

Lafayette Genealogical Society

Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2017

The monthly meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society was held on Thursday, May 18, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the South Regional Library, 1601 Johnston Street. The meeting was called to order by President Brenda Fuselier. After a few words of welcome, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence to honor our ancestors and our armed forces. Guests were asked to introduce themselves. They included: Paul and Elizabeth Manual who are researching the Miller, Broussard, Manual and Bertrand families; Cindy and Daryl Miller researching the Miller, Bayonne, Manual and Petre families; Donna and Paul Johnson researching the Fontenot, Guillory and Manual families; and Sherrie Broussard Lapointe who grew up here but lives in Bunkie. She has DNA matches on Ancestry.com with several members in the society. Welcome to all.

The April minutes are on our website. Henry Peterson motioned that we dispense with the reading of the minutes. Richard Foreman seconded the motion. A vote was taken, the motion passed. Members who cannot attend the meetings can keep up with society activity by reading the minutes on-line.

Warren LeBlanc was called upon to give the Treasurer's Report. The April report is listed below:

Beginning Balance	\$4,807.46
Dues Collected	200.00
Books Sold/Donations	
Supplements Sold	
Acadiana Project	
Banquet	
Publication Expense	
Speaker Meals	
Banquet Expense	
Office Expense	
Other Expense/Rental	
Library Book Project	
Ending Balance	\$5,007.46

New Members for 2017:	34
Members with dues unpaid:	46

New members for last month include Roxie & Steven Guilbeau, Ruth & Fred Weeks and last month's speaker, Dianne Legnon.

There was no discussion on the treasurer's report and Henry Peterson motioned that we accept the report. It was also seconded by Richard Foreman. A vote was taken and the treasurer's report was accepted.

President Fuselier informed the membership that the password for the Members Only section of our website has been changed for 2017. Members were notified by email. If you have not received notification, please let her know.

The Executive Committee met and discussed the meeting day and time changes. It was decided to try to have one Saturday meeting a quarter on a trial basis. It would be a 3rd Saturday meeting instead of a 3rd Thursday meeting provided that the library would be available. Some speakers can only come to daytime meetings. This may make the job of recruiting speakers easier. More information will be forthcoming. If we can obtain speakers for Genealogy 101 it will be publicized.

President Fuselier took this time to thank Julie Hernandez for the good job she is doing with publicity. She also mentioned that the **August meeting only** will be held at the downtown library because the meeting room at Johnston Street will not be available. The library will be updating electrical connections in the meeting room.

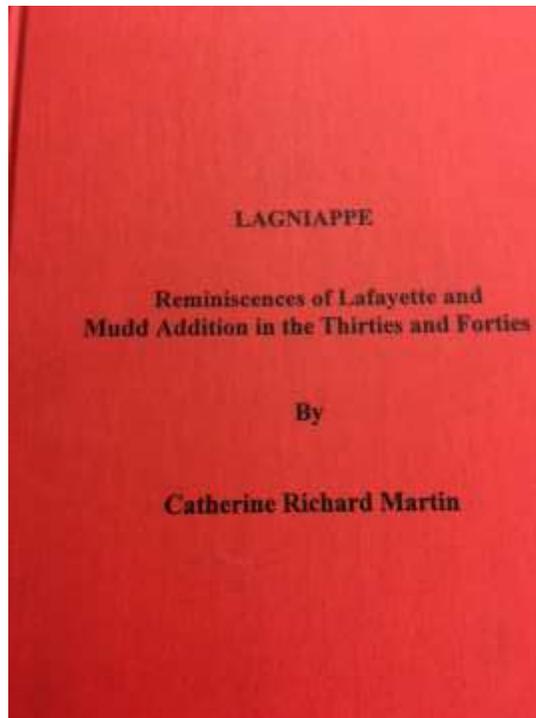
More volunteers are needed on Tuesday morning at the downtown library to assist those people who are new to genealogy and need our expertise. Please show up if you can at 9:30 am

This concluded the business part of the meeting.

At this time President Fuselier introduced our guest speaker for the evening, our society member Shirley LeBlanc. Her talk was a CD presentation on the buildings and offices on Jefferson Street when she and her husband were growing up in Lafayette. She found many old pictures of original buildings in Lafayette. It seems that her husband was able to obtain a copy of a book written by Catherine Richard Martin for her family primarily. John Allen found a copy and it brought back memories of growing up in that area. Shirley's presentation focused on Jefferson Street only and she took us down memory lane, block by block.



Shirley LeBlanc tells us about her presentation

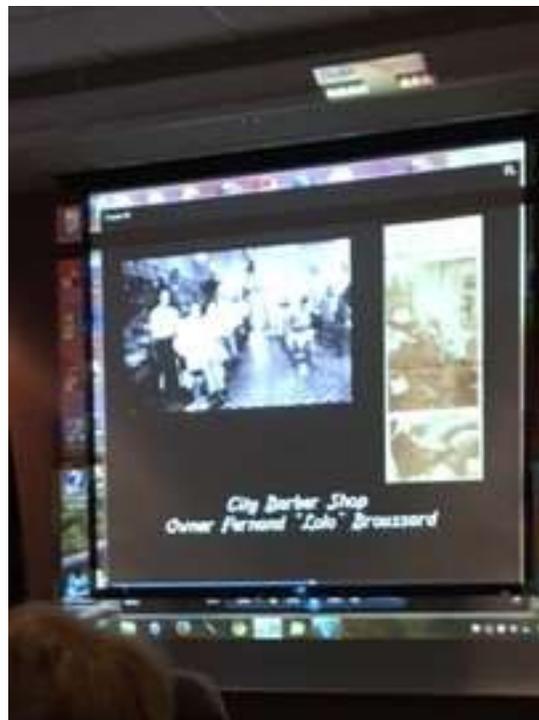


Book tonight's talk was based on

Shirley's presentation was based on this book, but she had commentary based on her memories and used pictures from the web and Facebook to fill in gaps. The following are some of the building she talked about:



Abdalla's Clothing Store



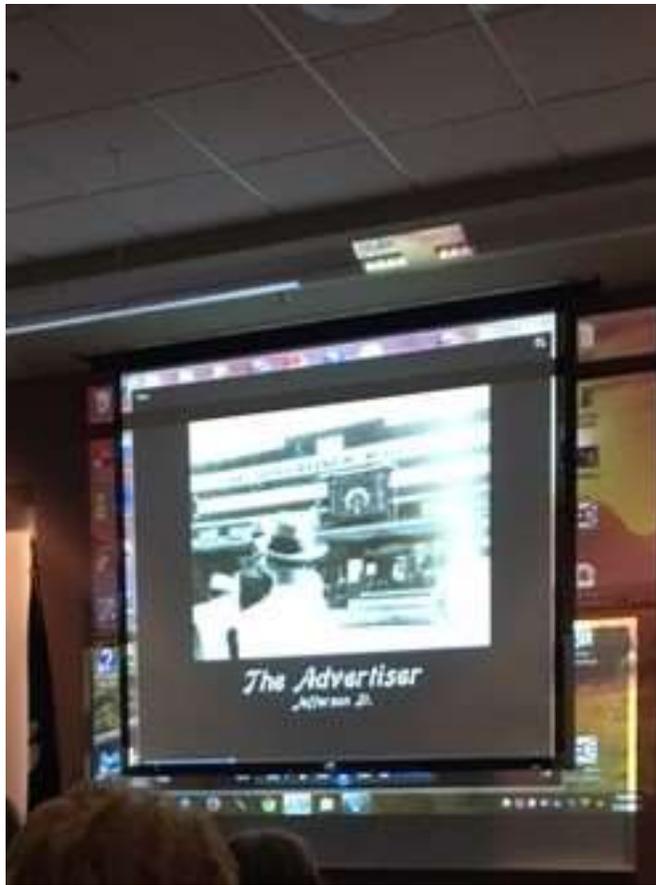
City Barber Shop



Dup's Place



Grimmer's Coffee



The Advertiser



La Parisienne

These are just a sampling of the buildings she spoke about. Others included The Royal Theater, Heymann's Department Store, Evangeline Hotel, Gordon Hotel, Grado Fruit Stand, DeBernards Restaurant and many others. When it ended, many people in the audience made comments and shared memories.

When it ended, Brenda Thibodeaux motioned that we adjourn. It was seconded by Henry Peterson. The motion passed and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Pellerin
Secretary