



## TERREBONNE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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### NEWSLETTER

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NEXT MEETING

MARCH 28, 2015

1:00 p.m.

MAIN BRANCH LIBRARY-D.E .Room 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor 151 Library Dr. Houma, LA 70360

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#### **NEWS AND EVENTS**

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Laura BROWING gave a great presentation on 150 years of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church and Montegut. Established in 1864 and to date has had 19 priests from Pere MENARD to at present day Rev. Thankachan "John" NAMBUSSERIL. Some of the early families are BELLANGER, BOUDREAUX, CHAISSON, COURTEAU, DUGAS, DUPLANTIS, ELLENDER, FANGUY, FIELDS, HENRY, LAGARDE, MALBROUGH, NAQUIN, PELEGRIN and VERDUN. The FIELDS family helped to establish the church. Laura has written a book on this and hopes to have publication date of mid-March. For additional information or orders, contact Laura BROWING at (985) 804-3583.

#### **REMINDER!!!!**

Our fiscal year ends this month. Annual Memberships are up for renewal now. If you haven't sent in your membership dues yet, please do so as soon as possible to prevent interruption of your receiving our great quarterly journal "Terrebonne Life Lines." Contact Jess Bergeron to renew your membership at 985-876-2348, or email him at [jessndot@bellsouth.net](mailto:jessndot@bellsouth.net), or complete the attached membership form and mail to the address on the form.

Dues Are:    Family \$30.00    Individuals \$25    Students \$10.00

#### **MEETING PROGRAM for Saturday, March 28, 2015 at 1 p.m.:**

Instead of a guest speaker this month, our regular monthly meeting will be held upstairs in the computer room at the Main Branch Library in Houma. President Patty Whitney will be conducting training about using social media and online programs in genealogical research.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

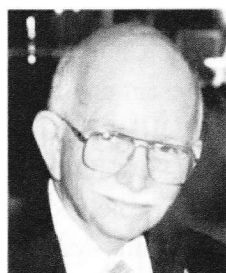
We are saddened to receive notice from Wanda MOORE that she is resigning as Editor for the TGS Newsletter and our quarterly journal "Terrebonne Life Lines" due to family obligations. Wanda jumped right in after our previous long-time editor, Audrey Westerman, became ill and could no longer serve in

that capacity. This is a volunteer position with TGS, and Wanda has given a huge gift to the society in the form of her time and talents. We are extremely thankful to Wanda for all of her hard work and dedication and wish her all the best with being able to spend more time with her family. Thank You, Wanda!!

We are also saddened to receive notice from our Vice-President, LOUIS DUET, that he is resigning his positions as both Vice-President and as Webmaster. As Vice-President, Louis has done a great job in lining up guest speakers for our monthly meetings, and we are very thankful for his service and efforts to make our meetings as informative and motivating as possible. Thank You, Louis!!

The Editor serves through appointment of the President. President Patty Whitney will take over duties as Acting Editor while conducting a search for a new editor. The position of Vice-President will be filled by a vote of the Board of Directors. We are blessed to have a volunteer already for the position of Webmaster and will be advising you in our next newsletter of those details. If anyone is interested in serving as Editor or Vice-President, please let one of our officers or board members know as soon as possible. Patty can be reached at 985-859-3214 or [pattywhitney@hotmail.com](mailto:pattywhitney@hotmail.com).

## DEATHS



RODNEY P. PONTIFF, 84, a native of Ellendale and 55-year resident of Upper Bayou Blue, died February 21, 2015. He was a long-time member of TGS. A memorial service was held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 14, at Christian Assembly Church on the corner of West Park and Water Plant Road in Schriever. He was preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Eula Breaux Pontiff; parents Hilary and Elsie LaBiche Pontiff; and brother, Robert Pontiff. He was survived by his children, Brian M. Pontiff, Cheryl Pontiff Robichaux and husband, Sid and Elise Pontiff Scott; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; siblings, Larry Pontiff and wife, Melanie, Warren Pontiff, Audrey Pontiff Babin and husband, Lester, Nelward Pontiff Southers and husband, Richard, Marion Pontiff Martin and husband, Bobby and Robert's widow, Evelyn Duplantis Pontiff. Always a Jack of all trades and a master of many, Rodney was a resourceful businessman in a variety of areas who through the years worked as a salesman for Evangeline Maid, a Terrebonne Parish school bus driver, chief deputy city marshal, and interim city marshal. He was a generous Christian who dedicated his life and spirit to Jesus Christ and his body to science.

## FREE GENEALOGY TUTORING/MENTORING

Patty Whitney, Executive Director with 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. All are welcome! If you would like to volunteer to help Patty, join her there at 6 p.m. on Thursdays.

## CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE

<http://www.terrebonnegenealogicalsociety.org>