

Lafayette Genealogical Society
General Monthly Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2019

Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society was held Thursday, May 16, 2019 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 Henry Peterson, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Approval of Previous Minutes

President Peterson announced that the minutes for the April, 2019 meeting were online and available for review on the <http://lafayettegenealogicalsociety.org> website. A motion was made, seconded and voted on affirmatively to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Treasurer's Report

LGS treasurer, Warren Leblanc, presented the current financials, noting a current, unchanged, balance of \$5,279.15, which was approved.

It was further noted that the current membership total is now 91, having increased by 14 new members since last month.

Leblanc announced notable membership anniversaries.

The written report is attached to these minutes.

Old Business

- The LGS annual publication committee is requesting members' various contributions, such as 4-5 generational charts and/or family stories. A hardcopy will be placed in the library. Warren Leblanc will continue to accept submissions until October, 2019.
- Research assistance from Lafayette Genealogical Society members is offered every Tuesday from 8:30 - noon in the Genealogy Section (3rd floor) of the Main Branch of the Lafayette Public Library, 301 West Congress St., Lafayette, Louisiana.

New Business

- Rogers Romero, one of our members, is battling an illness and it is requested that he be kept in your thoughts.

Guest Speaker

The evening speaker was Jean Francois. He is a local author of Historical Novels [<https://www.thriftbooks.com/a/john-francois/902449/>] and a member of the Attakapas Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR).

Jean explained how to join the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). His presentation included what is necessary, what is not necessary and what is NOT acceptable on the application.

It should be noted that membership to join the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is not the same as the SAR process. The method for membership in the DAR will be presented to the membership at the August, 2019 meeting.

First, a prospective member must ascertain if any of his ancestors were actively involved in opposing the English during the American Revolution.

The speaker's foundation for his own application is based upon his ancestor, Francois Pitre, who fought with Galvez against the British at Baton Rouge in 1779, as part of the Opelousas Post Militia. The speaker has actually written a book entitled, "The March", which tells the story of that battle and the Acadians who fought it. In doing so, he prepared a list of names from the rolls of various militia units of that time (1776 / 1777) which can be used as an applicant's ancestor foundation, much like the speaker. His research of militia area participation included:

- Attakapas Post Militia (St. Martinville area)
- Acadian Coast Militia (Donaldsonville area)
- German Coast Militia (Vacherie area)
- Iberville Coast Militia (Plaquemine area)
- Opelousas Post Militia (Opelousas area)
- Pointe Coupee Militia (New Roads / False River area)

NOTE: The speaker allowed a copy to be made of his work preparing this list, and this 10 page document can be found under "Meetings" then "Speaker Handouts" on the LGS website entitled:

1776 / 1777 Roll of Names from Various Militia Units that assisted Galvez against the British at Baton Rouge in 1779, compiled by John Francois

A sample of other activities, besides being active in the various militias, acceptable for application purposes is delineated in Exhibit B, below –

Exhibit B - Sample of ancestor activities for SAR application

- Been a signer of the Declaration of Independence, the Mecklenburg Declaration of 1775, the Albemarle Declaration of 1779, or the Cumberland Compact of 1780;
- Been a member of any of the Continental Congresses;
- Rendered material aid, such as: Furnishing supplies with or without remuneration; lending money to the Colonies, munitions makers, and gunsmiths; or any other material aid which furthered the Cause;
- Served in the military or navy, including: Service during the dates falling on or between 19 April 1775 and 26 November 1783, service at the Battle of Point Pleasant on 10 October 1774 (this location and date only), or furnishing a substitute for military service;
- Been a participant in the Boston Tea Party, Kaskaskia Campaign, Galvez Expedition, Cherokee Expedition, or the Edenton Tea Party;
- Been a defender of forts and frontiers or a ranger;
- Been a prisoner of war, including those on the British ship Old Jersey or other prison ships;
- Been a physician, surgeon, nurse, or otherwise rendered aid to the wounded;
- Rendered civil service under the Colonies during the dates falling on or between 19 April 1775 and 26 November 1783;
- Been a member of committees made necessary by the violation of colonial rights by England or the War, such as committees of safety, observation, inspection, and correspondence;
- Pledged to support the cause of the Colonies, such as: the Oath of Fidelity and Support, the Oath of Allegiance or the Articles of Association, or the Association Test;
- Been a signer of petitions addressed to and recognizing the authority of the provisional and new state governments;
- Accepted obligations or acted under direction of the provisional and new state governments, such as persons directed to hold elections, to oversee road construction, to collect provisions, or similar responsibilities;
- Been a clergy member or other recognized leader of any religion who performed overt acts of resistance to the authority of Great Britain which could only be performed by religious leaders.

Secondly, an applicant must provide ancestral lineage.

Thirdly, the application is submitted on the state level, then forwarded to the national level for consideration of approval

For a copy of the application, as well as additional information, the LGS website provides a link via “Resources,” then “Link,” then on bottom right to the “Louisiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.”

Next Meeting

- The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 2019 at the South Regional Library, 1601 Johnston Street at 6:30 P.M. The scheduled speaker is Gayle Breaux Smith, who will be presenting -- “Aboiteau” How Acadians turned Salt marshes into Fertile Farmland.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Labbe Boudreaux

TREASURER'S REPORT April

Beginning Balance	\$5,279.15
Dues	
Books sold/Donations	
Supplements sold	
Acadian Project	
BANQUET	
Publication expense	
Speaker Meals	
Banquet Expenses	
Office expense	
Other expenses/Rent	
Library book	
Project	
Ending Balance	\$5,279.15

New members for 2019	14
TOTAL MEMBERS	91
Members with dues unpaid	0

The new members for this month is (are)

Jody/Robert Picard

Members Anniversary

January's

12yrs Pete Lavergne
9yrs Barbara Thibodeaux
4yrs Joan & Ronald Boudreaux

February's

29yrs	James & Lona Bourque
27yrs	Warren LeBlanc
26yrs	Brenda & John Fuselier
25yrs	JoAnn Pugh
18yrs	Earl Gates
10yrs	Brenda Thibodeaux
3yrs	Dianna Drury
March's	
9yrs	Calice & Julia Breaux
6yrs	Kathy Higginbotham
6yrs	Donna Latiolais
4yrs	Terry Graham
3yrs	Tamra Broussard
April's	
10yrs	Everett & Norma Thompson
8yrs	David & Cindy Landry
3yrs	Mildred Meyers
May's	
4yrs	Thomas & Karren Hays
4yrs	Henry & Shirley Peterson
3yrs	Margaret Lynn Dubois
June's	
10yrs	James & Gloria Peterson
9yrs	Regina Bourgeois
5yrs	Shirley LeBlanc
4yrs	Sandra & Donald Garber
July's	
8yrs	Marella Wilkerson
5yrs	Rosa Silvestrin
3yrs	Jasper & Mary Rizzo
August's	
6yrs	Marcus & Francine Andrepont
6yrs	Kathy & Buddy Pellerin
4yrs	John Love
September's	
7yrs	Elaine & Allen Lopez
4yrs	Dana & Gayle Guidry
November's	
7yrs	Manuel Ortiz
December's	
8yrs	Julie Hernandez