

Lafayette Genealogical Society
General Monthly Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2023

Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society was held Thursday, July 20, 2023, at the South Regional Lafayette Public Library located at 6101 Johnston Street. The meeting was held at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room. Joan Boudreaux, President, called the meeting to order. She led the Pledge of Allegiance, and requested a moment of silence to honor all who are deceased, including our ancestors and members no longer with us.

A welcome was extended to all. There were 25 members and visitors in attendance.

Approval of Previous Minutes

The President announced that the minutes for the June, 2023 meeting were online and available for review on the Lafayette Genealogical Society <http://LALGS.org> website.

A motion was made by Mark Andrepont, and seconded by Paul Manuel, to accept the minutes as written. There was a unanimous vote in the affirmative to approve the minutes as posted on the LGS site, and to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Treasurer's Report

LGS treasurer, Warren Leblanc, presented the current financial report as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT June, 2023		
Beginning Balance	\$5,115.26	
Dues	\$180.00	
Books sold/Donations		
Supplements sold		
Acadian Project		
BANQUET		
Publication expense		
Speaker Meals		
Banquet Expenses		
Office expense (Web site)	-194.86	
Other expenses/Rent		
Library book BOX RENT		
Project (Sec. of State)		
Ending Balance	\$5, 100.40	

New Members for 2023	9	
TOTAL MEMBERS (Paid)	92	
Pending	4	96

There were no new members for this month.

Member Anniversaries by month are available by request from the Treasurer.

A motion was made, seconded, and voted on affirmatively by all members present to approve the Treasurer's Report for June, 2023. The report was accepted.

Old Business

Our President, Joan Boudreaux, acknowledged the work of members to help the public with any genealogical questions every Tuesday (Genealogy Tuesdays) from 9:30 to 11:30 AM at the downtown library, 3rd Floor, Room 3A. She pointed out that this service is continuing and enjoyed by clients every week.

The first Saturday of every month (Genealogy Round-Table/Genealogy 101) affords an opportunity to gather together to share personal projects, gain assistance, obtain ideas, and have fellowship among member genealogists and friends. The public is invited to this event as well. It will continue this next month on Saturday, August 5th at the downtown library from 9:30 to 10:30 AM.

Anyone interested in presenting information (past or current) pertaining to relevant genealogy whether established fact or ongoing research, you are welcome to do so. You are able to present your findings at the meeting of your choice. Just make your intentions to share what you are working on with any of the board members so it can be scheduled.

Les Memoirs (our club's annual publication) is now in its formative stage. If you want to contribute to this publication, please do. Now is the time to begin thinking about your submission. It is due in November to Kathy Pellerin or Warren LeBlanc.

Next month's meeting will be August 17, 2023.

New Business

At the Acadian Memorial in St. Martinville, July 28th, the Living Legend award will be given to Mary and Warren Perrin.

Future speakers will be:

- August – Kathy Higginbotham.
- September – State Archives will be discussed with a possible field trip to follow.
- October – Warren Perrin will present archaeological evidence recently found regarding the first Acadian settlements.

Gayle Breaux Smith, LGS member, gave us some important dates to remember:

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, July 28 2023 – ACADIAN DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

On July 28, 1755, the Crown made the decision to deport the Acadian people.

5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Martin de Tours, St. Martinville

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Acadian Memorial, 102 S. New Market St., Living Legends presentation to Warren & Mary Perrin. "...In recognition on the 20th Anniversary of the Day of Commemoration of the Grand Derangement as proclaimed in 2003 by Queen Elizabeth II, for which Mr. Perrin was instrumental in obtaining."

Sunday, August 13, 2023 – Acadian Culture Day at Vermillionville – FREE day - 300 Fisher Road – Lafayette, LA
Wear your family t-shirt and show your Cajun pride!

Tuesday, August 15, 2023 – NATIONAL DAY OF THE ACADIANS

This date was chosen at the first National Convention of the Acadians in 1881 held at Memramcook, New Brunswick. This is the feast day of the Assumption of Mary.

Fete Dieu du Teche – Boat procession on Bayou Teche. Begins with a Mass at the Church of the Assumption in Franklin, LA Google **Fete Dieu du Teche** for details.

Tuesday, September 5, 2023 – Commemoration of the date when the Deportations began in Nova Scotia.
Sunday, August 10, 1755 – Men & boys ordered into Fort Cumberland. (John Mack Farragher G&NS p.338)
Friday, September 5, 1755 – Men & boys ordered into the church at Grand Pre (p.343)

Acadian Memorial Festival – March, 2024 - Families to be honored: **CORMIER & DUPUIS**

CMA2024 – August 10 to 18, 2024 - Southwest Nova Scotia – Clare & Argyle regions (Yarmouth)-
<https://www.cma2024.ca>

Tour companies are offering CMA packages:

Claude Boudreau, Nova Scotia, diasporacadie@gmail.com

Richard Lauren, Nova Scotia, novacadietours@gmail.com

Ginger Latiolais, Lafayette, LA, ginger@travelmachine.net

Family reunions currently being planned (per Sally Kenney 6/15/2023 email :

Babineau-Granger / 14 août

Belliveau

Bourgeois / 15 et 18 août

Broussard / 14 août

Comeau / 11 août

Daigle

Deveau

Dugas / 13 août -Luanna Dugas Courcelles

danlu6@hotmail.com

Forest / 9 au 11 août

Gerdry - Petipas / 16-17 St. Alphonse/Clare

Maillet

Morin-Martin

Mazarolle

Forest / 9, 10 et 11 août

Richard

Robichaud 16 et 17 août

Thibault / 24 août

Thibodeau / 11 août

Les familles fondatrices des Pubnicos (d'Entremont-Meuse, d'Eon, Amirault, Amiro, Belliveau, etc)

GRA2025 – Great Acadian Awakening – October 11-19, 2025

This 9-day event celebrating Acadian/Cajun culture and history will take place at various venues around the Acadiana region. Produced by Louisiane-Acadie, who partners with different parish and state agencies, the event will feature speakers, music, Cajun cuisine and more. Families are encouraged to invite their northern cousins down and organize family reunions during this time.

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Presentation of Speakers

Kevin Rees was our speaker this evening. He is currently a French Interpretive Tour Guide at Vermilionville. A native of Vermilion Parish, Kevin graduated from Gueydan High School in 1976, University of Southwest Louisiana in 1980, and Paul M. Hebert Law School in 1983. Kevin was an Oil and Gas attorney, and also an Oil and Gas Landman. Kevin's passion has always been history, and especially French history in North America. He plays the accordion, and is a member of La Table a Chanter - a group which sings old French ballads and encourages people to learn the French language and customs which were almost lost. Kevin is also passionate about Genealogy and has researched over 72 families, who are mostly of French Acadian or Quebecois descent. His presentation was entitled "J'irais jamais t'oublierais" (I shall never forget you). It was the fascinating story of the history of his ancestor, Robert Talon, as he found out while researching his own family genealogy.



Joan Boudreaux

Kevin Rees

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn, seconded, and agreed upon to end the meeting.

This concludes the statement of the minutes of the July 20, 2023 meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Huner, Secretary