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**LE RACONTEUR:** Hot off the press, the December issue of *Le Raconteur* rounds out another outstanding year of genealogical publishing for Le Comité des Archives de la Louisiane. The variety of articles in this issue is particularly impressive. Three colonial period articles include Passports, Permissions, and Licenses for 1772; Men Who Can Shoot at the German Coast in 1778; and 1805 St. Helena Volunteer Militia.

Antebellum period articles include Natchitoches Burials, 1807-1813; Miscellaneous West Baton Rouge Suits, 1824-1857; Extracts From *The Condenser*, Plaquemine, Iberville Parish, 1836; St. Charles Parish Marriages, 1842-1846; three personal letters from Moses Brown (1817), James Ennis (1818), and H. Doughty (1843); and transcriptions of three East Baton Rouge Parish sales from the 1850s.

Articles from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century include an 1892 letter regarding the Millings of Caddo and Bossier Parishes and East Feliciana Parish Business Licenses for 1892.

A number of computer-related articles, announcements, and the annual index complete the issue.

The December issue is currently available only with a \$20 membership in Le Comité for 2011. This includes the three previous issues of *Le Raconteur*. Membership dues for 2012 are \$15 if paid before March 1<sup>st</sup>. The society's mailing address is: P.O. Box 1547, Baton Rouge, LA 70821.

Membership in the organization also includes four issues of the society's electronic newsletter, *E-Communiqué*, and access to the Members' Page of the website ([www.lecomite.org](http://www.lecomite.org)). Currently posted on the website are 15 Parish Research Guides, over 50 Finding Aids to collections at the Louisiana State Archives, and indexes to nine World War II service men and women books. Out-of-print articles from *Le Raconteur* will be posted next.

Le Comité is one of the largest, if not the largest genealogical organization in the state. Anyone interested in tracing their Louisiana roots will benefit from the resources this group has published over the past 34 years.

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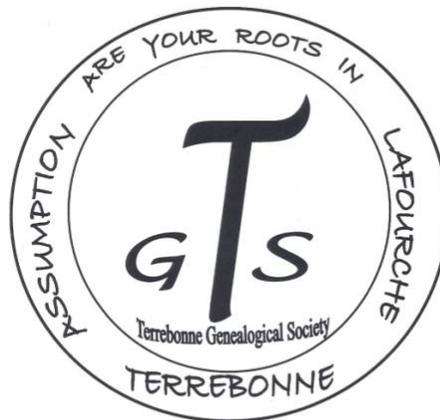
**TERREBONNE LIFE LINES:** So many of our genealogical societies are fading away with time, and many of those that remain have often changed from quarterlies to periodicals, publishing three times or less per year. It is always good to see those that remain around and continue to grow and prosper without increasing their

dues. Sometimes the increase in dues will automatically limit a lot of older researchers from participating in groups.

# TERREBONNE LIFE LINES

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There is so much great research data published in the latest issue of *Terrebonne Life Lines* from the Terrebonne Genealogical Society. If any of your ancestors, or even allied lines, are located in this part of the state, you really need to check out this publication. Their fall issue contains an extended index which is also nice when you need to check out what has been previously published during the year.

You can learn so much more about this group by just checking them out at [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~laterreb/tgs/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~laterreb/tgs/). However, you miss so much if you don't see each individual issue. With an individual membership of only \$25 annually, you receive this society's publication as a part of the fee. Otherwise, do check it out at your local genealogical library.

A large part of this latest issue covers an oral history tape of the Ledet family and others, like Hunter, Bergeron, Thibodaux, Guinot, and Gravois. With oral history, you can learn so much more other than just family lines. You have discussions and recollections on people, places, and things that make up a lineage. It is just a great learning experience for the reader or researcher.

There is also lots of family info on the Boudrot and Boudreaux families, presented by Betty Ann Himel Boudreaux. Jo Anne Gosselin Plessala contributed some Civil War info by way of Martial Joseph Gosselin I, her great grandfather. Here again, you learn so much more other than just Gosselin data.

Kevin Allemand, Administrator, Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux Catholic Archives contributed records that were omitted from Father Donald Hebert's *Southwest Louisiana Records*, and they have never been in print before. They are additional Sacramental records from Sacred Heart Parish in Morgan City from 1891 through 1902.

Information was also given about the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux Archives & Historical Research Center, a journal of Velma Anne Bergeron (submitted by Lawrence Bergeron), information on Justilla Neal and her two husbands, John Charles Joseph Smith and Joseph Trahan (from Jess Bergeron), more data on Aubin Bourg and Elizabeth E. Duroy (also from Bergeron), memories of the Kraemer family (from Beverly Legendre Alford), Ronald Berger's Lafourche soldiers who died in World War I with pictures, the United Houma Nation Lineage for Connie Ann Dupre Gaines, daughter of Patsy Mary Brunet Bourg, and the Richard Landry family tree.

You will also find a listing of all the publication they have available and lots of miscellaneous information scattered throughout the quarterly. *Terrebonne Life Lines* is absolutely one of the best genealogy publications in the state of Louisiana, and society members should be extremely proud of their accomplishments. Check this one out soon.

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