious registers that could be of help in distinguishing the four from each other. They were:

- Francois FUSELIER, born 8th January 1600, son of Jean and Bernarde NOTIN
- Francois FUSELIER, baptized 22 May 1606, son of Henry and Nicolle RICHOU
- Francois FUSELIER, baptized 30 May 1621, son of Henry and Francoise (the family name of this specific Francoise, wife of Henry FUSELIER, is never indicated in the records)
- Francois FUSELIER, baptized 10th April 1628, son of Francois and Louise PRIEUR

Francois FUSELIER and Sebastienne ROYET had the following known children, all baptized at Vignory-en-Bassigny:

- Clere FUSELIER baptized 1st July 1644
- Henry FUSELIER baptized the 6th September 1647
- Antoine FUSELIER baptized the 31st August 1650
- Marie FUSELIER baptized the 28th September 1652
- Catherine FUSELIER baptized 27th December 1654

We are led to believe that the whole FUSELIER-ROYET family probably immigrated either to Lyon or elsewhere because there is no trace of them after 1660. At least one son, Antoine, who married Genevieve COMPAGNON, would have settled in Lyon. Among the other FUSELIER families that remained in the area of Vignory, we find the following names that intermarried with them: BOURGOIN, OUDIN, LEMOINE, NOROT, HUGOT, MONGEOT, LAURENT, BERTRAND, GUICHARD, FRAMPAS, GIRAUD, LEJEUNE, etc. (Refer to the list of the proposed regrouping of the descendants of the FUSELIER families of Vignory). Many gaps exist in the church records and in those existing copies, it is obvious there are many omissions and gaps.

Gabriel FUSELIER, so often called FUSELIER de la Claire in Louisiana, our immigrating ancestor, is almost surely settled in Louisiana by 1764. He is already 42 years old. On the 2nd March 1764 he marries Jeanne ROMAN, native of the German Coast in Louisiana, daughter of Jacques Joseph ROMAN and Marie Josephe DAISLE. Jeanne died the 24th February 1770 at the age of 24 years. She leaves behind her at least one child - Agricole FUSELIER. He was married at St. Martinville in the District of the Attapapas on the 20th Juin 1776 to Christine BERARD of Grenoble, France. Agricole died the 27th September 1837, aged 72 years at St. Martinville.

During the month of February 1770, Gabriel FUSELIER contracts second marriage with Anne HARAN in New Orleans, but that marriage never seems to take place. He marries for the second time with Helene Elisabeth SOILEAU on the 30th April 1771. Helene was the daughter of Noel SOILEAU, garde-magasin at Natchez, and of Josephe RICHAUME, and was a native of Natchez (Noel SOILEAU, was a native of Mezieres in the Ardennes in the northern part of France near the Belgium border. He was born there in 1700 to Jean "SOYLEAU" and Elisabeth PELLERIN.)

A letter in the Louisiana-France correspondence dated on the 9th September 1748 which mentions that "Sieur FUSELIER de la Claire, of the commercial direction of the French colony of Louisiana and a few other merchants proposing to send boats there" throws a little light upon Gabriel's first contacts with his future adopted homeland. He probably made several trips to Louisiana before meeting his first wife and before deciding to settle down there. In 1770 Gabriel is named commander of the Opelousas Post and at the same time maintains authority on the Attakapas Post where he was already commander. The FUSELIER-SOILEAU children were:

- Helene FUSELIER born 8th February 1772 and baptized at St. Martinville
- Gabriel FUSELIER, died the 10th October 1820 at the age of 46 years. He married Basile TERNANT with whom he had the following children:
 - Ferdinand FUSELIER born 8th February 1808 St. Martinville
 - Francoise Aglaie FUSELIER born 28 May 1809 St. Martinville
 - Eugenie FUSELIER born around 1810, died 8th September 1811
 - Ludger Adolphe FUSELIER born 27th December 1811 St. Martinville
 - Edouard FUSELIER born 23rd December 1814 St. Martinville
 - Alphonse Alcide FUSELIER born 4 February 1816 St. Martinville
 - Louise Claire FUSELIER born 13 May 1817 St. Martinville
 - a child who died at the age of 3 months on the 29 August 1818
 - Brigitte FUSELIER born 7 August 1819 St. Martinville
 - Jules FUSELIER born 15th January 1821
 - Alcide FUSELIER
- Josephine FUSELIER baptized 10th May 1777 at Opelousas, died there 23rd July 1850, married Henry STAGG, native of New York City, on the 11th July 1800 on New Orleans. Their children were:
 - Josephine STAGG born around 1804 at New Orleans, died the 26th September 1885 near Washington at the age of 81 years, 8 months
 - Philippe STAGG born 14 September 1806
 - Benjamin STAGG born the 22nd June 1817
 - Louise STAGG born the 6th January 1820
 - Euphemie STAGG born the 16th February 1811
 - Henry STAGG born 5th August 1813
 - Pierre STAGG died at the age of seven weeks on 16 July 1816
- Euphemie FUSELIER baptized the 3rd September 1780 at Opelousas, aged two years
- Eugenie FUSELIER born Black Islands in Illinois, married first to Francois Joseph DUBUISSON, native of Lyon, on the 8th March 1804 in New Orleans. Her second marriage was with her first cousin Louis SOILEAU on the 10th November 1816 in Opelousas
- Etienne FUSELIER married Lucille DESHOTELS on 13th January 1806 in Opelousas. He died around 1823 near Opelousas. Their children were:
 - Josephine FUSELIER baptized 13th July 1804 Opelousas
 - Adelaide FUSELIER born 3rd December 1810 Opelousas
 - Etienne FUSELIER baptized 18th October 1812 at six weeks at Opelousas
 - Joseph FUSELIER born 9th January 1815 Opelousas
 - Helene FUSELIER born 5th June 1817 Opelousas
 - Azalie FUSELIER born 22 August 1819 Opelousas
- Louis Vareil FUSELIER, married Felicite JEANSONNE on 16th January 1810 at Opelousas. He died near Chataignier the 24th April 1845 aged 60 years. Their children were:
 - Louis FUSELIER born 13th October 1810 Opelousas
 - Helene FUSELIER born 1st March 1812 Opelousas
 - Emilie FUSELIER born 1st March 1812 Opelousas
 - Azalie FUSELIER born 4th August 1814 Opelousas
 - Firmin FUSELIER born 13 June 1816 Opelousas
 - Felicite FUSELIER born 13th November 1822 Opelousas
 - Pierre FUSELIER born the 24th May 1817 Opelousas
 - Francois FUSELIER born 17th September 1819 Opelousas
 - Jean Baptiste FUSELIER born 4th April 1824 Opelousas
 - Eufemie FUSELIER born 9th January 1826
 - Urbain FUSELIER born around 1827 and died 11th September 1829
 - Joseph Adolphe FUSELIER born 19th May 1829
 - Etienne FUSELIER born 2nd January 1832
 - Jurden FUSELIER born 10th May 1833
 - Aspasie FUSELIER born 8th April 1835
 - Robert FUSELIER born 4th October 1842
 - Anastasie FUSELIER born around 1821 married in 1838 aged 17

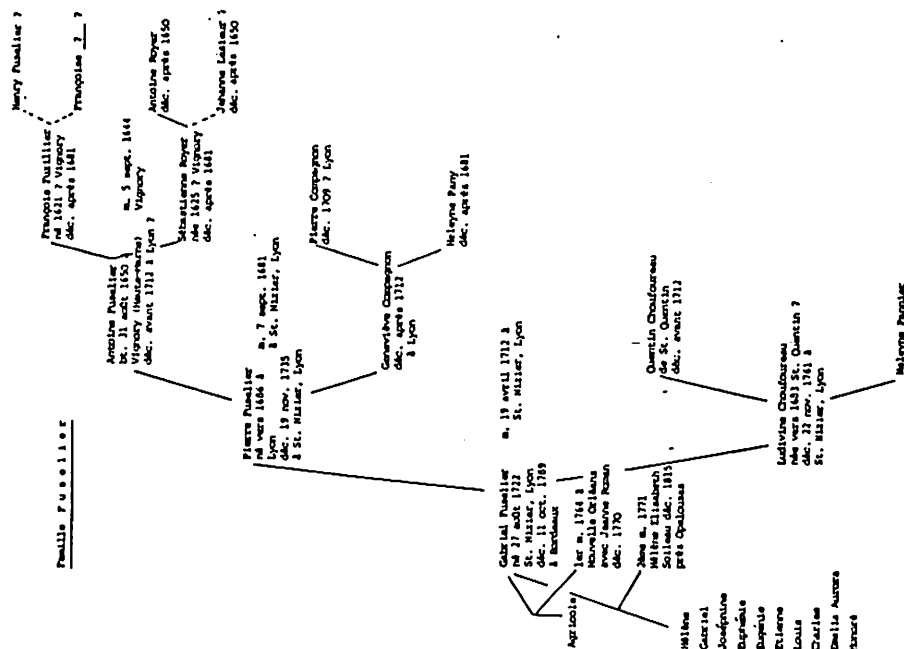
- Charles FUSELIER married 22nd January 1810 to Cedalise FONTENOT
 - Helene FUSELIER born 9th April 1815
 - Cidalise FUSELIER born 17th September 1819, married 2nd time to Marianne ROUGEAU 20th April 1820
 - Charles FUSELIER born 17th February 1821
 - Faustine FUSELIER born 11th August 1822
 - Euphemie FUSELIER born 2nd March 1824
 - Isabel FUSELIER born 23rd December 1825
 - Marianne FUSELIER born 23 February 1827
 - Appollinaire FUSELIER born 3rd August 1829
 - Jean Baptiste FUSELIER born 8th February 1832
 - Emile FUSELIER born 28th April 1834
 - Alzima Marie FUSELIER born 10th September 1836
 - Alexandre FUSELIER born 30 August 1839
- Eaelia Aurore FUSELIER married 22nd January 1810 Hilaire GRADENIGO at Opelousas
- Honore FUSELIER married 2nd October 1811 Eloise BORDELON at Opelousas. He died the 24th November 1856 near Opelousas
 - Arsene Helene FUSELIER born 19 July 1812
 - Honore FUSELIER born 2nd September 1813
 - Joseph FUSELIER born 16th January 1817
 - Marie FUSELIER born 17th January 1820
 - Lucien FUSELIER born 22nd August 1827

Like many of the pioneers, many of the militia in Louisiana moved around the Louisiana territory from the Gulf of Mexico to the northern part of present day United States near the Quebec border. For that reason, some of the FUSELIER-SOILEAU children were born and married in many different places - in New Orleans, Black Islands of Illinois, and in the Opelousas, Attakapas and Avoyelles Posts - all former French military posts and settlements.

Gabriel FUSELIER wrote his last will and testament in Natchez where his parents-in-law had resided. However, he did not die in Louisiana. He died most probably during a commercial voyage or even perhaps on a voyage back to France to see his family. The parochial records of the parish of Puy Paulin of Bordeaux disclose the following information:

"Sr. Gabriel FUSELIER, merchant, native of Lion, 67 years old, spouse in his first marriage of Miss de ROMAN and in his second marriage of Miss SOILEAU. He died in the Hotel of England after having received the sacrements the 11th October 1789 and was buried the next day in the cemetery in the presence of Sr. GABROLVIE and Baptiste DURENE, sacristan....signed COMET, Parish priest of Puy Paulin...."

His widow Helene Elisabeth SOILEAU, who probably never came to France, died on the 16th February in 1815 near Opelousas in the Grand Prairie area. She was 62 years old.



Résumé des familles Fuselier en Louisiane

- I. Gabriel Fuselier né 1722 St. Wizier, Lyon de Pierre et
Ludvine Chauvroux déc. 11 oct. 1 89 Bordeaux
m. 1er en Louisiane
Jeanne Roman
- A. Agricole Fuselier m. 1687 Christine Berard à St.
Martinville, Louisiane
1. Marie Aspasie Fuselier née 1791 m. 3 avril 1809
Etienne Declouet
 2. Louise Erasie Fuselier bt. 1795 m. 1811 Etienne
Ursin Darby
 3. Marguerite Françoise Uranie Fuselier bt. 1795 m.
m. 1814 Alexis Ferry
 4. Ludvine Fuselier bt. 1797
 5. Agricole Fuselier bt. 1799 m. Felicité Arnaud
en 1825
 - a. Aspasie Fuselier bt. 1822
 - b. Carmélite Coralie Fuselier m. 1835
Louis François St. Marc Darby
 - c. Agnès Fuselier m. 1835 John Chastant
- A. Agricole Fuselier m. 2ème Alexandrine Louise
Dumartrait
1. Gabriel Fuselier bt. 1801 m. 1822 Marie Elisabeth
Louise Ephigénie Frère
 - a. Louise Marguerite Clara Fuselier bt. 1824 m.
Pierre Jules Mossas en 1844
 - b. Marie Christine Amélie Fuselier bt. 1836
déc. 1831
 - c. Alexandre Gabriel Fuselier bt. 1829
 - d. Alphonse Agricole Fuselier bt. 1830
 - e. Louise Emma Fuselier bt. 1834
 2. Anne Fuselier bt. 1803
 3. Emilie Fuselier bt. 1805
 4. Charlotte Fanelie Fuselier bt. 1808 m. 1828
Ludger Lastrappes
 5. Christine Silvanie Fuselier bt. 1810
 6. Euphémie Fuselier m. 1815 Charles Grevemberg
- I. Gabriel Fuselier m. 2ème Hélène Soileau en 1771
- A. Hélène Fuselier bt. 1772
- B. Gabriel Fuselier déc. 1820 m. Bazile Ternant
1. Ferjust Fuselier bt. 1808 déc. 1839 m. 1832
Virginie Eleanore Briant 1833
 - a. Paul Ferjust Fuselier 1835
 - b. Gabriel Fuselier 1837
 - c. Charles Ferjust Fuselier
 2. Françoise Aglaie Fuselier bt. 1809 m. 1824
Alphonse Pierre Robin
 3. Eugénie Fuselier déc. 1811 1 an
 4. Ludger Adolphe Fuselier bt. 1811 m. 1831 Emélie
David
 - a. Marie Basile Fuselier bt. 1832
 - b. Ludger Fuselier déc. 1838
 5. Edouard Fuselier bt. 1814
 6. Alphonse Alcide Fuselier bt. 1816
 7. Louise Clara Fuselier bt. 1817
 8. Un enfant Fuselier déc. 1818
 9. Brigitte Fuselier bt. 1819
 10. Jules Fuselier bt. 1821 déc. 1843 m. Delphine
Gosserand
 - a. Matilde Fuselier bt. 1843
 11. Alcide Fuselier m. 1834 Augustine Gradenigo
 - a. Jules Fuselier bt. 1840
 - b. Zulime Fuselier bt. 1839
 - c. Amélie Fuselier bt. 1841
 - d. Euphémie Fuselier bt. 1842
 - e. Augustine Fuselier bt. 1844
 - f. Gabriel Oscar Fuselier bt. 1846
 - g. Alfred Fuselier bt. 1847
- C. Josephine Fuselier bt. 1777 m. 1800 Henry Stag
1. Josephine Stag née vers 1804 m. 1821 Charles
Joseph LeBas
 - a. Christine LeBas bt. 1822
 - b. Charles LeBas bt. 1824
 - c. Appoline LeBas bt. 1827
 - d. Josephine LeBas bt. 1829
 2. Philippe Stag bt. 1806 m. 1826 Josephine
Guillory
 3. Benjamin Stag bt. 1817
 4. Louis Stag bt. 1820
 5. Euphémie Stag bt. 1811 m. 1826 Joseph Dubuisson
 6. Henry Castine Stag bt. 1813
 7. Pierre Stag bt. 1816
- D. Euphémie Fuselier bt. 1780
- E. Eugénie Fuselier née aux Illinois m. 1804 Joseph
François Dubuisson
m. 2ème 1816 avec
Louis Soileau
- F. Etienne Fuselier m. 1806 Lucille Deshotels
1. Josephine Fuselier bt. 1804 m. 1824 Cyrpie
Forest
 2. Adélaïde Fuselier bt. 1810
 3. Etienne Fuselier bt. 1812 m. 1832 Marie Lafleur
 4. Joseph Fuselier bt. 1815 déc. 1830
 5. Hélène Fuselier bt. 1817 m. 1836 Valerien Guillory
 6. Azélie Fuselier bt. 1819 m. 1836 Antoinette Guillory
- G. Louise Varelil Fuselier m. 1810 Felicité Jeanson
1. Louis Fuselier bt. 1810 m. 1829 Geneviève
Guillory
 - a. Zélin Fuselier bt. 1836
 - b. Louis Fuselier bt. 1846
 2. Hélène Fuselier bt. 1812 m. 1831 Philippe Fonte-
not
 3. Emélie Fuselier bt. 1813 m. 1830 Pierre Manuel
 4. Azélie Fuselier bt. 1814
 5. Firmin Fuselier bt. 1816 m. 1838 Pauline Manuel
 - a. Firmin Fuselier bt. 1839
 - b. Vasilie Fuselier bt. 1843
 - c. Urbain Louis Fuselier bt. 1845
 - d. Pauline Fuselier bt. 1847
 6. Felicité Fuselier bt. 1822 m. 1841 Cyprien Foma-
not.
 7. Pierre Fuselier bt. 1817 m. 1844 Marie Louise
Bordelon
 8. François Fuselier bt. 1819 p. 1844 Arthemise
Guillory
 9. Jean Baptiste Fuselier bt. 1824 m. 1845 Marie
Oline MacAuley
 - a. Jean-Baptiste Fuselier bt. 1846
 10. Eufémie Fuselier bt. 1826
 11. Urbain Fuselier bt. vers 1827 déc. 1829
 12. Joseph Adolphe Fuselier bt. 1829
 13. Etienne Fuselier bt. 1832
 14. Jourden Fuselier bt. 1833
 15. Aspasie Fuselier bt. 1835
 16. Robert Fuselier inh. 1842
 17. Anastasie Fuselier m. 1838 Julien Fontenot
- H. Charles Fuselier m. 22 jan. 1810 Cédalisse Fontenot
1. Hélène Fuselier bt. 1815 m. François Veillon
1834
 2. Cédalisse Fuselier bt. 1819
- H. Charles Fuselier m. 2ème 1820 Marianne Rougeau
1. Charles Fuselier bt. 1821
 2. Faustine Fuselier bt. 1822
 3. Euphémie Fuselier bt. 1824 m. 1843 Jacques Guillory
 4. Isabel Fuselier bt. 1825
 5. Marianne Fuselier bt. 1827
 6. Apollinaire Fuselier bt. 1829
 7. Jean Baptiste Fuselier bt. 1832
 8. Emile Fuselier bt. 1834
 9. Alzima Marie Fuselier bt. 1836
 10. Alexandre Fuselier bt. 1839
- I. Emélie Aurore m. 1810 Hilaire Gradenigo
- J. Honoré Fuselier m. 1811 Eloise Bordelon
1. Arsène Hélène Fuselier bt. 1812 m. 1828 Lastie
Frugé
 2. Honoré Fuselier bt. 1813 déc. 1816
 3. Joseph Fuselier bt. 1817 m. 1840 Marguerite La-
fleur.
 - a. Joseph Fuselier bt. 1843
 - b. Honoré Fuselier bt. 1844
 - c. Clothilde Fuselier bt. 1846
 - d. Onézime Fuselier bt. 1847
 4. Marie Fuselier bt. 1820
 5. Lucien Fuselier bt. 1827
 6. Ferjust Fuselier bt. 1829
 7. Eugénie Fuselier bt. 1832
 8. Marie Louise Fuselier bt. 1812? m. 1839 H. Soileau
 9. Marie Solidelle Fuselier m. 1841
 10. Adolphe Fuselier m. 1845 Domelise Lafleur
 - a. Adolphe Fuselier bt. 1846
 - b. Aurelia Fuselier bt. 1847

Proposition des affiliations des familles Fuselier à Vignory et leurs familles alliées

- ° Fuselier, Jehan déc. avant 1627 m. 1598 Bernarde Notin ? (elle se remaria en 1627 avec Martin.
 - A. Anne Fuselier bt. 1599
 - B. Claudine Fuselier bt. 1601
 - C. François Fuselier bt. 1605
 - D. Jean Fuselier bt. 1608
 - E. Magdelaine Fuselier bt. 1610
 - F. Nicolas Fuselier bt. 1613
 - G. Jean Fuselier bt. 1616
- ° Fuselier, Marie bt. 1604 fille ie Sainte Fuselier
- ° Fuselier, Geraud m. ?
 - A. Fuselier, Henry m. 1604 Nicolle Richou
 - 1. Françoise Fuselier bt. 1604 m. Pierre Dovet 1629
 - a. Nicolle Douvet bt. 1639
 - b. Anne Douvet bt. 1646
 - 2. François Fuselier bt. 1606
 - 3. Claude Fuselier bt. 1607
 - 4. Jacques Fuselier bt. 1609
 - 5. Nicolas Fuselier bt. 1610
 - B. Sainte Fuselier déc. 1632 ? m. 1604 George Reynaud
 - 1. Joachine Reynaud bt. 1605
 - Sainte Fuselier m. 1621 ? Delamothe, fils de Simon
 - C. Jean Fuselier m. 1604 Joachine Kollot ? né 1582 ?
 - 1. Nicolas Fuselier bt. 1605
 - 2. Etienne Fuselier bt. 1606
 - 3. Sébastien Fuselier bt. 1607 m. 1er en 1630 avec Margueritte Lesclanchier déc. 1654
 - a. Jean Fuselier bt. 1631
 - b. Guillette Fuselier bt. 1633
 - c. Nicolas Fuselier bt. 1637
 - d. Nicolas Fuselier bt. 1640
 - e. Thierry Fuselier bt. 1644 m. 1672 avec Catherine Gauthier déc. 1694
 - 1. Margueritte Fuselier bt. 1674 - déc. 1694
 - 2. Margueritte Fuselier bt. 1675
 - 3. Claire Fuselier bt. 1678 - déc. 1694
 - 4. Jean Fuselier bt. 1681 - déc. 1681
 - 5. Anne Fuselier bt. 1682 - déc. 1695
 - 6. Nicolas Fuselier bt. 1685 - déc. 1685
 - 7. Marie Fuselier bt. 1686 m. 1716 avec Jean Holliot
 - a. Nicolas Holliot bt. 1720
 - 8. Nicolas Fuselier bt. 1690 - déc. 1691
 - 9. Gabriel déc. 1694
 - 10. Marguerite Fuselier bt. 1694
 - 4. Didier Fuselier bt. 1610
 - 5. Syre Fuselier bt. 1612
 - 6. Jacques Fuselier bt. 1614
 - 7. Catherine Fuselier bt. 1616
 - 8. Nicolle Fuselier bt. 1619
 - 9. Nicolas Fuselierbt. 1626
 - 10. Jeanne Fuselier bt. 1628 m. 1649 Jean Royer
 - 11. Simon Fuselier ?
- ° Fuselier, Henry m. Françoise ?
 - A. Claude Fuselier bt. 1619
 - B. François Fuselier bt. 1621
 - C. Catherine Fuselier bt. 1624
 - D. François Fuselier bt. 1627
- ° Fuselier, Jehan m. Louyse ?
 - A. Joachine Fuselier bt. 1622
- ° Fuselier, François m. 1621 Louise Prieur
 - A. Anne Fuselier bt. 1622
 - B. Claude Fuselier bt. 1624 ??? m. Guillaume Guillaumel en 1650
 - 1. Sébastienne Guillaumel bt. 1660
 - 2. Marguerite Guillaumel bt. 1663
 - 3. Antoine Guillaumel bt. 1665 m. 1699 avec Anne Godechal
 - a. Antoinette Guillaumel bt. 1703 - déc. 1707
 - b. Françoise Guillaumel bt. 1700 - déc. 1707
 - c. Edme Guillaumel bt. 1702 - déc. 1702
 - C. Jehan Fuselier bt. 1628
 - D. François Fuselier bt. 1628
 - E. Claude Fuselier bt. 1630
 - F. Henry Fuselier bt. 1632
 - G. Anne Fuselier bt. 1638
 - H. Françoise Fuselier bt. 1640 m. 1664 avec Nicolas Bourgoin déc. 1692
 - 1. François Bourgoin bt. 1665
 - 2. Sébastienne Bourgoin bt. 1666
- 3. Marie Barbe Bourgoin bt. 1668
- 4. Antoine Bourgoin bt. 1669
- 5. Pierre Bourgoin bt. 1670 m. 1694 Marie Girard
 - a. François Bourgoin bt. 1695 - déc. 1697
 - b. Barbe Bourgoin bt. 1697
 - c. Marguerite Bourgoin bt. 1701 - déc. 1701
 - d. Pierre Bourgoin bt. 1700 - déc. 1700
 - e. Magdelaine Bourgoin 1715
- 6. Jeanne Bourgoin bt. 1672
- 7. Antoine Bourgoin bt. 1675 m. 1703 Gillette Royer
 - a. Pierre Bourgoin bt. 1704 - déc. 1704
 - b. Antoinette Bourgoin bt. 1705 - déc. 1705
- 8. Louise Bourgoin bt. 1677
- 9. Anne Bourgoin bt. 1679 - déc. 1679
- 10. Nicolas Bourgoin bt. 1680 - déc. 1687
- 11. Jean Baptiste Bourgoin bt. 1681
- 12. Charles Bourgoin bt. 1683 m. 1714 Margueritte Euguemin
- ° Fuselier, Nicolas déc. 1666 ? m. 1626 Jeanne ?
 - A. Marguerite Fuselier bt. 1627
 - B. Jean Fuselier bt. 1628
 - C. Claude Fuselier bt. 1632
- ° Fuselier, François m. Gillette Delamothe née 1599 ?
 - A. Bernard Fuselier bt. 1637 m. 1659 Margueritte Bourgoin
 - 1. Gillette Fuselier bt. 1659
 - 2. sa jumelle Claudine Fuselier bt. 1659
 - 3. François Fuselier bt. 1664
 - 4. Anthone Fuselier bt. 1664 m. Nicolle Boucher déc. 1719
 - a. Jean Fuselier bt. 1684
 - b. Angélique Fuselier bt. 1685
 - c. Bernard Fuselier bt. 1687 - déc. 1697
 - d. Nicole Fuselier bt. 1688 - déc. 1688
 - e. Magdelaine Fuselier bt. 1689 - déc. 1708
 - f. Marie Fuselier bt. 1690 - déc. 1690
 - g. Pierre Fuselier bt. 1692 - déc. 1692
 - h. Charles Fuselier bt. 1693 m. 1719 Françoise Guillaume née vers 1684
 - 1. Angélique Fuselier bt. 1720 - déc. 1720
 - i. Françoise Fuselier bt. 1695 - déc. 1695
 - j. Marie Fuselier bt. 1696 - déc. 1696
 - k. Syre Fuselier bt. 1697
 - l. Margueritte Fuselier bt. 1698 - déc. 1699
 - m. Jean Fuselier bt. 1699
 - n. Anthoine Fuselier bt. 1701 - déc. 1707
 - o. Une fille Fuselier bt. 1704 - déc. 1704
 - p. Anne Fuselier bt. 1704 - déc. 1704
 - q. Edme Fuselier bt. 1705
 - r. Nicolas Fuselier bt. 1708 - déc. 1708
 - s. Joseph Fuselier bt. 1706 - déc. 1706
 - t. Louise Fuselier bt. 1709
 - 5. Guillaume Fuselier bt. 1667
 - 6. Anne Fuselier bt. 1670
 - 7. Margueritte Fuselier née vers 1675 - déc. 1693
- B. François Fuselier bt. 1639
- ° Fuselier, Nicolas m. Anne Geoffroy déc. après 1650
 - A. Sébastienne Fuselier bt. 1639
- ° Fuselier, Jean dit l'orange dit ?
 - A. Jean Fuselier bt. 1644 - déc. 1716 ?
 - B. Nicolas Fuselier bt. 1645
 - C. Jean Baptiste Fuselier bt. 1647
- ° Fuselier, François dit Grand Jean m. 1644 Sébastienne Royer
 - A. Claire Fuselier bt. 1644
 - B. Henry Fuselier bt. 1647
 - C. Marie Fuselier bt. 1652
 - D. Anthoine Fuselier bt. 1650
 - E. Catherine Fuselier bt. 1654
- ° Fuselier, Sébastien m. 1655 Jeanne Couillard³
- ° Oudin, Thierry déc. 1694 m. Nicole Fuselier
 - A. Syre Oudin bt. 1645 m. Jacques Delamothe déc. 1702
 - 1. Bernard Delamothe
 - 2. Nicolas Delamothe m. 1696 Catherine Hugnot
 - B. François Oudin bt. 1647 m. 1681 Marie Mottot
 - 1. Margueritte Oudin bt. 1682 - déc. 1683
 - 2. Charlotte Oudin bt. 1684
 - 3. Antoinette Marie Magdelaine Oudin bt. 1685
 - 4. Claude Françoise Oudin bt. 1688
 - C. Anne Oudin bt. 1651
 - D. Jean Oudin bt. 1653 m. 1er 1676 Barbe Bertrand

1. Nicole Oudin bt. 1678 - déc. 1679
2. Un enfant Oudin bt. 1680 - déc. 1680
3. Antoinette Oudin bt. 1681 - déc. 1687
4. Claudine Oudin bt. 1683 - déc. 1683
5. Henriette Oudin bt. 1685
6. Sciprion Oudin bt. 1686 - déc. 1686
7. Antoine Oudin bt. 1687
8. Henry Oudin bt. 1688 - déc. 1688
9. Etienne Oudin bt. 1689 - déc. 1697
10. Jeanne Oudin bt. 1696 - déc. 1696
11. Anthoinette Oudin née vers 1681 m. 1704 François Legrand
 - a. François Legrand 1705 - déc. 1705
 - b. Marie Legrand bt. 1706 - déc. 1706
 - c. Sébastienne Legrand bt. 1708 - déc. 1708
 - d. Barbe Legrand bt. 1711 - déc. 1711
 - e. Jean Pierre Legrand bt. 1715 - déc. 1715
 - f. Anne Legrand bt. 1716
 - g. Pierre Legrand bt. 1717
 - h. Barbe Legrand bt. 1719
- D. Jean Oudin m. 2ème Catherine Daudet
 1. Joseph Oudin bt. 1700
 2. Jean Oudin bt. 1702
- E. Margueritte Oudin bt. 1656 m. 1er 1674 François Bourgoin déc. 1684
 1. Nicole Bourgoin bt. 1678 - déc. 1699 m. 1678 Etienne Legrand
 2. Angélique Bourgoin bt. 1683 m. Etienne Mirebel
 3. Jean Bourgoin bt. 1679 m. 1701 Marie Hannier
 4. Jean Bourgoin bt. 1675
- E. Margueritte Oudin m. 2° Jean Theriat
 1. Catherine Theriat bt. 1691 - déc. 1691
 2. Françoise Theriat bt. 1692
 3. Alexandre Theriat bt. 1695 - déc. 1695
 4. Edme Theriat bt. 1697 - dé c. 1697
 5. Françoise Theriat bt. 1699
 6. Barbe Theriat bt. 1701
- ° Volland, Symon déc. 1701 m. avant 1646 Catherine Fuselier
 - A. Anne Volland bt. 1649 m. 1670 Nicolas Bertrand
 1. Syre Bertrand bt. 1672 m. 1697 Nicolas Mollot
 - a. Martine Mollot bt. 1698
 - b. Anne Mollot bt. 1706
 2. Jeanne Bertrand bt. 1675
 3. Nicolas Bertrand bt. 1676
 4. Claudine Bertrand bt. 1680 - déc. 1680
 5. Marie Bertrand bt. 1683 - déc. 1683
 6. Joseph Bertrand bt. 1684 - déc. 1686
 7. Marie Bertrand bt. 1685 - déc. 1697
 8. Jean Bertrand bt. 1687 - déc. 1687
 - B. Sébastienne Volland bt. 1646 m. Jean Guillaume
 1. Gabriel Guillaume bt. 1678
 2. Jean Guillaume bt. 1681
 3. François Guillaume bt. 1684
 4. Angélique Guillaume bt. 1688
- ° Fuselier, Jean m. Claire Privet vers 1650 - 59
 - A. Guillaume Fuselier m. 1679 Bonne Caput
 1. Catherine Louise Fuselier bt. 1680 - déc. 1680
 2. Anthoine Fuselier bt. 1681
 3. Jean Fuselier bt. 1683 m. Anne Godechal en 1711
 - a. Catherine Fuselier bt. 1712
 - b. Margueritte Fuselier bt. 1714 - déc. 1714
 - c. Toussaint Fuselier bt. 1715 - déc. 1715
 - d. Anthoine Fuselier 1716
 - e. Marie Anne Fuselier bt. 1717
 - f. Jean François Fuselier bt. 1719
 4. Charles Fuselier bt. 1686 m. 1709 Marie Mollot
 - a. Anthoine Fuselier bt. 1710
 - b. François Fuselier 1712 - 1712
 - c. Nicolas Fuselier bt. 1713
 - d. Gabriel Fuselier bt. 1715
 - e. Margueritte Fuselier bt. 1719
- ° Lemoyne, Nicolas né vers 1622 , déc. avant 1652 m. 1646 Claude Fuselier déc. 1651
 - A. Nicolas Lemoyne bt. 1648
 - B. Marie Lemoyne bt. 1649 m. 1680 Maximilian Forfelier
 1. Jean Forfelier bt. 1681 - déc. 1681
 2. Jean Baptiste Forfelier bt. 1682
 3. Jean Forfelier bt. 1684
 4. François Forfelier bt. 1686
 5. Claude Forfelier bt. 1687
 6. François Forfelier bt. 1690 - déc. 1690
 7. Claude Forfelier bt. 1691
 - C. Jeanne Lemoyne bt. 1650
 - D. Nicolas Lemoyne bt. 1652
- ° Fuselier, François m. 1646 Catherine Ledigne déc. 1677
 - A. Jean Fuselier bt. 1647 m. Capitan en 1673 ?
 - B. Anne Fuselier bt. 1648
 - C. Margueritte Fuselier bt. 1652
- ° Bertrand, Etienne m. 1647 Sainte Fuselier
 - A. Jeanne Bertrand bt. 1649
 - B. Luc Bertrand bt. 1651
 - C. Marie Bertrand bt. 1653 (à supposer que la mère est Sainte Fuselier)
- ° Fuselier, Didier et Margueritte Husson déc. 1689
 - A. Margueritte Fuselier bt. 1647 m. 1668 Symon Renault m2ème ? Georges Norot ?
- ° Norot, Georges né vers 1656 déc. 1701 m. 1673 Margueritte Fuselier
 - A. Françoise Norot bt. 1674
 1. Clémentine Norot bt. 1697 - déc. 1697
 - B. Louise Norot bt. 1676
 - C. Gabriel Norot bt. 1677
 - D. Anthoine Norot bt. 1680 - déc. 1680
 - E. Jeanne Naurot bt. 1681 m. 1704 François Fuselier
 1. Charles Fuselier bt. 1705 - déc. 1705
 2. Nicolas Fuselier bt. 1706 - déc. 1706
 3. Jean Fuselier bt. 1707
 4. François Fuselier bt. 1711 - déc. 1712
 5. Gaspard Fuselier bt. 1712
 6. François Fuselier bt. 1716
 7. Charles Fuselier bt. 1719
 - F. Louis Norot bt. 1688
 - G. Etienne Norot bt. 1690
 - H. Charles Norot m. 1707 Lucresse Mongeot, fille de Didier et Margueritte Fuselier - voir famille Mongeot et Fuselier)
 1. Margueritte Naurot bt. 1709 - déc. 1714
 2. Marie Naurot bt. 1714 - déc. 1714
 3. Jean Naurot bt. 1708 - déc. 1708
 4. Marie Norot bt. 1718
 5. Nicolle Naurot bt. 1715
- ° Fuselier, Jean déc. avant 1689 m. 1655 Claire LeBrun déc. 1701
 - A. Catherine Fuselier bt. 1656
 - B. Marguerite Fuselier bt. 1657
 - C. Marie Fuselier bt. 1659
 - D. Nicolas Fuselier bt. 1661 m. 1689 Lucresse Legoux
 1. Marie Fuselier bt. 1690 - déc. 1690
 2. Claire Fuselier bt. 1691
 3. Claude Fuselier bt. 1694
 - E. Margueritte Fuselier bt. 1663
 - F. Marie Fuselier bt. 1664 m. Pierre Delion en 1691
 1. Claude Delion né vers 1692
 2. Jean Delion déc. 1698
 - E. Charles Delion bt. 1694
 - G. Jean Fuselier bt. 1665
 - H. Joseph Fuselier bt. 1667 m. Gabriel Biquet en 1695
 1. Jean Fuselier bt. 1696 - déc. 1696
 2. Jacques Fuselier bt. 1698 - déc. 1698
 - I. Sébastien Fuselier bt. 1670
 - J. Jacques Fuselier bt. 1673 m. 1701 Jeanne Feuillet
 1. Jean Fuselier bt. 1705 - déc. 1706
 2. Claire Fuselier bt. 1703 - déc. 1703
 3. Un garçon Fuselier 1706 - déc. 1706
 4. Une fille Fuselier bt. 1708 déc 1708
- ° Volland, Didier m. 1660 Catherine Fuselier déc. 1672, fille de Sébastien.
 - A. Jean Volland bt. 1664 m. ? Lemoine, Catherine
 - B. Gabriel Volland bt. 1667 m. 1691 Laurence Perrin
 - C. François Volland bt. 1672
- ° Hugot, Claude déc. 1677 m. avant 1662 avec Claude Fuselier
 - A. Marguerite Hugot bt. 1662
 - B. Françoise Hugot bt. 1665 m. 1691 Etienne Mirbel
 1. Jacques Mirebel bt. 1692
 2. Anthoine Mirebel bt. 1694
 3. Barbe Mirbel bt. 1698
 4. Claude Mirbel déc. 1698
 5. Catherine Marie Mirbel bt. 1699
 - C. Claude Hugot bt. 1667 - déc. 1714
 - D. Charles Hugot bt. 1670 m. avant 1706 Nicolle deLaisne ?
 1. Pierre Hugot bt. 1706
 2. Claudette Hugot bt. 1711 - déc. 1711
 3. Edme Hugot bt. 1717 - déc. 1717
 - E. Catherine Hugot bt. 1673 m. 1696 Nicolas Delamothe
 1. Barbe Delamothe bt. 1701 - déc. 1706
 2. Edme Delamothe bt. 1704
 - F. Jacques Hugot bt. 1674

- ° Fuselier, Jacques déc. 1683 m. 1677 Claude Fuselier
 - A. Henry Fuselier bt. 1678 - déc. 1678
 - B. Anthoine Fuselier bt. 1680
 - C. Edme Fuselier bt. 1682 m. 1708 Anne Monjot, fille de
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 - 2. Marie Fuselier bt. 1712
 - 3. Anne Fuselier bt. 1715
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QUERIES

Need information on
Vital PAIPIN, s/o Vital
and Marie Anne MARCAN-
TEL, who married on
1 Dec 1818, Elise
FONTENOT.... Helena
Aucoin, R #1, Box
447-B, Mamou, LA
70554

A LADY OF COLONIAL TIMES - MARIE LOUISE LAVERGNE

Submitted by Gercie D. Daigle, R #1, Box 848, Church Point, LA 70525

Marie Louise Lavergne, a common ancestor to a large number of people in Southwest Louisiana was living at the time the Declaration of Independence was signed.

An article in N. O. Genesis (July 1985) cites a document dated 8 March 1802 in which widow Carrier, Marie Louise Lavergne, gives power of attorney to Louis Lavergne, to be used in settling the estate of her sister, Francoise, widow of George Inguimberty and daughter of Louis Lavergne and Elizabeth Thommelin. From this document we learn that our Marie Louise Lavergne was the same who married Jean Barr II on Nov. 28, 1752 (St. Charles) and Joseph Carrier ca. 1755-56.

Another document of much interest is her succession filed Aug. 1822 (Opel Ct Hse #282). An estimate of her holdings was made 24 Aug 1822 and the auction was held 20 Sept 1822. Buyers were to pay their purchases in two installments, one half in April 1823 and the balance April 1824, with interest due on any unpaid balance.

From this succession we learn a little about our ancestor. I think we can safely assume she cooked on an open hearth. She did, however, own a dutch oven, sold to Alexandre Dugging for \$1.50. She owned three tables. Two were probably work tables since she had only six chairs. She liked to set a nice table, since she owned 11 tablecloths and 13 'much used' napkins, a lot of crockery, eight metal spoons, eleven forks and eight knives. It is also interesting that she owned one silver spoon and fork, estimated at \$7.00. Her larder contained half a barrel of flour and one-fourth barrel of salt.

She had two complete beds, which included feather bed, mattress, pair of sheets, cotton blanket, old mosquito net, bolsters and bed stead. One bed sold to Alexandre Dugging for \$26.50 and the other to Jean Miramond for \$60.00. She also had three pairs of curtains, which further indicates she liked a well kept home.

Various farm tools such as hoes, axes, plough were sold. The only animals were one pair work oxen, sold to David Akison for \$51.00. One mare and colt to Jean Baptiste Paillette for \$14.50 and one horse sold to Joseph Carriere for \$25.00. Two bulls and one heifer sold 'running at large' to Haslette and Lesassur for \$21.00, one mare, yearling and mule sold to Soulangue Lacaze for \$21.00 also 'running at large' and two mares 'running at large' to Joseph Carrier for \$11.50. One ox cart was sold to Soulangue Lacaze for \$6.00.

Numerous other household items, sheets, pots, etc. were sold and they found \$15.18 and 3/4 cents in cash, which says something about the monetary system of those days. (3/4 cents?)

The bulk of her estate, however, were the slaves and land. She owned thirteen slaves, of which six were sold to family members. A woman and her three children were sold to Wartelle for \$1505.00. All told they brought in \$9,080.00.

There were two pieces of property: A tract of land situated in St. Landry parish and lying near the town of Opelousas, adjoining on the north to land of Antoine Paillette and on the south to land of William Hitchings, having seven arpents and one half front on the Bayou Tesson by the depths of about eighteen arpents and containing about one hundred and thirty-five superficial arpents sold with its improvements and appurtenances to John Dinsmon for \$810.00.

A tract of woodland situated in Callaghan woods adjoining land of Louaillier's ferry on one side and John Kirkley on the other, containing about twentyfour superficial arpents sold to John Miramond for \$245.00.

Through her two marriages, Marie Louise Lavegne became the ancestor of most of the Carriere and Latiolais families of this area. She was an interesting lady and I hope further research will continue into this line.

CHILDREN OF JEAN BARR II AND MARIE LOUISE LAVERGNE

- (1) Julienne b. Sep 1753, m. 16 June 1769 to Louis Coqueline de la Thialois in New Orleans (N.O. Genesis Vol-III)
- (2) Elizabeth b. Feb 1755 (probably died young, no further information)

CHILDREN OF JOSEPH CARRIER AND MARIE LOUISE LAVERGNE

- (1) Pierre b. ca. 1757 (census age) m. 8 Feb 1804 to Marie Louise Vivaret (Opel Ch V. 1, p. 131)
- (2) Michel b. ca. 1760 (census age) m. 8 Oct 1810 to Julienne Marcantel (Opel Ct Hs # 13) d. 15 Oct 1815 @ 60 yrs. (Opel Ch. V. 1, p. 147)
- (3) Francoise b. 23 Oct 1764 @ New Orleans, m. 16 Jan 1781 to Antoine Langlois (L.S.A.R. Opel 1781-136)
- (4) Catherine b. ca 1766, d. young
- (5) Genevieve b. ca. 1770 m. 17 Sep 1793 to Phillip Lacase (Opel Ch V. 1, p. 47) d. 18 April 1830 @ 65 yrs. (Opel Ch V. 2, p. 14)
- (6) Euphrosine b. ca 1772, m. 27 Nov 1794 to Jeseeph Roy (Opel Ch V. 1, p. 53)

CHILDREN OF LOUIS LATIOLAIS AND JULIENNE BARR (BARTH)

- (1) Joseph b. m. 27 July 1795 to Clemence Francoise Nezat (S.M. Ch. V 4, p 117)
- (2) Constance b. m. 7 Sep 1795 to Antoine Fontenot (Opel Ch. V 1, p. 57)
- (3) Modeste b. m. 15 Sept 1795 to Solange Lacase (Opel Ch. V 1, p. 58)
- (4) Marie Louise bt. 26 Oct 1779 (Opel Ch V.1, p. 20) m. 3 Dec 1800 to Michel Comeau (Opel Ch V. 1, p. 92)
- (5) Leon bt. 17 Jan 1788 (Opel Ch V.1, p. 93) m. 26 June 1810 to

Victoire Robichaud (S. M. Ch V. 5, P. 180)

- (6) Leufroy bt. 6 Nov 1788 (Opel Ch V.1, p. 93) m. 13 Feb 1811 to Josephine Daigle (Opel Ch V. 1, p. 210)
- (7) Marie Josephe bt. 27 July 1795 @ $5\frac{1}{2}$ years (S. M. Ch V 4, p. 730) m. 29 April 1814 to Pierre Nezat (S. M. Ch V. 5, p. 348) d. 14 Oct 1815 @ 25 yrs (S. M. Ch V. 4, p. 997)

The partition of Marie Louise Lavergne's estate took place on 28 July 1826 and was divided into five parts. As far as I could see, the children of Michel Carrier were left out. He had died in 1815 but he left several heirs.

She left one fifth of her estate to the children of her daughter by her first marriage, Julianne Barr, wife of Louis Latiolais.

If anyone can shed any light on this matter, I will be glad to hear from you. The final partition reads as follows:

PARTITION of the estate of Louise Lavergne, widow Carrier, dec.; made this twenty-eighth day of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six, as follows, towit :

First, the gross amount of the estate, as far as the sum has been realized and money collected, is ten thousand five hundred and forty five dollars and sixty seven cents..... \$10,545.67
From which the following claims are to be deducted towit; the sum of two hundred and four dollars and fifty one cent aout by consent of the interest, for interest, for Madam ve. Lacaze and by heridity Latiolais heirs of said estate.

Amt. debts paid by Jos. Roy while agent of the estate including his commissions on money collected.....\$302. 20
Deduct the sum being a diminution of the price of a slave or slaves sold Wartelle.....\$40. 00
Deduct the sum, for diminution of the price of land sold to John Dinsmon.....\$45. 00

Amt. of debts of estate paid by J. Miramond while agent, including total expenses, partition, etc.....\$142,93 and $\frac{3}{4}$
Deduct the sum for J. Miramond, being his commission on \$9041,67 at 2%
P V \$226.00

Total \$1083.77 and $\frac{3}{4}$ cents

Net amt. of estate to be equally divided amongst five heirs or the representative of five, of said dec'd Louise Lavergne and said sum being divided into five equal parts gives to them as follows towit:

To Genevieve Carriere, widow of Phillip LaCaze, the sum of eighteen hundred and ninety-two dollars and thirty seven and a half cents \$1892,37 $\frac{1}{2}$
To Pierre Carriere (son) the same amt..... \$1892.37 $\frac{1}{2}$
To the Repp. of Ve Antoine Langlois, the same..... \$1892.37 $\frac{1}{2}$
To the Repp. of Louise Carriere, Latoilais, the same..... \$1892.37 $\frac{1}{2}$
To the Ve Jos. Roy, the same..... \$1892.37 $\frac{1}{2}$

The aforesaid heirs and representatives having examined the foregoing partition and being satisfied and confirmed and do hereby satisfy and confirm the sum of all its parts and having received their respective shares or portions as appears in the foregoing petition having acquitted and discharged and do hereby acquit and discharge each other from all claims whatsoever on amount of said estate and Jean Miramond agent as above mentioned is also discharged and acquitted from all claims and every kind of responsibility relative to or in any way touching his agency in the primary.

In testimony whereof said heirs and representatives have hereunto signed in presence of the subscribing witnesses and before the undersigned authority at Opelousas the day and year above written.

Witnesses:

Ben B. Jefferson

Leufroy (X) Latiolais
 Soulange (X) Lacaze
 P. Carriere (signs himself)
 Vallerie Langlois (signs himself)
 Antoine (X) Fontenot
 Leufroy (X) Latoilais for Ve
 Michel Comeau

The July 1985 article by Nye Roy Meiner in New Orleans Genesis and the Jan 1969 (Vol VIII No. 20) article by Sidney L. Villere were thorough and helpful with much of this information. Other material was obtained from Southwest Louisiana Records by Fr. Donald J. Hebert and the sucession of Marie Louise Lavergne.

QUERIES

MENARD-ISTRE-GUILLORY-ROY

Need information on Eugenia MENARD m. 2/7/1826 at Opelousas, Noel ROY; Adeleine ISTRE m. 8/30/1854 at Opelousas, David ROY; Pauline GUILLORY m. 8/9/1880 at Opelousas, David ROY, Jr.May Newhouse, 3814 Houston River Road, Westlake, LA 70669

LIGHTFOOT-BAKER-BLEDSE

Need information on Martha Jane BAKER LIGHTFOOT b. Oct 1869 Monroe, LA. c/o Joe BAKER and _____ BLEDSOE; the family lived in Farmerville. Martha had two sisters; one married a CAMERON from Raleigh, NC, the other sister married a BURT; one brother, Beasley BAKER who was a doctor in the Waco/Austin, TX area. Martha BAKER m. 1890 Robert George LIGHTFOOT and later moved to FLATONIA (Nueces Co.) TX; listed in 1900 census there. The family is listed in the 1910 census for Pine Prairie, LA where Martha died on 09/19/1921. Martha and Robert G. had the following children: Robin Gertrude b. 7/10/1891; Eunice Mattie. b. 5/12/1895; Robert Bartholomew, b. 8/26/1896; Beasley Baker, b. 9/12/1898; Bessie Baker (twin of Beasley); Frances Jane. b. 2/13/1901; Bob Englebert, b. 1/16/1903; Sallie Katheryn, b. 4/22/1905; Lucille Virginia, b. 2/8/1907; Josephine Elizabeth, b. 5/12/1910.....Sybil Marie Robbins, 412 Glenn Drive, Hurst, TX 76053

End of First Session. June 26th, 1847.

PRIZES. ACCESSIONS. PRIZES. ACCESSIONS.

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KELLER-INSALL

Need information on Caroline A. KELLER, b. ca. 1820 Bayou Boeuf, m 1837 Richard INSALL in St. Landry Parish - William W. KELLER was listed as bondsman. Caroline had two sisters, Martha and Prvidence Ann and a brother, William KELLER - marriage bond for a Martha KELLER and Benjamin R. HAM dated 1840 St. Landry Parish, with William W. KELLER as witness. Feel sure that William KELLER was father of my Caroline who married 2nd Daniel S. WARD. Who is Caroline's mother and is William her father? William W. KELLER cam from South Carolina with brothers Jacob, George and John KELLER. I believe their father was Jacob KELLER of Orangeburg District, S. Carolina. Found a marriage bond for William W. KELLER and Sarah H. JOHNSTON, 17 Oct 1842 St. Landry Parish and another marriage bond for Wm. W. KELLER and Matilda M. ARMSTRONG, widow of Joseph O'NEAL. The signature looks different - could this be a marriage for William, Sr. or William, Jr.???.....Artie McDonald, 23582 N. Bryant Road, Acampo, CA 95220

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