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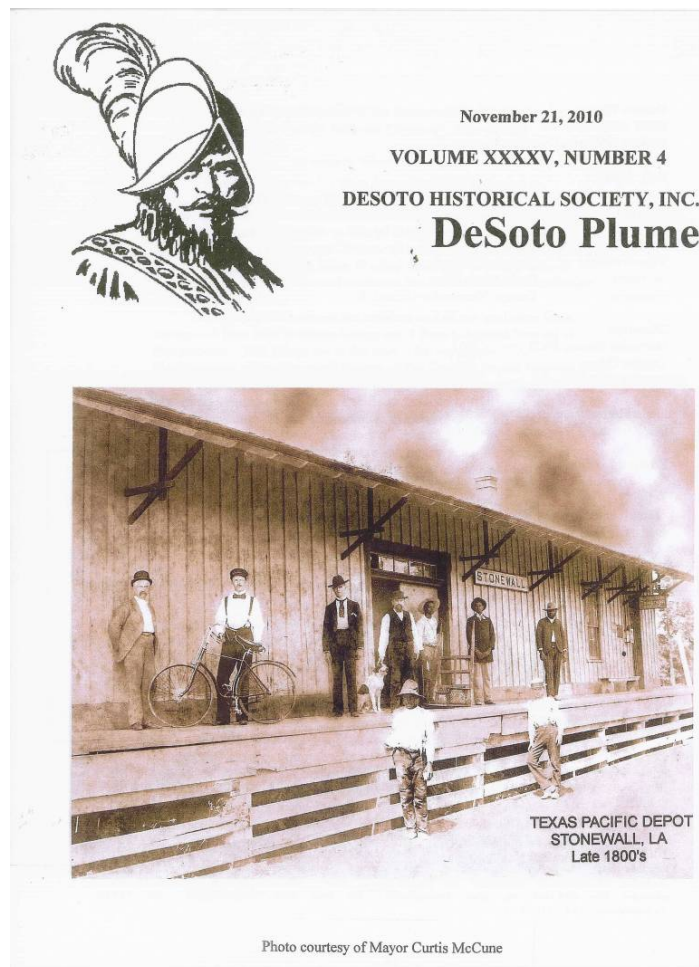
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DESOTO PUBLICATIONS: Morris Raphael of New Iberia has contributed a copy of the 1925 publication on the Battle of Mansfield for inclusion in my records on DeSoto Parish. It was published on the 61st anniversary of the battle and on the occasion of the unveiling of the monuments to General Richard Taylor and General Polignac. It will be added to the Veach-Foshee Memorial Library Collection that is housed in the Mansfield Female College Museum in Mansfield, Louisiana. All donations are being made directly to the DeSoto Parish Historical Society.

The final meeting of the society was held on Sunday, November 21, 2010 at 2 p.m. at the Hicks-Richardson Building, Grand Cane, Louisiana, and the latest issue of the *DeSoto Plume* has a lot of information on the early history of Grand Cane.



Of particular interest is the article on the establishment of the Stonewall Station by the Texas & Pacific Railway Company on July 6, 1881 and written by George M. Gilmer Jr., treasurer for the society. Also in this illustrated publication is an article on the Keatchie Presbyterian Church (by Gay Means), history of the town of Keatchie (by Gay Means), a look at Rick's Wells, a historic health resort of Mansfield (by Liz Chrysler), and history of Mansfield College (by Gay Means and Liz Chrysler).

Membership dues in this society are only \$10 per year (\$18 foreign), and in this day and time, this is certainly a bargain. This excellent publication is included and is a loving tribute to the wonderful history found in this part of the state of Louisiana. All membership checks should be sent to DeSoto Historical Society, George M. Gilmer Jr., P.O. Box 300, Stonewall, LA 71078.

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MISSISSIPPI RECORDS: Tony Dardeau, editor of *Mississippi River Routes* (from the Vicksburg Genealogical Society), has just notified everyone that the winter 2010 issue (Volume 18, Number 2) is being indexed and will go to the printer as soon as that task is complete. He expects a mid-December distribution of this quarterly, and, in the meantime, article titles from this excellent publication can be viewed online at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~msvgs/Routes.htm>. The back issues page is also updated: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~msvgs/backissu.htm>.

You can check out the group at any time at the Vicksburg Genealogical Society website: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~msvgs/index.htm>.

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LOUISIANA INCLUDED: The collection of indexes and images available on FamilySearch's beta website continues to grow by leaps and bounds, with the addition of 34 collections of genealogical records. These records include 15 million indexed records and 2.5 million images. The bounty of information covers 13 different countries around the world: Mexico, Chile, Colombia, Honduras, Guatemala, Brazil, France, Spain, Germany, Belgium, Jamaica, Canada, and the United States. You can search these records now at Beta.FamilySearch.org.

See the chart below for the complete list of newly added or updated collections.

Project	Digital Images	Indexed Records	Comments
Belgium Marriages, 1563-1890	0	58,674	Index only.
Belgium, Antwerp Police Immigration Index, 1840-1930	5,417	343,930	New records and images. This is an index of immigration dossiers compiled by the Antwerp police force between 1840 and 1930.

			Presently, the immigration dossiers are only available on microfilm, so this publication allows us to reference these dossiers.
Brazil, Church Records, 1814-1930	93,787	0	New images for Ribeirao Preto, Bauru, Rio Preto, Santo Andre, Novo Hamburgo, Passo Fundo
Canada, Ontario Births, 1869-1912	54,121	164,139	New images and records
Chile, Concepcion, Civil Registration, 1885-1903	19,389	70,450	New images and records
Colombia, Diocese of Cúcuta Parish Registers, 1762-1996	465,172	0	New images added to existing collection
France Births and Baptisms, 1546-1896	0	6,779,071	Index only
Germany, Bremen Passenger Departure Lists, 1904-1914	44,465	44,315	New images and records
Guatemala, Guatemala City, Sagrario Parish Baptisms, 1898-1920	7,748	0	New images added to existing collection
Honduras, Tegucigalpa – Baptisms, 1895-1931	3,790	26,521	New images and records
Jamaica, Church of England Parish Register Transcripts, 1664-1880	37,199	0	New images added to existing collection
Jamaica, Civil Births 1878-1899	247,593	260,500	New images and records
Mexico Census, 1930	2,302	1,165,649	New images and records added to existing collection (Michoacan, Nuevo Leon, Zacatecas)
Spain, Avila–Catholic Church Records, 1500-1930	26,298	0	New images added to existing collection
Spain, Catastro de Ensenada, 1749-1756	375,988	0	New images added to existing collection
U.S., Arizona, Service Records of Confederate Soldiers of the Civil War, 1861-1863	0	1,173	Index only. Data courtesy of Footnote.com
U.S., Arkansas County Marriages, 1837-1957	0	94,181	New records added to existing collection
U.S., Georgia –Death Records, 1928-1930	123,416	0	New images added to existing collection
U.S., Index to Naturalizations of World	0	18,324	Index only. Data courtesy of Footnote.com

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U.S., Louisiana, Eastern District Naturalization Petitions, 1838-1861	0	1,450	Index only. Data courtesy of Footnote.com
U.S., Maryland, Naturalization Indexes, 1797-1951	0	85,222	Index only. Data courtesy of Footnote.com
U.S., Maryland, Naturalization Petitions, 1906-1931	0	45,165	Index only. Data courtesy of Footnote.com
U.S., Massachusetts Naturalization Index, 1906-1966	0	388,086	Index only. Data courtesy of Footnote.com
U.S., Minnesota, State Census, 1865	3,396	246,591	New images and records
U.S., Mormon Battalion Pension Applications, 1846-1923	0	26,830	Index only. Data courtesy of Footnote.com
U.S., New York State Census, 1905	0	3,601,920	New records for the following counties: Albany, Bronx, Broome, Columbia, Essex, Franklin, Greene, Hamilton, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, New York, Onondaga, Oswego, Seneca, Warren and Yates. This release completes this collection.
U.S., New York, Eastern District Naturalization Petitions, 1865-1957	0	675,035	Index only. Data courtesy of Footnote.com
U.S., New York, Western District, Naturalization Index, 1907-1966	0	89,554	Index only. Data courtesy of Footnote.com
U.S., Oklahoma, Applications for Enrollment of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, 1898-1914	0	882,272	Index only. Data courtesy of Footnote.com
U.S., Rhode Island, State Census, 1885	10,844	321,999	New images and records
U.S., Rhode Island, State Census, 1905	954,549	474,152	New images and records. This census was taken on a two-sided form where only one person appears on each form.
U.S., South Dakota State Census, 1945	0	546,305	New records added to existing collection

U.S., Tennessee County Marriages, 1790-1950	0	14,098	New records added to existing collection
U.S., Utah, Territorial Case Files of the U.S., District Courts, 1870-1896	0	39,040	Data courtesy of Footnote.com

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