

Lafayette Genealogical Society
General Monthly Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2025

Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society was held Thursday, May 15, 2025 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. Mark Andrepont, standing in for Joan Boudreaux, President, called the meeting to order. He led the Pledge of Allegiance and requested a moment of silence to honor all who are deceased, including our ancestors and members who are no longer with us.

A welcome was extended to all. There were 23 members and guests in attendance.

Approval of Previous Minutes

The President announced that the minutes for the April 2025 meeting were online and available for review on the Lafayette Genealogical Society <http://LALGS.org> website.

A motion was made and seconded 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 May with the reading of the April 2025 minutes.

Treasurer's Report

Current balance is \$4,131.75. There were no expenditures.

New Members and Anniversaries by month are available by request from the Treasurer, Jim Todd.

Old Business

Genealogy TUESDAYS at Main Library, 3rd Floor, from 9:30AM – 11:30AM – If you want to learn how to help people research genealogy, come to the library on Genealogy Tuesdays and Marc Andrepont and Julie Hernandez will show you how. Some websites that have been helpful include Our Family History (www.hpeterjr.us), Find-A-Grave (www.findagrave.com) and Family Search (www.familysearch.org). Helping others research their genealogy is very rewarding.

New Business

Acadian Memorial Foundation has rescheduled the annual Heritage Festival to Saturday, May 17, 2025 from 9:30 – 3:00. It is honoring the Roy and Mouton Families. There will be a reception Friday night. Volunteers needed for genealogy table. Set up at 9:00 a.m., do not have to stay till 3 p.m. Will be under a tent with wifi. Acadian Memorial Facebook page has detailed agenda.

October 11-18, 2025, Louisiane-Acadie will host Grand Reveil purpose of the event is for Acadians from around the world to celebrate the shared culture. The first Congres Mondial was held in 1994 and occurs every five years.

Congres Mondial involves over a week of family reunions, musical concerts, cultural symposiums, folklife demonstrations, educational events and more.

On Tuesday, October 14, designated as “Families Day”, the Lafayette Genealogical Society has been asked to provide genealogy assistance at Vermilionville during this event. **Volunteers to assist at our table from 10-4 would be appreciated.** Even if just for a few hours.

Next month’s meeting is Thursday, June 19, 2025.

Presentation of Speaker



Our guest speaker, Tim Wescott, **Jean Baptiste Spirits LLC, President & CEO**, has a deep love for the history and culture of South Louisiana. His parents were born in St. Martinville, where most of his ancestors have lived for over 200 years. While most of his heritage is Cajun, he also represents the many other cultures that settled in this area. Like a gumbo with many ingredients, he is also part French, Spanish, Irish, Creole, and Native American.

His ancestors have been involved in all aspects of sugarcane farming and the distillation of rum and tafia since the past days of the Louisiana Colony. He carries on that tradition and passes it on to the next generation. His presentation, “**A Trip to St. Martinville**”, took us on a fun and informative journey featuring the unique places and fascinating people encountered along the route from Broussard to St. Martinville – it was the perfect presentation of local stories and discoveries! Tim can be reached via e-mail tim@westcott.net. His websites are www.CajunRum.com and

www.JeanBaptisteSpirits.com.

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 May 15, 2025 meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Landry, Secretary