

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

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**NEW EDITOR** - *The Louisiana Genealogical Register* is the official publication of the Louisiana Genealogical & Historical Society. Their Winter 2011 issue is filled with important information, and the overall new look of this one is very appealing. Mary G. McKeough, who also is editor of the Baton Rouge Genealogical and Historical Society's journal *Le Baton Rouge*, is the new editor.



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It has also been decided that due to economic constraints that the two groups will publish two issues each year instead of four. *The Louisiana Genealogical Register* will be issued in January and July, and *Le Baton Rouge* will be in April and October.

It is also important to schedule your plans now to attend the Louisiana Genealogical & Historical Society Conference to be held on April 30, 2011, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the

Embassy Suites in Baton Rouge. The speaker for this event is John Sellers. The fee for attendance is \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members.

This latest review issue contains several items of importance to researchers and presented courtesy of Clifford Normand Jr., Debbie Kranske, Mary David Baker, and Cassandra Fedrick. Of particular interest too are the Martin DNA Study Results. Fontenot and Brignac succession information came from Ann Dubuisson with translations by David Lanclos. It was also nice to see Rita LeBlanc Campo, Leroy Willie and Jesse Homer Bankston remembered here.

Individual memberships in this society are \$25 per calendar year, and family memberships are \$30. Queries are free to members. For more information or to join this group, the address is Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Society, P.O. Box 82060, Baton Rouge, LA 70884-2060.

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**IMPORTANT GROUP:** The Vicksburg Genealogical Society was formed in 1982 and incorporated in 1986. The material published in their *Mississippi River Routes* encompasses the Louisiana parishes and Mississippi counties along and near the Mississippi River from the northern boundary of Louisiana's Florida Parishes (Louisiana-Mississippi line) to the Louisiana-Arkansas line and beyond. They hold monthly meetings between September and May and offer informative programs. Annual dues are \$25, and their year runs from June 1 to May 31 of each year.

Each issue of *Mississippi River Routes* features original documented material, including family history, record inventories, church, public, organizational, or corporate records, Bible records, cemetery inventories, letters, diaries, ledgers, and queries. Tony Dardeau is editor of this publication, and it is included as a part of the membership. For more information or to join this group, the address is Vicksburg Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 1161, Vicksburg, MS 39181-1161.

Here are some of the items you will find in the Spring 2011 issue of this publication:

Clara A. Pearson Writes T.M. Harwood from Grand Gulf  
Major W.J. Sykes Addresses the Chamber of Commerce, 1870  
December Program Summary  
Steamboat Letter from Monroe to New Orleans: Settlement of the Grayson Estate, 1846  
Romanti Paquinet's 1840 Fatal Accident  
The McGill Brothers of Big Point  
William Dunbar, Pioneer Scientist, 1749-1810  
Smedes-Bronax Marriage, 1849  
James Cotten's 1859 Power of Attorney  
February Program Summary/Dr. Douglas Richardson

**East Feliciana Planter J. Smylie Montgomery's Letter to His Amite County Mother, 1857**

**Louis Leyens and the Good Restaurant, 1868**

**Confederate Memorial Day, 1916**

**Hugh Emerson Vandiver's News from Camp Shelby, 1918**

**Missing Persons Online Database**

**War of 1812 Records**

**A Serious Eye Problem, 1954**

**Explosion at Refuge Oil Mills of 1883**

**From Winona to Selma: A Baptist Minister's 1901 Letter**

**"John Chinaman": Chinese Railroad Workers in Vicksburg, 1870**

**Failure of a New York Business: A New Orleans Letter to James Cotten, 1846**

**Fire at Wesson, 1868**

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**RESEARCH SOURCE:** For those researchers who want to continue their African research, here is a link that you should check out:

<https://news.familysearch.org/node/1111>

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