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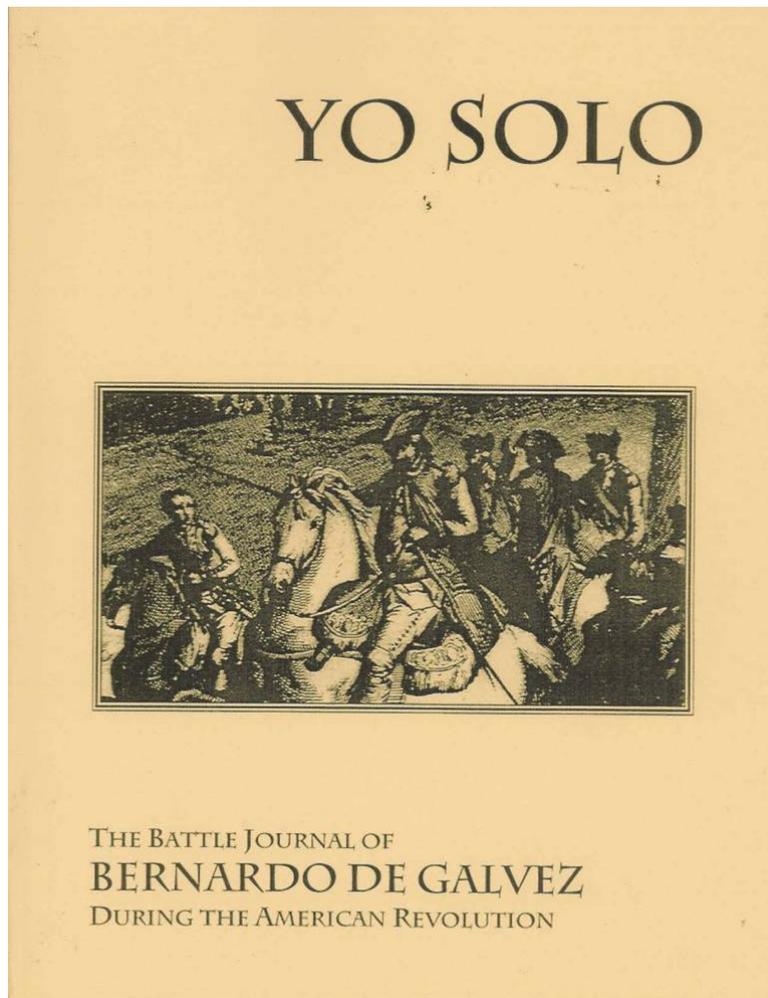
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DE VILLE BOOKS: With the books from Winston De Ville now being available from Claitor's Publishing, you have a central source for seeing exactly what is available along with the prices for each. Here is a short summary of a few more in this group of acquisitions:

Yo Solo, The Battle Journal of Bernardo De Galvez During the American Revolution: This book is quite interesting and is fully illustrated with maps and pictures.



Bernardo de Galvez was the Spanish Governor of the Province of Louisiana and his contribution to history during this critical period in American history is often

overlooked or at least covered only lightly in accounts of the period. He was born July 23, 1746 in the small mountain village of Macharaviaya, near the city of Malaga in Spain. This publication covers lots of family history as well as a description of his contributions to the American Revolution. \$26.00

English Land Grants in West Florida, A Register for the States of Alabama, Mississippi, and Parts of Florida & Louisiana: Here again, much has been written about this part of the Gulf Coast, but none seem to cover it so well as this soft-cover book. The data transcribed here contains names, dates of grants, amount of land granted, and miscellaneous other information that is so useful when doing genealogical research. It is indexed for easy perusal. \$23.50

The Guillory Manuscripts, 1764, 1765, 1766, 1773: Here is another fine publication for those researching this family lineage. This was a prominent family in the Gulf South, along with the families of Fontenot, Lafleur, Brignac, Gradenigo, and La Caze. Maps are also included which greatly enhance the understanding of the places where this family lived. Manuscripts always are important when studying family history, and many of these are never uncovered. It takes more than just going to a library or courthouse and looking up the data. You may not find it exactly where you think it might be. \$21.00

Civil War Pensions in Louisiana, 1924-1933: Veterans and Widows in Louisiana 1924-1933: Papers connected to war records are always important when evaluating historical documents, but pension records are definitely great assets for genealogists. This is a large book and filled with names of soldiers, widows, titles, and postal locations. Whether you are descendants or not, you can peruse the names and commands to see how these soldiers might be related through war experiences. It's in chart form and easy to follow. \$28.50

Spanish Land Grants in Louisiana, 1757-1802: This publication contains abstracts of documents from the archives of the State Land Office relating to the Region West of the Rivers Mississippi and Atchafalaya. It is a great listing of names and gives the location of where the information can be found. \$33.50

Libera Martina Spinazze's *Index to the Argonauts of California:* This is another huge volume and contains some 27,000 listings for people who came to California during the Gold Rush. This is another extremely important work which lists those people involved in this part of American history. This is all according to the immigration or mining parties as well as the ships they sailed in or the pioneer societies they joined. The names are all in alphabetical order with other important information for researchers. \$106.00

Roujot: This publication covers a family lineage back to the sixteenth century to the French town of Irancy in the ancient province of Burgundy. It is a small publication but contains very important information about this lineage. \$36.00

Calendar of Louisiana Colonial Documents, Volume 1, Avoyelles Parish, 1786 – 1803: The old parish of Avoyelles is a jewel when it comes to the history of this part of Louisiana. Iberville probably visited this area around 1700, but it is not known exactly when the first white settler entered the area. Avoyelles belonged to the Natchitoches District during the entire French period, and the records in this publication contain information covering the years 1786 to 1803. \$18.50

Public Land Surveys of the United States: This is a publication that resulted from the input of Thomas Jefferson into American history. It is based upon public statutes and documents and on the report submitted to Congress in 1784. The introduction to this work is by Claire Mire Bettag, who gives the reader a better understanding of the contents. It is a history lesson or lessons that need to be read in order to completely know the importance of how this all came about. \$31.00

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INFORMATION NEEDED: Karen McEnerny (kmeinzen@aol.com) needs information on Jean Baptiste Gebelin and his brother, Joseph Gebelin. Both were born about 1819 in France. According to immigration records, Joseph Gebelin, Jean Baptiste Gebelin and wife, Margaritte Morel Gebelin with daughter, Josephine, arrived in New Orleans in 1849 from France. This researchers also seeks the burial place for this family and the burial location for Jean Baptiste Teissier, born about 1834 in France, died 1908, probably in St. James Parish or St. John the Baptist Parish.

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NEW ADDRESS: For those of you needing to contact the German Acadian Coast Historical & Genealogical Society, their new address is P.O. Box 3086, LaPlace, LA 70069-3086. Back issues of their publication *Les Voyageurs* is now on sale, so if you are interested, you may want to contact them before the supply is gone. You may also want to mark your calendar for January 25, 2011 for their regular meeting at the St. John The Baptist Parish Library in LaPlace. Father Fred Youngs will speak on the Laiche (Leche, Leshe) family, 1759-2009.

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