

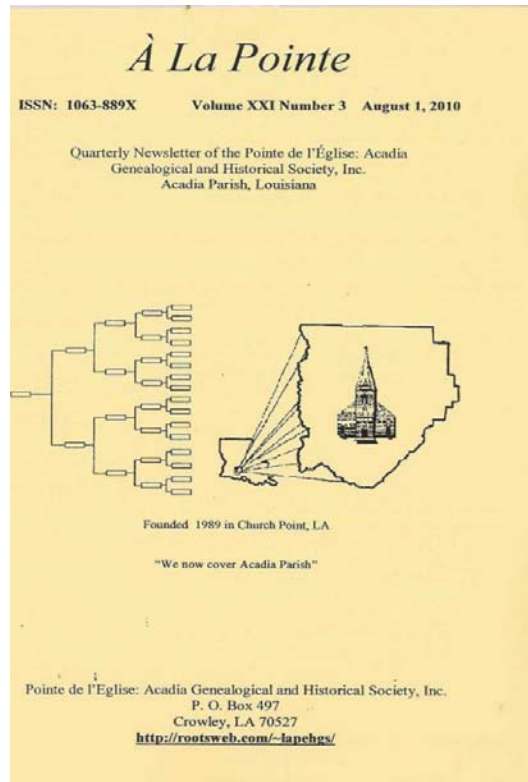
# **CAJUNS, CREOLES, PIRATES AND PLANTERS**

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**FROM ACADIA PARISH:** The quarterly newsletter “A La Pointe” is always a nice addition to my genealogical library. This group in Crowley has always presented a lot of original data for researchers, and this publication with all others I receive for review are placed in the Veach – Foshee Memorial Library Collection which is housed at the Mansfield Female College Museum in Mansfield, Louisiana.



Gene Thibodeaux has again come through with some interesting family history. In this issue, he discusses the ancestry and descendants of Walter and Julienne Bogard McBride. According to census records, the he was born in Virginia, and she was born in Louisiana. His parents were Thomas and Mary Scott McBride, and her parents were Jacob and Marguerite Ritter Bogard. He was in St. Martinville in 1820 and died in New Orleans. He was a blacksmith, which seemed to have been practiced by other members of this family. Descendants are from their three sons – Thomas, Walter Jr., and William. It would appear that Thomas’ family settled in Lafayette, William’s were in St. Landry, and Walter’s settled in Acadia.

Another interesting feature in this issue is the numerous biographical sketches of early residents taken from the Crowley Signal. These were prominent men in the 1890s and early 1900s. The date of the newspaper issue is shown, and many of the

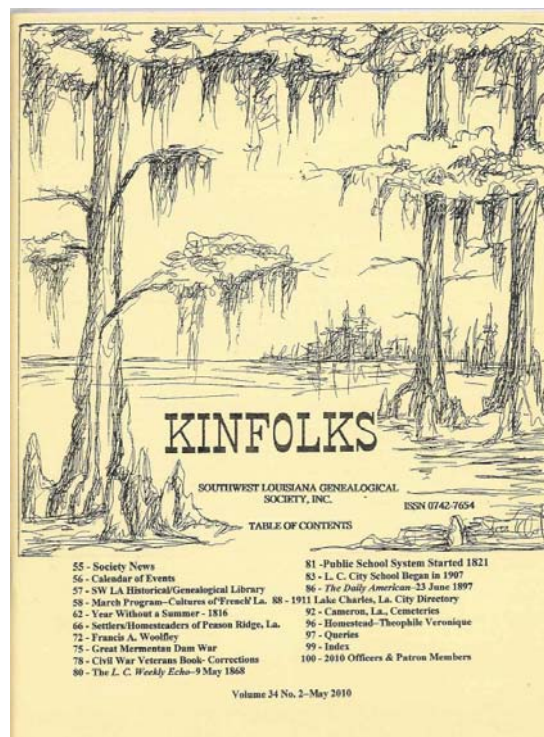
sketches also had a picture of the individual. A continuation of the Acadia Parish marriage license index of 1915 (compiled by Red Quebodeaux), Gercie Daigle's Lejeune family data, and some family group sheets rounded out the data in this issue.

"A La Pointe" is a publication of Pointe de l'Eglise: Acadia Genealogical and Historical Society, Inc., P.O. Box 497, Crowley, LA 70527. You can learn more about them by going to <http://rootsweb.com/~lapehgs/>. They have quite a few publications which you may want to add to your collection of data from this section of Louisiana.

Their next meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 14, 2010 at the Crowley branch of the Acadia Parish Library, located at 1125 N. Parkerson Avenue in Crowley. Guests are welcome to attend. The guest speaker will be Robbie Barousse, the Acadia Parish Clerk of Court. Membership in the society is \$15 for individuals or \$20 for family.

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**FROM LAKE CHARLES:** Another genealogical society that has consistently presented excellent research materials in their quarterly publication is the Southwest Louisiana Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 5652, Lake Charles, LA 70606-5652. It's called "Kinfolks," and it is another one that covers a specific area of Louisiana, and the current issue illustrates this.



This group holds their meetings on the third Saturday of January, March, May, September, and November at 10 a.m. in the Carnegie Meeting Room of the Southwest Louisiana Genealogical & Historical Library, 411 Pujoe Street, in Lake

Charles. Programs include a variety of topics to instruct and interest geologists. Memberships are \$12 per year for individuals or \$17 for families. Complete data on the group can be found at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~laslgs/swlgs.htm>.

Their “Tidbits of History” series continues, and on Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, the feature will be Louisiana music – fiddlers, presented by Ron Yule. On Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, Danielle Miller will present the Batson Case – Guilty or Not Guilty. These are held from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Carnegie Memorial Meeting Room.

The society’s next workshop will be held on Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup> and cover electronic resources. A demonstration of this will take place between 10 a.m. and noon, same location, and no reservations are necessary.

One of the things that I find interesting about this publication is the way they summarize previous meetings. Therefore, if you can’t make the meeting, you have an accurate summary of what was discussed. Their March program was given by Jim Bradshaw of Washington, Louisiana, and the topic was the many cultures of French Louisiana. Here in the current issue is a summary of what he presented.

Also of interest in this issue is Rickey Robertson’s discussion of settlers and homesteaders of Peason Ridge, Louisiana. It actually complimented his discussion of 1940s Louisiana maneuvers in the same area and how it affected the settlement. This was featured in the previous issue.

Katherine LaFleur also gives extensive details of Francis A. Woolfley’s life in Lake Charles with a lot of family history included. It is a very interesting look at this early period in Southwest Louisiana. There are many other items of interest in this issue, but there are just too many to mention in detail here.

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**REUNION SCHEDULED:** August 7, 2010 is the date set for the d’Augereau Family Reunion at the Church Point Civic Center. It begins at 10 a.m., and the cost for adults is \$10 with children under 18 being admitted free. Activities will include sharing of pictures and family information, and an arts and crafts section will be provided for children. More information about this reunion can be obtained from Joseph d’Augereau, [daugereau.family@gmail.com](mailto:daugereau.family@gmail.com) or by phone – 337-305-1101.

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**BULLER CONNECTION:** The Buller 25<sup>th</sup> Biennial will be held September 25, 2010 in Lafayette, Louisiana at Vermillionville, a folk life park which contains the Buller House, ca1807. Entry fee is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children under 10. Information and reservations should be directed to Brenda Fuselier, 208 Louie Dr., Lafayette, LA 70503, [bbf@lusfiber.net](mailto:bbf@lusfiber.net), 337-233-9908.

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**ANNUAL MEETING:** Le Comite des Archives de la Louisiane has scheduled its annual meeting for Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, at 1 p.m. at the Embassy Suites in Baton Rouge. Barry Ancelet of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette will speak on his new book *Dictionary of Louisiana French: As Spoken in Cajun, Creole, and Native American Communities*. Judy Riffel will also give a presentation on Louisiana Spanish Land Grants.

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