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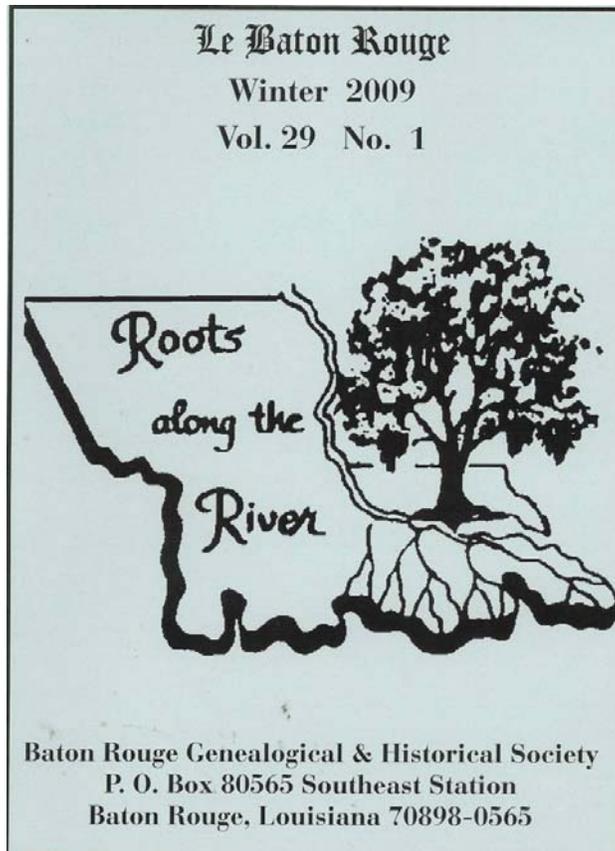
MORE RECORDS: Six million new records were added to the FamilySearch Record Search pilot this past week. The much anticipated Louisiana and Idaho death records are now available. The Louisiana deaths are from 1850 – 1875 and from 1894 to 1954. The states of Delaware, District of Columbia, Michigan, Nevada, New Hampshire, and New Mexico were added to the 1920 U.S. Census collection. Digital images of church records were also added for Mexico (Baja California, and Baja California Sur).

These collections can be searched for free at the [FamilySearch.org Record Search pilot](https://www.familysearch.org/RecordSearchPilot) (click Search Records, and then click Record Search pilot). [FamilySearch International](https://www.familysearch.org) is the largest genealogy organization in the world. Millions of people use FamilySearch records, resources, and services to learn more about their family history. To help in this great pursuit, FamilySearch has been actively gathering, preserving, and sharing genealogical records worldwide for over 100 years. FamilySearch is a nonprofit organization sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Patrons may access FamilySearch services and resources free online at [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org) or through over 4,500 family history centers in 70 countries, including the main Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

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LE BATON ROUGE: One of the most active genealogical societies in the state of Louisiana is the Baton Rouge Genealogical & Historical Society. They were chartered as a non-profit group in January of 1981. Over the years, they have remained very active in promoting genealogical and historical research by encouraging others to become involved in family research activities. Their publication is *Le Baton Rouge*, and it always contains important information concerning the records and family history materials of interest to researchers.

Individual dues are only \$20 per year with family memberships set at \$25. These dues can be mailed directly to the Treasurer, Baton Rouge Genealogical and Historical Society, P.O. Box 80565, Southeast Station, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-0565.



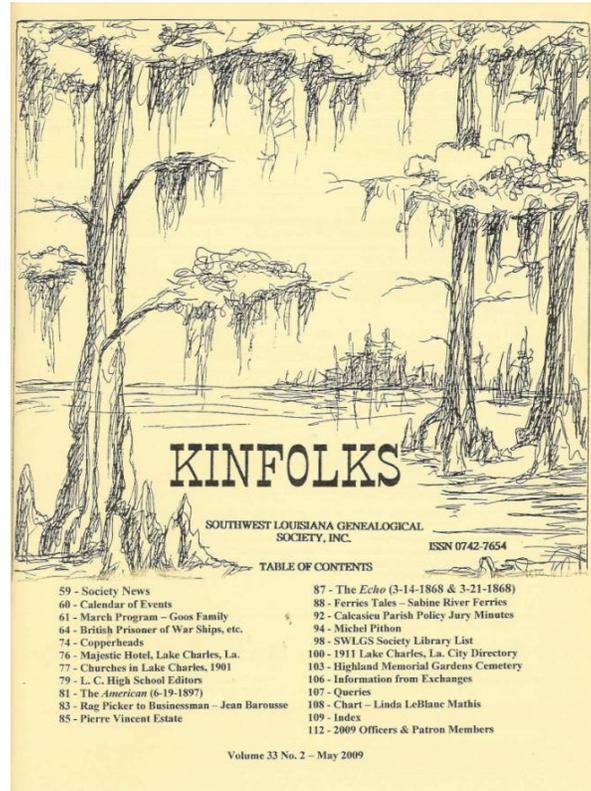
The current issue contains an article by Yvonne Lewis Day on the Baton Rouge volunteers in the Mexican War, and another article was on the closing of the New Orleans Notarial Archives Research Center. Kenneth B. Campbell has also contributed an article on Marsden Campbell (North Carolina, Nova Scotia, and Louisiana connections), and their quarterly editor Naven O. Couvillon submitted a commencement address to St. Joseph seniors which contains many names of interest to researchers.

Their special program for Saturday, July 18, 2009 to be held at the Bluebonnet Library is a live performance of La Petite Lagniappe – Dulcimer Quintet. This musical program will recall the days when music was played in the parlor or on the front porch. Contact them for the time and more information on their programs.

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KINFOLKS: The Southwest Louisiana Genealogical Society of Lake Charles continues its winning ways with the latest issue of *Kinfolks*. This group was organized back in 1973 to gather, process, and preserve genealogical material. Over the years, they have done an outstanding job as can be seen when reading their publications. Their memberships are \$12 for individuals or \$17 for families. A membership of \$22 merely indicates that the individual or family would like to

donate for additional financial support. The address for this group is Southwest Louisiana Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 5652, Lake Charles, LA 70606-5652.



<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~laslgs/swlgs.htm>

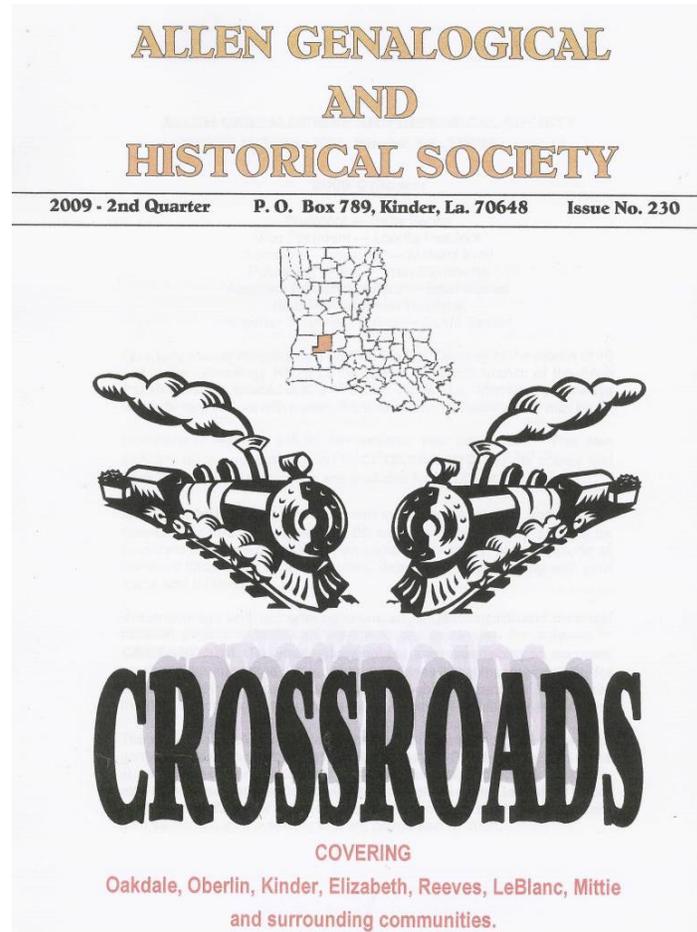
Their program for July 7th will be Fort Polk Pioneers Remembered, a part of their Tidbits of History series. This Tuesday event will take place at the Carnegie Meeting Room, 411 Pujoe Street in Lake Charles, from 10 – 11 a.m.

The latest quarterly contains a number of important articles including prison ships of the American Revolution (submitted by Betty Rosteet and Betty Zeigler), with other stories related to this early conflict in American history. A listing of churches in Lake Charles for 1901 was extracted from the 1901 City Directory, and a look at the old Majestic Hotel was quite interesting. There were many other articles of interest in this issue, but this is standard for *Kinfolks*. It always stands out as one of the best publications in the state.

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CROSSROADS: Another very nice group of genealogical researchers and preservationists can be found in the Allen Genealogical and Historical Society, P.O. Box 789, Kinder, LA 70648. Their quarterly is *Crossroads*, and it has continued to improve in quantity and quality over the years. This one is published in January, April, July, and October. Their meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month

at 10 a.m. in the Genealogy Room of the Kinder Library, a branch of the Allen Parish Libraries, located at 833 4th Street, Kinder, Louisiana.



This issue contains a lot of information on the Whitley family, a listing of members of the Oakdale High School Class of 1928-1929, and a museum page featuring the legend of the money trees. Betty Sarver is president of this group, and Fran Clemmons is the publishing editor with Ethel Sacker assisting.

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COLUMN INFORMATION: Correspondence to this column should be directed to Damon Veach, 709 Bungalow Lane, Baton Rouge, LA 70802-5337. Books and society publications are reviewed if sample copies are submitted with each request, and queries are published free of charge. These queries can be any length but should have a Louisiana connection by heritage or residence of researchers working on lines in other states or countries. Dated notices should be submitted several weeks prior to the scheduled event. The e-mail address for this column is: ancestorslaveach@cox.net.