

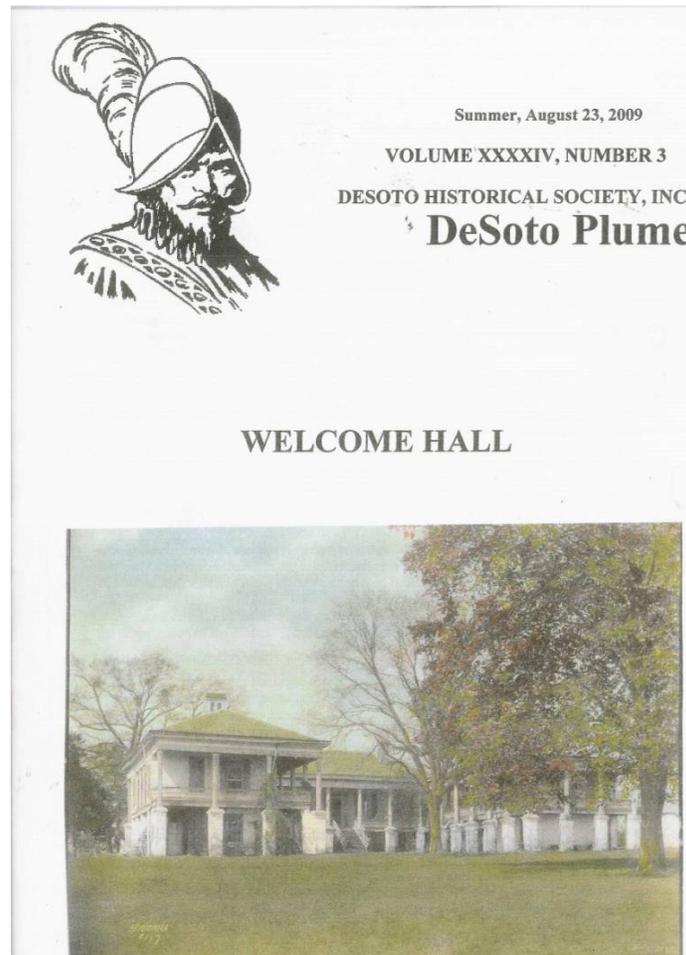
CAJUNS, CREOLES, PIRATES AND PLANTERS

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DESOTO PLUME: The latest issue of *DeSoto Plume* has arrived from the DeSoto Historical Society, and it features Welcome Hall on the cover. This magnificent home dating back to the 1850s reflected the finest traditions of elegance and hospitality that Southern homes offered. Its existence is attributed to Colonel Charles Alexander Edwards who migrated to DeSoto Parish in 1835.



The article appearing in this issue first appeared in the *North Louisiana Historical Journal*. It was written by Nancy Beard Wilson and tells about all the families living here. Also included in this feature are pictures of the interior and exterior of this home. The ridge where Welcome Hall stood remains as it was when the house was there, and it is easy to see why it was chosen. All that remains of Welcome Hall are some large square areas of old brick at ground level, where the columns once rose. Another house is on the site.

The only other article in this issue concerns Augusta and Screamerville, two communities that are no longer in existence, but the story of how the feud between them gave rise to Mansfield is really interesting. Having grown up in this area, it is difficult to understand how complete communities can disappear without a trace. They were located near present-day Grand Cane and Longstreet, very near to where some of my relatives lived. The last time I drove through there, it was hard to even visualize where my aunt's home was located. The memories linger only through old family pictures.

Membership in the DeSoto Parish Historical Society is only \$10 per year, and the publication is included in this fee. Their next meeting will be held at 3 p.m., Sunday, August 23, 2009 at historic Hudson Hill, located on Jefferson Street in Mansfield.

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LOOKING FOR LEJEUNES: Ryan Guillory (r.guillory@hotmail.com) is working on his Lejeune and Trahan family lineages. He found one of the old *Louisiana Ancestors* columns that appeared on April 12, 1998 in the Times-Picayune where I discussed the Lejeune and Trahan connections. He would now like to confirm his direct connections to the families.

The article appeared to confirm the family line and their travels as he has them in his records, but he needs more evidence on several points. He has had difficulty finding much evidence linking Marguerite Trahan to her parents, Etienne Trahan and Françoise Roy, and in linking Marguerite's husband Jean Baptiste Lejeune to his parents, Paul Lejeune and Marie Benoit. He also needs more information linking Joseph Lejeune to his parents, Jean Baptiste Lejeune and Marguerite Trahan.

Based on his research, these are his direct ancestors, making it very important to be accurate by basing his conclusions on as many primary sources of evidence as possible. This is a difficult period to research due to the forced immigration of the Acadians, but Guillory is hoping that someone can help him with finding evidence to support these relationships. Any assistance on these lineages would be greatly appreciated.

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IMPORTANT NEWSLETTER: The latest *Morgan-Chapman Family Newsletter* is filled with pictures and information on these families. There are many surname newsletters in existence, but this is one of the most informative in a casual way. It is as the name would suggest, a family newsletter. Several memorials are featured as well as recipes, personal letters, a war service record, and a note on the DAR state convention held in Shreveport in March of this year.

The newsletter is published by Chapman Morgan, 3656 Linda Lee, Santa Maria, CA 93455-2619, e-mail chapmanmorgan@verizon.net. Subscription is \$4 per year, and each issue has six pages of articles and photographs of interest to the descendants of James J. Morgan and Lavina Durbin of Tangipahoa Parish and environs, and the descendants of Andrew Marvin Griffin Chapman and his two wives, Adeline Elizabeth Webb and Victoria Leah Bankston Robertson of St. Helena Parish and environs.

Countdown to the biennial Morgan-Chapman Family Reunion is on, and it is scheduled to take place on the last Saturday in June 2010.

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ANOTHER MEMOIR: The latest *Les Memoirs du Bayou Lafourche* is filled with data on the descendants of Janvier Guidry I. In fact, it covers over half of this issue. The remainder of the pages is a continuation of the 1930 census of the 10th Ward, Lafourche Parish. This is a publication of La Societe des Cajuns, organized in September of 1979.

The main goals of the society are to preserve Cajun history, genealogy, language, and culture. They compile and publish records of genealogical or historical nature with emphasis given to the records of Lafourche Parish and surrounding parishes. Membership in the society is \$15 per year, and queries are free to members. The publication is presented in March, June, September, and December of each year. Back issues are available.

For more information on this group, contact Velton P. Guidry, 125 West 158th St., Galliano, LA 70354. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Galliano Branch Library, Galliano, Louisiana. Their website is located at <http://www.vienici.com/lasociete/>. The web master is Brian Oster.

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QUERIES: All queries are welcomed for publication in this format. They can be any length but should have a Louisiana connection by heritage or residence of the researcher who may be interested in other areas of the country. Submittals should be sent to ancestorslaveach@cox.net or directly to Damon Veach, Cajuns, Creoles, Pirates and Planters, 709 Bungalow Lane, Baton Rouge, LA 70802-5337. This is a free service. Books and society publications are reviewed if a sample copy is sent with each request. These are all donated to the Veach-Foshee Memorial Library Collection, housed at the Mansfield Female College Museum, Mansfield, Louisiana.