

# TERREBONNE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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**NEXT MEETING      OCTOBER 25, 2025      1:00 PM**  
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**LARGE MEETING ROOM**

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Our guest speaker last month, LeeRoy Pitre, said that he became interested in his ancestry as a pre-teen. He remembers hearing stories from his dad, uncle, and grandfather. His curiosity turned into passion and with that came frustration with an occasional sense of gratification. Some stories seemed like fairy tales. Could this be true and is there more out there and has been researching his family for over 35 years. In the 1980's he acquired detailed handwritten lists of ancestors from his great-aunt that dated back to the 1600's.

In 2006 after the passing of his father he began professional researching. After acquiring a few Pitre genealogy-related books he found a lot of errors and no references. In 2008, he stumbled on two jackpots of information: 1) Historical oral recording of S. Terrebonne's elderly residents by Glen Pitre 2) Marie de France: A Critical Companion published in 2012 by Sharon Kinoshita and Peggy McCracken. His journey led him to the origin and history of the Pitre name. Prior to the 10th century (900AD) A History of Pistae (Pistrino), Pistrains > Pistres > Pitres > Pitre. Pistrains. Pistae (Pistrino) – Latin origins of word. **Pistrains, Pitres** = Ancient Franco dialect -c pre 6th century – could mean clown or mill/baker. **Pitres** = early French c 6<sup>th</sup> century. **Pitre** = French/Dutch surname, c late 1400. First immigration, Jean Pitre, was late 1400 or early 1500 from Normandy and the name slowly assimilated the surname of singular "Pitre". Pitre appeared in the First Century of Port Royal in 1671. A small number of Acadians, including Pierre Pitre, were sent to settle near Opelousas post in present day St. Landry Parish, LA. In 2013, he made his first trip to Annapolis Royal in Nova Scotia. In 2014, he published his first book "Windows into Yesteryears", a historical documentary about the true origin and history of "Pitres". Pitre family crest (Coat of Arms) - there is no such thing as an official family crest. It was born by individuals as identification of the title granted by nobility. For more information; [www.pitres.us/pitregenealogyancestors.html](http://www.pitres.us/pitregenealogyancestors.html) or [www.pitres.us](http://www.pitres.us) Thank you LeeRoy for your Pitre presentation.

## GUEST SPEAKER

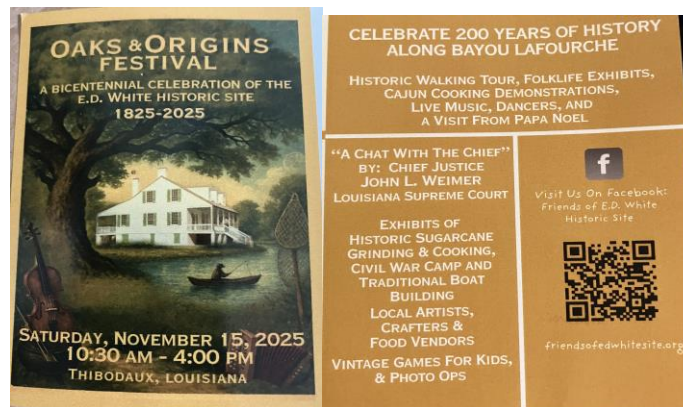
Chris Gilcrease will be our guest speaker this month. His presentation will be on the Genealogy of the Dusenberry family of Terrebonne Parish and origins of the name and their first arrival in Louisiana.

## OUTSTANDING MEMBER OF THE YEAR

It's almost time for you to vote for outstanding member of the year for 2025. We will vote at the October meeting. A form is attached to this newsletter. The outstanding member must be someone who has not previously received this award. The nominated member must have done something for the betterment of TGS.

## EVENTS

The Genealogy Club hosted by Kevin Allemand will meet on Monday, November 3 at the Lockport Library.



### TERREBONNE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 2025 MEETING SCHEDULE

| DATE                          | LOCATION     | ROOM/FLOOR                  | BOARD    | GENERAL |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|----------|---------|
| 10-25-2025                    | North Branch | Large Rm 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl | 11:00 AM | 1:00 PM |
| <i>No Meeting in November</i> |              |                             |          |         |
| 12-13-2025                    | Main Branch  | Large Rm 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl |          | Noon    |

### TERREBONNE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 2026 MEETING SCHEDULE

| DATE                          | LOCATION     | ROOM/FLOOR                  | BOARD    | GENERAL |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|----------|---------|
| 1-31-2026                     | Main Branch  | Large Rm 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl | 11:00 AM | 1:00 PM |
| 2-28-2026                     | Main Branch  | Large Rm 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl | 11:00 AM | 1:00 PM |
| 3-28-2026                     | Main Branch  | Large Rm 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl | 11:00 AM | 1:00 PM |
| 4-25-2026                     | North Branch | Large Rm                    | 11:00 AM | 1:00 PM |
| 5-30-2026                     | Main Branch  | D.E. Rm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl  | 11:00 AM | 1:00 PM |
| 6-27-2026                     | Main Branch  | Large Rm 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl | 11:00 AM | 1:00 PM |
| 7-25-2026                     | Main Branch  | Large Rm 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl | 11:00 AM | 1:00 PM |
| 8-29-2026                     | Main Branch  | Large Rm 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl | 11:00 AM | 1:00 PM |
| 9-26-2026                     | Main Branch  | Large Rm 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl | 11:00 AM | 1:00 PM |
| 10-31-2026                    | Main Branch  | Large Rm 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl | 11:00 AM | 1:00 PM |
| <i>No Meeting in November</i> |              |                             |          |         |
| 12-12-2026                    | Main Branch  | D.E. Rm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl  |          | Noon    |

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**Facebook Group: Terrebonne Genealogical Society**

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OUTSTANDING MEMBER OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

Rules:

1. Any member can nominate a member.
2. The nominated member must have been a member for a year or more.
3. The nominated member must have done something for the betterment of the society.
4. The nomination needs to be done in writing and give the reason why they are being considered.
5. The nomination must be given to one of the committee members.
6. Nomination can be a couple.
7. Member can on vote once for the 2025 nomination.
8. Member can only win one time: **PREVIOUS WINNERS: Phil Chauvin, Jess & Dot Bergeron, Nancy Wright, Ed & Gloria Hicks, Essie & Marcie Cavalier, Sandra Boudreaux, Wanda Moore, Patty Whitney, Connie Gaines, Susan Caro Dupre**

NAME OF MEMBER BEING NOMINATED: \_\_\_\_\_

REASON FOR  
CONSIDERATION: \_\_\_\_\_

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SUBMITTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_