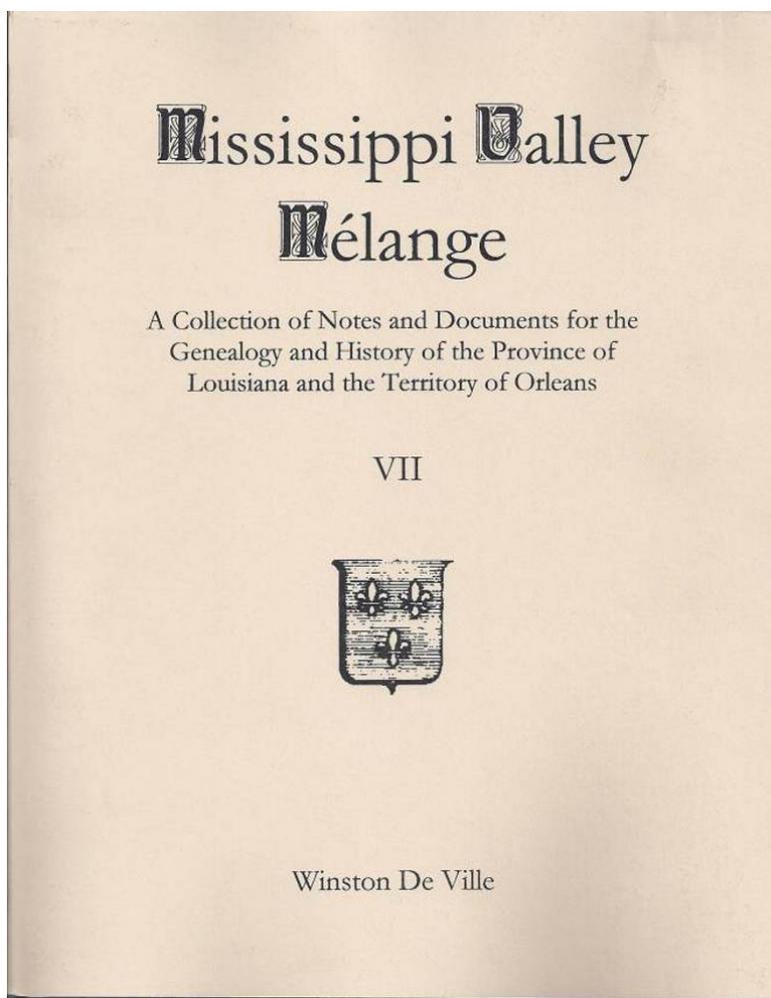


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**IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS:** The latest (and seventh) volume of *Mississippi Valley Melange* has just been released by Claitor's Publishing, and you can always count on Winston De Ville to come up with quality genealogical works. This one includes a full-name index compiled by Barbara Comeaux Strickland which guides the researcher to over a thousand entries.

These volumes focus on the early history and genealogy of Louisiana, Alabama, and Mississippi, and the articles in this issue are perhaps the best yet for this series. These were written by experts on Louisiana's early history, and De Ville has gathered them into the volume and edited them.

The feature article is outstanding and a credit to the scholarly expertise of Donald E. Pusch. "Founders of Louisiana: The First Two Ship Lists of 1699" is the first time in Louisiana's written history that a full list of Canadians taken to Louisiana

on Pierre Le Moyne Sieur de Iberville's second campaign. Among the passengers are men who became the progenitors of many of the Mississippi Valley's first families.

The second feature is "Mobile Baptisms: 1704-1711." These Mobile records are among the Mississippi Valley's first ecclesiastical registers. They were abstracted and translated.

Also included in this volume are: a reprint of C.C. Shelby's "St. Denis and His Declaration of 1717," Barbara Hard Allemand and Pierre Allemand's "Adrien de Pauger: His Death-Bed Confession of 1726," "The First-Born in Louisiana: A 1733 Claim;" Jay Higginbotham's "On Graveline: 1748;" and two reprints from the *American State Papers* – "O'Reilly and Gayoso on Spanish Lands Grants in Colonial Louisiana: 1770-1797" and "Mississippi Lands During the Territorial Period."

This is a soft-cover publication and priced at \$28.50. Needless to say, it is an excellent addition to any major genealogical collection. You can order it directly from Claitor's Publishing. [Order Now!](#)

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**MORE EARLY RECORDS:** Another book that will be of great assistance to you in researching the inhabitants of the lower Mississippi Valley region is *Early Inhabitants of the Natchez District*. It was published 1999 by Southern Historical Press of Greenville, South Carolina and was reproduced from a 1963 edition in the editor's personal collection.

These are lists of early inhabitants of the Natchez District which were originally compiled as an aid for those interested in Mississippi genealogy and were compiled mostly from secondary sources. Norman E. Gillis, who was living in Baton Rouge in 1963, contributed to the existing published material by arranging the data in alphabetical order.

The source for the list of English land grants and the Spanish census of 1791 was Dr. Dunbar Rowland's publication "Mississippi, the Heart of the South." The list of inhabitants of 1810 (Wilkinson County 1805) was based on several sources. The data for all counties, except Adams and Amite, were from various issues of the "Mississippi Historical Quarterly."

The 1810 tax list for Adams County is from a microfilm of original schedules obtained from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. The census of Amite County is from Casey's "Amite County Records." Alphabetical arrangements and combination with other counties into one list was done for this volume. The Wilkinson County census of 1805 includes the names of some residents of Amite County since Amite was a part of Wilkinson County at that time. This will be noted as duplication of data.

The list of inhabitants in 1816 was taken from the “Mississippi Historical and Statistical Register” of 1917 issued by the Department of Archives and History. Individual county lists were combined into the alphabetical order printed here. The inclusion of 1816 inhabitants of the Mississippi Territory outside the Natchez District was an afterthought. This area was settled partially by members of families who had previously lived in the Natchez District. The major portion of them came from Georgia, the Carolinas, Virginia, and Tennessee.

This volume is really an important contribution to the history of this part of the Mississippi Valley. Check with your local genealogical librarian to see if it is a part of their research collection.

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