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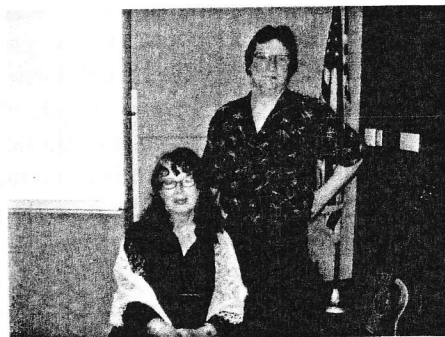
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Terrebonne Genealogical Society's Officers and Directors



Sitting left to right: Connie Gaines, Recording Secretary; Wanda Moore, Quarterly & Newsletter Editor; Patricia (Patty) Whitney, President; Sondras Saucier, Director. Standing left to right: Sandra Boudreaux, Treasurer; Essie Cavalier, Director; Louis Duet, Vice-President; Phillip (Phil) Chauvin, Jr., Director; Jess Bergeron, Correspondence Secretary; Nancy Wright, Director.

What an awesome multi-media program with live music by Phillip Lancaster and Allison Moore of the Riders on the Orphan Train with photos and interviews of survivors and a dramatic reading by Allison from her novel, *Riders on the Orphan Train*. Between 1854 and 1929 over 250,000 orphans and unwanted children were taken out of New York City and given away at train stations to every state in the United States. Some of our local people shared their stories and pictures from relatives who rode the train to Louisiana.



SPEAKER

Artemus Gaye was born in Monrovia, Liberia on November 24, 1975. He graduated from the St. Patrick's Catholic High School in 1993 during the Liberian civil war. He won a scholarship in 1994 to attend Africa University—a Pan-African institution of higher learning in Zimbabwe, studying Divinity and Education. He was later awarded a residency in CPE, specializing in Trauma Care at the William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, MI from 1997 to 1999 and concomitantly earned a B.A. in Christian Counseling in 1999 from Trinity College in Evansville, Indiana. Art also earned a Master at Garrett Evangelical with emphasis in religion and journalism in 2000. He became a Scholar-in-Residence and Research Affiliate at Garrett and the Program of African Studies at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois from 2001 to 2003. In 2004, he was enrolled at both Northpark University MA program in Community Development and Loyola's PhD program at Theology with a focus in Christian Ethics. He earned his doctorate in 2011. He's a five-time recipient of The Global Leadership Grant. He served as adjunct professor at St. Xavier and Benedictine universities in Illinois. He is a consultant to Northwestern University Law School Human Rights Programs on Truth and Reconciliation Project for Liberia. He is the president for the Prince Ibrahima & Isabella Freedom Foundation, Inc. and consulted in the making of the PBS biopic, *Prince Among Slaves*, the story of his ancestors. He is a licensed professional Sports Agent and a member of the Advisory Board for Africa University Development Office in Nashville, TN.



SEMINARS

You are invited to the Federation of Genealogical Societies annual conference co-hosted by the San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society and the Texas State Genealogical Society. August 27 – 30, 2014 this is a four-day education experience. The conference will be at the Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center in San Antonio with on-site registration or you can register online at www.fgsconference.org.

DEATHS



HENRY, Eddie Joseph Jr. He was 89, died Saturday, April 19, 2014. He was a native of Bourg, LA and resident of Houma, LA and most recently Denham Springs, LA. Interment: St. Francis de Sales Cemetery #2. He is survived by his, son, Eddie Joseph Henry III and wife Linda Miller Henry, Algiers, LA, daughter, Susan Henry Hebert and husband Anthony James Hebert, Denham Springs, LA, grandchildren, Dominick Vincent Henry, Kathleen Curren Henry Cross, Robert Patrick Henry, Aimee Michelle Hebert. He was preceded in death by his, wife, Merian Ann Fontana Henry, parents, Eddie Joseph Henry, Sr and Hazel Rogers Henry, brother, Leroy Paul Henry, sisters,

Louella Marie Henry, Jeanne Ursella Henry, Iona Ann Henry and Helen Henry Chiasson. Eddie was a parishioner of Maria Immacolata Catholic Church. He lived through the depression; served in the U.S Army as a medic in a field hospital in Burma during WWII; worked as a pumper at Bay St. Elaine, for Texaco for 34 years-retired and pursued a love for genealogy and gardening. He was a member of the Terrebonne Genealogy Society. He could trace his Cajun family roots to 1785 and the boats they came over on. When he met you, after learning a little bit about your family, he could tell you who you were related to and how far back he could trace your family. He served God, he served his country and he served his family. His one wish was that God would let him live long enough to provide for his children and watch them grow up. Well Dad, I think you got your wish! You will be forever in our hearts.

BESSON, Albert Milton "Man" Jr., 91, born on Shadyside Plantation in Franklin and a resident of Montegut, died in his home Tuesday, May 13, 2014. Burial was in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church cemetery. He is survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Vesta Rita Crochet Besson; children, **Sondras Saucier**, Steve Besson and Vanessa Naquin; grandchildren, Kandie Saucier, Kyle Saucier and wife, Esprit, and Kristina Levron; great-grandson, Austin Lirette; siblings, Joyce Simoneaux and husband, Pete, Shirley Wheats and Dorothy "Dot" Dover; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert Milton Besson Sr. and Linda Bodin Besson; grandson, Craig Lirette; brothers-in-law, Guy Landry, Fred Wheats and John Dover; and son-in-law, Curtis Saucier Sr. Albert was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He served in the 86 Blackhawk Unit during World War II in the Southwest Pacific and the New Guinea area. He was honored with the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, Asian Pacific Medal, American Campaign Medal, Victory World War II Medal, Marksmen Rifle Medal, Combat Infantry Badge and a Veterans Honor Medal from the state of Louisiana for his service.

He was a prisoner of war. He then worked for Texaco as a welder and compressor operator until his retirement. He was an active member of the American Legion, Post No. 272, where he served as a leader in the organization. Leadership roles included Department Vice Commander, Area C Commander, District Vice Commander, District Commander, and the Department Executive Committee. Albert was a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend who will be missed by all who knew him.



NEW BOOKS ON SALE

2013 Comet Deaths \$30 and 2013 Houma Courier Deaths \$30 plus \$4.00 for postage for the first book, \$1.00 for each additional book. Contact Jess Bergeron at (985) 876-2348 to purchase. See attached flyer.

ADDRESS CORRECTION

If you have moved please let us know. It will cost you extra postage to re-mail you returns. Contact Jess Bergeron at (985) 876-2348 or email him at jessndot@bellsouth.net.

MEETING CALENDER

May 31, 2014 Main Branch 1:00
 June 29, 2014 Main Branch 1:00
 July 26, 2014 Main Branch 1:00
 August 30, 2014 Main Branch 1:00
 September 27, 2014 Main Branch 1:00
 October 25, 2014 Main Branch 1:00
 November 2014 No Meeting
 December 14, 2014 North Branch 1:00

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2013 COMET DEATHS

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