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What is the most interesting story you have heard? Our speaker Artemus Gaye traced back his ancestry and found that he is the seventh generation descendant of Abdul Rahman, a West African Prince turned slave. PBS made a documentary called "Prince Among Slaves" about Abdul Rahman. This was a very heartfelt story. You would have to be at the meeting to hear his story.

#### **SPEAKER**

Clifton Theriot is a native of Gheens, Louisiana. He holds the Master of Library and Information Science from Louisiana State University. He is an associate professor and the University Archivist at Nicholls State University in Thibodaux. He is active in several community organizations which promote preservation of local history and culture. He has served as treasurer, vice-president and president of the Lafourche Heritage Society. In 2005, he was honored with the Lafourche Heritage Society's award for distinguished service for his work in preserving local History.

#### **DEATHS**



**GUIDRY, Sherwin J. "Chabbie"** He was 94, a native of Montegut and resident of Baton Rouge, died peacefully at 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 16, 2014 at Baton Rouge General Hospital. Burial will be at a later date at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Montegut. "Chabbie", is survived by his devoted wife of 70 years, Lee Peltier Guidry; daughters, Sheri Lee Bergeron and husband, Iven, and Kathy Henson; grandsons, Troy Bergeron and wife, Kristie, and Todd Bergeron and wife, Darla; great-grandchildren, Taylor, Nicholas, Christian, Brooklyn, Logan, Gabrielle, and Lawson; a very special family member, Billie, and husband, Dan; and countless nieces and nephews. Chabbie was the last surviving child of 11 brothers and sisters, children of John and Ludovia Lirette Guidry, of Montegut. He was raised

in Montegut, became a leading citizen of Terrebonne Parish and throughout Acadiana. He was acknowledged for contributing to the preservation of the history of our Acadian heritage with several awards. He wrote four books: "Le Terrebonne", "Xplorin Terrebonne", "Xplorin Acadiana", and "Land of the Houmas". He gave presentations to the school children teaching them about how the Houmas tribe lived in the past. He also would entertain at nursing homes and assisted living facilities, singing songs of the 30's and 40's and telling stories of the past. His life was filled with many accomplishments such as his own Dixieland band, "Chabbie and the Dixie Six", published poetry, and songs he had written including the official song of Terrebonne Parish: "Slow Flows the Bayou". Articles written for The Courier in Houma and Bayou Catholic newspapers included folklore, history, and amusing entertainment about his beloved Acadian ancestry. He was a rural mail carrier for 39 years until retirement. He couldn't be idle and became a Justice of the Peace for 15 years. In Montegut, he was instrumental in forming the Top Citizen program and Song Fest at Christmas time, striving to create a community with his neighbors. He was a member of the Montegut Carnival Club, American Legion, and Lions Club. Being an active member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, he was also a Knights of Columbus member. All know he's up in heaven playing in the choir of angels and singing his heart out, laughing, telling jokes, and living it up.

### **WANT TO TELL YOUR STORY**

The Genealogy Roadshow is headed to New Orleans, LA. WYES producers are looking for local New Orleans residents with an interesting story. The episode will be taped in New Orleans, LA on September 5 and 6, 2014. You can submit your story online now through July 2014. The New Orleans episode will air on PBS in 2015 as part of the Genealogy Roadshow. To learn more or sign up online go to: <http://WYES.org/grshow>.

### **COMING BACK**

The new season of Who Do You Think You Are? premieres July 23 on TLC.

### **NEW BOOKS ON SALE**

2013 Houma Courier/Comet Marriages, Births & Engagements \$15.00 –See attached flyer -

We still have the 2013 Comet Deaths and 2013 Houma Courier Death Books for sale. These books are \$30.00 each, plus \$4.00 for shipping. Contact Jess Bergeron to purchase (985)876-2348 or email [jessndot@bellsouth.net](mailto:jessndot@bellsouth.net) or mail in form.

### **SEARCHING FOR BOOK**

Lee Roy Pitre is looking to buy "Memorial to Cheniere Caminada" by Audrey Westerman. Contact [LeeRoy.Pitre@gmail.com](mailto:LeeRoy.Pitre@gmail.com) or call him at (225)456-1439.

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### **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**

### **CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE**

<http://www.terrebonnegenealogicalsociety.org>