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NEXT MEETING

SEPTEMBER 29, 2018

1:00 PM

MAIN BRANCH LIBRARY, 151 LIBRARY DR., HOUMA, LA

Last month Dr. Gerald KELLER spoke about the Civil War and Terrebonne Parish. Terrebonne Parish at the time of the Civil War was a mere village and sugar cane country. The greatest detailed incident by the Yankees was the murder and wounding of Federal soldiers near Houma in May 1862. The story began with the arrival of the Confederate blockade runner *Fox* at Bayou Caillou on May 7, 1862. A band of 15-20 armed men learned about the approach of two wagons each containing two men who had taken ill and allowed to return to Terrebonne Station. The armed party included Thomas Albert Wood, Morelle, E.N. Dutrail, B. Cooper, Gilbert Hatch, D.W. Crewell, Edwards, Howard Bond, W. Bond, F. Gatewood, Dr. J.L. Jennings and William H. Hornsby. A quick plan was set up to "bushwhack" the federal. Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, January 1, 1863 declared that slaves held in states or part of states in rebellion against the United States "shall be then, thenceforward and forever free." Parishes exempted from the proclamation were St. Bernard, Plaquemines, Jefferson, St. John the Baptist, St. Charles, St. James, Ascension, Assumption, Terrebonne, Lafourche, St. Mary, St. Martin and Orleans included New Orleans. Final curtain came May 27, 1865 at Bayou du Large in Terrebonne Parish as 2nd Lt. Numa A. Pomponeaux, Company K, 1st LA Cavalry (Union) and Captain Joseph A. Rhodes, 3rd Rhode Island apprehend Lt. Oma Boudreaux and his eleven-man company once and for all.

GUEST SPEAKER

Our September guest speaker: **Sidney P. BELLARD**, has recently retired after an educational career of fifty years. He taught the subjects of European History, American History, Civics, Sociology, Geography, English, French, and adult literacy. Administratively, he served as Director of Adult Education in St. Bernard Parish, and Vice Principal and counselor in a private school. Additionally, he served on state and national adult literacy boards and presented at state and national conventions on the topics of teaching problem adolescents and convention planning. Since retirement, he has written and published his first book, *A Cajun in France: Journeys to Assimilations*. It is available in digital and print form at Amazon.com. Sidney now resides in Mandeville, LA. Please review his website: acajuninfrance.com and his Facebook page at Sidney BELLARD. His presentation will be called: *Genealogy and All That Stuff*. He will touch on the BELLARD and COMEAUX families. Facts on genealogical and historical research laced with humorous, interesting anecdotes and readings.

MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

German –Acadian Coast Historical & Genealogical Society will have its regular meeting on September 25, 2018 at St. John the Baptist Parish Library. 2910 Hwy 51, LaPlace, LA, 7 pm. Speaker: Jeff ROUX, Topic: “Pulling the Strings” Examples of old games in Louisiana. October 20, 2018 they will have an Octoberfest luncheon at St. James Parish reception hall, 2455 Hwy 18, Vacherie, LA; paid reservation required \$25.00 per person by October 10. For more information go to www.gachgs.com.

DEATHS



Jerry Joseph DUPRE, Sr. He was 78, passed away Friday, Aug. 10, 2018. He was Houma native and resident. He was a self-employed general contractor for most of his life, developing many subdivisions. He was a founding member of United Contractors. He was the co-founder and president of the Southeastern Louisiana Home Builder's Association. In the Houma Courier on April 14, 1970, he was featured as the Personality of the Week. He is survived by his wife, Marsha LAPEYROUSE DUPRE; his children, Sherry DUPRE FONSECA and husband, Bobby, Jerry Joseph DUPRE Jr. and wife, Paula, and **Connie DUPRE GAINES**; his stepson, Ronald ALLEMAND; his brothers, Amos and Kerry DUPRE; his sisters, Gloria DUPRE BLANCHARD, Iona Jean DUPRE COLWART, and Judy DUPRE TABOR; his seven grandchildren, Bryan, Kristie, Katie FONSECA, Tabatha DUPRE FORET, Lainey DUPRE GRABERT, Trent DUPRE, and Renee Rochel MOISE; his four step-grandchildren, Roni and Madison ALLEMAND, Randy TROSCLAIR Jr., and Sammie THIBODAUX; his six great-grandchildren, Cadence and Rosalie FONSECA, Jarek and Rayce FORET, and Daisie and Sallie GRABERT; and his step-great-grandchild, Darcy TROSCLAIR. He was preceded in death by his parents, Yancy Peter DUPRE and Beulah ESCHETE DUPRE. He served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Princeton as a Hull Technician Third Class. He also served in the Navy Reserves as well as the Houma-Terrebonne Air Civil Defense. He was a member of the VFW Houma Post 3700.



Veteran.

Jack Roscoe GAINES. He was 87, a resident of Fort Payne, passed away July 30, 2018. He was born in Calhoun County Alabama on August 24, 1930. He retired from Bell South Central Office as a Switchman. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Oma, daughter, Karen GAINES MUSE and husband Daniel, grandsons, Dax, Dustin and Drew MUSE, daughter-in-law **Connie DUPRE GAINES** and his beloved Yorkie companion, Buddy. He was preceded in death by his son, Paul Edmund GAINES and parents Henry Savage and Lilly COPPOCK GAINES. He is a United States Navy

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2018 MEETING SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	ROOM/FLOOR	GENERAL
9/29/2018	Main Branch	Large Room - 1st Fl	1:00PM
10/27/2018	Main Branch	Large Room - 1st Fl	1:00PM
<i>No meeting in November</i>			
12/15/2018	Main Branch	Large Room - 1st Fl	Noon

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