

Lafayette Genealogical Society
General Monthly Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2021

Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society was held Thursday, July 15, 2021, at the South Regional Lafayette Public Library located at 6101 Johnston Street. The meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. in the meeting room.

The meeting was called to order by President Joan Boudreaux, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for all who are deceased, including our ancestors and members.

A welcome and an introduction of our guests and members were announced.

Approval of Previous Minutes

President Joan Boudreaux announced that the minutes for the June, 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 current financials as follows:

Beginning Balance	\$5,837.94	
Dues	\$180.00	
Ending Balance	\$6,017.94	
New members for 2021		25
Total members		115
Members with dues unpaid		4

The new members for this month are Roxanne and William Burnette and Mary Leach.

A motion was made, seconded and an affirmative vote was accepted to the treasurer's report.

Old Business

Our next monthly meeting for August will be held in the meeting room of the South Regional Library, located at 6101 Johnston Street. President Joan Boudreaux has booked this room for the remainder of this year. She is taking suggestions from the members for guest speakers. If any member would like to give a presentation or discussion pertaining to genealogy, they are welcomed to do so.

Jason Theriot will be our guest speaker for next month. He will be speaking to the group about The Frenchie podcast – The story of the French-speaking Cajuns of World War II.

Reminder was mentioned to the group, for our yearly publication scrapbook, to start gathering and to submit any publications of family trees, articles of family members, stories, charts, etc., which can be submitted by pdf to Kathy Pellerin.

The Lafayette Genealogical Society members are there to help you research your genealogy 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. Volunteers are welcome to help other members with their research. A group road trip to the main Library is forthcoming.

The Saturday morning round table session at the main library is still work in progress.

The following reminder notice was given to the members:

- **July 28 – Acadian Day of Remembrance** – On July 28, 1755, British Governor Charles Lawrence signed the deportation order which set in motion Le Grand Derangement, or the Great Upheaval. The Acadians were then exiled from their homeland of l'Acadie, and from 1755 until 1763, an estimated one-third of their population perished on their journeys. While many of the Acadians eventually found their way to Louisiana and reestablished a community, their descendants remained a people in exile until 2003, when Queen Elizabeth II signed a Royal Proclamation declaring July 28 as the official day in which the world would remember the Acadians' suffering as a result of Le Grand Derangement.
Wednesday, July 28, 2021 – 6:00 p.m. Holy Mass en Francais at the Mother Church of the Acadia, St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church – 133 South Main Street, St. Martinville, LA
- **August 15 – National Day of the Acadians** – In 1888 the first National Acadian Convention was held in Memramcook, New Brunswick. The group gathered to discuss issues, such as agriculture, pertaining to the Acadians. At the convention August 15 – the Feast of the Assumption – was chosen as the national holiday to celebrate Acadian culture.

Vermilionville, Lafayette, LA – 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. – Acadian Culture Day

Evening Speaker

Our guest speaker was Mr. Zachary Stein, the Head of the Special Collections of Edith Garland Dupre Library located on the main campus of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.



The Lafayette Genealogical Society gifted our guest speaker with our yearly publications from the past three years to be cataloged in the Special Collections and Edith Garland Dupre Library.

Mr. Stein spoke about the Special Collections department which has an extensive genealogy collection, and how our group can access this information through the library's services.

The Special Collections Services consist of different sections containing a variety of materials related to the Acadiana region and south and southwest Louisiana.

The following are some of these sections he discussed.

- Louisiana Room – collection of materials relating to Louisiana and the University – resources include state documents, map collection, clippings from newspapers, genealogy collection, general, university, biographies, rare book collection, Louisiana colonial records, Louisiana books (different topics) and other information
- University Archives & Acadiana Manuscripts Collection (includes the Rare Book Collection and Microforms) – resources include collections of personal or family papers, business records, photograph collections, oral histories, local and regional history and other information
- Digital Archives – includes digitized collections of the Acadiana Manuscripts Collection and those donated to special collections

For more information on the different sections of Special Collections and their services you can view the UL Lafayette Special Collections Research Guide. Members were directed to the following websites:

Special Collections Webpage: <https://library.louisiana.edu/collections>

UL Lafayette Special Collections LibGuide: <https://louisiana.libguides.com/institutional-repository>

Special Collections Reference Citations:

<https://louisiana.libguides.com/specialcollections-citations>

UL Lafayette Institutional Repository: <https://louisiana.libguides.com/institutional-repository>

Contact Mr. Stein with any questions regarding information and services to:

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Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Plaisance