

Lafayette Genealogical Society
General Monthly Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2019

Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society was held Thursday, July 18, 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 June, 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, with a balance of \$5,939.15, which was approved.

It was further noted that the current membership total is now 101, having increased by 19 new members since last month.

Leblanc announced notable membership anniversaries.

Old Business

- 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.

- On the 1st Saturday of each month, an informal group also meets at the Main Library to share genealogical information and stories.

New Business

- All society members going to Prince Edward Island in Canada for the Congrès Mondial were wished a good trip.
- Gail Breaux announced that Louisiana will host an altered Congrès in October. The conference in Shreveport will be in August. Please contact Brenda Fuselier for contact information. Lake Charles will also be hosting a conference in September at the library.

Guest Speaker

Our president was the guest speaker for the evening. Henry Peterson presented "Evaluating an Obituary."

The presentation included 5 obituaries of related people:

- Eula Mae Duhon- Her brother, sisters, sons, daughters and step-children were listed along with her parents and husband. There were many different names.
- Mitchel Bernard Meaux, Eula Mae Duhon's son died in 2010. Not all of the names corresponded with his mother's obituary. Not all of his brothers shared the same last name.
- Adam Ray Meaux, the father of Mitchel Bernard Meaux. His wife was Eula Mae Duhon. New names were presented as survivors.
- Adrien Lee Borill died in 2017. He was survived by his mother Margie G Borill and preceded in death by his father, Albert Borill.
- Caleb Joseph Duplantis died in 2018.

All of the above-named persons are related. There are a lot of common surnames and the names interlock. To find out the relationships, you can use other sources, such as: Find-A-Grave. A general discussion of the pros and cons of Find-A-Grave

followed. Another way to understand the relationships is to speak to someone familiar with the family. Family Group Sheets can help with clarification.

To clear up the mystery, Henry told us that Eula Mae Duhon had been married twice. Her previous husband's name was not included in her obituary. At the end, another obituary was shown. In 2019, Christina Meaux Callahan died. Her obit included much of the same information in all the others. The best thing to do is to organize your research if you are ever confronted with this situation. It sometimes can take a lot of extra work.



Henry announced that he added a cemeteries link to his website.

<http://www.hpeterjr.us> It contains all of the cemeteries in Lafayette.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Labbe Boudreaux,

as transcribed from notes taken by Kathy Pellerin