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We had a good time at last month's meeting. Richard ARCEMENT brought an audio tape on the History of the Cajun in Story and Song by Charlo. Songs were sung in Cajun French. The CD can be purchased on Amazon.

The Lafourche Heritage Society was very good. Clift THERIOT showed a few pictures from his book on the "Pictorial History of Lafourche Parish". Francine MIDDLETON spoke on the sequence of events on the Ada LEBOUF-Thomas FEHER murder trial. She has written a book called "Murder on the Lake: Trial on the Teche". Warren PERRIN spoke about Beausoliel BROUSSARD and the first Louisiana Acadians. Mark A. REES, an archeologist, talked about the search for the Lost Colony of New Acadia.

GUEST SPEAKER

Connie GAINES be our speaker for this month. She will be speaking on the "United Houma Nation Time Line".

TGS WRITERS' COMPETITION

Contest Rules: Limit 4 entries on genealogy-themed topics relevant of this region (Terrebonne-Lafourche-Assumption); unpublished original writings; open to amateurs and professional writers; copy right remains with the author but permission is granted to TGS to publish all entries in *Terrebonne Life Lines*; author may publish in other sources only after *TLL* publication; TGS reserves the right to not award any prizes based on number and quality of entries. Awards will be presented on December 12, 2015 at our Annual Christmas

Social, winner does not need to be present. Submit entries by September 30, 2015 to P O Box 20295, Houma, LA 70361 or via email to wright4766@bellsouth.net. Formatting guidelines can be found on our website at www.terrebonnegenealogicalsociety.org.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Isabelle Whitney GRAVOIS, born August 4, 2015. She is the daughter of Gavin and Morgan GRAVOIS and the second granddaughter of Patty WHITNEY. She is Patty's fifth grandchild. Congratulation Patty, Gavin, Morgan and the rest of the family.

DEATHS



Robert John ELLIOTT, 60, died Saturday, July 18, 2015, at Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center in Lafayette, LA, after a struggle with cancer. Interment is at Holy Savior Cemetery in Lockport, LA. He is survived by his life partner of 30 years, Michael MCDONALD; his mother **Theresa Nina TOUPS ELLIOTT (member of TGS)**; his sisters Theresa "Tessy" Marie ELLIOTT of Laurel, MS and Rebecca "Becky" Ann ELLIOTT SIMON (Richard) of Carrier, MS; his brothers, Dr. Melvin Paul ELLIOTT, Jr. (Myra) of Mathews, LA and Edward James ELLIOTT (Tish) of Missouri; his cousin Kathleen CRAGO (Jeri) of Metairie, LA; his godmother, Annie MORILLION (Willie) of Katie, TX; his friends Louis DAIGLE of Lafayette, LA, Steven DILDAY of Lafayette, LA, and Patrick RAUCHE of Carencro, LA and numerous dear nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Melvin Paul ELLIOTT, Sr. Our condolences to Mrs. T and her entire family.



Patsy "Pat" PINELL, 77, died in Memphis, TN on Wednesday, July 8, 2015. She is survived by four daughters, Barbara RESENDEZ (Russell), Janet COLE (David), Karen BARNHILL (Brian), and MaryAnn DEHARDE (Lawrence), five grandchildren, **Raenel CLINE (member of TGS)** and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Huey PINELL. A memorial service was held on Saturday, August 8, 2015 at Tharp-Sontheimer-Tharp Funeral Home. We send our condolences to Raenel and her entire family.

Laura Mae Marie RITZMANN, 95, born January 16, 1920 in Theriot, LA, died August 11, 2015 in New Orleans, LA. She is survived by her children **Edward R. RITZMANN, Jr. (member of TGS)**, Dianna M. NEWTON (James), Russell J. RITZMANN, and Gary P. RITZMANN, Sr. (Toni); sister Joyce Theresa DARCE BARRIOS; brothers Donald Joseph DARCE (Conchetta) and James Mark DARCE; 14 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, 11 great-great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews and many DARCE/THERIOT relatives in the Houma/Bayou Dularge area. She is preceded in death by her husband Edward Raymond RITZMANN, Sr.; her parents Camille Henry DARCE and Louise Marie THERIOT; brothers John Camille DARCE (Josephine), Ronad James DARCE, Raymond Joseph DARCE, and granddaughter Lori Catherine RITZMANN. She was of the Catholic faith.

FREE GENEALOGY TUTORING/MENTORING

Patty WHITNEY, Executive Director of Bayou History Center and TGS President, has offered tutoring on Thursday evenings from 6 to 8 pm at the Main Branch Library in Houma, LA, second floor, **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**. Contact Patty at (985)859-3214 or email bayouhistorycenter@yahoo.com.

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