

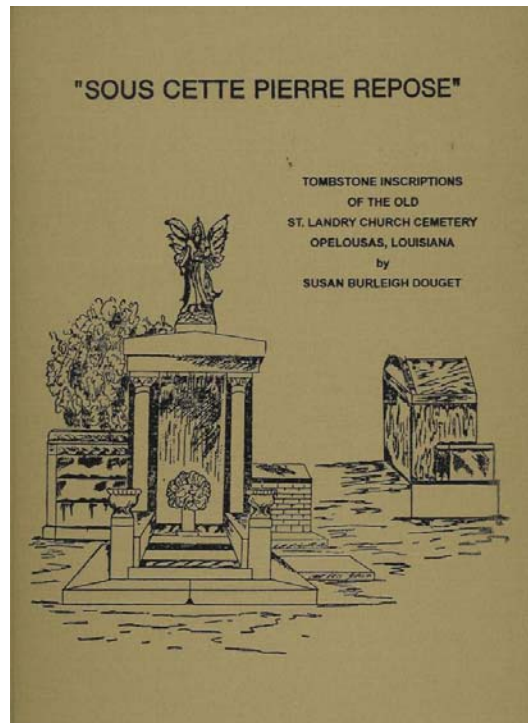
# **CAJUNS, CREOLES, PIRATES AND PLANTERS**

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**CEMETERY RECORDS:** Susan Burleigh Douget credits her mother Inez Prudhomme Burleigh with her interest in genealogy. Her visits to the St. Landry Church Cemetery dates to her childhood, so her quest for more information on her lineage dates to this period of time in her life.



*Sous Cette Pierre Repose, Tombstone inscriptions of the Old St. Landry Church Cemetery, Opelousas, Louisiana* is a result of her work on her own lineage, so many with a connection to this cemetery. It was then that she became determined to compile a complete listing of burials here to keep others from being as frustrated as she was in checking out data in this 200-year-old cemetery.

It is a huge volume, hard cover and available from Claitor's Publishing. It was originally published by Hebert Publications, and the compiler has included a little of the history of the church, which was originally located in the present town of Washington. Its move to the Opelousas District came about when land was donated by Michael Prud'homme, landowner and resident of the Post of Opelousas, with the understanding that the church would be moved to this property. The name of the

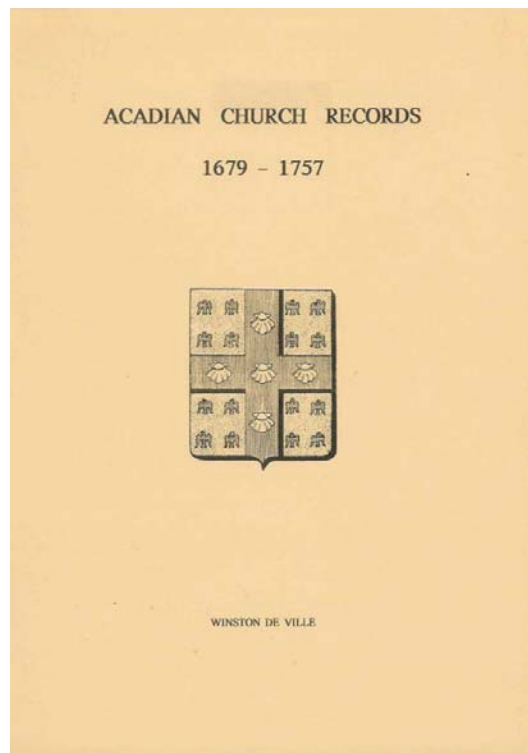
church was changed in 1792 to St. Landry Catholic Church, in honor of St. Landry, the Patron Saint of the poor.

Its original name when built in the earlier 1770s was Church of the Immaculate Conception. In later years, a Catholic school was established to serve the area and was named the Academy of the Immaculate Conception.

This is an exceptional book and can be obtained directly from Claitor's Publishing for \$54.00 in a hardcover format.

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**ACADIAN RECORDS:** Winston De Ville has always been a leader in preserving early records, not only in Louisiana but elsewhere as well. One of his earlier works that is now back in print and available from Claitor's Publishing in Baton Rouge is *Acadian Church Records, 1679-1757*. It is one of a series of books in the Acadian Church Records series.



These records are divided as they were originally by church parishes or geographical areas. The sequence remains unchanged. The names are shown as they appear in the original records.

Much has been written about the Acadians, but research on Acadian lines was largely neglected until recent years. It is because of the work of De Ville, the late Father Donald J. Hebert, Albert Robicheaux, Mitch Conover, and numerous others

that this changed. A lot of material is now available for researchers, and the importance of each is definitely an asset for individuals with Acadian heritages.

The price of this soft-cover publication is .

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**ANNUAL PARTY:** The Canary Islands Heritage Society of Louisiana celebrated Christmas with their annual party. Spanish wines and a selection of Canary Islander dishes were enjoyed by all. Pictured above are, from left to right, Canary Islander descendants Kathy Brumfield, Lynda Normand, Alisa Janney and Marlene Domingue.

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**HISTORICAL GROUP:** The North Louisiana Historical Association (NLHA) was organized to encourage an appreciation and understanding of the history of North Louisiana. For the purposes of this organization, this is considered to include all of Louisiana from approximately Alexandria northwards. It is a non-profit group, and the Archives of Noel Memorial Library, Louisiana State University in Shreveport, is the designated records repository for the NLHA.

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