

CAJUNS, CREOLES, PIRATES AND PLANTERS

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ACADIAN CONNECTION: In case some of you did not know, there has been a discovery of a journal written by an English soldier that surfaced. Apparently around 1925, a judge who was interested in the military found the journal written by a Jeremiah Bancroft and copied it. It was recently found in the Nova Scotia Archives. Bancroft was sent to oversee the Deportation of the Acadians, and this is seen through his eyes. This is very important because he was there. So here is the link. Just click to view and download it. There are 40 pages in all, and ten are of the journal. Thanks to Mitch (whiskey5@cox.net) for this link.

<http://www.smu.ca/newsreleases/2009/26-11-2009.html>

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LECTURE SCHEDULED: The Mid City Historical Cemeteries Coalition will present a special presentation in their public lecture series. It is a look at the National Cemetery Administration and what it has to offer veterans and their families. The lecture and video will be presented by Rex Kern, Director of the Port Hudson National Cemetery. It will take place Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library, 9200 Bluebonnet Boulevard.

Mid City Historical Cemeteries Coalition is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the historic cemeteries of the Greater Baton Rouge Area, while fostering a public appreciation of the architectural and cultural value of these cemeteries. The lecture is free. Donations will be accepted.

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LAFOURCHE RECORDS: The latest issue of “Les Memories du Bayou Lafourche” has arrived, and it contains a continuation of the 1930 census and a look at the descendants of Jean Baptiste Bernard. It is the official publication of La Societe Des Cajuns, P.O. Box 433, Larose, LA 70373.

Regular meetings of this society are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 4 p.m. during the winter months and 6 p.m. during the summer months at the Galliano Branch Library, Galliano, Louisiana. Guests are always welcome. Their December meeting is their annual Christmas party.

Organized in September of 1979, the organization was incorporated as a non-profit corporation in the State of Louisiana in 1980. The membership year begins in January and extends to January of the following year. Annual dues, including a

subscription to the publication, are \$15.00. Queries are free to members and are published as space is available. The publication appears in March, June, September, and December and back issues are available. Write for complete details and the availability of the issues dating to December of 1980. Mrs. Wildred Ougel is the secretary/treasurer and can be reached at the box number listed above. Velton P. Guidry of Galliano is the president.

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REUNION SCHEDULED: The Morgan Chapman Family Reunion is scheduled for June 26, 2010 at BREC Park, 8133 Jefferson Highway. Arrangement have been made with the Quality Suites at 9138 Bluebonnet Center Boulevard to offer special room rates for out of town guests. More information can be learned by contacting Terry Morgan Johnson, the reunion treasurer (225-261-3357). She is being assisted by Ashley Breaux.

The official publication for this family group is "Morgan-Chapman Family Newsletter." It is always filled with interesting information and is highly recommended for all those with lineages to these lines. What is really impressive about this publication is the number of pictures used, and the quality is excellent. It is published quarterly by Chapman Morgan, 3656 Linda Lee, Santa Maria, CA 93455-2619. The e-mail address is chapmanmorgan@verizon.net. Subscription is \$4.00 per year, and each edition has six pages of articles and photographs of interest to descendants.

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MISCELLANEOUS INFO: There are quite a few places you can go on the internet to learn more about your family lines or for general historical information. Some of the recent recommendations sent in by readers are as follows:

<http://www.lecomite.org/> (Le Comite des Archives de la Louisiane's excellent web site.)

[Vicente Sebastian Pintado Papers \(Library of Congress\)](#)

[David Rumsey Historical Map Collection](#) (Interesting website)

[Acadian & Native Origins: Acadian Ancestral Home](#)

[Colonial Louisiana Militia Rosters](#)

[DAR Genealogical Research Databases](#) (Great for checking ancestors who are listed in the DAR Database)

<http://www.lib.lsu.edu/special/exhibits/ingallery.html> (Info about the current LSU history exhibit, but unfortunately no photos)

<http://www.lib.lsu.edu/special/archives/digital/index.html> (Digitized photographs of LSU, mostly the downtown campus pre 1925)

<http://hill.blogs.lib.lsu.edu/category/exhibitions/> (Only photo online about the Exxon exhibit; scroll down to August 2009 entry)

<http://www.smithsonianmag.com/history-archaeology/Myths-of-the-American-Revolution.html>

[Full text of "Descriptive catalogue of the documents relating to the history of the United States in the Papeles procedentes .](#) (This is a web presentation of Rosco Hill's book on the "Cuban Papers," a great reference work to find the file (Legajo) on a specific subject on the Spanish period in Louisiana. Gives a summary of what's contained in each file. Many of the microfilmed Legajos are to be found in the Hill Memorial Library at LSU.)

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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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published genealogy titles. Go to their homepage for details on how you can obtain this excellent service.

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Claitor's Update: As many of you are aware, Claitor's suffered a devastating fire on January 1st of this year losing their extensive inventory including all of its genealogy titles. I'm pleased to announce that they will have 7 volumes of the South Louisiana and 22 volumes of the Southwest Louisiana records this week. They are undergoing an extensive reprint of all titles; however, there are some volumes that they are seeking copies of to do reprints from. They will soon post a list of titles that they are seeking on their website. I will keep you posted, and hopefully we can help keep all of these publications in print for generations of Genealogists to enjoy.