

# **CAJUNS, CREOLES, PIRATES AND PLANTERS**

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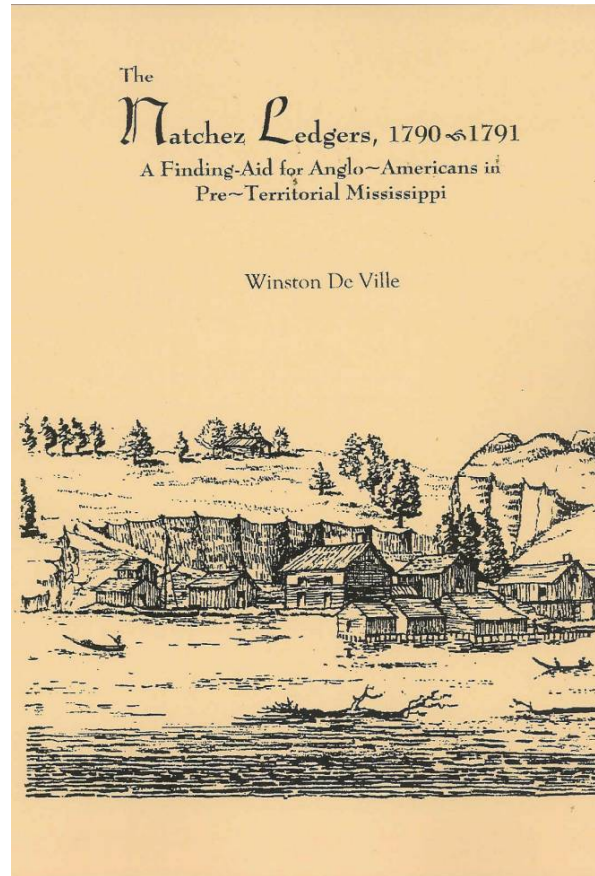
**REUNION SCHEDULED:** All Loup, Loupe, Granier, and related families are asked to join their aunts, uncles and cousins on Sunday, September 19, 2010 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. for another annual family reunion. This year, it will be at a different location - Knights of Columbus Hall, 679 N. Jefferson Avenue, Port Allen, Louisiana. The building is north of the Community Center. This is a pot luck affair, so relatives are asked to bring their favorite dishes. Plates and other materials will be supplied.

For those who have prepared family charts, pictures, and anything that would be interest to everyone are asked to bring these items for display. There will be tables for this. Maurice J. Pecquet of Port Allen will bring his usual books and charts. For more information, contact Pecquet by mail at 2335 Rosedale Road, Port Allen 70767 or by phone – 225-344-4631 – or e-mail: [mpecquet@cox.net](mailto:mpecquet@cox.net).

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**MORE REPRINTS:** Winston De Ville has published many books over the years, and his research into all these topics certainly involves an enormous amount of work to come up with such exceptional publications. One of the best on a long list of books is *The Natchez Ledgers, 1790 – 1791, A Finding Aid for Anglo-Americans in Pre-territorial Mississippi*.

It was after the American Revolution that Anglo-Americans settled in the District of Natchez in great numbers. Spanish Governor Estevan Miro even issued a proclamation to Americans in 1789 inviting them to settle in colonial Louisiana. Many incentives were given to this invitation. The history of this period is given in detail by De Ville, and this excellent introduction makes the data within more important through a clear understanding of all things that came about during this period.

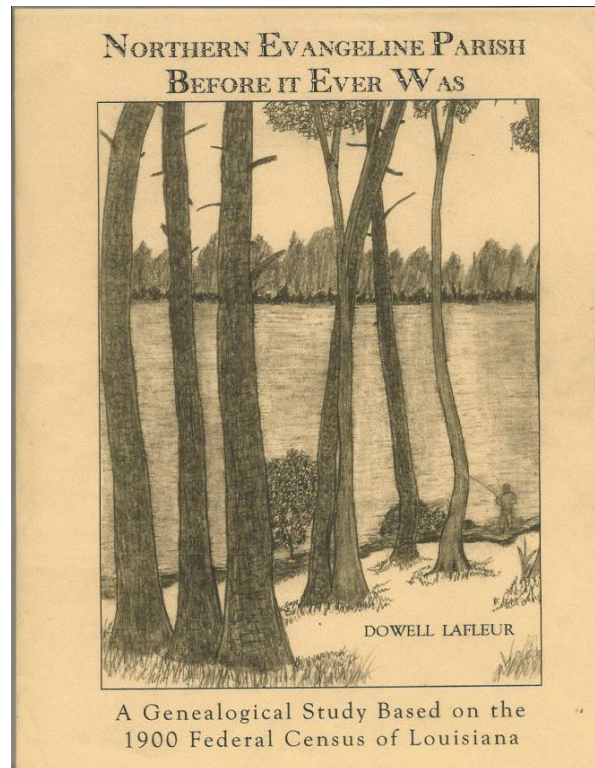


De Ville worked on this book during a three-year period at the Alexandria Historical and Genealogical Library in Alexandria, Louisiana. Work copies were made available by the co-operation of The Historic New Orleans Collection. The result is a book of great importance to anyone working on genealogical ties to this section of America. Published in soft-cover format, it is available from Claitor's Publishing. The price is \$33.50.

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**GENEALOGICAL STUDY:** *Dowell Lafleur's Northern Evangeline Parish Before it Ever Was* is another book that has been re-published by Claitor's Publishing. This was carved from Imperial Saint Landry and established as an autonomous political unit in 1912. Actually, Evangeline Parish became the line of demarcation between French South Louisiana and the northern, or Anglo-American part of the state.

This is another book that contains so many names of early settlers and should be on all library shelves. It is a look at the people and the culture of the area and the vital link it plays in the overall heritage of Louisiana. Over 600 households are listed here. The details given include: names and relationships of all household members, race, gender, birth month and year, number of years married, birthplaces of subjects and their parents, occupations, and much more.



This soft-cover book is available for \$28.50 and is a thorough genealogical study based on the 1900 census of Louisiana. Winston De Ville is responsible for the preface in this book. Many birthdates listed here date prior to statehood.

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**GENEALOGICAL SEMINAR:** “The Genie” is the quarterly publication of the Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association, and their address is P.O. Box 4463, Shreveport, LA 71134-0463. This has continued to be one of the best quarterlies in the state, and it is always filled with excellent research material. It contains queries, book reviews, and information about upcoming events in addition to the previously unpublished materials that are of such importance to researchers. All books and exchange publications are placed in the Broadmoor Branch Genealogy Department of the Shreve Memorial Library.

Short family history narratives, sketches, and articles are always welcomed for consideration of publishing these in the quarterly, particularly if there is an Ark-La-Tex connection. For information on membership in this group, direct correspondence to the address above.

Of special importance for August is the group’s annual seminar to be held Saturday, August 14, 2010 at the Broadmoor United Methodist Church, Pearce Activity Hall, 3715 Youree Drive, in Shreveport. The speaker will be John Sellers, a graduate of Texas Tech University with a teaching certificate from Texas A&M University. He is vice-president and a past president of the Hopkins County

Genealogical Society, and he has been a speaker at numerous conferences and seminars. He is a faculty member at Angelina College Genealogy Conference and lectures at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research at Samford University.

His topics at this seminar will cover hidden courthouse records, the role of history in genealogical research, searching for related data that has been destroyed by fire, and just learning about the lives of our ancestors. The cost of this seminar is \$35 and includes lunch if registration is received by August 9, 2010. For further information, contact Jim Johnson – 381-746-1851 or by e-mail: [jjohnson747@suddenlink.net](mailto:jjohnson747@suddenlink.net). You can also check things out at the following web site: [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~laaltga/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~laaltga/). Checks for the seminar need to be made out to Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association.

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