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BOARD MEETING: Le Comite des Archives de la Louisiane, Inc. Board Members met at the home of Doris Falkenheiner on Saturday May 19, 2012. In addition to the regular items on the agenda, full reports were given on membership, publications, website, summary of the African American SIG seminar, and status of the 1940.

The annual meeting is set for September with more information to follow. The next board meeting will be on October 6, 2012.

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GENEALOGICAL PUBLICATION: After publishing a Statehood Bicentennial theme issue in March, the June issue of *Le Raconteur* is back to its mix of Louisiana related genealogical material. The three main articles in this issue are a 1780 census of Galveztown, West Feliciana Parish business licenses for 1884 to 1899, and extracts from the *Planters' Gazette*, an Iberville Parish newspaper, for 1841 to 1845.

Long-time contributor E.A. "Tony" Dardeau has three articles in this issue – all transcriptions from historic letters. Dardeau has purchased dozens of these types of letters from eBay, mainly for their postal markings. He then transcribes the contents and submits them for publication in *Le Raconteur* and *Mississippi River Routes*, the quarterly journal he edits for the Vicksburg Genealogical Society (<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~msvgs/>).

Mary David Baker also contributed a 1906 photograph of students at Boyce School in Rapides Parish. Many of the students are identified in the accompanying article.

In addition to the record-based articles that make up the bulk of the contents, *Le Raconteur* reports on the latest in the world of online resources, especially those pertaining to Louisiana research. An update on the indexing of the 1940 census and an article on Louisiana resources at FamilySearch are particularly timely.

Le Raconteur is the quarterly publication of Le Comité des Archives de la Louisiane, a group that has grown from a handful of preservationists advocating for a new State Archives building back in the late 1970s to a major statewide genealogical society that has worked to publish little known and little used genealogical source material. More recently, it has ventured into the realm of online offerings. Materials found on its website (www.lecomite.org) include archival finding aids, out-of-print articles, and research guides. It recently added a *Document of the Month* feature.

Le Raconteur is available with a \$20 membership in Le Comité des Archives de la Louisiane, P.O. Box 1547, Baton Rouge, LA 70821.

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RESEARCH AID: *The England and Holland of the Pilgrims* by Henry Martyn Dexter and Morton Dexter is an excellent aid for genealogical researchers. Divided into six books accompanied by appendixes, indexes, and scholarly comments, this work attests to Henry Dexter's remarkable expertise with respect to the source records of the English and Dutch backgrounds of the Pilgrim Fathers.

The six books together constitute an encyclopedic history of Pilgrim affairs in

England and Holland, a systematic examination of every facet of Pilgrim life from the shaping of the Protestant conscience to the history of the Separatists - their persecutions in England and their churches in Amsterdam and Leyden - to summaries and particulars of those who set out to America on the *Mayflower*, the *Fortune*, the *Anne*, and the *Little James*. The author succeeds in mastering more than one discipline, for in addition to describing the Reform movements in general and the Pilgrims in particular, he turns his hand to doctrinal study, government, biography, and genealogy.

It is, however, the first item in the Appendix, concerning the Pilgrim company in Leyden, that is of inestimable value to the genealogical researcher. Here can be found a register of all those in the Pilgrim company who resided in Holland up to the end of the 17th century, and it naturally includes references to many who may never have voyaged to America.

The data is derived from archival sources and provides conclusive evidence of the Dutch residence of several hundred Pilgrims. The entries, typically, give place of origin, occupation, names of wives (with dates of betrothal), references to contemporary Dutch records, and a variety of incidental matter-in all, a successful attempt at enumerating the whole company of Pilgrims in Holland.

This book is available in a soft-cover volume for \$60.00, postpaid. Order directly from the Clearfield Company, 3600 Clipper Mill Road, Suite 260, Baltimore, MD 21211.

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