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If you were unable to be with us at our Christmas Party you missed out on good company, good food and a lot of door prizes. We are sorry we missed you.

Happy New Year! Here we are with another year gone by and a new calendar year is here with a new beginning. Resolution! What does it mean? This is what google says a firm decision to do or not to do something. If we make resolutions, let's make a firm decision to become better loving, caring and helping people.

RENEWAL TIME

JESS SAYS IT IS TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP.

DUES ARE DUE BY **FEBRUARY 28, 2019**. IT IS NOT TOO EARLY TO RENEW. DO IT TODAY. A MEMBERSHIP FORM IS ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER



GUEST SPEAKER

Theresa ROBICHAUX, Terrebonne Parish Clerk of Court, will present on the services offered and the recently created Archives department, which is back-scanning all civil and criminal records so that we have both the original file and a digital file and other ways they are working to preserve the records and to keep all original files in house here in Terrebonne Parish Court House and out of storage facilities around the state.

DEATHS



Elmay Marie **DOMANGUE WHITNEY** was born on April 4, 1924 in southern Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana. Her life journey ended on December 5, 2018, after a battle with heart disease. She was 94 years old. Burial was at Holy Rosary Catholic Church Cemetery in Houma. After the war, she began her career as a stay-at-home mom, raising her nine surviving children. Through the years, she also served as a business manager and bookkeeper for the businesses owned with her husband Bernard, including Whitney's Plumbing & Heating and Whitney's Trailer Park and Campground. She participated in the Holy Rosary Ladies Altar Society, Holy Rosary Fair Committee, Holy Rosary Choir, and the Krewe of Christopher Carnival Club. Her hobbies included gardening, ceramics, sewing, and fishing. She resided at The Homestead Assisted Living Facility. She was preceded in death by her husband, Stanley Bernard **WHITNEY**; sons, Stanley Bernard "Benny" **WHITNEY, Jr.**, and Thomas Noel **WHITNEY, Sr.**; parents, Ella Marie **HUTCHINSON** and Wilson Joseph **DOMANGUE, Sr.**; brothers, Calvin, Jerry, and Russell **DOMANGUE**; sisters, Elda **CROCHET** (Leslie), Rosalie **LEBLANC** (Milton), Louella **HUTCHERSON** (Ronald), Ural "T-Johnny" **TRAHAN** (Sam), and Ora **WHITNEY** (John Donald); grandson, Brandon Giles **CHAISSON**; father-in-law, Philip Luke **WHITNEY, Sr.**; mother-in-law, Claire **TINNEY WHITNEY**; and daughter-in-law, Fabian **THIBODEAUX WHITNEY** (Gregory Sr.). Surviving children and children's spouses of Elmay are: Gregory Anthony **WHITNEY, Sr.**; Richard David **WHITNEY** (Helen Marie **HERMAN**); **Patricia Ann WHITNEY**; Ella Catherine **WHITNEY** (Levis "Lee" **LECOMPTE, Jr.**); Mary Frances **WHITNEY**; Philip Luke **WHITNEY** (Nonna Claire **PITRE**); Christopher Douglas **WHITNEY** (Heather **LECKY**); and Elmay Marie **WHITNEY** (Irvin "Buddy" **HOTARD, Jr.**). Also surviving Elmay is her daughter-in-law, Diane **BOUDREAUX BASS** (Douglas **BASS**), widow of the late Thomas **WHITNEY**. She is survived by 39 grandchildren. Also surviving Elmay are her brother, Wilson "Nicky" **DOMANGUE, Jr.** (Marsha Joy **HOUGH**), and two sisters, Dolly **DOMANGUE** (Wayne **DUPLANTIS**), and Susie **DOMANGUE**, the widow of the late William "Bill" **NULL**. Chauvin Funeral Home is honored to serve the Whitney family.



Nicholas Joseph **PORTO Sr.** was born June 2, 1934, a native of Chicago, Illinois and resident of Donaldsonville passed away on December 7, 2018 at the age of 84. He was a loving father, brother, grandfather, and friend to many. He enjoyed hunting, and especially having coffee and biscuits with old friends at the local McDonald's. He served as Staff Sergeant in the United States Air Force during the Korean War and was a faithful member of the St. Joseph Society, the Knights of Columbus, the American Legion and the VFW. He was also voted Citizen of the Year by the Donaldsonville Chamber of Commerce in 2010. He is survived by one son, **Nicholas PORTO, Jr.** (Christie); one sister, Cecile **PORTO INZARELA**; two brothers, Joe **PORTO** (Mary) and Philip **PORTO**; and one grandson, Cody **PORTO**. He is preceded in death by his loving wife of 46 years, Joyce **PORTO**; his parents, Jenny and Joseph **PORTO, Sr.**; one daughter, "Baby Girl" **PORTO**; one grandson, Beau **PORTO**; one sister-in-law, Francis **PORTO** and one brother-in-law, Charlie **INZARELA**. Christian Burial was at Ascension of Our Lord Catholic Church



Richard Louis **SONNIER Jr.** was born September 3, 1938 at the age of 80 on December 5, 2018. He was a native of Eunice, LA and a resident of Houma, LA. Christian Burial was in Morgan City Cemetery. He is survived by his loving wife **Marilyn EGLE SONNIER**; children, Richard III and wife Debbie, Raymond and wife Andrea, Joseph and wife Stephanie, Guy and wife Michelle, David and wife Tiffany; twelve grandchildren, Richard, Celia, Amanda, Gabriel, Brennan, Kristen, Emily, Scott, Bryant, Guy, Madelene, and Ella; two great grandchildren, Rosemary and Eli **Sonnier**; three sisters, Claire **ROBICHAUX**, Marcelle **ELLERBY**, Caroline **DUDEK**. He is preceded in death by his parents, Richard Sr. and Alma **MARTIN SONNIER**; and sister,

Annette DOMINGUE. He was a graduate of St. Joseph Abbey and USL with a Masters in Mathematics. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. Richard had a talent for sharing good stories and cooking many meals while surrounded by his loving family and friends. He will be remembered by all who knew him, never forgotten and always loved.

GENEALOGY TIP OF THE MONTH

This month, consider creating an index of all the ancestors you continue to research. When you come across a new resource with an index, you can refer to your alphabetized list of ancestors to ensure that you do not skip anyone.

BRICK WALL

Reminder: if you have a brick wall send it to us and we will put it in the newsletter. Someone may have a connection to your brick wall with information you made need. Send it to Jess BERGERON at jessndot@bellsouth.net or to Wanda Moore at wmoore1048@aol.com.

**TERREBONNE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
2019 MEETING SCHEDULE**

DATE	LOCATION	ROOM/FLOOR	BOARD	GENERAL
1/26/2019	Main Branch	Large Room - 1st Fl	11:00AM	1:00PM
2/23/2019	Main Branch	Large Room - 1st Fl	11:00AM	1:00PM
3/30/2019	Main Branch	DE Room - 2nd Fl	11:00AM	1:00PM
4/27/2019	Main Branch	Large Room - 1st Fl	11:00AM	1:00PM
5/25/2019	Main Branch	Large Room - 1st Fl	11:00AM	1:00PM
6/29/2019	Main Branch	Large Room - 1st Fl	11:00AM	1:00PM
7/27/2019	Main Branch	Large Room - 1st Fl	11:00AM	1:00PM
8/31/2019	Main Branch	Large Room - 1st Fl	11:00AM	1:00PM
9/28/2019	Main Branch	Large Room - 1st Fl	11:00AM	1:00PM
10/26/2019	Main Branch	Large Room - 1st Fl	11:00AM	1:00PM
<i>No meeting in November</i>				
12/14/2019	North Branch	Large Meeting Room		Noon

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 Please make checks payable to: Terrebonne Genealogical Society and mail to the address above.

Surnames of interest: _____

*Name: _____ Date: _____

*Address: _____

*City, State, Zip: _____

Phone (home) : _____

Phone (cell/business): _____

E-Mail address: _____

Book Order Form

Book No.	Title	Qty.	Price
	Postage: \$4.00 for the first book, \$1.00 for each additional book		
	Dues ()\$25.00 Individual ()\$30.00 Family()Contributing		
	Total Enclosed		