

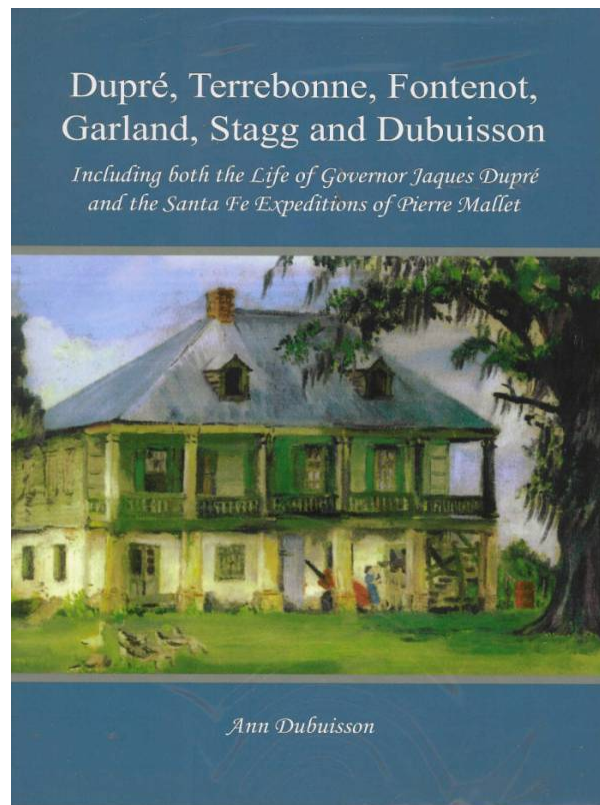
CAJUNS, CREOLES, PIRATES AND PLANTERS

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LOUISIANA FAMILIES: A new book has just been released that covers several old Louisiana families. It is one of the most beautiful compilations that I have seen in quite some time. The effort and expense put into this book ranks it as one of the best of its kind. It is called *Dupré, Terrebonne, Fontenot, Garland, Stagg and Dubuisson Including Both the Life of Governor Jaques Dupré and the Santa Fe Expeditions of Pierre Mallet*, and it is the result of the extensive work of author Ann Dubuisson.



This coverage of the Dupré family in Canada and Louisiana is excellent, and it follows the Dupré male line down to the 20th century. It contains the full history of each of their wives, generally back to the first ancestors to arrive in America. Facts and dates are footnoted as to sources. This is such a nice look at family history as it should be done – and done correctly.

Part I tells of Louis Le Comte Dupré (1654-1715) who was in Canada by 1672. He was a merchant for the fur trade, 2nd seigneur of Terrebonne, and married Marie

Catherine Rolland de St. George. Their story is told in great detail. They had 15 or 16 children, the actual number being disputed by Canadian genealogists.

Jacques Dupré Terrebonne (1696-1764) was one of their sons, born on April 27th in Ville Marie on the island of Montreal, Quebec. He married Anne Marie Bienvenu in Illinois in 1722. They were Louisiana by 1724.

Their surviving children of Jacques and Anne Marie were: Laurent, who married Marie Joseph Fontenot and came to the Opelousas country; Antoine, who married Marie Anne Gaudin and settled in the New Orleans area; Guillaume Dupré Terrebonne, who married Francesca Margota and started the Terrebonne branch; and daughters Marie Jeanne (who married Laurent Lerable) and Marie Louise (who married the explorer Pierre Mallet).

Included in this section is a full history of the Fontenot family of Marie Joseph, from their lives at Ft. Toulouse and Ft. Tombecbe, to the Alabama settlers' move to Louisiana in 1764. It includes the story of Grand Louis Fontenot and his family, and the LaGrange, Doucet, and Brignac ancestors.

Part II begins with Laurent Dupré (1746-1783), who was married to Marie Joseph Pitre. His son Jaques (1773-1846) became acting governor of Louisiana and was said to be the largest cattle owner in Louisiana. He married Theotiste Roy. Her family histories are: Roy *dit* Chatellerault, Janvier, Dubois, Brett, Lacour, Bordelon, Rolland, Rondot, and Colon families of Canada, Mobile, and Pointe Coupee.

Part III starts with Laurent Dupré (1849-1905), who was too young to fight in the Civil War. He was an attorney in Opelousas and married Marie Celeste Garland. Her lineage includes Rice, Hamner, Henley, Lastrapes, Boisdore, Denoyon, Chauvin, Veillon, Aubert, Bullard, Adams, Paine, Frary, Morse, Prentice, Davenport, and Keiser.

Part IV covers Rosa Lastrapes Dupré (1878-1973) who married Edward Benjamin Dubuisson. This concerns their family and their descendants, and the ancestors of E.B. Dubuisson. Included are life histories of Gabriel Fuselier de la Claire and Helene Soileau. Also here are discussions of the Soileau, Richaume, and Guillory families of France and Canada along with Stagg and Stoutenburgh families of New York and New Jersey.

Author Ann Dubuisson was born in Opelousas, attended Newcomb College, and practiced law for many years with her late husband in Lexington, Kentucky. She is now retired to studies of French colonial Mississippi Valley history.

This book was published by Tennessee Valley Publishing, P.O. Box 52527, Knoxville, TN 37950-2527 and can be ordered online at www.TVP1.com, and click on bookstore. The price is \$82.50, which covers shipping and handling. Many pictures and family charts are included in this book.

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PROJECTS COMPLETED: According to Paul Nauta of FamilySearch, recently completed projects now going through a final completion check process in preparation for future publication are the following:

- Argentina, Buenos Aires—1855 Censo
- Canada, Quebec, Trois-Rivieres—Registres Paroissiaux, 1800–1900
- Deutschland, Baden—Kirchenbücher, 1810–1869
- España, Avila, Moraleja de Matacabras—Registros Parroquiales, 1540–1904
- U.S., Indiana, Carroll County—Marriages, 1811–1959
- U.S., Ohio—1920 Federal Census
- U.S., Texas—1920 Federal Census

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ONLINE INDEX: The Historic New Orleans Collection (THNOC) and the New Orleans Public Library (NOPL) are proud to announce that the entire Louisiana Biography and Obituary Index, a compilation of approximately 600,000 citations dating back to 1804, is now available as an online database. The electronic index is the culmination of an eight-year endeavor undertaken by THNOC and NOPL at the behest of the late Suzanne Levy Ormand, former chair of the library board, and Mary Lou Christovich, former president of the Kemper and Leila Williams Foundation.

The obit index originated in the 1930s as a project of the Works Progress Administration's Historical Records Survey. After the WPA ceased operation, the City Archives Department assumed responsibility for maintenance of the index. In 1946, the department was transferred by ordinance to the New Orleans Public Library. The index inherited by NOPL was far from comprehensive. It focused almost exclusively on prominent citizens and rarely included feature stories or other biographical references.

When NOPL accepted stewardship of the Obit Index, it embarked on a mission to broaden and improve the resource. THNOC joined in the effort by supplying the staff, computers, and technological expertise needed to facilitate the digitization of this invaluable resource. Now researchers can easily search the thousands of entries, each comprising the name of a deceased individual along with publication information – title, date, page number, and column number – for death notices published in New Orleans newspapers, which are available on microfilm at both

THNOC and NOPL. The electronic database also includes biographical sketches and narrative obituaries in many cases.

Actually, the index remains a work in progress. Occasional gaps exist where data from a specific run of a newspaper was never entered. However, the index remains remarkably comprehensive. It is safe to say that no other resource provides more convenient access to information about the residents of New Orleans over the last two centuries – from the famous to the infamous to the anonymous.

To access the Louisiana Biography and Obituary Index, and to view a list of the newspapers and other publications referenced, go to the following online source:

<http://www.nutrias.org/~nopl/obits/obits.htm>.

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