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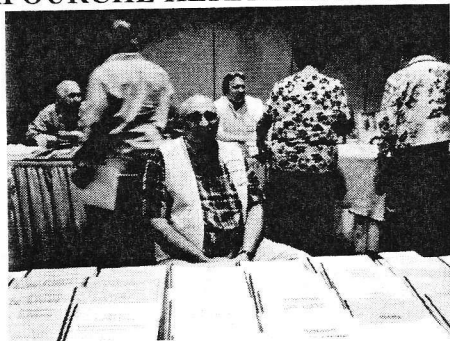
<http://www.terrebonnegenealogicalsociety.org>

There is a series of interviews of ten Holocaust Survivors from New Orleans and Myles BARR and Anita DUBROC presented a small part of the documentary series. A small group of Holocaust survivors settled in New Orleans, LA, after World War II. Some of the survivors started telling their stories to school children throughout the Deep South as part of a Holocaust education program led by the Southern Institute for Education and Research to help people remember the Holocaust. This was a very heart moving presentation, we cried, we laughed, we heard the horrific things that people had to go through, and the lies that they were told. If you would like more information on this go to

http://www.southerninstitute.info/holocaust_education/video_survivor_series.html or check out the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum at <http://www.ushmm.org/>



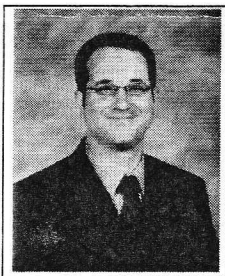
LAFOURCHE HERITAGE SOCIETY SEMINAR UPDATE



Another successful genealogy and history seminar was hosted by the Lafourche Heritage Society in Thibodaux. It was held on August 2nd, 2014 at the En Vie Ballroom. In keeping with LHS's tradition of wonderful speakers on a variety of subjects, this year's roster of presenters was interesting and informative. A musical history portraying his memories of growing up along French-speaking Bayou Lafourche was presented by singer/songwriter Mel Baudoin. Everyone enjoyed his beautiful music while learning a lot about the culture of the bayou. Another speaker with a unique and very interesting message was Leonard Smith, III

who kept the audience rapt with his knowledge of how to conduct genealogy storytelling. His digital presentation of popular music throughout the lifetime of one woman was very impressive. After another great lunch catered by En Vie, Ms. Renee Richard presented a fascinating outlook on particular families and plantations from Napoleonville in Assumption Parish, Louisiana. Her knowledge of the subject and her sharing of her research with the audience was very informative and was enjoyed by all. The final presenter of the day was Dr. Christopher Cenac, Sr. of Houma, who spoke about his award-winning book Livestock Brands & Marks, An Unexpected Bayou Country History. He gave a very helpful presentation on the process he went through in researching the minute details found in the book. There were also numerous booths for guests to learn more about organizations in the area and also to purchase books. TGS was again a main attraction with their large library of publications for sale. Thanks to Jess Bergeron and Louis Duet for their continued work to make TGS a popular feature of the annual LHS Seminar !

GUEST SPEAKER on August 30, 2014



Jay Michael SCHEXNAYDRE is a 10th-generation native of Convent in St. James Parish along the Mississippi River where his ancestors have resided for nearly 300 years. Jay graduated with honors from LSU in 2001 with a Bachelor of Science in Information Systems and Decision Science; however, his love for history and genealogy led him away from previous jobs in both New Orleans and Donaldsonville where he was a software application engineer. Currently, Jay works as the assistant manager at the Laura Plantation in Vacherie, Louisiana where he has been employed since 2001. Jay has been actively researching his genealogy since 1996. He also holds membership in the *Terrebonne Genealogy Society*, *La Société des Cajuns* and the *St.*

James Parish Historical Society. Jay has logged 6 trips to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. He visited Belgium and met with the Archivists for both: the Diocese of Gent *and* the American University in Louvain researching origins of the Schexnaydre family in Europe. He visited several towns in France tracing origins of his families there. Jay has intensely studied the families of St. Charles, St. John, St. James, Ascension, Assumption, Iberville & Lafourche Parishes. He is particularly interested in the complex and extended network of families within this "German/Acadian" Coast & Bayou Lafourche region and their origins. Jay is very proud of his Acadian, Québécois, French, German, Swiss, Portuguese, Catalan and Isleño background, in short, his *Creole* Louisiana roots. Jay's topic for the TGS meeting will be: "**Keating: An Irish Name for a French Louisiana Family**" Jay will discuss the research of his great-grandmother's Keating family. A traditional Irish name, the Keating family of St. John the Baptist Parish has roots in France, Saint-Domingue, Mauritius, Philadelphia and Delaware, not to mention Ireland. Find out how Jay remarkably uncovered the background of this family back 1,000 years and has reunited cousins from around the globe. This presentation will encourage you to search in places you've never thought would yield results and how persistence pays off. All Keatings are invited to attend.

NEW BOOKS

South Louisiana Vital Family Records Vol. 17 This volume consists of 164 pages, with abstracts of marriage records of Assumption, Lafourche and Terrebonne Parishes for 1947, including the names of bride and groom and dates of their marriage. Also included are any noted ages or birth dates, their parents, previous spouses, where married, married to whom and by whom. Purchase price \$30.00 per book plus postage and handling. See the attached flyer for purchase.

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