

Lafayette Genealogical Society
General Monthly Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2021

Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society was held Thursday, April 15, 2021, at the South Regional Lafayette Public Library located at 6101 Johnston Street. At 6:30 p.m., the meeting was held in the auditorium and presented via Zoom for individuals unable to attend in person.

The meeting was called to order by President Joan Boudreaux, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our deceased ancestors and members, as well as all others who are not with us.

An introduction of our guest speaker and other members which were present were announced.

Approval of Previous Minutes

President Joan Boudreaux announced that the minutes for the March, 2021 meeting were online and available for review on the <http://lafayettegenealogicalsociety.org> website.

A motion was made, seconded and voted on affirmatively to approve the minutes as posted on the LGS site and dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Treasurer's Report

LGS treasurer, Warren Leblanc, presented the 2021 Budget for the Lafayette Genealogical Society. Below is the following budget:

Beginning Bank Balance		\$5,874.08
Projected Revenues		
Estimated Dues 60 members x \$20.00	1,200.00	
Books (CD) sold 6 x \$5.00 each		
Cemetery Book/CD 7 x \$20.00		
Supplements sold 4 x \$5.00		
Total Projected Revenues	<hr/>	1,200.00
Projected Expenditures		
Publication	300.00	
Speaker Meals/Expenses	75.00	
Storage Rent	744.00	
Banquest Expenses	50.00	
Office Expenses (copies, postage)	200.00	
Other Expenses (Web page)	250.00	
Total Projected Expenditures	<hr/>	1,619.00
Ending Bank Balance		<u><u>\$5,455.08</u></u>

Old Business

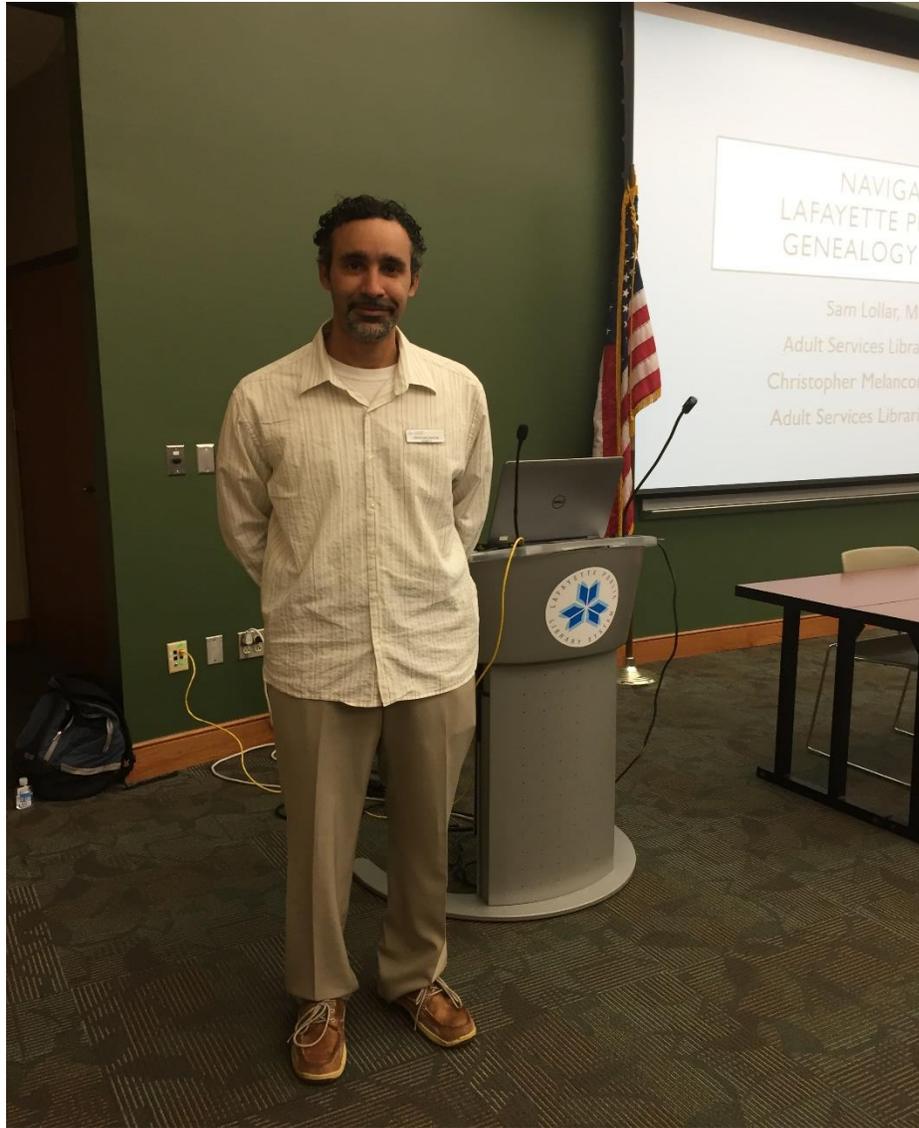
Our scheduled monthly May meeting date will be Thursday, May 20, 2021. The meeting will be held in the auditorium of the South Regional Library and via Zoom.

Our speaker will be Joan Boudreaux, who will be speaking on the topic *Probate Record Research Presentation*. It will be at a slower pace than the entire courthouse records presentation which she gave a few years ago, focusing specifically on probate records. She will present the following:

- Why it can be a valuable resource
- Exactly, how to find those records
- Specific examples of what can be found in those records

New Business

Evening Speaker



Our guest speaker was Mr. Christopher Melancon, JD-BCL, LLM, MLIS, Adult Services Librarian II, who works in the Lafayette Public Library at the main branch location. Mr. Melancon gave the group a virtual visit of the Lafayette Public Library's Genealogy Research Room. He discussed instruction as to how to best locate and use these valuable resources.

By the way of his presentation, he showed the group different sections of the library. As discussed, you will find the following:

- Louisiana – Non-Circulating – Books about Louisiana – most family name books are located there
- Non-Louisiana – Non-Circulating – books about states/countries other than Louisiana

- Louisiana – Circulating- books about Louisiana that can be checked out/includes some duplicates that are found in the non-circulating Louisiana collection
- Non-Louisiana – Circulating – books about states/countries other than Louisiana that can be checked out.
- Fr. Hebert collections – Church and Civil Records of Southwest Louisiana, South Louisiana and Diocese of Baton Rouge
- Local History collection – books about communities, events, people in or near Lafayette (circulating and non-circulating)
- Obituaries
- Telephone Books
- City Directories
- Microfilm collection – Louisiana census data, State Death Indexes, Louisiana Gazette (newspaper): 3/11/1893 – 2/24/1908, Sanborn fire Maps and others

For more information you can visit the Genealogy page on lafayettepubliclibrary.org to find out more about the library's genealogy offerings. Through my Library's Databases, the following database(s) are available to borrowers registered with the Lafayette Public Library:

- Ancestry Library Edition – at home access is being allowed by the vendor through June 30 2021
- Credo Reference
- HeritageQuest Online
- My Heritage
- Newsbank
- Sanborn Maps

Mr. Melancon will be providing Joan Boudreaux with reference material, as soon as available. LGS will be emailing copies in a PDF, for all members.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Plaisance