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# Genealogy News

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### BRANCHING OUT IN GENEALOGY



**When: Saturday, October 17, 2009**

**Where: Lake Charles Civic Center**

**Contraband Room**

**Time: 8:30am—3pm**

**Speaker: Carolyn Earle Billingsley, PhD**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS for January - April 2009

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	TIME
Thursday, January 1	New Year's Day (Library Closed)		
Thursday, January 1	Reminiscent Writing Contest Begins		
Tuesday, Jan 6	"Tidbits of History"	Carnegie Memorial Meeting Room	10:00 -11:00 am
Saturday, Jan 17	SW LA Genealogy Society Meeting "Show and Tell"	Carnegie Memorial Meeting Room	10:00 am - 12:00
Monday, Jan 19	Martin L. King Holiday (LIBRARY CLOSED)		
February	National Black History Month		
Tuesday, Feb 3	"Tidbits of History"	Carnegie Memorial Meeting Room	10:00 - 11:00 am
Saturday, Feb 21	Program: "Stories in Time" Announce 2008 Reminiscent Writing Contest Winner	Carnegie Memorial Meeting Room	10:00 am -12:00
Tuesday, Feb 24	Mardi Gras (Library Closed)		
March	National History Month National Women's History Month		
Tuesday, March 3	"Tidbits of History"	Carnegie Memorial Meeting Room	10:00 - 11:00 am
Saturday, March 21	SW LA Genealogy Society Meeting	Carnegie Memorial Meeting Room	10:00 am - 12:00
April	National Library Week April 12 - 18 National Volunteer Month		
April 10 - 12	Good Friday - Easter Sunday (Library Closed)		
Saturday, May 2	Lebanese-Syrian Heritage Day	Carnegie Memorial Meeting Room	10:00 am-12 Noon

### Lebanese Heritage Day

Following the success of past Heritage Days - Italian, Irish, and French - our upcoming program on May 2, 2009 will honor the Lebanese-Syrian pioneers to southwest Louisiana. A world-renowned surgeon, a state Attorney-General, a Catholic bishop and countless physicians, attorneys, teachers and business people are descendants of these families. Everyone in the community is invited to share their memories and family treasures on that day. Tables will be available to display photographs, papers, artifacts, and genealogical information. For more information, call 437-3490.

### Tidbits of History

Programs which review some of the books in our library, tell of interesting incidents and people, square block histories, disasters, epidemics, memorable court cases, and other topics about our local area will be presented in monthly programs entitled **Tidbits of History**.

The programs will be held on the first Tuesday of each month from 10—11 a.m. in the meeting room of the Carnegie Memorial Library Building at 411 Pujo Street in Lake Charles.

Some of the topics that have been suggested are: Will the ferries ever return; Guilty or Not: the Albert Batson Story; Railroad Avenue: More than just a Battle Row.

If you have topics to suggest, please call us at 437-3490.

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# Microfilm Resources in the Southwest Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Library

by Linda K. Gill

Since the development of Internet websites containing census information microfilm readers are not generally used to research the census. However, there are times when a transcriber has so misspelled a name that it will be easier to use the Soundex and microfilm. Microfilm readers are also still well used to research microfilmed newspapers and other records. Newspapers are utilized for obituaries, marriage notices, school activities of one's youth, and the history of past events.

The Southwest Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Library obituary index contains citations for every newspaper in our collection. There are also indexes for pre-1910 marriages mentioned in the newspaper, early Calcasieu Parish successions, Spanish American and Civil Wars veterans, general topics, Southwest Louisiana "firsts," some 50th wedding anniversaries, cemeteries and places, and some American Press monthly births.

Microfilm copies of the Lake Charles American Press are available for all years. The Early Newspaper Collection includes the Lake Charles Echo, Gazette, Commercial, and Daily and Weekly American as well as a few newspapers from Jennings, Welsh, Lake Arthur, DeRidder, Kinder and Vinton. The Baton Rouge Daily Advocate (1854 - 1882), Beaumont Enterprise (1966 - 1976), Westlaker (1962 - 1978) and Cameron Pilot (1956 - 1971) are also available. Microfilm of other historic Louisiana newspapers includes Opelousas, Colfax, Abbeville, Oakdale and Jennings. Microfilmed copies of the Fayetteville (NC) Weekly (1826 - 1830) and the North Carolina Argus (1848 - 1876) were recently donated.

Microfilmed resources are available on a wide range of subjects. Marriage indexes and some records and licenses are available for Calcasieu, Allen, Jefferson Davis and Evangeline parishes. Also available are the Louisiana Statewide Death Index, Orleans Parish Death and Marriage indexes, indexes or records for a few various Indian nations, Confederate land grant applications, Louisiana Confederate pension applications, and case files of applications from former Confederates for presidential pardons. Some of the other microfilm resources available are:

#### Passenger and immigration records:

- Index to passengers arriving in Gulfport/Pascagoula (1904/1954), (1903/1935)
- LA Index to Naturalization
- N O Passenger List 1900 - 1957; inbound prior to 1900

#### Scrapbooks or Collections:

- Maude Reid Scrapbooks (8 reels)
- Jacobs Collection (mostly from before 1880 Beauregard Parish) - 20 reels
- Hurricane Audrey scrapbook
- UDC Robert E. Lee
- Daughters of Confederacy
- SAR

#### Index and Calcasieu Parish successions (surviving successions only)

- Calcasieu Parish Marriage Index to 1963, records to 1927 and licenses to 1924
- Jeff Parish marriage index 1913 - 1970 and records 1913 - 1929
- Allen Parish marriage index 1913 - 1983 and 1913 - volume 10

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Evangeline marriage index 1919 - 1927 and marriage record books 1 - 8, donation book index 1915 - 1945, donations through 62216

Calcasieu Parish Assessment Rolls 1865 - 1920

Louisiana Voter Registration, 1898 (7 reels)

WW I Draft Cards (7 reels) for Calcasieu, part of Acadia, Allen, part of Ascension, Beauregard, Bienville, Calcasieu, Jackson, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis and Lafayette (A - Cyprien)

Tract books of Opelousas District

Coushatta Indian Records of Polk County, TX

Creek Census 1890, 1895 - 96

1832 census of Creek Indians

Choctaw Nation, I. T.

Henderson Roll (1835 census of Cherokee east of MS River)

LA Confederate Pension Applications

Confederate Land Grant Applications

Case files of applications from former Confederates for presidential pardons

LA Special Schedule 1890 Union veterans and widows Civil War

Register of Confederate Soldiers, Sailors and Citizens who died in federal prisons and military hospitals in north, 1861 - 1865

Compiled service records of Confederate soldiers who served in organizations from state of LA

War of 1812 Index to Compiled Service Records

LA, War of 1837 - 1838 Index to Compiled Service Records

1930 Census of Merchant Seamen

U S Territorial Papers of Orleans, 1803 - 1812

Marriage Records of Office Commissioner - Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Land - Marriages (5 reels)

Texas Death Index, 1903 - 1955 (microform)

MS County Tax

MS Territorial and State Census, 1792 - 1866

Three automatic reader/printers and two manual printers are available for viewing and printing the microfilm. Our staff is available for assistance, when necessary.

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## **Lasting Gifts**

Although the genealogy library has a budget to purchase books, microfilm and periodicals, our library has grown through the generous donations of individuals and organizations.

The Southwest Louisiana Genealogical Society donates not only books but also has an exchange program that puts about 70 periodicals from all over the United States in this library.

Individuals may donate books in memory of loved ones or in honor of a friend. In the past some families have asked that donations be made to the genealogical library in lieu of flowers. Books are lasting gifts that help others.

## New Books on Our Shelves

Many of our books are donations from our patrons, some are purchased, and others are books that have been weeded from other libraries in the parish.

<p><b>Family Books</b></p> <p>Clark - Descendants of Matheo</p> <p>Cockerham - South of Liberty, Vol. 2, 2nd Edition</p> <p>Giroir - Acadian Awakenings</p> <p>Hammond - Hammonds of Radcliffe, Secret and Sacred</p> <p>Hardy &amp; Hardie - Past and Present</p> <p>Hebert - A Journey through the Life and Times of Fred Hebert</p> <p>Hensgens - Hensgens Family</p> <p>Hicks - The Hicks Family</p> <p>Jackson - Memoirs of Old Mom</p> <p>Landry - Jos. Landry of Grosse Isle</p> <p>Lafayette - General Lafayette, Citizen of Louisiana</p> <p>Lyons - The Lyons Family</p> <p>Quebodeau - The Quebodeau (Kibodeaux) Family</p> <p>"Matoy"</p> <p>McGehee - McGehee Descendants, Vol. 1</p> <p>Monlezun - The Greater Monlezun Family</p> <p>Plum - The Descendants of John Plum from West Virginia</p> <p>Perkins - My Bones Are Red</p>	<p>Robichaud - The Robichauds in Acadia</p> <p>Ramond - The Ramond Family and Related Lines</p> <p>Smith - Samuel Smith of Massachusetts</p> <p>Taylor - The Family of Ward Taylor</p> <p>Thibodeaux - And It Came to Pass</p> <p>White - White Family Quarterly</p> <p>Woodman - The Woodmans of Rhode Island</p> <p>The Families of Whatley, Persons, Roop and Fields</p> <p>Family History of the Families Warren, Stone, Dayton, Routh, Wurster, and Daggett</p> <p><b>Louisiana</b></p> <p>The Life of a Small Town: Holly Ridge, LA</p> <p>The History and Culture of the LeBleu Settlement Area</p> <p>Lake Charles American Press 2007 Obituary Index</p> <p>A Soldier's Place in History: Fort Polk, LA</p> <p>New Orleans Notarial Archives: Guide to French Colonial Records</p> <p>The Choctaw of Bayou Lacombe</p>	<p>Cameron Parish Successions, Book A - K and L - Z</p> <p>Family Maps of Acadia Parish</p> <p>Kisses From a Distance</p> <p>Maude Reid Scrapbook Index (also available online at our website)</p> <p>Assumption Parish Marriages, 1918 - 1926</p> <p>Reminiscent Writings, 2006</p> <p><b>Acadians</b></p> <p>Census Prince Edward Island Ile Saint Jean 1752</p> <p>The Island Acadians 1720 - 1980</p> <p>Emigrants from France 1837 - 1847</p> <p><b>Arkansas</b></p> <p>Arkansas Land Patents: Colombia County</p> <p>1850 Census of Southern Arkansas</p> <p>Southwest Arkansas Cemeteries, volume 1</p> <p><b>Georgia</b></p> <p>History of Pike County, GA</p> <p>Wilkes County (Washington) GA Newspaper Abstracts 1802, 1805 - 1809, vol. 1 and 1810 - 1815, vol. 2</p> <p>GA Death Notices, 1830 - 1855</p>
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## New Books on Our Shelves, continued

### Maryland

The Ark and the Dove  
Adventurers

### Mississippi

MS Masonic Death Records, 1819  
Book 3 N - Z

### Missouri

History of St Louis City & County

### New Jersey

Woodbridge and Vicinity

### New York

Earliest Holland Land Company  
Sales in Chautauqua County, NY

### North Carolina

Abstracts of Deeds Edgecombe  
Precinct Edgecombe County, NC  
1732 - 1758

### Pennsylvania

2000 Death Notices - Corry  
Weekly Herald, 1889 - 1893

Mercer County, PA Willbook Index  
1804 - 1900

Pioneers of Crawford County, PA  
1788 - 1800

### Texas

Pioneer Reminiscences of  
Southeast TX and Southwest LA,  
volumes 1 and 2

### Virginia

Hopkins and Surry County, VA  
Deeds and other Court Records  
1684 - 1733

VA County Records, Volumes 1, 2, 3, 6,  
7, 9, 10

Vestry Book and Register of St.  
Peter's Parish, New Kent and  
James City Counties, VA 1684 -  
1786

### Other

The Great Migration, Vol. 1, 2, 3

Forgotten Patriots - African  
Americans and American Indians

Loyalists of the American  
Revolution, Vol. 1 & 2

United Empire Loyalists, Part 1 &  
2

Biographical Dictionary of Early  
American Jews

Irish Passenger Lists, 1847 -  
1871

Emigrants from England to the  
American Colonies

The Choctaw Before Removal

Guide to Mormon War Papers,  
1838 - 1841

History - Bethlehem Missionary  
Baptist Association, 1851 - 1947

Carolina Cradle

Rebels and Redcoats

Commanding Voices of Blue and  
Gray

Registers of the Births, Marriages,  
and Deaths of the Eglise  
Françoise a La Nouvelle York:  
from 1688 to 1804 (1886)

Basics of Genealogy Reference

Family History Made Easy

Zemum - Austria - Hungary Birth  
Records - 1905, 1906, 1908

The Complete Book of Tartan  
(includes Scottish history)

History must be written of, by and  
for the survivors.

Anonymous

from History News Network

<http://hnn.us/articles/1328.html>



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### **Reminiscent Writing Contest Deadline Nears**

Tuesday, December 30 is the deadline for the 2008 Reminiscent Writing Contest. "Your Favorite Childhood Story" is the theme but if you wish to write about something else you can.

No more than two entries per person may be submitted. Stories must be typed, double-spaced, and have no more than 1000 words or four pages. A cover sheet with your name, address and phone number should be included. Please do not include your name on any page of the story.

The first place winner will receive \$25 from the Friends of the Library. Participants will receive a copy of the book containing the stories.

Stories may be brought or mailed to Southwest Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Library at 411 Pujoe Street in Lake Charles, or dropped off at any branch of the Calcasieu Parish Public Library.

