

À La Pointe

Quarterly Newsletter of the
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The next meeting will be held at 9:30 am on Saturday, February 12, 2005 at the Crowley branch of the Acadia Parish Library, located at 1125 N. Parkerson Avenue in Crowley, Louisiana. Come and bring a friend!!!

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A Note from the President, Lynette Thibodeaux-Chadeayne

January, 2005

Happy New Year to Everyone! Hope that 2005 will be a GREAT year for all of you.

The 4th quarterly meeting for 2004 was held on November 13th at the Rayne Branch of the Acadia Parish Library instead of the Crowley Branch because of the ongoing expansion construction of the Genealogy Room in Crowley. The construction is scheduled to be completed and the room ready just in time before our 1st meeting of 2005. What a wonderful way to start the new year!

The Business portion of our meeting included reports from the various committees and can be summarized as follows:

Library: The libraries in Church Point and Rayne are running out of shelf space in the genealogy sections. Therefore, in the future the society will only purchase books for the Crowley Branch. However, patrons may request a book to be sent to either of the other two libraries.

The following books have been purchased and added to the genealogy library in the various branches of Acadia Parish.

Canadian Ancestors

Daigle Legacy

Boudreaux Family by Stephen White

The following books have been ordered:

Getting to the Roots of My Family Tree - Sandra Perro

The Origin of the Domingue Family in Louisiana - Bertha Domingue Bernard

Clyde's Book of Vincents - Clyde Vincent

Jacob Miller and Anne Marie Theigen Louisiana Families - to be ordered from Murphy Miller

Obituary: Society volunteers, Thelma Richard and Lynette Chadeayne, continue to maintain the obits from the Rayne and Crowley newspapers; Winston Boudreaux has volunteered to maintain obits from the Church Point newspaper beginning January 1, 2005.

Funeral Home: Volume II of Geesey Ferguson Records is now ready and Volume IV will be ready soon.

A La Pointe Newsletter: Continue to submit your much needed articles for the Newsletter to Gene Thibodeaux (cajunmart@msn.com) or any one of the Board members.

Internet and Web Page: Society volunteer, Red Quebedeaux, coordinator of the society's website, reported that most of the index for the Crowley obits are complete and work continues to add Rayne and Church Point to our web page.

Congratulations and Welcome Aboard! The following individuals will serve as officers/Board Members for the 2005 - 2006 term:

President: Lynette Chadeayne

Vice President: Manita Benoit

Treasurer: Susie Faul

Recording Secretary: Adelaide "Ann" Quebedeaux

Corresponding Secretary: Thelma Richard

Librarian: Lauralie Mackey

Media Coordinator : A. P. "Red" Quebedeaux

Newsletter Editor: Gene Thibodeaux

On behalf of the society I wish to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to Gercie Daigle and Winston Boudreaux who have faithfully served as officers/Board Members for a number of years. Their contributions have had a significant impact on the society.

Our speaker for the meeting was Bonnie Taylor Barry, a free-lance writer who's genre is mainly inspirational. She spoke primarily about a book she wrote in the mid 80's. Entitled, *For the Greater Honor and Glory of God*, the book focuses on the building of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Grand Coteau and on the meaning of its furnishings. Mrs. Barry's talk was a very informative and interesting presentation.

The door prize (a gift certificate to Chef Roy's) was won by Clarice Vuillemont. Also awarded at our meeting was one of Thelma Richard's prize winning sweet potato breads which was won by Marge Ray. We gathered at Chef Roy's for lunch and had a great time of food and fellowship.

SOCIETY'S CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Please note that effective January 1, 2005, the society has a new mailing address - **P. O. Box 497, Crowley, LA 70527**. The Board carefully considered the reasons for a change and the decision to change the mailing address from Church Point to Crowley was made for the following reasons:

- The society has grown to include Acadia Parish - the Church Point Library (because of its size) is no longer able to accommodate our needs;
- The genealogy room in Crowley is growing to accommodate our contributions to the library and volunteer support to patrons visiting the library;
- Most of the research material/resources are in the main library in Crowley;
- Crowley is the parish seat and is in close proximity to the parish court house; and
- Our physical address is Crowley - mailing address needs to be the same to avoid confusion.

REMINDER: Book Purchasing Policy: In an effort to keep better records of the book inventory, anyone wishing to purchase one of the books offered by the society is to contact Thelma Richard (337-783-8497 or thewayrichard@cox.net). The books must be paid for in advance.

I am looking forward to a great year in 2005. Let us hear from you regarding your membership needs and expectations.

Lynette Thibodeaux-Chadeayne

Condolences

A veil of sorrow shrouds the home of member Bertha Lavergne. Her mother, Annie Babineaux Lejeune, departed the land of the living on October 2, 2004. She was the widow of Cyphor Lejeune and will be sadly missed by four sons and six daughters.

It is with great regret that we must publish the following sad news: Member Allen Welch also lost his mother, Enolia Smith Welch, on December 20, 2004. Mrs. Welch left behind six sons and a daughter to mourn her passing.

We are saddened by the news that Society member Marilyn Miller Clarke died Friday, December 24, 2004 at her residence in Crowley. Survivors are a daughter and three sons. Funeral services were Monday, Dec. 27 at the First Methodist Church with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery in Crowley.

Another distressing announcement that we must make is that member Velia Bertrand, Jr. lost his sister, Rose Ella Bertrand Sarver, on December 24, 2004. Mrs. Sarver will be missed by two sons, two daughters, 11 grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren.

We would like to give a warm welcome to the following new members:

Note: Addresses have been removed prior to uploading newsletter to web site.

Kate T. Bangle –John won a complementary membership as a door prize during the Genealogy Day. He is researching the Pitre family.

Lloyd G. Stakes, Jr. –

Patricia A. Boone –Patricia's family lines include the surnames of Saunders, Henry and Sledge lines.

Brenda Hebert Thibodeaux –Brenda seeks information on the surnames of Thibodeaux, Venable, Richard, Hebert, Landry, Bernard, Melancon, Guidry and Price.

Delton & Ethel LeJeune – The LeJeune's are researching Theodore LeJeune.

Helen Faulk Pittman –Helen's family tree includes the following branches: Bar, Bourque/Bourg, Comeaux, Faulk, Gott, LaComb, Latiolais, Lavergne and Weber.

Debra Abshire Perry –

Mary Ann Miller Gray - Mary Ann recorded the inscriptions in the West Crowley Cemetery and donated it to the Society to be put into Cemetery Book Volume V.

Kenneth & Stephanie Chappuis Keigley –The Keigley's are currently researching the Feitel family.

Yvonne M. Ard –Yvonne's interests lie in the families of Romero, Miller, Ard and Deshotel.

Maxine Hickenbottom Schexnayder –Maxine's heritage includes the surnames of Harrington, Hargrave, Schexnayder and Higginbottam/Hickenbottom.

Dolores Rowell –Among the lines that Dolores is researching are Schexnaider, Langley, LeLeu, Fruge, Broussard, Guidry, Abshire, Guillory, Hanks, Mire, Hargrave, Kershaw, Hebert, Bower, Landry, Richard and Savoie.

J. Michael Joslin –Michael seeks information on the Faurot line.

Lt. Huie A. Miller –

FAULK FAMILY REUNION/GENEALOGY CONFERENCE

The first annual Faulk Family Reunion/Genealogy Conference will be hosted March 9-13, 2005 at New World Landing and Inn located in downtown Pensacola, Florida. All Faulk descendants and researchers are invited. This event will offer an opportunity for fellow researchers to meet and share information as well as tour some interesting historical sites and family cemeteries in the area. Other area attractions are planned for family members not interested in research. The Reunion/Conference will rotate annually to different parts of the country where our Faulk kin have lived. For more information, contact:

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OBITUARY INDEX FILES ON ACADIA GENEALOGY WEB SITE

We are in the process of getting an index of Acadia Parish obituaries (in draft form) loaded to our web site. So far Crowley newspaper indices from 1870 through 1943 have been added and more will be added as time permits. The files can be reached from the Obituary Project page of our web site at www.rootsweb.com/~lapehgs. The files are in portable document format (pdf) and may require that you download a free copy of Adobe Acrobat Reader from www.adobe.com in order to view the file content.

For those of you who are outside the Acadia Parish commuting area, we hope that access to these files will be a great aid in your research. For all, note that the files are missing a lot of critical information. If you know of maiden names and other information that can be added or corrected, please do not hesitate to share the information with us. As you might guess, many of the older obits or reports of death often failed to offer such information or we may have erred in transcribing the information.

Let us hear from you.
Red Quebodeaux



DON'T LET THIS BE YOUR LAST ISSUE

If an "NP" is written on your mailing label of this issue, that means we have no record of receiving your 2005 dues and this will be your last issue. I'm sure no one will want to miss even a single issue of *À La Pointe* or the discounts on books planned for publication during 2005. We need your continued support and ask that you take a moment now to send in your dues or let us know if there has been a mistake.

Geesey-Ferguson Volume IV Now Available

Our fourth volume of Geesey-Ferguson Funeral Record Abstracts is now available for sale. Price to members is \$30.00 and \$35.00 to non-members. Price includes postage and handling.

This volume includes information from records covering the years 1979 -1990, inclusive. It is similar in format to our previous three volumes, contains about 2,912 records and a cross reference list which attempts to cross the maiden name to the married name, where available. This will be the last volume of funeral records our of Geesey-Ferguson for a while, but we do hope to publish volume V during mid to late 2005, as soon as sufficient records have accumulated to fill the volume.

Diary from Florida Holds Local Interest

By Thelma Richard

I had done some research for a man from Florida who's great grandfather (John Charles Faurot) had came from Nebraska and settled in the Egan area in the late 1890's. In November, I received a package from the man from Florida. It was a copy of his great grandfather's everyday journal or diary. Faurot wrote an entry in the journal everyday of the year. He mentions people from the Egan area. Example: Today, we buried (name of the person) at the cemetery near the McCain School (This would be the McCain Cemetery). Faurot leases land at first then gets a homestead, however, he dies from eating poison mushrooms a few months later. He had two small boys, ages one and two years old. His widow remarries about seven months later and dies of childbirth the next year. Faurot and his wife were buried in Crowley. We find no headstones. The second husband sends the three children to live with his parents in Ethel, MS.

It is very interesting and I could not put the book down. I brought the book to the meeting on Saturday. A copy will be transcribed by Allen and Karen Welch and placed in the library. I plan to take interesting excerpts from the diary that would be helpful to people in the area and reprinting them in the newsletter as short articles

??QUERIES??

Lois Cain at Cain6angel@aol.com sends the following:

I was wondering if you could help me?

I am looking for my step grandfather's father. He may be buried somewhere in Church Point or Crowley. He was a Catholic and his name was Ulyess Lavergne. He was born in 1897 and died sometime around 1924 or 1925. I don't know which cemetery he was buried in. My step grandfather last saw him when he was 2 years old. My step grandfather is 80 years old and he almost died the other day and he would really like to find his dad. This is very important to him. Does anyone have any knowledge of this person? Thank you Lois Cain

Patricia Simpson Miller at pmiller0113@yahoo.com asks:

My great-grandparents lived in Church Point as my grandfather was growing up. He used to tell me stories about Church Point. His parents were Jerome Gauthreaux and Mary Elisida Jeansonne Gauthreaux. If you have any info, please contact: Pat Miller, 110A Live Oak Drive, Belle Chasse, LA 70037

Lacy Pedigo Bryant at labrya6@cs.com sends the following:

I am trying to find my Long family. He was a lay minister at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church. His name was John J. Long. He was married to Catherine Marie Rogers. Thanks, Lacy

From Stacy Miller at stacyxoonit21@yahoo.com comes:

I am just starting to research my family tree. There is a lot of mystery in my family and I would like to talk with someone with an interest in the surname of Stewart. Right now all I have is a lot of broken branches. Anything would be of help to me. Thanks Stacy

Katharine Coe at kat.coe@cox.net writes:

I am looking for information on Lazarre Duhon & Zulma Cormier. Lazarre's second marriage was to Agnes Simon, my grandmother. I am also looking for information on the Simon liniage. Feel free to contact me if you can help or have ideas. Thank you.

Germaine Thibodeaux Weaden at nannymaine@sbcglobal.net asks:

Having difficulty going any further back than my great-great-great grandfather, Jean Barousse. Believe his father's name was Pierre Barousse. Looking for info from there back...Thank you! Germaine Thibodeaux Wearden

Alvenia Thibodeaux at queenbee@communicomm.com requests the following:

Searching for info on an Antoine "Frenchy" Rogers and wife, Maude Meeker. They resided in Crowley, La.

Linda K. Weir at lkweir@juno.com writes:

I have collected information on my grandfather's ancestry, and would be glad to share it, and hear from others who have the same family roots. His name was Jules Henry

Laurents, from Calcasieu Parish (I believe). My grandmother, from the same area, was Mary Belle Hudson.

From Dolores Simon at DGRANNYMA53@AOL.COM comes the following:

I'm looking for my father's family. Emery Simon, son of Arville, from Lyons Point, La. or from Church Point, La. Any help would be nice. Thanxs

Leeana Boudreaux at aboudr6755@aol.com requests:

I am willing to share with any one who wants to share. I would be very interested in old photos of family names Doguet, Menard, Boudreaux, Smith, Lyons, Doucet, Thibodeaux, Touchet, Gary, Romero and Miller.

Robert Slade at Bobs418@aol.com writes:

My father name was Robert Berkley Thibodeaux and he was born in Philadelphia in 1940 and put up for adoption. He was adopted by the Slade family. I was able to get his adoption record but that is all. His father's name was Hubert Louis Thibodeaux and born in Louisiana around 1908. I'd love to find an old picture of his father or determine if he has any half brothers.

Would greatly appreciate any help or guidance in trying to track down this information. Thanks.

John Brittain at ceramics@consolidated.net inquires:

My parents were married in Acadia Parish in 1946. My grandfather is said to have been living at an Oddfellows home in Crowley at the time. I would like to find more info about my family. Family lines, Brittain, Langston, Davidson

Nettie Chiasson Faulk at 709 G St., Rayne, LA 70578, Papagam501@aol.com writes:

On 12 Dec 1785, aboard "La Caroline," my ancestor, Basile Chiasson, along with his wife Monique Commeau and children Adelaide, 11, and Charles, 3, disembarked at New Orleans. How do I follow their trail from this point to the Bellevue district of the Opelousas Post? I know he was a syndic in this area.

I found his death record in "Archdiocese of New Orleans Sacramental Records" Vol. 9, p. 72, which reads "Basil Chiasson, native of Canada, resident of Opelousas, widower, reportedly 53 yrs., i. Dec 12, 1807, SLC F7, 7." How did he get to New Orleans and what was he doing there?

I have not found Monique Commeau's death, nor for his second wife, Anne Marie Thibodeaux (Pierre & Françoise Sonnier), widow of Angel Bourg, whom he married 21 May 1789 (OPCH V. 1, p. 35).

I descend from his son, Jean Louis Chiasson (Bpt. 25 Oct 1796).

Are the old St. Landry Parish records such as conveyances, mortgages, successions, land grants, etc. accessible by computer? Due to a visual impairment, am unable to drive any longer, but have many visual aids at home..

Please help! I would love to know about Basile Chiasson's life between 1785 until his death in 1807.

SUCCESSION OF ANN MARTIN

St. Landry Parish Courthouse, No. 3824, 2 November 1875

Submitted by Winston Boudreaux

November 2, 1875 – Francois Richard petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate. He stated that his mother Ann Martin, widow of Francois Richard Jr. is deceased. She died sometime since April 1875. Theodule F. Richard also petitioned to be named administrator. He opposes the appointment of the above named Francois Richard on the following grounds:

1. The said Francois is insolvent.
2. He is indebted to said estate in a larger amount than he would receive from the said estate after the debts are paid.
3. He is seeking appointment only for the purpose of vexing, harassing and molesting his co-heirs with lawsuits.
4. His appointment would only embarrass and retard the settlement of the estate.
5. He is on unfriendly terms with his co-heirs.
6. All parties having interest in said estate desire the appointment of your petitioner as of estate in lieu of said Francois Richard.

This petition was filed on December 6, 1875.

December 7, 1875 – Request by attorney for Francois Richard that Joseph Hidalgo and Joseph C. Burke or in default of them, Ucher Lavergne and Leandre Labbe be appointed appraisers.

A note written on back of this petition states that Judge Garrigues decided to have an inventory done by Oscar A. Violet, notary.

December 8, 1875 – the petitioner Francois Richard, refuses to pay for inventory performed by Violet.

December 10, 1875 – Neither Francois nor Theodule Richard was appointed as administrator. The judge appointed a public administrator named Elbert Gantt.

Item 63 of inventory: One iron brand claimed by Theogene Richard as the property owned by himself in common with Eugene Richard, Ancelet Richard, V.D. Bertrand and the heirs of the estate of Martin Richard, deceased.

In 1881 there is 160 acres that was not sold in the earlier business of this succession. The property is described as follows:

“The SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 21, and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW of section 21, Township 7 South, Range 3 east. Containing 160 acres more or less.

Other property: The undivided ½ of 50 arpents of land more or less in St. Landry parish bounded north by Heirs of Francois Richard fils, South by heirs of Richard, East by widow Gils Higginbotham and West by the heirs of Francois Richard fils.

November 15, 1881 – Heirs of Ann Martin:

Theodule F. Richard
Theogene F. Richard
Ancelet Richard
Eugene Richard

August 20, 1887 – The estate was evidently not settled or re-opened on this date and Francois is appointed administrator at this time.



The Babineau Family

By Marge Ray

Nicholas Babineau was the first Babineau in North America. He came to Québec in 1665 with the Carigan-Salieres regiment (French soldiers).

Nicholas was born in 1653 at Soudan, a small village near Poitiers. In 1670 he and two other members of the regiment moved to Pentagouet, now in Maine but then a part of Acadie.

Nicholas married Marguerite Jeanne Granger, the daughter of Laurent Granger and Marie Landry, in 1687. They had seven children.

By 1707, Nicholas Babineau owned a farm composed of 22 head of cattle, 30 sheep and 24 hogs, as well as eight arpents (acres) of land he cultivated about two miles from Port Royal, Acadie.

The majority of the Babineaux's of Louisiana are descendants of Nicholas' son Clement. The first Babineaux in Louisiana was Louis-Charles, with his wife, Anne Guillebaut (Guilbeaux). They came in 1765 with other exiles led by Joseph *dit* Beausoleil Broussard. This group of Acadians settled around St. Martinville and Breaux Bridge.

The first Acadian National flag, the French tri-color with a gold star in the blue field, was made by Marie Babineau in 1884. The most well-known member of the Babineau family in Louisiana is Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco. Another is Lafayette Judge Allen Babineaux, who served as 15th Judicial District Judge for many years and previously served in the Louisiana Legislature.

My grandfather, Alcée Guidry's mother was Emilie Granger, who was married to Joseph Guidry. She was a descendant of Nicholas Babineau and Marguerite Jeanne Granger. Alcée was my mother Solita Guidry's father.

ACADIA PARISH LOUISIANA

Marriage Licenses 1896

Compiled by Red Quebodeaux

Groom	License Date and Number		Bride
ALLEMAND, Allan	16-Oct-1896	1310	CORMIER, Euphemie
AMY, Alexander	12-Oct-1896	1314	HAZELWOOD, Minnie L.
AMY, Marine	04-Feb-1896	1214	STAGG, Sarah
ANDREPONT, Arnold	10-Jan-1896	1197	RICHARD, Marie
ANDRUS, Joseph C.	21-Nov-1896	1341	HARMON, Anna M.
ARABIE, Duplex	21-Oct-1896	1320	VANACOR, Pelazie
ARCENEUX, Isaac	02-Dec-1896	1404	HARGRAVE, Alpha
BABINEAUX, Sevene	26-Oct-1896	1338	LEDOUX, Julia
BARKER, Ignacius	08-Oct-1896	1313	FOWLER, Bessie
BELLARD, Eumen	29-Dec-1896	1384	DAIGLE, Melanie
BELLARD, Joseph	20-Oct-1896	2595	LEBLANC, Owillia
BIAS, Henderson	19-Mar-1896	1263	NIXON, Lelia
BOUDREAUX, Numa	01-Feb-1896	1204	COMEAX, ALICE
BOURDIER, Paul	30-Dec-1896	1403	VICTOR, Noema
BOURET, Francois	05-Dec-1896	1402	BREAUX, Marie C.
BOWMAN, O. G.	21-Oct-1896	1306	ROSS, Lillie M.
BREAUX, Jean Valsin	14-Dec-1896	1344	YOUNG, Nancy J.
BROUSSARD, Olebera	11-Dec-1896	1360	HAYES, Oreda
BROUSSARD, Oneal	06-Jul-1896	1293	LEBLANC, Margaret
BRUCE, Joseph	06-Jan-1896	1183	JEANIS, Policia
CAMPBELL, Hampton	31-May-1896	1464	KUTSCH, Anna S.
CART, Samuel Jr.	25-Jan-1896	1426	LEJEUNE, Anna
CARUTHERO, Raymond	17-Jan-1896	1203	CORMIER, Philoneze
CARUTHERS, Fernest	22-Dec-1896	1401	BROUSSARD, Alice
CASTILE, Joseph	18-Aug-1896	1471	COMEAX, Leomi
CHARLOT, Comb	02-Jan-1896	1179	LEGER, Philomene
CHARLOT, Constant	24-Oct-1896	1330	BELLARD, Cholastie
CIUS, Joseph	11-Jul-1896	1303	SIMPSON, Ophelia
CLARK, Aron	15-Feb-1896	1206	JOSEPH, Mary
CLARK, Henry	10-Feb-1896	1210	ROBINSON, Adzena
CLARK, Leon A.	20-Oct-1896	2596	TAYLOR, Delia
CLARK, Oscar	22-Nov-1896	1496	ROBINSON, Julia Effie
CLAVIE, Guillaume	22-Oct-1896	1332	DAIGLE, Amynthe
COMEAX, Sevigne	14-Sep-1896	1490	DISON, Azalie
COMEAX, Joseph	07-Nov-1896	1356	QUIBODEAUX, Ellen
COMEAX, Joseph	20-Jan-1896	1185	HARMAN, Anna
CORMIER, Ameda	17-Oct-1896	1308	DOGET, Honora
CORMIER, Frank	11-Sep-1896	1484	DUPUIS, Duprea
DAIGLE, Alcee	23-Nov-1896	1349	LANGLEY, Lucide

DAIGLE, Dagason	28-Oct-1896	1335	JAMES, Azalie
DAVID, Hubert	11-Dec-1896	1351	FRANQUEO, Elina
DEOVILLE, Eli	18-Dec-1896	1439	ARDOIN, Camille
DIES, Joseph T.	28-Oct-1896	1340	THIBODEAUX, Nidia
DOUCET, Adam	02-May-1896	1267	DOUCET, Ozea
DOUCET, Angelas	17-Oct-1896	1311	BOULLIEN, Eva
DOUCET, Joseph	19-Dec-1896	1346	SIMON, Anna
DOUCET, Lucous	09-May-1896	1278	BOULLION, Eliza
DOUCET, Paulice	26-Oct-1896	1334	ROGER, Alexima
EDWARDS, Voorhies	28-Dec-1896	1392	GUIDRY, Cecelia
ESTILETTE, Wilson	28-Oct-1896	1336	THIBODEAUX, Theophine
ESTU, John	28-Dec-1896	1362	PASTU, Jean
FAULK, Lemis	04-Mar-1896	1192	SARVER, Bertha
FAVRE, William	11-Jun-1896	1282	COSLETT, Elizabeth
FONTENOT, David	15-Feb-1896	1199	LEJEUNE, Adeline
FONTENOT, Emar	27-Jan-1896	1207	TRAHAN, Delusca
FONTENOT, Joachim	26-Dec-1896	1406	GRANGER, Odile
FONTENOT, Olezime	18-Dec-1896	1378	DEOVILLE, Sedonia
FONTENOT, Olide	03-Dec-1896	1354	BELLARD, Emma
FONTENOT, Theobert	19-Nov-1896	1326	MILLER, Lucia
FRUGE, Joseph	08-Oct-1896	1337	THIBODEAUX, Adeline
GANTT, George	28-Jan-1896	1216	HARMON, Anna
GASPARD, Napoleon	18-Jan-1896	1222	STUTES, Azena
GAUTHREAU, Lize	16-May-1896	1272	STEWART, Emma
GILBERT, Jean G.	19-Dec-1896	1400	TRAHAN, Marie
GILLIAM, James	22-Apr-1896	1269	HANKS, Mary S.
GOBERT, Philias	28-Mar-1896	1266	PRUDHOMME, Merciolamphe
GRAHAM, W. M.	16-Jan-1896	1223	DUPLANTIS, Louisa M.
GRANGIER, Felix	12-Aug-1896	1305	LOUVIERE, Alicia
GRAYHAM, W. E.	25-Mar-1896	1302	DALE, Lizzie
GRICE, J. A.	09-Jul-1896	1291	SABRIER, Julie
GUIDRY, Hypolite A	18-May-1896	1283	LEJEUNE, Emma
GUIDRY, Jean L.	28-Dec-1896	1385	TRAHAN, Marie C.
GUIDRY, Joseph	13-Jan-1896	1215	YATES, Mamie
GUIDRY, Martin Jr.	10-Nov-1896	1322	SIMON, Malanie
GUIDRY, Terville O.	20-Aug-1896	1318	GUIDRY, Lucia
HARMAN, John	14-Oct-1896	1331	QUEBODEAUX, Anice
HAYES, Branch H.	24-Jan-1896	1209	RICHARD, Josephine
HEBERT, Artence J.	28-Dec-1896	1410	FAULK, Anatilda
HIGGINBOTHAM, W. E.	27-Jan-1896	1217	HIGGINBOTHAM, Eloise
HOFFPAUIR, Aristide	18-Dec-1896	1408	CHAMPAGNE, Elgina
HOFFPAUIR, Isaac	14-Mar-1896	1189	MORGAN, Theresa
HOUSIER, Eugene	07-Dec-1896	1347	CLEMENT, Deneza
HOYT, Edward T.	14-Sep-1896	1300	RHODES, Mary
HUCKABY, T. S.	13-Jan-1896	1212	SHAW, Agnes
INGSTROM, John A.	26-Feb-1896	2593	RAGEN, Masalie

ISTRE, Joseph Luma	09-Mar-1896	1193	DOUCET, Octavia
JACKSON, Ferreol	28-Oct-1896	1329	GOODWILL, Martha
JEANIS, Joseph	28-Dec-1896	1415	LEJEUNE, Maria
JUNOT, Jules	11-Jun-1896	1286	BOONE, May
KILMER, Henry J.	21-Dec-1896	1386	GREENMAN, Nettie E.
KING, Edward D.	13-May-1896	1268	HAYMES, Lula A.
KINGSTON, Alfred	21-Dec-1896	1414	LEGER, Odile
LACASSE, Sulage	22-Apr-1896	1284	MILLER, Evena
LACOMBE, Francois	03-Dec-1896	1353	MATT, Philomene
LANDRY, Adam	19-Dec-1896	1345	DOUCET, Ellen
LANDRY, Emile	22-Sep-1896	1298	THIBODEAUX, Oliva
LAPOINT, Pierre	18-Apr-1896	1273	ABSHIRE, Natilia
LARIVE, Louis	17-Mar-1896	1288	CAHANIN, Elena
LATIOLAIS, Louis	02-Dec-1896	1355	BERGERON, Mary May
LAURENT, Philip	21-Oct-1896	1316	COOPER, Josephine
LAVERGNE, Adam	05-Aug-1896	1297	CHIASSEON, Pauline
LEBLANC, Joseph	30-Dec-1896	1391	BENOIT, Marie O.
LEBLANC, Valsin	29-Dec-1896	1411	HANKS, Eudia
LEDOUX, Antoine	13-May-1896	2594	SITTIG, Lucille B.
LEDOUX, Pierre	26-Oct-1896	1339	DIEZ, Eliza
LEGER, Augusman	24-Sep-1896	1317	JEANNIS, Lucia
LEGER, Tanis Jr.	10-Dec-1896	1416	LEBLANC, Emelia
LEGER, Theobert	22-Oct-1896	1307	PRIMEAUX, Ematile
LEJEUNE, Felix	21-Sep-1896	1319	THIBODEAUX, Azelie
LEJEUNE, Ozime	09-Jun-1896	1285	ROGER, Eudia
LEPINE, Victor	19-Jun-1896	1290	MENOU, Josephine
LINSCOMB, W. L.	19-Jan-1896	1270	CORMIER, Oleda
MARTEL, Charles	24-Jan-1896	1281	NOLAN, Ida M.
MARTIN, Hippolite	12-Nov-1896	1405	QUIBODEAUX, Meah
MATT, Cleobert	04-Jan-1896	1181	BERGERON, Azelia
MAUBOULES, H. A.	24-Oct-1896	2597	PATTIN, Idia
MAUBOULES, Jules S.	06-Feb-1896	1198	LONIBOS, Cedonia
MCBRIDE, Paul D.	18-Nov-1896	1357	DAVID, Elena
MCENTYRE, John	01-Jun-1896	1276	MILLER, Mary
MCMANUS, Samuel	31-Oct-1896	1315	MERRITT, Elenor
MECHE, Gerasin	10-Feb-1896	1195	MINDOS, Adille
MEYERS, Jule L.	22-May-1896	1275	BROUSSARD, Olivia
MIER, Binad	16-Jan-1896	1186	ASHTON, Anna
MILLER, Arthur	11-Jan-1896	1180	PRUDHOMME, Sidney
MILLER, Aurelien	04-Dec-1896	1396	CLEMENT, Marie P.
MILLER, Emile	03-Jan-1896	2592	REED, Erice
MILLER, Leon	11-Aug-1896	1296	MARCANTEL, Louisa
MILLER, Moise	09-May-1896	1287	HOLLOWAY, Clarrissa
MILSTEAD, Joseph Z.	16-Mar-1896	1187	SHAVER, Elba
MINICK, Adolph	27-Aug-1896	1301	SMITH, Bettie
MINICK, Joseph	19-Sep-1896	1321	GANT, Elenor

MIRES, Henry	04-Feb-1896	1200	O'ROURKE, Anna
MORGAN, Pierre	18-Dec-1896	1413	LEJEUNE, Susan
MOUTON, Jules	09-Jun-1896	1280	GAGE, Amelia
MURFF, Joseph T.	29-Dec-1896	1394	MARTIN, Meda
NAFTEL, W. F.	15-Dec-1896	1343	MARSHALL, Nellie
NELSON, Thomas	26-Oct-1896	1327	JONES, Ruby
NERAULT, Theogene	16-Nov-1896	1358	GUIDRY, Meniva
NUMAN, Jean Bte.	10-Oct-1896	1333	BENOIT, Celanie
PETITJEAN, Demas	14-Jan-1896	1202	RICHARD, Does
PLAISANCE, Joseph	22-Jan-1896	1271	GASPARD, Rosalie
PRUDHOMME, Plenny M.	05-Dec-1896	1352	GIL, May
PUTNEM, C. O.	17-Aug-1896	1328	SONNIER, Millie
QUEBODEAUX, Claville	15-Jul-1896	1437	RICHARD, Swete
RAVIRY, Romieal	18-Dec-1896	1348	PARSELEY, Oda H.
RICHARD, Alcee	22-Sep-1896	1299	JOHNSON, Clara
RICHARD, Dupre	09-Nov-1896	1359	COURVILLE, Josephine
ROACH, John	19-Dec-1896	1350	EUMAN, Mary
ROBIN, Joseph	23-Dec-1896	1409	BABINEAUX, Theodora
ROGERS, Benjamin	13-Jan-1896	1184	COMEAX, Marie Louise
ROMOIN, Victor Jr.	10-Feb-1896	1194	DAIGLE, Thressie
ROSS, Willie	06-Feb-1896	1201	CRADER, Elizabeth
ROUGEAUX, Mathias	23-May-1896	1274	HEBERT, Matile
SARVER, Alcy	04-Mar-1896	1191	STUTES, Naomi
SARVER, Isaac	30-Dec-1896	1389	MORGAN, Laura
SCHUTTEN, Charles	26-Oct-1896	1312	STAMM, Marie
SENSAT, Joseph	20-Mar-1896	1265	POUSSON, Maria
SIMON, Jean Bte.	27-Jan-1896	1196	LEGER, Therese
SIMS, Eddie J.	23-Nov-1896	1323	HUMPHREYS, Sarah L.
SINEGAL, Adrien	30-Jun-1896	1294	BEVELEY, Joanna F.
SMITH, Emile	28-Dec-1896	1397	BENOIT, Eumea
SMITH, James	21-Aug-1896	1277	SHIPLEY, Jessie
SMITH, Oneil	19-Aug-1896	1304	LANDRY, Eucariste
STAGG, J. G.	14-Jan-1896	1213	HUCKABY, M. I.
STAKES, James	30-Dec-1896	1388	MERRITT, Ola
STOCKWELL, Jodie	10-Dec-1896	1361	CLARK, Lou Ella
STUTES, Franklin	27-Jun-1896	1292	CADY, Mary
SWEET, Henry L.	06-Feb-1896	1208	MAIGNAUD, Josephine
THIBODEAUX, Adam	12-Nov-1896	1325	LEBLANC, Elmazie
THIBODEAUX, Albert	04-Dec-1896	1342	DUHON, Carmella
THIBODEAUX, Arthur	31-Jan-1896	1205	ALLEMAND, Adelphenia
THIBODEAUX, Francois	26-Dec-1896	1407	ALLEMOND, Adelphine
TRAHAN, Joseph	10-Oct-1896	1309	LEGNION, Mathilda
VALERY, Eras	03-Feb-1896	1211	CARTER, Melissa
VALIEN, Joseph	25-Nov-1896	1324	MASON, Venia
WAGNER, W. Joseph	24-Jan-1896	1188	HARPER, Mary F.
WILLIAMS, Frank	20-Jul-1896	1295	FAULK, Camella

WILLIS, Joe	11-Jun-1896	1279	JOHNSON, Rosa
WOOLRIDGE, Horace	10-Mar-1896	1190	GUIDRY, Mathilda
WRIGHT, Salmon L.	17-Apr-1896	1264	JACOBS, May



A DISASTROUS FIRE

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Sunday afternoon while a larger portion of the people of Rayne were assembled at the Post-office waiting for the distribution of the afternoon mail. The startling announcement that Crowley was burning was rapidly passed around, immediately the mail was forgotten and the Rayne fire laddies commenced to offer their services through Mayor [Olivier] Broussard to our stricken neighbor. The fire apparatus was gotten to the depot in a jiffy the railroad ordered the boys taken to Crowley and before people knew what was up our entire fire outfit and company commanded by Chief [Cleophas A.] Toups was aboard a large coal car and on its way to Crowley, upon arrival there the boys soon coupled onto a hydrant and did valiant work, for which the Crowley papers give them merited praise as the following clippings from the [Crowley] Signal and [Crowley] News shows.

The Rayne department offered its services immediately on hearing of our plight. The Jennings boys were summoned and sent to us by the Southern Pacific. The Lafayette department, while ready, was told that no more equipments were needed, but firemen from there came anyway, to do what they could.

It is indeed gratifying to know that on every side of us were friends and neighbors, ready to come to our aid the instant that our necessities were known. On behalf of Crowley and her citizens we return our thanks, and while hoping that none of our neighbors may soon have a visitation from the fire fiend, we can pledge for our fire lads and our citizens in general, as prompt and zealous a response to a call for aid as was witnessed yesterday. – Signal.

The firemen on top of the Signal building fought valiantly, stubbornly disputing every foot of ground from the rear to the front of the building adjoining. By the time the front was almost reached the Rayne fire boys were on hand with a new line of hose, on Parkerson avenue, at the front of the burning block. Brave men torn the metal cornice from the building with fire hooks, and the combined effect of the water from above and below soon quenched the flame there, leaving the whole wall intact. The fight on the north side was fully as gallant, and this wall also was saved.

Assistant Superintendent C. C. Mallard, of Lafayette, placed trains at the disposal of the fire departments from Rayne and Jennings. Chief C. A. Toups was in charge of the Rayne department and Chief S. R. Ferree in charge of the Jennings boys.

The Rayne department strung a line of hose from the Acadia Drug Store corner and soon had water going onto the front of the Toler block in a solid stream. There were also a number of Lafayette firemen here. All did hard, conscientious work, and our people are very grateful. – News.

1763 Census of Acadians in Maryland

Transcribed by Joan Harmon

The French and Indian War was the last great contest between England and France for colonial supremacy in North America. One of the first acts of this cruel war was the tragic expulsion and exile of the Acadians from their homes in Nova Scotia. These poor, persecuted people were forced to remain where they were dumped until the war ended in 1763. Soon after the peace treaty was signed, the French government was able to take an interest in these almost-forgotten victims of war. What follows is a census of all Acadians in the British Colony of Maryland at the war's end sent to the Duke de Nivernois, the French ambassador to England. This list was transcribed from a microfilm housed in the state archives of Maryland. The census was transcribed as written, mistakes included, so take into account variations in spelling and errors in arithmetic.

A Monseigneur

Monseigneur Le Duc de Lievernois (sic)

Embassadeur extraordinaire de La Majesté tres Chretienne le Roy de
france residant actuelement á Londres.

Supplient humblement à ce qu'il vous plaise Monseigneur de vouloir recevoir pour agreable Ces petits Remereiments Sependant mal dicté de vos pauvres Serviteurs les habitants Neutres de L'acadie dans lequel Nous ne Sçaurions asses dignement vous exprimer la joie & le plaisir que Nous possédons depuis que nous avons reçu les avis favorables & gratieux de votre Excellence mais que Nous Serions Satisfait. Sy le bon Dieu nous avait assés exfirimentés à pauvoir temoigner mil reconnaissances à Vos Grandeurs. Et particuliaement à Notre Gratieux Sauverain La Majesté tres Chretienne Roy de france & de Navarre, a ce quil vous plaise Monseigneur de Continuer vos grandes Charités à vos fauvres Serviteurs qui ne cherchent que les moyens d'entrer au Nombre des fideles sujets de la Glorieuse Monarchie de la Majesté tres Chretienne le Roy de france & de Navarre En Ces Cas Nous prenons la hardiesse de vous dire que tous notre peuple S'est Zélé de le faire marquer dans les listes que votre gratieuse Excellence. À ce qu'il vous plaise Monseigneur de Nous Excuser d'une s'y grande Liberté. It est vraye que Nous vous Envoyons plusieurs pacquets a votre Grandeur, tremblan qui ne le rendent point à Votre Excellence quoique nous vivons avec toute Esperance de Voire Notre/ déliérance En attendant Nous ne cesserons de prier Le Seigneur quil propère le St. Siege Apostolique de Notre bon Roy La Majesté tres Chretienne, Aussy nous ne Cesserons de faire des voeux que Dieu prolonge les jours de Votre Gandeur. Ainsi soit it.

Envoyé par vos très humbles Serviteurs les habitants Neutre de L'acadie
Ce 7 Juillet 1763 /

A Monseigneur
Monseigneur Le Duc de Nivernois
Ambassadeur Extraordinaire de Sa Majesté tre Chretienne le Roy de france,
Demeurant actuellement
a Londres
En Angleterre

Recensement des habitans Neutres de L'acadie détenus à Georgestown En Maryland

+ François hebert, Marie Joseph Son Epouse, Alexandre hebert, Amant hebert, Jean hebert, Etienne hebert, Pierre hebert, Joseph herbert, Charles hebert, Marie Magd <u>ne</u> . hebert, Marg <u>te</u> . Richard, Marie Boudrot orpheline.	13
+ Paul hebert Marg <u>te</u> Son Epouse Joseph hebert Magd <u>ne</u> Et Anne hebert, ignace Et Marie hebert. JB <u>te</u> Et Amant hebert, Antoine & Paul hebert Marg <u>te</u> Hebert	12
+ Pierre hebert, Marg <u>te</u> Son Epouse, Charles Hebert	3
Marie Magd <u>ne</u> Leblanc orpheline	1
+ JB <u>te</u> Grangé, Marie Josephe Son Epouse, JB <u>te</u> Grangé, Magd <u>ne</u> Grangé Marie Grangé francoise Et Marg <u>te</u> Grangé, Joseph Grangé Anastazie Grangé Ozith Grangé Elizabeth Grangé, Modeste Grangé Marie Grangé	13
+ Jose Babein, Marg <u>te</u> Son Epouse, Marg <u>te</u> Babein, Estere Babein, Joseph Babein, JB <u>te</u> Babein, Maïze Babein, Paul Babein, Charles Babein	9
+ Elizabeth Brasseux, Pierre Brasseux Marg <u>te</u> Et Marie Magd <u>ne</u> Brasseux, Marie Brasseux, Blaize Brasseux, Anne Brasseux, Marie Rose Brasseux	8
+ Ignace hebert, JB <u>te</u> hebert Marie hebert	3
+ Joseph hebert orphelin	1
+ Marg <u>te</u> Veuve de Bellomy Le Blanc Marie Marg <u>te</u> Le Blanc, Marie Le Blanc, Magd <u>ne</u> Le Blanc	4
Voila L'Etat des gens de fredericktown Et Georgeton	le tout 68

7 juillet 1763

Etat des gens nutrals acadiens qui sont a Senouville (note: underlined struck thru on repro) A Snowville, En Maryland

+ michel David, genevieve David son epouse, anne david, michel David, joseph David, marie David, paul david, jean David, claude david Magdelaine david	10
+ Louis Déchamp, marie dechamp son epouse, marie déchamp	3
+ Osite forest veuve, marie forest	2
+ Alexandre melanson, osite melanson son epouse, jean melanson, magdeleine melanson, jacque melanson, joseph melanson, etienne melanson, paul melanson	8
+ pierre granger, fransine granger son epouse, anne granger, marie granger, joseph granger, jean baptiste granger, pierre granger, claude granger	8
+ francois lucas, anne lucas son epouse, rose lucas, marie lucas, margueritte lucas	5
+ margueritte melanson veuve, magdelaine melanson, Elizabette melanson, margueritte melanson	4
+ magdelaine melanson veuve, honoré melanson, charle melanson, marie melanson, elizabette melanson	5
+ pierre leblanc, osite leblanc son epouse, isaac leblanc, zozime Leblanc	4
+ paul melanson, marie melanson son epouse, marie magdelaine melanson, jean melanson, anne melanson, paul melanson	6
+ joseph melanson, anne melanson, olivier melanson	3
+ pierre Douliard Veuf, marie josette Douliard, margueritte Douliard	3
+ charle tibodot, Veuf, Cecile Tibodot, anne tibodot, pierre tibodot, osite tibodot, magdelaine tibodot, jean baptiste tibodot	7
Total	68

Etat des gens neutrals acadiens qui sont a princess Anne

+ Saint germain, cecile germain Son epouse, Jean baptiste germain, marie germain, rose germain, magdelaine germain	6
+ marie maffier veuve, joseph maffier, rené maffier	3

+ jean maffier, anne maffier son epouse	2
+ guillaume Ebert, marie josette ebert son epouse, françois ebert, lablanche ebert, aimable ebert	5
+ charle trahan, margueritte trahan son epouse, margueritte trahan, brigette trahan	4
+ françois thiar marie thiar son epouse, margueritte thiar, magdelaine thiar, ositte thiar, elizabette thiar, anne thiar, michel thiar, antoine thiar, claud thiar, pierre thiar	11
+ françoise Babin Veuve, marie Babin	2
Total desd´familles noms par noms	33

Etat des gens neutrals acadiens qui sont a portabaco. En Maryland.

7 juillet 1763

+ charle Braux, claire Braux son epouse, marie Braux, margueritte Braux, elizabeth Braux, anne Braux, magdelaine Braux, pierre Braux, Anne La jeune orpheline	9
+ charle commost veuf, anne commost, charle commost, firmin commost	4
+ joseph Babin, rosallite Babin son epouse, joseph babin	3
+ honore trahan, marie trahan son epouse, marie trahan, pierre trahan, gens orphelin joseph le jeune orphelin antoine le jeune	6
+ joseph gaidris, marie benoist gaidris son epouse, gabriel gaidris, joseph gaidris, genevieve gaidris	5
+ Louis latier, anne latier son epouse, antoine Latier; anne Benoist, orpheline, rose benoist orpheline, margueritte benoist orpheline	6
+ antoine Braux, margueritte Braux son epouse, joseph braux, charle braux perpetue Braux, Scholastique Braux	6
+ jean Broussard, anne Broussard son epouse, firmin broussard, magdelaine broussard jean broussard	5
+ antoine Babin, catherine babin son epouse, françois babin, firmin Babin, charle Babin, claire babin, rose Babin, anne Babin, marie Babin	9
+ jean Gaidris, anne Gaidris son epouse, firmin Gaidris, magdelaine Gaidris, jean Gaidris, monique Gaidris	6

+ jean Braux, marie Braux son epouse, michel Braux, margueritte Braux, remis Boudreaux orphelin	5
+ jean Braux, osite Braux Son epouse, pelagie Braux	3
+ anne Dupuis Veuve, marie Dupuis, margueritte Dupuis, monique dupuis, pierre dupuis	5
+ joseph Braux, marie josette braux son epouse, joseph marie Braux/marguerette Braux, marie Rose landri	5
+ pierre richard veuf, anne marie Richard	2
+ jean Dupuis, anne Dupuis son epouse, firmin Dupuis, marie dupuis	4
+ alexis commost, margueritte commost son epouse, joseph commost, margueritte commost, etienne commost, pierre commost	6
+ marie Babin veuve, jean Babin, ignace babin, marie babin	4
+ olivier Benoist, Susanne benoist son epouse, jean Benoist, margueritte benoist, marie benoist	5
+ anne Benoist orpheline, natalis Benoist orpheline	2
+ olivier Babin, orphelin, marie babin orpheline, joseph Babin, orphelin, anne babin orpheline	4
+ amand Richard, marie Richard son epouse	2
+ joseph landry, marie landry son epouse, anne magdelaine landry, augustin landry, genevieve landry, cecile landry, alexandre landry, pierre landry, magdelaine landry	9
+ margueritte Braux veuve, marie braux, pierre Braux	3
+ mathurin Landry, marie Landry son epouse, Ludivine Landry	3
+ Elizabeth Braux veuve, margueritte braux paul braux	3
+ margueritte Braux veuve, jean braux, margueritte braux, josette braux, rose braux	5
+ margueritte cloatre, veuve, louis cloatre, pierre joseph cloatre marie cloatre, anne cloatre, marthe cloatre	6

+ honoré Braux, magdelaine Braux son epouse, magdelaine Braux, marie braux margueritte Braux; Blaise le jeune orphelin	6
+ alexis braux, magdelaine Braux son epouse, honoré Braux, joseph braux, charle braux, marie braux, anastasia braux, Bibien Braux orphelin	8
+ george cloatre, cecile cloatre son epouse, joseph cloatre, magdelaine cloatre, joseph braux orphelin	5
+ michel poupard, cecile poupard son epouse, janvier l'enfant orphelin	3
Total	157

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The Bergeron Family

By Marge Ray

George Guillaume (William) Bergeron dit Saintonge, was a native of Jeammai, in the parish of St. Sulpice, in the province of Saintonge, France. He was the son of Nicolas Bergeron (Bergereau) and Jeanne Vigere of Saintaur Parish, St. Brie, Province of Saintonge, France.

Guillaume Bergeron came to Louisiana as a soldier and was stationed at the garrison (fort) in Natchitoches. He was married on 3-5-1740 in Natchitoches to Agnes Renaudiere (La Ordiniere), from the Illinois post of Kaskaskia. She was a native of France.

They moved to Pointe Coupée Parish before the birth of their first child in 1744. They owned land on False River.

Guillaume Bergeron and Agnes Renaudiere were buried in Pointe Coupée, he on 6-9-1762 and she on 20-4-1778. They had seven children.

I am a descendant of Barthelemy Bergeron and Marguerite Dugas and a closer ancestor is Pierre Louis Arceneaux (Gabriel) and Anne Bergeron on my grandmother Marie Lorena Domingue's side.

When Iota was Cartville

By Mary Alice Fontenot, Re-printed from the *Crowley Post-Signal*, Jan. 8, 1995

EDITOR'S NOTE: (This is the first of a two-part series.)

The town of Iota was once known as Cartville. For six years, from 1894 to 1900, the settlement went by the name of Cartville. The place was well named; the Cart family has been influential in the area since well before the Civil War.

The name stems from that of the first postmaster, Samuel Cart. Then the railroad came along, and the name [was] changed to Iota. According to local tradition, the name change came about because the word Cartville was too long for the sign on the depot.

Iota and the Cart family, however go back a lot further than the railroad. Antoine Belisair Cart was the first of his [family] to settle in what is now Acadia Parish. Also known as "Xavier" Cart, he was the son of Jean Louis Antoine Cart, who had a Spanish land grant on upper Bayou Plaquemine Brulee.

An interesting sidelight on the Cart family is revealed in the Jean Louis Antoine Cart succession, opened in St. Landry Parish in 1833. Listed among his possessions are forty nine volumes of books, appraised at \$4; a writing desk, appraised at \$2; four cases of bottles, appraised at \$6; two violins, appraised at \$1 each.

The books and the bottles may indicate that this Cart was a [medical] doctor, or perhaps an apothecary. The violins, writing desk and books show that the owner was an educated individual.

This about sums up the information on Jean [Louis] Antoine Cart. It was left to his son, Antoine Belisair Cart, nicknamed "Xavier," to earn a more prominent place in Acadia Parish history.

One of Xavier's descendants, R.C. Regan, has done considerable research on the Cart family. According to his findings, Xavier was born in Washington, Louisiana, January 27, 1809. His father was from Switzerland, his mother the daughter of Joseph Chiasson, an exiled Acadian. In 1830, Xavier married Anastazie Sonnier, daughter of Placide Sonnier, also an Acadian exile. They were the parents of nine, four of whom died in infancy. The five who survived were Josette, Savinien, Samuel, Louis and Neuvil.

The names of these five are sprinkled throughout the early history of Acadia Parish. Best known, perhaps, were Savinien, who was on the first police jury, and Samuel, the first postmaster.

Xavier Cart left twenty-five grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren when he died in 1891, which accounts for the several branches of the Cart family tree.

As a young man, Xavier Cart moved around the state. As a teenager he worked on a keel boat between Washington and New Orleans. He stayed in New Orleans and Baton Rouge for a while, then went to Opelousas, where he lived with the Labyche and Hollier families. Later he got a job splitting and hauling pieux, the cypress railings used as fencing by the early settlers. This was in the neighborhood of Jonas Cove, an early name for the Egan area.

When Iota was Pointe-aux-Loups Springs

By Mary Alice Fontenot, Re-printed from the *Crowley Post-Signal*, Feb. 12, 1995

EDITOR'S NOTE: (This concludes a two-part series.)

In part one of this story, it is brought out that the town of Iota was once known as Cartville, a name derived from that of the first postmaster, Samuel Cart.

But before Iota was Cartville, the settlement had another name: Pointe-aux-Loups or Wolf Point, because the Bayou des Cannes woods was the habitat of large numbers of wolves. So many wolves, in fact, that the wild beasts began to eat up the livestock of the settlers, and the police jury offered a bounty for wolf scalps. Court records show that several residents collected the bounty.

Be that as it may, it was a Cart who put [Pointe-aux-Loups] on the map – Antoine Belisair Cart, known as “Xavier,” the first of that family to settle in the Acadia Parish area.

While working around Egan, then known as Jonas Cove, Xavier became ill with a malady called “liver complaint.” Doctors advised him to move to Texas; accordingly in 1848, he sold out and started west, presumably with his family, as this was more than a dozen years after he had married.

Reaching [Pointe-aux-Loups] he was stopped by high water, ended up deciding to stay. This was the location of a mineral springs. Four years later, in 1852, he bought the springs and moved there in 1853.

Cart, it is believed, had heard that the waters of the [Pointe-aux-Loups] mineral springs had curative powers. He drank the water and found himself improving. Within three years he was cured.

He advertised the place and it became known throughout the state. Especially during yellow fever epidemics people flocked to the hotel Cart had erected at the springs.

Opelousas newspapers of that time carried long articles of the seemingly miraculous cures that had been effected at the springs. Cart continued to live at the springs until 1876, when he sold out to G. Miller.

Cart had accumulated money in silver and gold which he turned into Confederate money, which of course ended up being worthless. During the war he followed the soldiers from camp to camp, furnishing food and clothing. He was robbed several times by Jayhawkers.

Xavier Cart was a wheelwright by trade, also a farmer. He had no education, but could sign his name and figure arithmetic. He served on the St. Landry Parish Police Jury for twelve years, and took an active part in the politics of the newly created Acadia Parish.

Samuel Cart, the first postmaster, was one of his sons. Another, [Savinien] Cart, had a leg amputated after sustaining wounds in the battle of Mansfield. His father and brother Samuel left Iota in a sloop to drive to Mansfield and fetch Savinien home. The trip took three weeks. Savinien survived and served on the first police jury of Acadia Parish.