

# Lafayette Genealogical Society

## Meeting Minutes

### March 15, 2018

The monthly meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society was held on Thursday, March 15, 2018 in the meeting room of the South Regional Library, 1601 Johnston Street at 6:30 P.M. The meeting was called to order by President Brenda Thibodeaux. The meeting began with a few words of welcome to our members thanking them for their attendance. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. We then had a moment of silence to honor our ancestors who have gone before us and to remember our men and women serving in the armed forces. Guests were then asked to introduce themselves. They Included: Evelyn and Gary Smith researching the Smith family of St. Landry Parish; Rogers Romero; Susan Ducote researching the Williams family of Alabama; Gayle Smith researching her Breaux family and Lester Landry. Theresa Edison, the Director of the Library, reminded everyone to vote on March 24 for the Library Millage Renewal and the importance of keeping up with library improvements.

Warren LeBlanc presented Sam Lollar of the library staff a copy of our 2017 Memoriores for use by library patrons.



Sam Lollar accepts 2017 Memories from Warren LeBlanc

At this time President Thibodeaux stated that the February minutes were posted on our website and asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Henry Peterson made the motion and it was seconded by Alan Motte. A vote was taken, the motion passed and everyone is encouraged to read the minutes on-line.

Warren LeBlanc was called upon to give the Treasurer’s Report. It is as follows:

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$5,021.44</b>
Dues	280.00
Books Sold/Donations	
Supplements Sold	
Acadian Project	
Banquet	
Publication Expense	
Speaker Meals	
Banquet Expenses	
Office expenses	
Other Expenses/Rent	
Library Book Project	
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$5,301.45</b>

New Members for 2018	10
TOTAL MEMBERS	79
Members with Dues Unpaid	79

New members for this month are:

- Shirley Broussard
- Bill and Cindy Colvin
- Glenda Monnin

Members with February anniversary of club membership are:

James and Lona Bourque	28 years
Warren LeBlanc	26 years
Brenda and John Fuselier	25 years
JoAnn Pugh	24 years
Dorothy Burleigh	16 years
Earl Gates	16 years
Brenda Thibodeaux	09 years
Carolyn Perron	04 years
Dianna Drury	02 years

Henry Peterson motioned that we accept the treasurer's report for January. It was seconded by Allen Matte and a vote was taken. The motion was passed without opposition.

President Thibodeaux then called upon Everett Thompson who spoke to us about our emailing list. We have been using RootsWeb but they are redoing their system and this is causing problems with getting out meeting notices and other announcements. The system was tested this week and the list went through. It may take a few more tries before the entire system is up to speed. Please be careful when answering these emails because very often messages are sent to all 200 on list. Reply to a specific person and not to LAGS.com. Please be vigilant before you send out a message to the entire group when you only wanted to send to one particular person

This ended the business part of the meeting.

President Thibodeaux then introduced our speakers for the evening, Kathy Higgenbotham and Donna Latiolais. They spoke on *Using Maps in Research*. Both ladies are members of the St. Pierre Genealogy Society in Carencro.

Using the town of Carencro as an example, they were able to find its original location using maps available on the internet. They began by going to the website – [www.doa.la.gov](http://www.doa.la.gov). This is the website of the Office of State Lands. Click on "Division Offices". Then scroll to "Office of State Lands". Click on "Document Access". When you get here search for historical documents and go to historical records search. All land claims had to be recorded before March 1, 1806 or else the land claim would be marked as void. At this time, all records have been scanned and are available to research online. When you get to historical records search, click on the instructions for further help. This website contains property descriptions, land claims and document types and the state tract book.

They researched the claim papers of Pierre Dugas. Using the township, range and section numbers they obtained from this research, they were able to locate the original township plat. The town was founded in 1875 on land originally owned by F. C. Malain.



Donna Latiolais, at left and Kathy Higgenbotham  
March Speakers

They also showed us how to use the Bureau of Land Management website. Its website address is [glorerecords.bim.gov](http://glorerecords.bim.gov). When you go to this website, click on "Search Documents". Here you can find transfer of land titles from the federal government to individuals. These transfers are called federal land patents.

They also showed us the GIS website that has geographical information. Since this information was difficult to absorb all at once, it was requested that this information be put on our website. Then we had a question and answer period.

President Thibodeaux asked for a motion to adjourn. Alan Matte made the motion and Cynthia Guilbeau seconded it. The motioned carried and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Pellerin  
Secretary