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MORE REPRINTS: Three more of Winston De Ville's publications have been re-published by Claitor's Publishing in Baton Rouge. They are all soft-cover editions.

THE ACADIAN COAST IN 1779: Settlers of Cabannocey and La Fourche in the Spanish Province of Louisiana During the American Revolution is the first of these. With a preface by Barbara Dumesnil and an introduction by Kathleen M. Stagg, this is a nice supplement to De Ville's *Louisiana Soldiers in the American Revolution*. It contains vital evidence for Revolutionary service, contains 41 pages, and is priced at only \$16.00.

French Troops in the Mississippi Valley and on the Gulf Coast 1745 is another of De Ville's great contributions to the preservation of important information pertaining to this part of the early history of this period of time. Bill Barron wrote the introduction followed by DeVille's detailed preface. This listing of French troops is now again in book form for those individuals researching this period of early American history. It is also \$16.00.

The third reproduction is *An Account of Louisiana* by Thomas Jefferson. Originally published in 1803, this volume provides remarkable details found in one of the rarest books in the historiography of the entire Mississippi Valley and of the Gulf Coast. Published in a limited edition at the time of the Louisiana Purchase for the benefit of that era's Congress, few, if any, copies were made available to the general public.

All aspects of life in eighteenth-century Louisiana are revealed in the finely detailed Table of Contents: Boundaries - Divisions of the Province - Chapitoulas, The German Coasts, Cabannocey, La Fourche & Iberville - Bayou de Fourche, Attakapas, & Opelousas - Baton Rouge & its Dependencies - Pointe Coupée & Fausse Rivière - Red River & its Settlements - Concord, Arkansas, St. Charles, & St. Andrew - Upper Louisiana - The Carondelet Canal - St. Bernard - The English Turn - Plaquemines & Hurricanes - Mississippi River Passes - East of Lake Pontchartrain - Inhabitants & Their Origins - New Orleans - Number of Inhabitants - The Militia - Fortifications - The Indians - Lands & Titles - Sugar Cultivation - Laws - Courts & Justice - The Lawyers - Crimes & Punishments - Learning - The Church - Officers of Government - Taxes & Duties - Expenses & Debt - Imports & Exports - Manufactures - Navigation - Coasting Trade. This one is priced at \$31.00.

Orders for all three of these publications should be made directly to Claitor's Publishing.

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SOCIETY PUBLICATION: The winter issue of *The Louisiana Genealogical Register* arrived last week. It is the publication of the Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Society. The editor is Mary G. McKeough. As usual, there are a number of items of great interest to researchers, and if you aren't a member receiving this publication, you need to at least check out a copy in your local library's genealogical research section.

Individual membership is \$25.00. Family membership is \$30.00, and these memberships include the publication. Payment can be made directly to the society at P.O. Box 82060, Baton Rouge, LA 70884-2060.

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ANOTHER NEWSLETTER: *A' La Pointe* is the quarterly newsletter of the Pointe de L'Eglise: Acadia Genealogical and Historical Society of Acadia Parish and is an excellent source of material for individuals researching this part of the state. Their address is P.O. Box 497, Crowley, LA 70527.

Membership is \$20.00 per year or \$25.00 for family membership. Meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of February, May, August, and November. This one is always filled with pictures and illustrations.

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EXCELLENT VOLUME: Daniel A. Willis, whose royal genealogies of the Habsburgs and Louis XIII of France are available from Clearfield Company, also compiled an extensive genealogy of the descendants of King George I of Great Britain. This particular book is now out of print, but it is worth checking out in your local research library especially if you have carried your family history back to the 1700s.

George I, who ascended the throne in August 1714, was the first of the Hanoverian monarchs of England. George's claim to the British crown after the death of England's Queen Anne was based on the terms of Britain's Act of Settlement of 1701. His mother, the Electress Sophia of Hanover, was the granddaughter of James I, making George the next Protestant in line to the throne.

Willis explains the royal history of the Hanoverian line in the front matter to this volume and also provides a select bibliography, a list of abbreviations, and a reader's guide to the text itself. He then launches straight into a genealogy of the immediate family of George I, chronicling the births and marriages of his two children, the future George II and Princess Sophia Dorothea, and his grandchildren.

The bulk of the volume is arranged, chapter by chapter, according to the descendants of the following grandchildren who had significant issue: Frederick, Prince of Wales; Anne, Princess of Orange; Mary, Landgravine of Hesse-Cassel; Louisa, Queen of Denmark; Charlotte, Duchess of Brunswick; Sophie, Margravine of Brandenburg-Schwedt; Ulrike, Queen of Sweden; and August, Prince of Prussia.

The work concludes with an intriguing chapter establishing the connections of George's descendants to other European royal families and another outlining the current line of succession to the British throne. In all, this densely packed work identifies approximately 5,000 royal and noble connections emanating from the first of the Hanoverians and impacting the future course of European royalty and politics. These connections are easily traced by means of the name index at the back.

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