

CAJUNS, CREOLES, PIRATES AND PLANTERS

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NEED NAMES: Margie Luke (MLLUKE@aol.com) is working with a group of historians in Franklin, and they are trying to identify the location and occasion of the photo below. Also needed are the names of the gentlemen in the photograph. Most of them are wearing some sort of pin or badge.



Murphy Foster and J.Y. Sanders are in the center front. A.C. Allen is on the far right, and a Peterman is on the far left. It may be a Masonic or Commission gathering. It is thought to date to about 1910.

Any help or direction would be greatly appreciated.

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MEETING HELD: The January 9, 2010 meeting of the Canary Islanders Heritage Society of Louisiana featured a fascinating presentation by Juan Salvadores of LaPalma, Spain. Mr. Salvadores discussed the people, culture, flora, fauna and history of the Island of LaPalma in the Canary Islands. Pictured above are Teresa Tascon, a native of LaPalma, Rose Marie Powell, the Society's President, and Juan Salvadores.

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ANNUAL SEMINAR: The 2010 Mississippi Genealogical Society (MGS) annual seminar will be held on 23 January 2010, from 8 am to 4 pm at the Canton Multiplex Building, Watford Drive, Canton, Mississippi (take Canton exit off I-55 onto Hwy 22, follow directions). Book vendors will be present, and tables will be open at 8 am. All MGS books will be on sale half price for that day only, at the seminar.

The speaker will be Thomas W. Jones, PhD, CG, CGL, FASC, FUGA. Dr. Jones has edited the "National Genealogical Society Quarterly" since 2002. He is a former trustee and a past president of the Board for Certification of Genealogists and holds numerous other offices and honors. His research covers every state east of the Mississippi, as well as Iowa, Missouri, Texas, England, France, Germany, Italy, Ireland, and Wales. He specializes in Georgia and Virginia, and solving brick walls. His topics will be "Solving the Mystery of the Disappearing Ancestor," "Five Ways to Prove Who Your Ancestor Was," "Going Beyond the Bare Bones: Reconstructing Your Ancestor's Lives," and "Finding Unfindable Ancestors."

Cost is \$50.00, which includes cost of seminar and handouts, and a box lunch. Advance registration guarantees seating in a limited meeting space, but you can register at the door at full price and not be guaranteed a lunch. Checks should be made to "MGS", and mailed to MGS, Sharon Nettles, President, 26 Wimbledon Drive, Jackson MS 39211-3433. For more information, call 601-956-7461.

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CLAYBROOKS SOUGHT: Linden Claybrook (linden.claybrook@dps.la.gov) would like any information on the Claybrook family in the Revolutionary War. He is a former resident of DeSoto Parish now living in East Baton Rouge Parish.

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WEST FLORIDA: Barbara Comeaux Strickland is one of Louisiana's finest genealogical researchers, and her article on the Loyalists in West Florida, which appeared in the "West Florida Society Newsletter, Volume 15, No. 2," is excellent. It is a study that was started as an attempt to understand who the loyalists were. It is well documented and a valuable asset when researching this period of time. She is also editor of the publication, and to learn more, contact her at P.O. Box 82672, Baton Rouge, LA 70884-2672.

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THNOC PROGRAM: The nine-year period between the transfer of the Louisiana Purchase territory in 1803 and the addition of Louisiana to the Union as its 18th state in 1812 was one of chaos and uncertainty, but also of cultural complexity and institutional innovation. You can join The Historic New Orleans Collection at their 15th Annual Williams Research Center Symposium as historians from across the country explore the diverse cast of characters who helped shape this formative period in Louisiana History.

This will begin on Friday, January 29th with a reception at 533 Royal Street to be followed on Saturday, January 30th by the excellent programs scheduled at the Omni Royal Orleans Hotel, 621 St. Louis Street, in New Orleans. For complete information and registration, contact THNOC, 410 Chartres Street, New Orleans, LA 70130 or call 504-523-4662. Registration is limited.

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COLUMN INFORMATION: "Cajuns, Creoles, Pirates and Planters" is a service column designed to promote genealogical/historical subjects and offer readers free query listings on family lineage problems. There is no limit to the number of words in each inquiry, but there should be a Louisiana connection by heritage or residence of researcher working on lines in other areas. Books and society publications are reviewed only if a sample copy is submitted with each review request. Dated notices

should be sent in for consideration several weeks prior to the scheduled event. Otherwise, mail is filed by date of postmark and used as space permits.

All materials submitted by genealogical societies and many privately printed books and magazines are donated to the Veach-Foshee Memorial Library Collection in Mansfield, Louisiana. All genealogical/historical materials – Bible records, old wills, letters, ledger records, etc. – are accepted and considered for publication with full credit being given to the researcher submitting the material. If the data is too extensive for use in this format, it will be passed on to a preservation group for publication in their quarterlies or periodicals. The important thing to remember is to do everything possible to get these records into print or preserved in some fashion. Some of this material may be the only copy in existence and is valuable for both current research efforts and especially for use by future generations of researchers. Please help to preserve our heritage. It is priceless and cannot be replaced.

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